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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

and prosperous everyone and increase your prosperity and happiness by saving some money this year and depositing it in this bank.

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A Bank for All People  
**CITY STATE BANK**  
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all kinds, prices, shapes and colors  
AT  
**CLARK'S CONFECTIONERY.**

## Start the New Year Right

by trading at this store where you will always get the best value for your money the

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market affords. Seasonable staples and dainties always ready to your order. Cleanliness, prompt service and courteous treatment of patrons always in mind.

Many thanks for your kind patronage in 1908—keep coming in 1909. A happy New Year to all.

**R. VanDyke.**

## F. B. RHODES Photographer

I wish to thank my many customers for their liberal patronage the past year and wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

**Lowell Michigan**

## An Opportune Time

The beginning of a New Year is a good time to start your business on a systematic basis.

We would suggest that you deposit your money with this bank subject to check. By paying all your bills and obligations by check you will be enabled to keep an absolute record of all such transactions.

Bills paid by check stay paid.

**LOWELL STATE BANK.**

## MANY MATTERS MATRIMONIAL

### A GOODLY CROP OF LOCAL WEDDINGS

Barnhill-Donaker, Warren-Blakeslee, Peckham-Johnson, Fallas-Fallas, Yeiter-Schwab.

#### Barnhill-Donaker.

Last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock thirty guests gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Donaker to witness the marriage of their daughter, Miss Almedia C. Donaker to Mr. Charles R. Barnhill of Arcada.

Miss Annie Maynard played the wedding march, and with Mr. Harley Maynard rendered the duet, "O Moments That Are Best." After which the bridal party marched to the altar in the parlor as follows, Rev. Russell H. Bready, accompanied by the ring bearer, Edna Spencer of Ionia. Mr. Arthur McFaul of Alma was best man, and Miss Hazel Barnhill, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid. The ring service was performed. After congratulations a wedding supper was served. The guests from out of town were, Mrs. E. H. Spencer and children of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cheetham and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hunter of Lake Odessa, Arthur McFaul of Alma, Mrs. Barnhill and Miss Hazel Barnhill of Arcada, Mr. George Crambes of Ionia.

After spending the winter in Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Barnhill expect to make their home in Iowa.—[Com.]

#### Warren-Blakeslee.

The marriage of Mr. William J. Warren of Detroit and Miss Lida Blakeslee of Lowell was solemnized Monday evening at 6 o'clock at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. George Blakeslee. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Russell H. Bready in the presence of the immediate family. The bride was gowned in a traveling suit of brown velvet, and carried to the marriage altar a large bouquet of white roses. Miss Leona Blakeslee sister of the bride presided at the piano and played during the ceremony. A wedding supper was served. The dining room was appropriately decorated. The bride was the receiver of some valuable presents. Mr. Warren is a traveling salesman and for the present, after a short wedding trip to Chicago and St. Louis, Mo., he and his bride expect to make their home in Grand Rapids.—[Com.]

#### Peckham-Johnson

Mr. Walter L. Peckham of Kalamazoo, Wash., and Miss Lotta A. Johnson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Johnson of Lowell, were united in marriage in Grand Rapids, Thursday, Dec. 24, at high noon, at the home of Rev. J. T. Husted. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the bride's brother and cousin, Carl Johnson of this place and Miss Alice E. Rice of Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Peckham will remain here until summer when they will go to Kalamazoo where they will make their home.

#### Fallas-Fallas.

Married in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Dec. 26, 1908, at the residence of F. B. Clark by Rev. Hugh Kennedy, Mrs. Theodocia Fallas of that city and Edwin Fallas of this place.

#### Yeiter-Schwab.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Schwab at Mark Center, Ohio, on Thursday December 24, their daughter Ethel M. was united in marriage to Joseph D. Yeiter of Lowell, Mich. The bride has a brother living at Elmdale and the groom is one of our most highly esteemed young men.

They will be at home after January 10, to their friends in Lowell, where they will receive a royal welcome.

#### Vergennes Lecture Course.

The next number of the Course being given at the Bailey church will be a great treat, a lecture delivered by Henry S. Pattengill, formerly State Supt. of Public Instruction. Mr. Pattengill's subject will be "Nancy Hanks and the Twentieth Century." A notice taken from the Springfield Signal says: "The lecture Wednesday evening by Superintendent Pattengill was a regular whirlwind from start to finish, and everyone who heard him will never miss hearing him in the future, if such a thing is possible." Remember that Mr. Pattengill will appear at the Bailey church next Tuesday evening, January 5th. Admission 25 cents.

Bert Quick Jr., of Ann Arbor was in town yesterday.

## FARMER'S INSTITUTES

### KENT COUNTY UNDER AUSPICES OF INSTITUTE SOCIETY

Fine Program Arranged for January Meetings. Lowell, Grattan and Alto Among the Favored.

The following schedule of farmer's institutes in Kent county has been arranged:  
Sand Lake, Grange Hall Jan. 5  
Carlisle, Grange Hall Jan. 6  
Caledonia, Kennedy's Hall Jan. 7  
Kinney, Grange Hall Jan. 8  
Alto, M. E. Church Jan. 9  
Paris, Grange Hall Jan. 11  
Grattan Grange Hall Jan. 12  
Courtland Grange Hall Jan. 13  
Lowell Train's Hall Jan. 14  
Grand Rapids (Round up and Corn Show) Jan. 25-26

THE ALTO MEETING will be held at the Methodist church under the management of Chas. Murphy with the following program:

- 10:00 a. m. Address L. J. Post, President
- Music Caledonia Glee Club
- Clover and Soil Fertility Wesley Johnson
- Recitation Arthur J. Clark
- Maintenance of Soil Fertility W. F. Taylor
- Noon Ladies' Aid will serve dinner (and supper.)
- 1:00 p. m. Music Caledonia Glee Club
- Address Prof. Ernest Burnham
- Paper Mrs. Tom Gougherty
- Recitation Miss Zella Curtiss
- Music Caledonia Glee Club
- Planting and Handling the Corn Crop Clayton Johnson
- Discussion, led by Sherman White
- Building and Filling the Silo Ward Boulard
- Improving the Dairy Herd Arthur Clark
- The Practical Value of Balanced Ration W. F. Taylor
- 7:00 p. m. Music, Dean's Orchestra
- Our Boys and Girls and What of Their Future? Rev. Braund
- Recitation Grace Ryberg
- Music Glee Club
- The Spirit of the School Prof. Ernest Burnham of Kalamazoo State Normal School
- Forces That Win W. F. Taylor
- Music Dean's Orchestra

#### THE GRATTAN MEETING

will be held at Grange hall, E. P. Nash manager, state speaker W. F. Taylor, Shelby, with this program:

- 10:00 a. m. Address, L. J. Post, President.
- 10:30 a. m. Improving the Dairy Herd W. F. Taylor.
- Discussion, led by Anson Reynolds.
- Song, Mrs. Charles Godfrey.
- 11:00 a. m. The Management of Our State Fair J. E. Taylor.
- Discussion, led by John A. Les-siter.
- Music, Rena Wood, Louis Emmons, Lawrence Green.
- 12:00 a. m. Recess. Dinner in hall. Coffee furnished by Grange. Bring baskets.
- 1:00 p. m. Duet. Alice Slayton, Rena Wood.
- 1:05 p. m. Forces That Win, State Speaker.
- Discussion, led by Walter Reeves
- 1:50 p. m. Reading, Mrs. Mark Brown.
- 1:55 p. m. Song, Mrs. Clinton Green.
- 2:00 p. m. What is Most Needed to Improve the Present Condition on the Farms, Clarence Bond.
- Discussion, led by Chas. Godfrey.
- 3:30 p. m. Question Box, conducted by W. F. Taylor.
- 4:00 p. m. Close with song "America."

#### THE LOWELL MEETING

will be held at Train's hall with N. P. Husted as manager and program as follows:

- 10:30 a. m. Address L. J. Post, President
- Value of a Rotation of Crops W. F. Taylor
- Discussion led by A. M. Andrews
- 1:00 p. m. Question Box N. P. Husted
- 1:15 p. m. Feeding and Care of Dairy Herd W. F. Taylor
- Discussion led by Adam Behler
- Orcharding—Past and Present Melvin McPherson
- Discussion led by A. M. Andrews
- 7:00 p. m. Music.
- Address E. J. Martin, Superintendent of Schools
- The Home, the School and the State W. F. Taylor
- Music
- History as a Character Builder Prof. Ernest Burnham of Kalamazoo State Normal
- Music
- Address A. M. Freeland, Commissioner of Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Gulliford went to Ada Tuesday to see a sister, who is quite ill.

## CAUGHT THIS ONE

This Rascal Was Not Quite so Cute as He Thought.

HASTINGS, Mich., Dec. 26.—Edmund & Brott, elevator proprietors, received a "Black Hand" letter demanding a \$25 check, to be addressed to A. La Mar, general delivery; if they refused to grant the request, something serious was to happen. "If you think you can fool me or catch me, you are mistaken," wrote "La Mar." Sheriff Furniss and Sheriff-elect Ritchie investigated the case, and when a man at the postoffice tonight inquired for mail for "A La Mar" an officer nabbed him. At the court house the man said his name was Albert Luther and that he hailed from Chicago. He will be arraigned Monday. The letter that he sent to the elevator firm was dated the day before Christmas.

## HUNTER KILLED

Hastings Boy Added to List of Hunting Accidents.

HASTINGS, Mich., Dec. 26.—Leo Bosworth, son of ex-Sheriff Bosworth, was killed this afternoon by the accidental explosion of a gun in the hands of Arthur Pratt, a hunting companion. Bosworth was 19 feet away when the explosion occurred, but a piece of the barrel struck him in the neck, severing his jugular vein. Pratt was unhurt. Bosworth died within an hour. He was 30 years old and well known in this section as an amateur ball player. He leaves a widow and three small children, the youngest being six weeks old. The accident occurred on the Bert Lowe farm, seven miles northeast of this city.

## MORE COMING

Another Lot of Art Calendars for Ledger subscribers.

The art calendars went lively at The Ledger office last Saturday and some views were all taken up; but we have received notice that our repeat order will be filled and the new lot may be in by the time this paper is printed. While the supply lasts they will be given out to paid up subscribers of The Ledger. If wanted by mail send 3c extra for postage.

#### All Roads Led To Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Rhodes entertained the following company Christmas: Mrs. Rhodes' father and mother Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hill of Hart, Mrs. Manning and two children of Walkerville, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Post and two daughters of Petoskey, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Fowler and Mrs. L. V. French of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan and Mrs. Woodhams of Ovid and Mrs. Starr of Laingsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Manning and children, Mrs. French and Mr. and Mrs. Fowler remained over Sunday.

#### Methodist Brotherhood, New Year's Night.

John Wesley Chapter, No. 157, will entertain the ladies next Friday evening. The men are providing a splendid time. Mrs. Bessie George Webb, the impersonator and reader, will be the attraction of the evening. Mrs. Webb delighted the people at the time of her appearance here on the Chautauqua course. Refreshments will be served. All are invited. The admission will be 25c. Members of the Brotherhood and one lady admitted on membership card.

#### Death in Cascade.

Alice Troy, aged 29, died at home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lennon, Cascade township, yesterday. She was the wife of William Troy of Caledonia township. Funeral services will be held from St. Mary's church, Cascade, at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Interment in St. Mary's cemetery.—[Grand Rapids Herald, Dec. 29.]

#### Bank and Fair-banks

Rev. L. A. Bank, the new pastor of the German Methodist church, enjoys a joke even when it's on himself. He and Rev. G. K. Fairbanks of Saranac met on a recent social occasion, when the former remarked: "I think there's more money in the Fair-banks than in the Bank."

Rather unusual for a person 72 years old to have a living uncle; but Lucas J. Robinson has that pleasure. Alfred T. Shaw, aged 81 years was Mr. Robinson's mother's youngest brother. He is in good health and proposes to visit his Lowell relatives in the near future.

Walter and Harley Maynard will spend New Years in Olivet.

## LOWELL CHURCHES

Program of Events for Current and Coming Weeks.

**CONGREGATIONAL**  
January 3 at the Congregational church, subjects as follows: Morning, 10:30. "Retrospect and Prospect, or an appeal to consider the Beacon Lights of the Past and the World's Peer in the future. Our year text will be given and discoursed on at this service. Bible class at noon beginning the Book of Acts. Enroll in this class next Sunday and you will continue.  
Evening: "Ascension or that which 'makes good.'" The object of this sermon is to show how one line of truth makes good the realization of everything promised to Jew, Gentile or Church of God. No one should miss this. It is the first one of many sermons to be preached from the Acts of the Apostles for Sunday evenings.  
Wednesday night: The great Bible night of the Congregational church. The current lesson for all the Sunday schools will be taught to be followed by the exposition of the Book of Revelation, one of the most marvelous books of the whole Bible, come and welcome.  
Monday night Jan. 4, the annual meeting of the Congregational association will be held and in connection with same our second social. Married people of the church furnish the refreshments. All are welcome. All young people contemplating joining our choral class to meet Thursday evening Jan. 7, under the direction of Miss Chappell, will enroll by seeing the Pastor of the church before the above date.

The program for the last night of the year follows: Three prayer meetings. First one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bangs, time 7:30 to 8:30. Second one at the home of Mrs. Mason, time 9 to 10. Third one at the home of Pastor W. D. Ogg, time 10:30 on to the new year.

**METHODIST**  
Sunday, January 3, 10:30 a. m. public worship, and first in the series of "Character Sermons," subject: "The Man Who Was Preferred Above All Others Because an Excellent Spirit Was in Him?" Sunday school at noon. 7 p. m. public worship and lecture for men, subject: "The Real Aristocracy," followed by the installation of officers of the Brotherhood, elected for 1909. Thursday, 11 p. m. watch night service. Sermon and Holy Communion. You are invited to all of these services.

**BAPTIST**  
Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday service as usual. Morning subject: "The Passover," followed by the Lord's Supper. Sunday school at noon. Evening subject: "The Early History of Jonah." All welcome.

**SOCIETIES**  
The regular meeting of the L. L. C. will be held at the home of Mrs. W. S. Winegar Wednesday Jan. 6.  
The regular meeting of the L. O. T. M. M. will be held Wednesday evening Jan. 6. All members urged to be present. Business of importance to be considered. Com.

Regular communication Cyclamen chapter No. 94 O. E. S. will be held at Masonic hall, Friday evening, Jan. 1, 1909. The session will open at 7:30 sharp.  
By order Worthy Matron.

**Family Party at Vaughan Home.**  
A pleasant family party and Christmas tree was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Vaughan on Christmas day in honor of the mother, Mrs. Harriet Lee, who is in poor health. About twenty-five guests were present. Those from out of town were: Miss Ella Lee of Bath, Rufus Lee of Bowne, Mr. and Mrs. Will Chambers, daughter Jessie, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Billinger and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lee and two children all of Elmdale, Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Colby and Miss Harriet Henderson of Alto.

Door plates at The Ledger Office for: W. T. Burch, Mrs. W. Yates, Mrs. F. R. Charman, Asa Jakeway, C. F. Althen, Mrs. J. E. Lee, Dan'l Anderson, Clint W. Schwab Patrick Lynch, C. R. Porter, C. Blosser, Mrs. Pardee, Chas. Klahn, Chas. W. Wilson, F. G. Hoffman, Q. M. Hudson, Chas. McCarty, Clayton Johnson, Ed. Lennon, Nathan Morse, R. B. Boylan, T. J. Eardley, A. D. Oliver, Jas. J. May, Wm. Cheetham, Isabel Robinson, Thos. C. Willette. Please call or send.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gulliford and daughter Florence of Detroit spent Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Gulliford.

You have helped to make our business the success it is and we fully appreciate it.

The Store that fully guarantees everything just as represented. Your money back every time if dissatisfied.

To All Our friends and customers a Happy and prosperous New Year. Your esteemed patronage will be appreciated for 1909.

The best value for the money and only a fair profit on all goods.

**D. G. LOOK**  
The Rexall Drug Store.  
Lowell or Alto.

**THANKING THE PUBLIC**

for their generous patronage and wishing them a Happy New Year, we desire to announce that beginning with Jan. 1st, 1909 we shall begin our January pre-inventory sale of our entire stock of watches, rings, silverware, jewelry, cut glass, bracelets, fountain pens, back combs, etc.

Watches cheaper than you ever saw them, diamond rings less than wholesale market values, cut glass cut in half, pianos, organs, sewing machines and everything except contract priced goods will be sacrificed. Come and see the money saving opportunity. Yours for a prosperous year.

**R. D. STOCKING**  
Largest stock of Phonographs and talking machines in this part of the state.

**STOVES AT COST**

We must reduce our stock of stoves and to do so we have marked down every heater in our store.


Come while the assortment is complete. This is your opportunity.

**Scott Hardware Co.**  
Lowell, Michigan.

**YOU DON'T MIND SHOVELING COAL**

into furnace or stove if it only gives you the heat necessary to keep your buildings comfortable in zero weather. Hunter's coal gives you your money's worth of heat, honest quality, honest hunter.

**EARL HUNTER.**



**Do You Need a Lamp?**

We ordered quite heavily for Christmas trade and have a lot of fine parlor lamps to dispose of at very reasonable prices.

We wish you all a happy New Year.

**Scott & Macham.**



# Carlton Clarke's Zinc Case

By FRANK LOVELL NELSON

## Romance and Mystery Entwined in Master Mind's Coup

**"B**ODY Found in Trunk," began Clarke. "But I'll skip the headlines."

Upon opening a box which they had purchased at an unexcused freight sale two young men residing in Austin were horrified yesterday to discover the body of a man. It was hermetically sealed in a zinc case which was enclosed in an ordinary round-topped trunk, which in turn was packed in sawdust within a fine dry goods box. Considering the fact that the box had remained for three years and a half in the freight warehouse, the body was in a remarkable state of preservation, due probably to the manner of packing it. There is no clue to the identity of the body other than that it was buried to a fictitious address on South Jefferson street and was shipped from Chicago City, having been reburied there from Etteso, Wash.

"This is the gist of it, but, of course, in the fashion of you reporters the story is told from several angles in order to fill the column. It looks like a promising mystery."

"Yes, but one that probably is impossible of solution considering the length of time," I answered.

"I'm not so sure of that. Did it ever occur to you that any crime can be solved if someone is willing to expend money, time, and travel? Given unlimited resources, I believe I could organize a detective force which would make punishment a certainty for every criminal. Crime goes unsolved because the men capable of doing effective work in other lines. I'd rather like to look into this case. Does your influence extend to the county morgue?"

"Deputy Coroner McNally in charge there is one of my particular friends. I am sure he will favor us."

"Suppose we call there this afternoon, if your engagements will permit."

I acceded, but shortly after breakfast something arose that put the matter entirely out of our minds for the moment. I was busy at my own devices, and Clarke was deep in a very erudite work on oriental mysticism when there was a violent tug at our door bell. I opened the door and admitted a handsome, athletic young fellow, square of jaw and keen of eye, but apparently laboring under the most intense excitement.

"Where is Mr. Clarke? I must see him at once," he gasped.

"Knowing Clarke's rule to see all callers when possible, I immediately ushered him into the library."

"Oh, Mr. Clarke," he began without awaiting an introduction. "I am sure you will help her. I must have your help. The police will laugh at me but I feel it is a clue. I shall go mad if it falls. I know she is living. I have never given her up."

"But calm yourself, my dear sir, and let me have your story connectedly," said Clarke. "Remember, I am ignorant even of your name."

"Pardon me, I forgot. I am so full of this new clue. My name is Richard Dudley."

He needed to say no more to Clarke or myself. The name recalled instantly the disappearance, six months before, of Evelyn Mason. The country had rung with it. The papers had been filled with it. The best detectives in the country had struggled with it. Clarke himself, though not called in by the family had taken a deep interest in the progress of the case.

A note of romance had been added to the affair by the recently announced engagement of the iron magnate's daughter to Richard Dudley, Harvard's old crack half-back who, at the time she so mysteriously dropped out of sight, was traveling in the orient. He had hastened home as fast as steamer and train could carry him and had taken up the thread where the police had dropped it in despair.

"Then you have a clue, Mr. Dudley?" asked Clarke when he had assured our caller that his trouble was well known to us.

"I think so. Here is what I received this morning. I hurried to you at once."

And Dudley handed Clarke a slip of paper.

Clarke read the paper and handed it over to me. It contained but one word, "Osette," written in a sprawling hand.

"Where did you get this?" asked Clarke.

"It was slipped under my door last night. I have no idea by whom. I found it there this morning. Oh, Mr. Clarke, tell me that you have hope and that we will find her."

"What particular importance do you attach to this paper?"

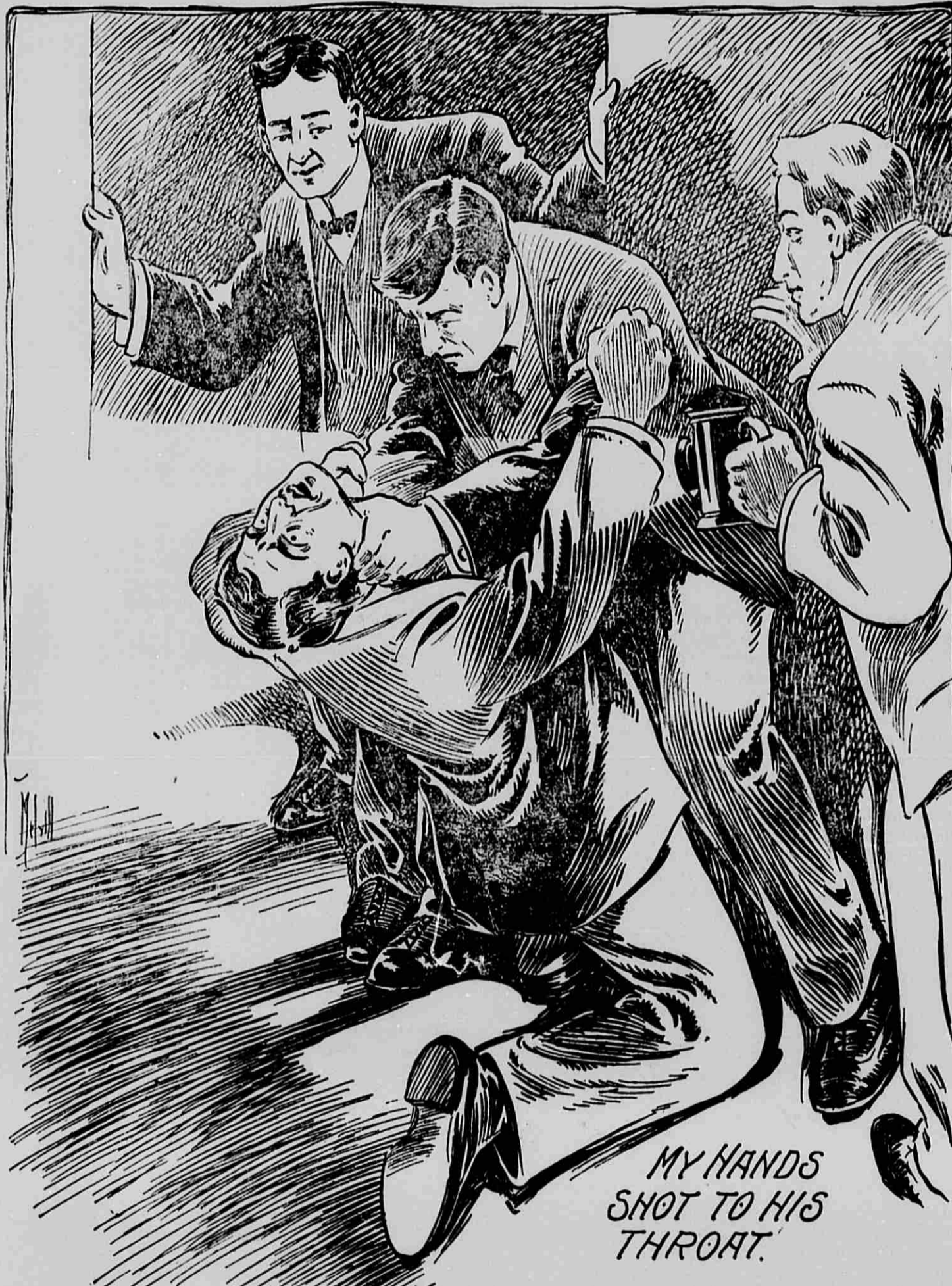
"Oh, can't you see? But I forget. No one knows it but myself and her immediate family. Why, man! that's Evelyn's middle name! Evelyn Osette Mason. She never used it. No one knows it. Don't you see she must have sent this?"

"In that case, Mr. Dudley, you have indeed a most valuable clue; more valuable, I trust, than you suspect. It will however take time and labor to develop it. I imagine it may take us to the Pacific coast. Are you prepared to take such a trip?"

"At once, if necessary. Oh! we shall find her, shall we, Mr. Clarke?"

"That I cannot say. Calm yourself and hope for the best. The earliest train we can get leaves at six o'clock this evening. I hope before then to know whether the trip will prove advisable. In the meantime, keep to your room where I can reach you over the telephone and let your mind be as nearly at ease as possible. I would not raise the hopes of Miss Mason's

**Telepatho-Deductive Solver of Criminal Mysteries Tackles a Problem Embodying Smuggling, the Fearful White Plague, and Two Lovers Are Brought Together in Grand Finale—Solution of the Complex Puzzle.**



family too high. Better say nothing until we know more."

I was more than surprised when Clarke, after Dudley's departure, apparently dismissed the matter from his mind entirely and suggested that we go out to the county morgue.

When we reached the little red building whose every brick numbered a tale of tragedy, the inquest was already in progress. Strange as it seemed, two claimants had already arisen out of the restless sea of humanity and were fighting for the ghastly bit of wreckage it had cast up. One party, two men in flashy garments and displaying huge watch seals, were put out of court forthwith. Their missing friend had disappeared from Salt Lake City. They had not read the newspaper reports carefully. He was two inches taller than the body in the trunk. Their eye for measurement was bad. In fact, their entire course savored of a longing for a good museum attraction.

The other claimants, a middle class family from a northern suburb, presented a remarkable case; remarkable as one of the strange coincidences which occasionally arise in police work in a great city. Despite the length of time, the difficulty of accurate identification and all other probabilities to the contrary, they described the body most exactly even to the fillings of the teeth. His name, they said, was Oliver Dike; he had disappeared three years and a half before from Etteso whence he had gone to take a position as attendant in an asylum.

For the want of a third and better claimant the body was turned over to them. Here, for the suburban family at least, the case ended. The boy was but a second cousin and an orphan. Their grief was long since assuaged. A

neat round hole in the occipital bone, with a corresponding one in the forehead, told all too plainly that his death had not been a natural one. Somewhere, perhaps, a fellow man with blood-guilty hands lived and thrived, but money was required to find him and the suburban family thought their full duty was done when they agreed to relieve the county of the expense of burial.

Before we left Deputy Coroner McNally, who, despite his gawky appearance, was a most jovial, round-faced Irishman, led us to the basement to view his treasures, the exhibits in the case.

The body already had been prepared for burial, and Clarke did not ask to see it. The pine box he glanced at just long enough to read the fictitious address. The trunk also he passed with a look. When he came to the zinc case, however, it riveted his attention. He examined closely every seam and corner of it.

Clarke decided upon a trip to the Pacific coast.

When we finally reached the end of our long journey and succeeded in locating the town of Etteso, we found a little hamlet numbering about 500 souls. Across a snug harbor shone the broad expanse of the Pacific.

After some search we located the private sanitarium of Dr. Clinton Withersbee, a man known to Clarke to be a villain of the deepest dye. We entered a room in Withersbee's asylum.

What I have next to relate has been pieced together out of a blur of hazy memories. I am not aware just when I lost consciousness. My first sensation was that some one was looking intently at the back of my head.

Then a soft, purring, voice said: "Mr. Carlton Clarke, Mr. Richard Dudley and Mr. Paul Sexton, I believe; Dr. Withersbee is at your service."

When I awoke to consciousness some one was alternately snapping his fingers in my face and roughly shaking me. I was in pitchy darkness, and the air was chill and clammy.

"Sexton, I'm ashamed of you," said Clarke's voice through the gloom. "You are a particularly easy subject. I should have given you some lessons in resistance."

"Where are we? What has happened? Where is Dudley?" I asked, in a breath.

"Dudley is here. He recovered before you did," answered Clarke, a fact which Dudley's voice confirmed. "We seem to be in some sort of an oubliette, of that dear Dr. Withersbee."

In single file we made the round of our dungeon. We found it to be about 12 feet square, walled with masonry which dripped dampness, and floored with cement. On one side we came upon a door the height of my head, I being the tallest of the party. From the rivet heads we judged it to be of plate steel and it closed into a steel frame set into the masonry in a manner which offered no entrance for the point of a pick had we had one at hand. The absence of any keyhole, bolt or lever showed that it was never intended to be opened from the inside.

At last, after a wait which seemed an eternity, I heard a soft footfall outside of the door. Then iron bars clanked and grated. I heard the hinges creak and the door swung slowly open. A dark form framed in the doorway was outlined through the gloom. Then it stepped into our midst. My hands shot to his throat, which was cold and clammy as that of a corpse. There was no resistance.

I heard Dudley wrenching the lantern from his belt. At Clarke's command I released him. Dudley was about to strike the light when Clarke shouted: "Quick, Dudley; the door!"

We emerged on the rugged side of a hill overlooking the broad expanse of the bay.

Lying flat on my back on the sand, my heart tugging and thumping, my breath coming in rasping gasps which seemed to sear my throat, I waited, I know not how long.

At last I was aroused by a soft "hello," and the nose of a swift gasoline launch shot into the creek.

Swiftly and noiselessly we cut through the water to a point about half a mile from the shore and perhaps three miles from the ship. Here we hung in the water, rocked by the back wash, without lights, and waited the coming of I knew not what.

We had not long to wait. Clarke lifted his eyes from his intent watch on the shore line and said: "He's coming."

I knew who "he" meant and I shivered at meeting Withersbee on those black waters. Then my ear caught the "puff-puff" of a launch.

"Down in the boat, fellows, he's going to fire," shouted Clarke. Dudley and I dropped. Six times in rapid succession his revolver cracked. But a swiftly flying launch is not easy to hit and we heard the bullets whistle overhead.

Withersbee's boat was almost upon us when Clarke gave the wheel a quick twist and our pursuer shot past within three feet of our gunwale. As he threw the wheel Clarke's right arm shot into the basket at his side. I saw his hand come out holding a writhing black object. He swung it about his head once and let go. I saw it hurtle through the air and strike the doctor full between the shoulders. Withersbee dropped the wheel and stood up trying to fight the thing off while his boat, free of her helm, swung round in circles.

Suddenly he sprang to the gunwale of the boat, threw up his arms and with a piercing, terrified shriek disappeared in the black waters of the bay.

Clarke shot our boat over to the staggering derelict, reached over her side and stopped her engine. I held the gunwales together while Dudley leaped into the doctor's boat at a bound and returned bearing in his powerful arms the unconscious form of a young woman. The figure in the stern sat fixed and motionless.

Dudley swiftly cut the ropes which bound her. "It's she, it's she," he muttered. Clarke felt her pulse. "She's only fainted," he said. We fell to chafing her wrists and Dudley scooped up a handful of sea water and bathed her brow.

At the tavern, after Miss Mason had been safely stowed away in a clean warm bed by the motherly landlady we patched together the ragged threads of the story over the best in the landlord's cellar.

"First," said Clarke, "if you are Oliver Dike, whose was the body that Dr. Withersbee shipped to Chicago in an opium case?"

"He was another attendant, a young fellow by the name of Frank Williams. We were very similar in appearance even to the fillings in our teeth."

"I didn't worry much about her for he treated her well and she seemed to be in no danger from him, and I had seen so many terrible things in cases where he didn't want to marry them that I was sort of hardened to it anyway. I was the watchman of the whole place after Williams disappeared and the only white man about the institution, all the rest being Chinks. I talked with Miss Mason on the sly sometimes but I paid no attention to her appeals until one day she mentioned the name of Mr. Dudley here. He was one of my boyhood football heroes and I determined to do something."

"But, Clarke, how did you see through all this when we were in Chicago?" I asked.

"I didn't see through it by any means. Only I saw some things which you didn't. Part of it you know. Then a connecting link was the zinc case which I recognized at once as one used in smuggling opium. I picked up the threads of Miss Mason's case where I had dropped them before, and the list of guests confirmed my hazy recollection that there was one from Etteso. The name of the town did not strike me the first time, of course, but then turning the case over in my mind I thought of something which I should have remembered the first time. It was that once in a Clark street opium den I had heard the name 'Withersbee' in a cautious whisper. My visit to Chinatown confirmed this. I have a Chinaman there that I depend on a good deal, and in reply to my question of who was the greatest dealer in smuggled opium in the country he whispered 'Withersbee,' swearing that he would never live to see another day for having told."

Dudley and Miss Mason were married the next spring and Clarke and I are often guests at their beautiful Lake Forest home. Withersbee's so-called asylum, from which, aided by the powerful Chinese tongs in which he wielded great influence, he conducted his extensive smuggling operations, now atones for its past sins as one of the principal outposts in the war against "The Great White Plague."

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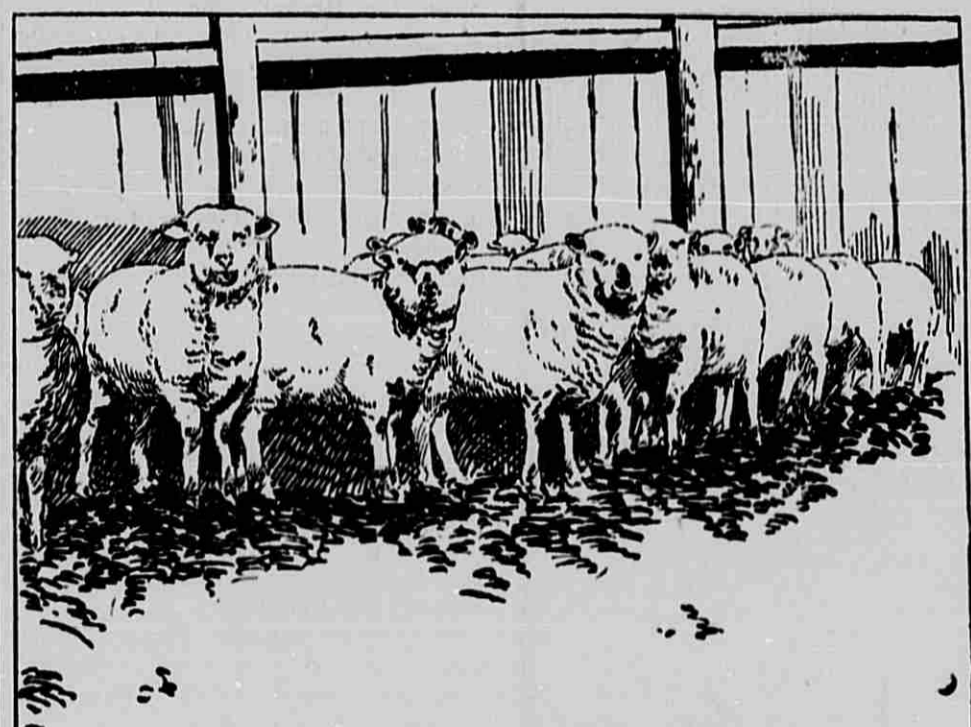
## EXPERIMENT IN LAMB FEEDING IN THE WEST

Results Obtained from Various Feed Combinations—By G. E. Morton, Wyoming.

The Wyoming experiment station has just concluded a year's investigation in lamb feeding with a view to ascertaining the best ration.

Three experiments were carried on at the same time. Previous experiments with small numbers of lambs had shown that oats and oil meal seemed to balance the native hay ration about as well as any grains tried. Therefore, one lot of 40 lambs was fed alfalfa hay and corn. Shropshire-Merino

The pea hay seemed very unsatisfactory, and while nothing is definitely established by this experiment with regard to the amount of pea hay needed for the production of 100 pounds gain, yet it can be definitely stated that it gives unsatisfactory results for fattening lambs. The lambs do not get enough roughage, and have the scours almost constantly. What gain is made is chiefly framework and muscle and little fat. Pea hay that was well cured before the stalks became



Showing Type of Lambs Used in Experiment.

no cross-bred lambs were used.

A comparison of peas in the field and pea hay was made with two lots of Cotswold grade lambs, having 40 lambs in each lot.

All the lambs were fed in uncovered pens protected by a high board fence, with the exception of the lambs upon peas in the field. These were run in small areas fenced with woven wire, the fences being moved as necessary, and the lambs driven to a corral at night.

The alfalfa hay used was good first cutting; the sweet clover was extra and stemmy; the pea hay was somewhat over-ripe; the native hay was mixed wild grasses, containing a considerable quantity of wire-grass.

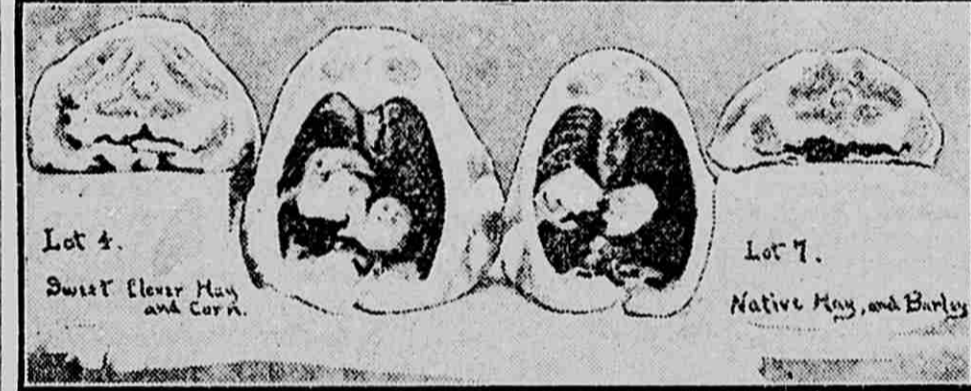
The corn and barley were from Nebraska; the spelt was raised on the Laramie.

stringy, undoubtedly would show better results than those given above, but when compared with alfalfa and corn the pea hay is a poor ration.

By comparing Lots 7 and 8 we find that Scotch barley and bald barley are practically equal in value when fed with native hay and oil meal. A study of Lot 9 shows that spelt is not nearly equal to either bald or Scotch barley when fed with native hay and oil meal, giving a gain of only 13.8 pounds in 14 weeks, or less than a pound a week per head.

The peas in the field gave a gain of 18.3 pounds per head in 14 weeks; .35 of an acre was required for the production of 100 pounds gain. An acre of the peas supported six lambs for 14 weeks.

The pea hay fed in a corral pro-



Lamb Cuts That Tell Their Own Story.

duced 5.8 pounds gain in the same length of time; 3.470 pounds of the pea hay were required for 100 pounds gain. The results from the pea hay were wholly unsatisfactory.

## YIELDS OF BARLEY

The highest yield of six-rowed barley in 1907 at the Ontario experiment station was produced from a special strain originated from a selection from the Manshury barley, originated at the college in 1906. The college has produced a considerable number of hybrid barleys by using the Manshury as one of the parents. Of six varieties of two-rowed barleys grown for 14 years in succession two-rowed Canadian, Jarman, selected beardless and New Zealand Chevalier ranked first in yield, with 64.6, 63.8 and 62.2 bushels per acre, respectively.

Of the hullless variety grown for 14 years in succession, Guy Mayle ranked first with 48.3 bushels, Purple second with 45.4 bushels, and Black Hullless third with 44.9 bushels. The last mentioned variety is the most extensively grown throughout Ontario. Winter barley at the college for 11 years has given an average yield of 55.5 bushels of grain and 1.3 tons of straw per acre. In 1907, of three winter varieties, Tennessee was the most productive, yielding 53.4 bushels per acre. During the past 14 years winter barley has been completely killed out on three occasions.

Improving the Farm.—One of the quickest, best and cheapest ways to improve the farm is to put it down to clover, field, and pasture hogs upon it. Cowpeas can be used in the same way.

Fall Plowing Best for Barley.—In a co-operative test the Wisconsin experiment station found an average yield of 41.8 bushels of Oederduck barley per acre was secured on fall plowing and 35.9 on spring plowing. Drilling gave an average yield of 41.1 as compared with 39.6 bushels where sown with a seeder. Drilling on fall plowing gave an average yield of 43.3 bushels, as compared with 37.3 bushels, as compared with 41.2 and 35 bushels respectively, where a seeder was used. In four cases where the barley was sown on land not plowed but worked up carefully with a disk plow, an average yield of 22.2 bushels was secured.

Raising Calves.—If calves are raised by hand it is very important to allow them to get the mother's whole milk for three or four days. The first milk after the cow freshens contains much more protein and ash than afterwards. Nature provides these to loosen and clean out the digestive system and to give the calf a good start in life. It is the safest plan to allow the calf to run with its mother for the first two or three days. It can easily be taught to eat from a pail after this time.

## THE LIVING WORD

By REV. A. C. DIXON, D.D., Pastor of the First Ave. (Moody's) Church, Chicago.

"For the word of God is quick (alive), and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

The words of great men are treasures. We read books to find out what they said. We look to the papers and magazines to learn the last utterances of the great leaders of science, politics or religion. How much more important a word of God. Suppose it could be proven that God, who created the heaven and earth, had spoken just one sentence? It would be a diamond sentence. We would treasure it above all the wealth of earth. The Word of God. Yet that is what we have—"For the word of God." The word written, the word spoken, the word lived, the word written as we have it in the Bible; the word spoken as we speak it and transmit it to others; the word lived as we translate it into character and deed.

The Living Word. "All Scripture is God-breathed." As God made man and breathed into him the breath of life and he became a living soul, so he inspired men to write the Scriptures, breathing into them the breath of his life, and so their words became his living words. So we ought to treat God's Book as a living thing. We ought to have the reverence for it that we have for life. We have more reverence even for vegetable life than for death. We certainly respect a living growing flower more than an artificial thing. Where there is life it is elevated to a higher realm, and life makes all the difference between respect and disrespect, reverence and desecration.

When this word gets into our hearts and lives it becomes active; it shows life. No Christian is respected who does not show life. He may have the constituent parts of the Christian in different receptacles under the glass case, and people can look at him with a curious, gruesome sort of interest if he is dead, but unless they see him move, and move along the line of God's life, they have little respect for him or his claims.

Some of us have smiled at the foolish fellow who stood here on a Chicago street, and looking through the window of the taxidermist's shop, saw an owl in the midst of the animals and birds he was stuffing for exhibition, and began to criticize the owl. The feathers were not arranged right, the head was not on right, the body was not poised right, and he got through his criticizing, turned around and winked at the man. The man walked off, feeling as a fool, and so he was. The man who criticizes and everything he said up to that moment was true. If we have a stuffed sort of Christianity in the window for exhibition the world will pass by and criticize us and everything about us, but when we show life, the life of God, we get beyond the scapels of all the critics in the world.

The Surgical Word. And yet there is a sense in which "the word of God" is surgical, "sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and joints and marrow." The word of God is not only living, but it is sharp—sharper than a two-edged sword. The business of the sword is to pierce, and it can pierce between soul and spirit, the joints and marrow, cut right into the innermost being. The soul here represents the natural man; the spirit represents the spiritual man. "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body." The natural man discerns not the things of the Spirit; exactly the same words, "the soul of man discerneth not the things of the Spirit;" and it takes the word of God to discriminate between the natural and spiritual. It is "the word of God" that tells you whether you are living simply a natural life or a spiritual life.

What Whisky Money Will Buy. The following card made into a blotter, signed by a dozen grocery firms of Delaware, O., has proved very effective in the no-license campaign: "Any one who drinks three glasses of whisky a day for one year and pays ten cents a drink for it can have in exchange at any of the firms whose names appear on this card: Three barrels of flour, 20 bushels of potatoes, 200 pounds granulated sugar, one barrel crackers, one pound pepper, two pounds tea, 50 pounds salt, 20 pounds rice, 50 pounds butter, 20 pounds cheese, 25 pounds coffee, ten pounds candy, three dozen cans tomatoes, ten dozen pickles, ten dozen oranges, ten dozen bananas, two dozen cans corn, 18 boxes matches, one-half bushel beans, 100 cakes soap, 12 packages rolled oats for the same money and get \$15.50 premium for making the change in his expenditures."

Severe. "Aw, I suppose you don't keep dog biscuits in this benighted village," asked an English tourist contemptuously of the general shopkeeper. "Oh, yes, we do," replied the man. "In a bag, or eat 'em here, sir?"

Taking No Chances. A woman in New Jersey who says she is Eve has been put in jail. Which speaks well for the cautiousness of the New Jersey men.

Agreeable Friends. Animals are such agreeable friends—they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.—George Eliot.





She clung to him, oblivious of our presence.

"Take me home. I must go home." "And so you shall."

He spoke gently, as one calms a frightened child, and still retaining her hand turned to Elizabeth.

"I'm really very sorry, but we must go home. It has been an awfully jolly evening. Mrs. Graham is a bit unstrung, she's not strong, you know; I shouldn't have allowed her to stay out so long in the night air. And of course I shouldn't have sung."

We murmured polite, if slightly incoherent, regrets and tried to look as though nothing surprising had happened, but I think we were all relieved when the Grahams finally departed. As we watched their retreating figures gradually grow smaller in the distance, Gabrielle voiced the question that trembled on my lips.

"Why shouldn't he sing?"

Nobody was ready with an appropriate reply, for it really did seem as though one endowed with so enviable a gift should be permitted to use it at will.

I shivered a little, for the embers no longer sent out any heat, and the wind from the ocean had suddenly grown damp and chill. Lady Edith also shivered and drew her cloak closely about her.

"I think we, too, must go," she said; "I am sorry the evening has ended, and I shall always remember it."

"I should suppose Mrs. Graham would remember it also," remarked Gabrielle, "but I don't believe she thought it delightful."

We were gathering up our wraps preparatory to going home as she spoke, and Mr. Blake had just taken possession of the shawl spread upon the rock where Elizabeth had been sitting when she uttered an exclamation.

"My ring! It is gone—my ruby ring."

This ring was Elizabeth's dearest possession and the pride of her heart. It was a marquise, formed of seven rubies surrounded by diamonds, and as all of the stones were unusually good it was really very valuable. We were aghast at the catastrophe and hastened to help her look for it.

"It can't be gone!" exclaimed Gabrielle, turning over sticks and stones suspiciously; "it must be here."

"It was too loose; I should not have worn it. I must have rolled into the water and I shall never see it again."

Elizabeth spoke in the hushed tone in which one refers to those recently removed by death.

"Don't feel that way about it," said Lord Wilfrid, roused at last; "I am quite sure you will find it. Let's see—you sat here with Edith, and Graham and Mr. Blake just below. It might have caught in the fringe of the shawl. Perhaps Mr. Blake will kindly shake it."

Mr. Blake complied without result. Useless also was the ensuing search of the rocks, although they were gone over inch by inch, the men lighting matches to examine dark crevices while we scrutinized the most improbable places and tried to peer into the rapidly rising water.

At last we gave it up and prepared to go home, each in turn assuring Elizabeth that when morning came she would surely find her ring, but nevertheless secretly convinced that it was irretrievably gone.

"I've had a good time, barring the last half hour," said Gordon Bennett, as he took my shawl; "have you?"

"I don't know what Elizabeth will ever do without her ring," was my evasive reply.

"Give her another. The jewels your ship is bringing you are far more valuable."

"Nonsense," I interrupted. "Can't you see that she is unhappy and we are all worried?"

"Please don't worry," he said; "tomorrow morning bright and early I'll have another look at the rocks. I'm rather a good prospector and something tells me she will get it again. If I can't find it I'll get a diver and see what he can do. But I don't think we will need him, for when daylight comes it will probably be discovered exactly where she dropped it. Anyway, there is no use giving up a thing as lost until every possible means of finding it is exhausted. You won't worry, will you?"

These practical suggestions were very cheering and I turned to repeat them to Elizabeth. She was saying the same to the Campbells, who had decided to return to the hotel along the shore. To my surprise I heard Lady Edith also suggesting the services of a diver.

"They are quite wonderful, you know," she was saying, "and all sorts of things have been recovered from the ocean."

"Yes," added Lord Wilfrid, "we will all have another look to-morrow, and if it is not to be found by daylight I know of an expert diver. However, I'm sure when the tide goes out it will be left among the rocks."

So by degrees our guests departed and we returned to the cottage, rather depressed and inclined to consider the evening a failure.

Mary Anne met us, holding the door hospitably open and smiling expansively.

"Well," she remarked, "and did you have a good time? And didn't I have a good supper?"

We told her about Elizabeth's loss and she listened in silence. But her ruddy face grew serious and her jaw dropped, as we described our search among the rocks and our theory that the ring had dropped into the sea.

"Lost, is it?" she said at last; "don't you fret, Miss Elizabeth, dear. I know them rocks inch by inch, and I'll give you a good search to-morrow."

We were glad to follow this sensible advice, but I think we all were somewhat in getting to sleep, I found myself thinking of Mrs. Graham, rather than the lost ring, and wondering vaguely why she did not like to hear her husband sing. The puzzle was too much for me, and I was just slipping into a blissful state of unconsciousness when I thought I heard a step under my window.

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# NATIONAL FOREST FOR FLORIDA

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## TEMPERANCE NOTES

SOME EVILS OF THE SALOON.

It is a Corrupter of Politics and Makes People Immoral and Criminal.

The chief evils of the New York saloon today, according to A. H. Gleason, in his article in Collier's Weekly, are:

1. It corrupts the police force.
2. It offers hospitality to crime and criminals.
3. It forms an alliance with politics.
4. It concentrates the social evil.
5. It sells impure and injurious drinks.

These evils pertain to saloons not only in a great city but in smaller places. The principal reason, says he, for the existence of these evils is that the average saloon, if run straight and in accordance with the law, would not pay expenses. So the dealer supports his family on the profits of illegitimate side lines.

Terrible are these side lines, and as if the saloonkeeper tries to obey the law he not only suffers loss in his business but is humiliated by others in the calling, and made to suffer in all other ways. The dealer who tries to be upright has a hard time of it, he gets but little sympathy, and the way is so rough that he is likely to give up and say in despair: "What is the use of my trying to run this business different from the way other men run it?"

Some of the revelations of the doings of the saloon are so frightful that they seem incredible. Thus it is declared that certain New York saloons have supplies of chloral hydrate on hand to administer to unsuspecting persons who have been beguiled there for purposes of robbery or worse.

Some saloons are so frequented by criminals that the stranger who drops in for a drink may not get out again easily.

Then also there are other places where the liquids sold as whiskey and brandy are wood alcohol mixed with strong drugs for color and flavor.

The indictment presented by this article in Collier's is so dreadful that we might think its writer was drawing upon his own imagination if he did not give the dates and figures.

Sootion and Gonorrhoea?

Were worse conditions there than in some of our modern Christian cities?

The difference is that nearly all the people in those old place were satisfied to have the evil stay, but, thank God, some in our modern cities are doing all they can to have it go.

## WHAT THE DOLLIES HAD.

Small Wonder That the Little Mother Was Really Alarmed.

Little Mary was really very ill. Mother said she was sure it was an attack of appendicitis, but Grandma was equally sure the little one was threatened with convulsions.

The argument waxed warm in Mary's presence, and appropriate remedies were used, and the next day she was better.

Coming into her mother's room during her play she said:

"Mamma, two of my dollies are very sick this morning."

"Indeed, dear, I am very sorry. What is the matter with them?"

"Well I don't really know, mamma, but I think Gwendolyn has 'a pint o' spiders' and Marguerite is going to have 'convulsions.'"

## HORRORS!

Chinese Idea of Government.

Here is a Chinese idea of prosperity in a nation: When the sword is rusty, the plow bright, the prisons empty, the granaries full, the steps of the temple worn down and those of the law courts grass-grown, when doctors go afoot, the bakers on horseback, and the men of letters drive in their own carriages, then the empire is well governed.

"Marriage Service" Defined.

A Boston cynic of the female persuasion defines the "marriage service" as "waiting on one's lord and master in the capacity of cook, laundress, seamstress and maid-of-all-work."

# The Smuggler

BY ELLA MIDDLETON TYBOUT

ILLUSTRATED BY RAY WALTERS

SYNOPSIS.

Elizabeth, Gabrielle and Edith started for Canada to spend the summer there. On board steamer they were frightened by an apparently demented stranger, who, finding a bag belonging to one of them, took enjoyment in scrutinizing a photo of the trio. Edith shared her stateroom with a Mrs. Graham, also bound for Canada. The young women on a sightseeing tour met Mrs. Graham, anxiously awaiting her husband, who had a mania for sailing. They were introduced to Lord Wilfrid and Lady Edith. A cottage by the ocean was rented by the trio for the summer. Elizabeth learned that a friend of her father's was to call. Two men called, one of them being the queer-looking stranger on the steamer. The girls were "out at home," but discovered by the cards left that one of the men was Elizabeth's father's friend. The men proved to be John C. Blake and Gordon Bennett. A wisp of yellow hair from Mr. Graham's pocket fell into the hands of Edith. Mrs. Graham's hair was black. Lady Edith told the girls of a robbery of jewels at the hotel. Fearing for the safety of her own gems, she left them safe at the cottage. Mr. Gordon Bennett was properly introduced, explained his queer actions, returned the lost ring and told of various doings of a year before connected with the cottage. Exploring the cellar, one of the girls found a splinted foot, the exact counterpart of which both Gordon Bennett and Lady Edith were found to possess, also, Edith, also, explored the cellar, overhearing a conversation there between a man and a woman. He proved to be her son, charged with murder. The young women agreed to keep the secret. Lady Edith, following the story of a lost love in connection with the splinted foot, Edith and Gordon Bennett discovered Lady Edith and Mr. Graham, the latter displaying a marvelous baritone voice.

CHAPTER X.—Continued.

Lady Edith rested her chin on her hand and thought a while. Mr. Blake and Mr. Graham gazed at this lovely face grown suddenly serious as she pondered the question, and I knew that Gordon Bennett forgot my very existence as he leaned forward awaiting her reply.

"It is hard for me to realize," she said slowly, "never having been tempted."

"How can any one know what he would do until the time comes?" interrupted Mr. Graham, "as to yielding to an impulse—well, why are we given impulses if not to obey them?"

"Isn't that rather a dangerous theory?"

Lady Edith laughed as she spoke, but there was a note of anxiety in her voice, and she glanced involuntarily at her brother, who still maintained his sulky silence.

"A very dangerous theory," remarked Mr. Bennett; "but to return to our discussion. Smuggling is a hazardous business, Lady Edith, and it requires some courage, too, for one practically takes his life in his hands especially stormy nights when the sea runs high."

"Yes," ejaculated Mrs. Graham; "yes!"

"Oh, I don't know," said her husband, "it has its compensations. One lives, you know—lives. Think of a night, out there, with the waves mounting high—a stiff wind, and raining, perhaps. Black sky, black water, black everything, and the uncertainty about landing your cargo safely. Then the sail back again triumphant and exciting—you and the elements alone together. Can't you taste the salt spray? Can't you feel the boat cut through the water? Can't you?"

"Harry!"

He paused abruptly and turned to his wife.

"I beg your pardon, Juliet," he said very gently, "I quite forgot your aversion to the water or I wouldn't have let myself go."

As Elizabeth often insisted, there

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## SISTER WAS A FIRECRACKER.

After-Christmas Amusement Devised by Clever Youngsters.

It was the day after a strenuous Christmas, and mamma was resting in her room next the sewing-room, where Douglas, four, and Madeline, three, were playing, says the Delinquent.

The unusual excitement of the day before seemed to have worn on Madeline's nerves also for suddenly a piercing shriek came to mamma's ears, followed by a gust of laughter from her little son. When this was repeated several times, mamma rose wearily to investigate, and, stepping to the door, she saw Madeline, face down on the bed. Then Douglas cautiously approached Madeline, and, leaning toward her, touched her with his forefinger. The shriek that followed with the flourish of arms and legs made him double up and roll over on the floor in a perfect glow of merriment.

"Why, Douglas!" mamma exclaimed, "what are you doing to your little sister?"

"Oh," he said, "I'm not hurting her at all, mamma. I'm playing my little sister is a firecracker and I'm just setting her off."

Jewish Immigration.

According to a table published in the current number of the Federation Review, 6,225 immigrant Jews entered the port of New York in September, 1908. Of these, 2,433 were women, 2,901 men and 1,791 children. Russia contributed 4,607; Austria-Hungary, 1,234; Roumania, 273; England, 56; Germany, 29; Turkey, 19; Sweden and Spain, two each, and Holland, three.

The record also shows that 1,566 of the immigrants went to homes outside of the metropolis. In the corresponding month last year the number of Jewish immigrants was 3,033 greater.

Many Women Stenographers.

Women as stenographers have been greatly increased in number in New York city during the last year, and there are now about 11,200 of them.

## LOST THROUGH DRINK.

Sad History of a Young Men's Club—One Saw His Peril and Quit.

Forty years ago, in a certain college, six young men formed themselves into a society, partly literary and partly for "good fellowship." They were all good writers, and at their weekly meeting each had a composition of his own. Then they all drank together, until they were hardly able to find their way to their rooms.

One of those men has recently told a friend that, after three or four months of this association, he discovered that from a condition in which he had to force himself to drink, having no natural taste for liquor, he found that he was getting to like it, and to long for it, and he had common sense enough to cut himself loose at once from his "club" membership. The others went on, and the annals of our colleges contain no sadder story than theirs. One of them died in New York a few years ago, noted for his wit and his learning, but a slave to his appetite. It was said that every night he retired to his library and, with a bottle beside him, drank himself into unconsciousness. At the early age of 38 he was found there one morning dead.

Another one, walking the streets of the metropolis, picks up an unconscious living with his eyes staring, his face and person are retreating to behold, his clothes are in tatters, he has lost all self-respect and honor—a shame and a disgrace to his college and his country.

Two of the others lived in obscurity until they were past 30, when they dropped into drunkards' graves. The one who broke off was the only one who has ever arrived at distinction or has been of any service to the world.

The Saloon a Crime Producer.

The governor of West Virginia is authority for the statement that 85 per cent. of all the inmates of the state penitentiary reached prison through and by the evil of the traffic in intoxicating liquors. There is no reason to suppose that West Virginia is unique in this respect. Crime and the saloon—these stand together in the inter-relation of cause and effect, and there is abundant evidence showing that in communities where the most absolute degree of prohibition is adhered to the amount of crime is reduced to the minimum.

Liquor Revenue on the Decrease.

According to figures given out recently by the chairman of the national prohibition party in the United States, a remarkable decrease in the production and sale of intoxicating beverages throughout the whole of the United States, took place during the recent months of July and August. Nearly \$1,000,000 a day is the estimated decrease, which is based on official figures received from the internal revenue department at Washington.

Against the Drink Evil.

The latest reform bills introduced into the legislature by the prohibitionists of Norway include a provision against the playing of musical instruments in liquor resorts. The provision reads: "No musical instrument shall be played in any public house, concert hall, or resort where liquor is sold, since music promotes drinking." A further clause is directed against the use of the mails to circulate periodicals containing liquor or beer advertisements.

## REAL GRIEVANCE.

Boo-hoo! Johnny Jones has got de measles, an' can't come out.

"Ah! And you miss your dear little playmate?"

"Yis-m, he's de only kid in the town dat I kin lick—boo-hoo-oo!"

His Absent-Minded View.

They were engaged in purchasing shoes for the children. The husband was a former teacher, but the wife was a very intelligent and practical person, relates the Chicago News.

"For school purposes I don't want and dull kids for they roughen up so easily," said the wife to the sales woman, adding: "What do you think of it, dear?"

"Well," he said absent-mindedly, "I have known a good many dull kids at school, but I never regarded them as any rougher than other children."

Rug Industry Has Suffered.

Persia's rug industry has suffered materially as a result of the closing of the bazars at Tabriz and other Persian cities. The difficulties of transportation on the highways of Persia and the lessened American demand for luxuries have contributed in no small measure to the depressed condition of the Persian rug trade. Prices have fallen recently by one-third and rug exports have fallen off by one-half. Labor there now commands between five and ten cents a day.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

Mercury will surely destroy the germ of small and completely drain the whole system when entrance is through the mucous surfaces. Such ointments should never be used except on prescription from reputable physicians, as the danger they will do is far greater than the relief they give from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by Dr. J. C. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. It cures Catarrh, and is guaranteed to cure. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by Dr. J. C. Cheney & Co., Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c. per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

The Land of England.

Twelve thousand seven hundred and ninety-one persons own four-fifths of the soil of England, their aggregate property, exclusive of that within the metropolitan boundaries, being 40,180, 775 acres. In point of fact, the number of owners of four-fifths of the English land is nearer 5,000 than 12,000. Of these 500 are noblemen, and four or five of these swallow up the rest.—New York American.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Hutchins* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Troubled Even in Death.

"How is this? I thought you disliked your mother-in-law, and here you are carrying flowers to her grave!"

"Exactly! She hated 'em."—Journal Amusant.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE."

That is LAZAR'S BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of R. W. GIBBY. Get the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

For what the mind wishes, that it also believes.—Heliopolis.

FILES CURED IN 8 TO 14 DAYS.

PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 8 to 14 days of money refunded. 25c.

He isn't much of a baker who eats all the bread he kneads.

Use Allen's First-Ease. Cures Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, etc. Use in time. Sold by druggists.

A singer doesn't weigh his words on the musical scale.

## DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Heartily Eating. A perfect remedy for Business, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Itch in the Side, BRUISED LIVER, and all the other ailments which regulate the bowels. Purely Vegetable.

SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

GENUINE MUST BEAR FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE.

REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

Western Canada

MORE BIG CROPS IN 1908

Another 60,000 settlers from the United States. New districts opened. 370 acres of land to each settler. 100 free homestead and 160 at \$3.00 per acre.

"A vast rich country and a contented prosperous people."—The New York Canadian, in Glasgow, 1907, was a transportation.

Many have paid the entire cost of their farms and had a balance of from \$100 to \$200 per acre as a result of one crop.

Spring wheat, winter wheat, oats, barley, flax and peas are the principal crops, while the wild grasses bring to perfection the best cattle that have ever been sold on the Chicago market.

Splendid climate, schools and churches in all localities. Railways touch most of the settled districts, and prices for produce are always good. Lands may also be purchased from railway and land companies.

For pamphlets, maps and information regarding low rates of passage, apply to the Agent of Immigration, Ottawa, Canada, or the authorized Canadian Government Agents: M. V. McNEES, 176 Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan; or C. A. LAUBER, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

## GROOMING COUNTS

But it cannot make a Fair Skin or a Glossy Coat.

Women with good complexion and lustrous hair will be lovelier. Creams, lotions, washes and powders cannot make a fair skin. Every woman knows that the satin coat of her thoroughbred comes from the animal's "all-right" condition. Let the horse get "off his feet" and his coat turns dull. Currying, brushing and rubbing will give him a clean coat, but cannot produce the coveted smoothness and gloss of the horse's skin, which is his complexion. The ladies will see the point.

Lane's Family Medicine

Is the best preparation for ladies who desire a gentle laxative medicine that will give the body perfect cleanliness internally and the wholesomeness that produces such skins as painters love to copy. At druggists, 25c.

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A favorite that is used the same as Lemon or Vanilla. By dissolving granulated sugar in water and adding, Mapleine, a delicious syrup is made and a very better than maple. Mapleine is sold by grocers. Send stamp for sample and recipe book. Greatest N.Y. Co., Seattle.

## MAPLEINE







### A Poor Weak Woman

As she is termed, will endure bravely and patiently agonies which a strong man would give way under. The fact is women are more patient than they ought to be under such troubles.

Every woman ought to know that she may obtain the most experienced medical advice free of charge and in absolute confidence and privacy by writing to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, R. V. Pierce, M. D., President, Buffalo, N. Y. Dr. Pierce has been chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y., for many years and has had a wider practical experience in the treatment of women's diseases than any other physician in this country. His medicines are world-famous for their astonishing efficacy.

The most perfect remedy ever devised for weak and delicate women is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

IT MAKES WEAK WOMEN STRONG.

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The many and varied symptoms of woman's peculiar ailments are fully set forth in Plain English in the People's Medical Adviser (6088 pages), a newly revised and up-to-date Edition of which, cloth-bound, will be mailed free on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps to pay cost of mailing only. Address as above.



#### CARD OF THANKS.

We want to thank the friends who so kindly sympathized with us in our great bereavement.

Mrs. C. O. Swenson.

#### NOTICE.

Those owing accounts to this firm will confer a favor by calling and settling the same. Lowell Feed mill, P. W. Bralsted Prop.

## The Hotel Lowell

is prospering under new management.

Satisfied patrons our best advertisement. Those who come once come again. Isn't that proof?

Farmers especially invited to try our 25c meals. Come in and get acquainted and enjoy the comforts of our home-like accommodations. 4-w

D. U. LEFARD, Prop.

Sunday Dinners at Regular Price a Specialty.

## Are You Going to Build?

The impression seems to have gained ground that because we have made a change in the management, that we are going out of business. This is not the case.

### We are Open for Business.

and under a new management we shall endeavor to meet every customer fairly. We shall keep a full line of everything in the

### Lumber and Building Material Line.

And if you are at any time wanting anything in our line you will find that

It Will Pay You Well Before Buying to Call and Get Our Prices.

By doing this you will know that they are greatly reduced and cannot be beaten.

## Lowell Lumber Co.

C. S. TRAVIS Owner.

## Take Notice, Stop and Think

Before sending your money to Chicago, Detroit or Grand Rapids to catalog houses and buying something you have not yet seen. If you are in want of any house furnishing goods of either new or second hand, sewing machines and hand sleighs, crockery, etc. Call and see the goods. Get prices before buying.

H. H. REED, New and Second Hand Store

## Our Country Cousins

#### LOWELL DISTRICT NO. 2.

Buckwheat bran \$20.00 per ton King Milling Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Woodcock of Grand Rapids were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doolaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Verno Rowley of South Lowell were recent guests at Walter Rogers'.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pant entertained a few neighbors Christmas night with a dance.

Leon Rogers of Saranac spent Sunday and Monday with relatives here.

Visitors at John Simpson's Christmas were: Clarence Meloyre Jr. and Miss Dawson of Cascade; Will Stinton of Grand Rapids and Floyd Stinton of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. John David and daughter Iva spent the holidays with relatives at Casnovia and attended the wedding of Mr. David's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogers and daughter Lottie spent Sunday at E. Richmond's in Vergennes.

Mrs. O. Simpson and two children spent last Thursday with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. John Rittenger in South Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson spent Christmas at the home of their son, M. E. in Lowell.

E. J. Bartlett is entertaining his brother from Grand Rapids at the home of W. G. Doolaway.

Geo. Kingdon and family spent Christmas at the home of Joe Benny near Lowell.

#### Medicine That is Medicine.

"I have suffered a good deal with stomach and stomach complaints, but I have now found a remedy that keeps me well, and that remedy is Electric Bitters; a medicine that is medicine for stomach and liver troubles, and for run down conditions," says W. C. Kestler, of Halliday, Ark. Electric Bitters purify and enrich the blood, tone up the nerves, and impart vigor and energy to the weak. Your money will refer to W. H. H. falls to help you. 50c at D. G. Look's drug store.

#### VERGENNES STATION.

Buckwheat bran the ideal cow feed, \$20.00 per ton King Milling Co. A happy new year to you all.

Died, Dec. 26, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Metcfe, aged six days and eight hours.

Leon Remmel goes to Muskegon in the Spring as he has accepted a position as mail carrier.

Messrs. Jay, Byron and Gordon Frost and wives spent Christmas in Snyrna the guests of Jesse and Geo. Frost.

Charles Keech returned home from Little Lake Saturday night.

Leon Weeks and Miss Helen Beckey spent Christmas in Kalamazoo.

Stephen Hennells and wife entertained their children, grand children and great grand children on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mansor of Owosso are spending the holidays with their daughter Mrs. James Houlliban and visiting old friends and neighbors.

Lillian Metcfe is home from the Lowell school to spend the holidays.

Asa Weeks was entertained in Ionia Christmas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Ragan Dec. 20, a daughter.

Clinton Weeks and wife and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Porter and E. Ring were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Weeks Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kellogg and children spent Christmas at her father's Asa Faircliffs.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ford observed Christmas by entertaining Geo. Ford and family George Lewis and sister Frances.

W. H. Keech and Mrs. H. Culver were at his son Frank's Christmas.

#### Marked for Death.

"Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Bae, Ky. "The first dose helped me, and improvement kept on until I had gained 35 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at D. G. Look's drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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A happy New Year to our editor and family, and correspondents and all the readers of this paper.

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S. A. Ware and wife are here from Muskegon. They spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kyser. Thursday evening they went to visit their sons Ray and Jay Ware.

John Cary and family spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Hayes entertained a number of relatives Christmas.

Mrs. Retta Sherman returned home from Cay Tuesday accompanied by her daughter Mrs. Vanderhill of Ionia.

Martin Hubble of Coopersville visited his cousin Roy last week.

Roy Hubble spent Sunday with his brother Homer and wife in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Jude Fletcher spent Christmas with their daughter Mrs. Frank Walton in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Conklin entertained a large company of relatives Christmas.

Mrs. E. Buck is home from Grand Rapids.

East Lowell was well represented at the Christmas tree in South Boston church.

H. Vanderwall and family and Mrs. E. Buck spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cheetham.

John Cary and son S. Y. were in Saranac Saturday.

M. T. Story and family attended the Christmas tree at M. Gunnison near Clarksville Monday.

Guy Fletcher and family spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Coles.

Mrs. Bertha Dennis and two children of Grand Rapids visited at Geo. Godfrey's Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Ogg of Lowell was a dinner guest at W. H. Wisner's and held a meeting at the school house.

Seymour Coles attended church at Lowell Sunday.

Messrs. Almedias M. C. Gilbert and J. Gilbert spent Christmas at Loyd Taylor's in South Boston.

W. S. Godfrey of Hastings celebrated his 42 birthday anniversary with his parents Saturday.

Mrs. Hamondtree and children of Belding are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ora Godfrey.

F. L. MANNING, JACKSON, MICH., WRITES:

This is to certify that I have been a constant user of Renne's Pain-Killing Oil in my family for the past 20 years, and would no more think of being without it at all times in the house than I would without food.

I know that by having it at hand to apply at once, we have saved much suffering and doctor bills. Get it—keep it handy at all times, study the directions closely, follow them and you will never regret it. Sold by D. G. Look.

Sleepy Hollow—Bowsie.

Buckwheat bran \$20.00 per ton King Milling Co.

Miss Mary Clarke spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clarke.

Dan Lynch who has been ill the past two weeks is somewhat improved.

Jay Livingston of the University of Michigan is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Livingston.

Roy Huyck of Ovid is visiting his cousin Mrs. John Watts.

Ezra Boulard who has been in Lowell for a number of weeks returned home Thursday.

J. W. Porritt and family entertained about 40 relatives with a supper and tree Christmas night. Old Santa Claus was present to amuse old and young.

Thomas Curley and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Will Murphy of Grand Rapids.

Corwin and Arthur Porritt and their families spent Christmas with parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Porritt.

A reunion of the Watt's family was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Huntington Christmas.

Mrs. Margaret Slixco and daughter Mary spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNaughton.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vanduyke returned home from Grand Rapids, Saturday.

A number of young people from the place spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Doolay Irving.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Weaver entertained all their children and grand children Christmas.

Will Nash spent a portion of last week with his grandfather, John Porritt.

OUR OLD FRIENDS ARE THE BEST.

Because they have stood the test of time and are known to be reliable. Dr. Herrick's Sugar Coated Pills have been used by three generations. They will cure liver complaint, sick headache, bowel troubles and colds. They purify the blood. Try them. 25c per box. Ask for a free sample. Sold by D. G. Look.

PIATT LAKE—SOUTH BOSTON.

Buckwheat bran the ideal cow feed \$20.00 per ton. King Milling Co. T. H. Parsons and son Jay made a business trip to Grand Rapids last Monday.

Frank Freeman spent Monday in Hastings.

R. Lee and wife entertained Mr. and Mrs. H. Huff of Ewart, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Sturgis of Crystal and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McNealy of Sillhob, Christmas day.

There will be a Leap Year party at the home of Florence Walters New Years eve. The young ladies are supposed to invite the young men and the latter furnish the supper.

A very happy new year to readers, editor and staff.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Draper and daughter and Miss Stella Graham of Grand Rapids and Frank Kirtland of Lansing spent Sunday at Mr. D's father's home near Freeport.

Jay Boyce and Ed. Hotchkiss took a load of dressed pork to Valley City last Saturday.

P. C. Freeman and wife entertained their children and grand children Christmas day. Minty and family of Lansing being among the number of 25.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Freeman spent a few days of this week at Ionia.

Those entertaining Christmas guests were: Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Taylor, entertaining the families of Joe and Mrs. G. Gilman, Mrs. Mabel Allee and Mr. Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. H. Evans, entertaining the former's sister of Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Parsons entertaining for Christmas the 25th M. D. Sneathen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Phillips of South Bend.

Those who were away Christmas were: T. O. Frost and family at Allen Nash's Clarksville; A. P. Burr and daughter June at Nashville with their daughter and sisters family; C. Farham and family at Mrs. P's brother's Mr. Wallington of Saranac; E. W. English and wife at South Lowell with Geo. Hazel and family; D. W. Lind and family at E. P. Sweet's of South Lowell.

This is Worth Reading.

Leo F. Zellinski, of 88 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold I ever had, with Buckle's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at D. G. Look's drug store. 25c.

EAST PARIS—WEST CASCADE.

Buckwheat bran \$20.00 per ton. King Milling Co.

S. Klostra who was very ill most this year and to the hospital nearly a year was brought home last Monday. His many friends hope for his recovery.

Mrs. Geo. Meech is falling.

Mr. De Young who has been working Miss Frances Fish's farm has leased the Blodgett place.

The Christmas tree at East Paris held on Christmas evening was a very enjoyable affair. The gifts were numerous and with vocal and instrumental music, also reciting the evening was pleasantly spent.

Our school is composed of small scholars but with an able and efficient teacher they made a very creditable showing. As a souvenir of the occasion received beautiful Christmas cards and last but not least a bag of candy. The tree was beautifully decorated by the teacher Miss Jennie Kotsbeak.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koester a girl, Dec. 26.

Those to entertain at Christmas were: Mrs. John Patterson, Mrs. W. A. Patterson, Mrs. Elmer Klmer, Mrs. Klostra, Mrs. George Lake.

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Buckwheat bran \$20.00 per ton. King Milling Co.

W. P. Carie spent the holidays with relatives in Charlotte.

Carrie Labarge is home from Sand Lake for the vacation.

Rev. J. H. Bennett came home from Republic on Monday to spend the week.

The Union Ladies "B" society will give their annual chicken dinner New Year's dinner in the Congregational church on Thursday Dec. 31.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give their annual New Year's dinner at the home of T. McNaughton Jan. 1.

Mrs. Dr. Breese received a very pleasant surprise from her Sunday school class Wednesday evening.

Miss Nellie Smith will entertain the intermediate class on Friday evening.

The "Golds" will entertain the "Blues" at the church on New Year evening.

IT IS BARGAIN DAY

When you buy Renne's Pain-Killing Oil, you get it just exactly as represented. The sure cure for neuralgia, headache, rheumatism and sprains. When injured apply Renne's Pain-Killing Oil, it is an antiseptic and will prevent blood poisoning. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle.

KEENE CORNER.

Buckwheat bran \$20.00 per ton. King Milling Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Daller returned home from Chicago and Milwaukee Monday morning.

Glen Wilson is here from Boyne Falls visiting his granddams Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Carr spent Sunday at Frank Cutler's. Their daughter Cassa is at home from South Bend, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. George Raymond and Myrtle spent Christmas in Ionia and their daughter Mary Hunter and children came home with them to remain until Wednesday.

Charlie Cave and wife have come from Minnesota and will take care of her father and another Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cave in their old age.

Mrs. D. W. Moody of Keene who at present is living with her sister Mrs. C. A. Lee leaves on Monday the 28, for Marion Osceola Co. to visit her aunt Mrs. B. C. Stone, she will also visit friends at Greenville, Lansing and Ionia before her return.

Mrs. Israel Cave is in ill health and will go to the home of her daughter Mrs. Watkins in Chicago and from there to a hospital for treatment.

Mary Daller was home from Grand Rapids to spend Christmas.

The next meeting of the Ladies Aid will be entertained by Mrs. Shores on Dec. 31 at her home.

Frank Bowen and wife and Lora and Maggie were the guests of Dell Bowen's family Sunday.

Ed. Trask and family spent Christmas at Judge Davis' at Ionia. It was a family dinner.

Mrs. T. Daniels is at home again, has been spending some time with her daughter in Otisco.

Frank Daniels went to Greenville Monday.

J. J. Wood of Keene while at Lansing last week suffered another stroke of apoplexy and was taken to the hospital. At the last report Sunday night he could not speak and was thought not to be improving. Mrs. Wood is with him.

Quite a number are attending the Walter Rich auction sale three miles north of Potter's corners.

WEST LOWELL.

Buckwheat bran the ideal cow feed \$20.00 per ton. King Milling Co.

Miss Jessie Combs and her pupils had a Christmas tree Thursday afternoon with appropriate exercises. Some of the parents were present and all enjoyed a fine time.

Miss Iva Dawson and Clarence McIntyre were guests of Miss Mable Simpson of North Lowell Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Stinton and children of Lowell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Dawson Friday.

Misses Nellie Carey and Alice Mullen of Grand Rapids were Christmas guests of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mullen. Miss Alice's home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Onan and little daughter Viola were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Reynolds of Seelye Corners Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Onan entertained their children and their families at dinner Christmas, those present being Mr. and Mrs. Will Heesche and children of Seelye's Corners, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green and children and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Thomas of Morse Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Seward Onan and children were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Peat of McCords. Miss Treva stayed for a few days with her cousin Miss Myrtle Peat.

Mrs. J. B. Easterday is visiting her daughter Mrs. Ed. Stinton of Lowell this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Travis and little son Russell of Yankee Springs are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John Court and their relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mullen and little son Donald of Lowell were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McIntyre and are visiting a few days with other relatives here.

Harley Mullen has bought a fine team of horses of A. Todd of Grand Rapids.

The Ladies Aid society of "Willing Workers" will meet with Mrs. Mary Stinton of Lowell Tuesday Jan. 5, for dinner. Sewing carpet rags will be the order of the day and everyone is requested to come early.

A Dangerous Operation

is the removal of the appendix by a surgeon. No one who takes Dr. King's New Life Pills is ever subjected to this frightful ordeal. They work so quietly you don't feel them. They cure constipation, headache, biliousness and malaria. 25c at D. G. Look's drug store.

CANNONSBURG.

Buckwheat bran \$20.00 per ton. King Milling Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Jones and son Boyd spent Christmas in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas were guests of the latter's father John Thomas and family in Grand Rapids.

Miss Minnie Wilson accompanied by her father spent Christmas in Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hartwell and daughters enjoyed a merry Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lampman in Lowell.

School closed with appropriate exercises last Thursday for one week's vacation.

The principal of the High school spent Thursday night Friday and Saturday in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lamoreaux of Grand Rapids were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tuttle's last Monday.

Carl Hartwell spent Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hartwell. Mrs. Jennie Scammel of Detroit was also a guest.

Bleached sheeting yard wide Hope quality regular 9c value, sale price the yard 6c, Marks Ruben.

The Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. Lorenzo Jones on Thursday Jan. 7, 1899. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. J. L. Thomas has returned home having visited her daughter Mrs. B. M. Freeman of Cascade and her son James Thomas Jr. and family and other relatives in Grand Rapids.

LOANER.

Buckwheat bran the ideal cow feed at \$20.00 per ton. King Milling Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Seese were guests at the home of B. C. Smith at Lowell Wednesday.



LOWELL LEDGER

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LOWELL, MICHIGAN

At the present rate of growth Manhattan Island will have a population of 1,600,000 in 1932.

The wages of women in Asiatic Turkey vary from ten to fifteen cents a day for ten hours.

England reports an enormous demand for second-hand Bibles. Got any you've outgrown?

In the population of New York city there are 187,000 persons who are stockholders in corporations.

Yu Yi, the emperor, has 30 nurses, and is hollering for his old one. What's the use of being an emperor?

The Pittsburg Press says that wealth kills. Well, we'd rather be hit with it than with a stick of dynamite.

English newspapers say that art is sorry for the Kaiser. That is an artistic way of piling on the punishment.

Canadian physician says our high school boys are being "effeminated" by women teachers. Noticed it, this fall?

Philadelphia has established an all-night bank, and its citizens no longer need be afraid to go home in the dark.

Mrs. Girard Bancker told a woman's forum in New York that all wives grovel to their husbands. Say—but her sex protects her.

We are still waiting for some scary German general to rise up and explain to an awe-struck public how easy it would be for a British army to devastate the German empire.

The man who lent Mr. Rockefeller that \$2,000 to go into business with would have made a good bargain if he had stipulated that instead of interest it should have had half the profits.

A young woman in New Jersey was scared to death at the sight of a mouse. This will reassure those pessimistic persons who fear that the woman of to-day is losing all her essentially womanly qualities.

The Vermont papers are busily discussing the question who shall be elected governor in 1910. Already there are several candidates in the field. Politicians in Vermont are prompt.

Dr. Parkhurst says the wearing of big hats is un-Christian. But that will have little effect upon the devout female sex as long as big hats are stylish. The reverend critic is singularly ignorant of the depths of human feminine nature if he does not know that.

People are talking of undertaking to teach women how to get off a street car without impeding their necks. Which suggests an alteration of an old proverb: You can take a woman to a street car, but can you make her get off in any other than the woman's way?

According to Dr. Mary Patrick, president of the girls' college at Constantinople, the Turkish women have thrown off their yells, and are lecturing in different prominent cities like Constantinople and Salonica, and are also forming women's clubs. Now watch Turkey boom!

To avoid misleading ambitious hymenists, perhaps we ought to say that the late Bloodgood H. Cutter, the poet of Little Neck, L. I., who left an estate of \$665,000, of which more than 150,000 was bequeathed to the American Bible society, did not make his money writing poetry.

The shah of Persia declares he will protect the rights of his subjects against the wicked designs of the evil-doers who want a constitution. But even in the far orient phrases do not mean as much as they used to signify, and the shah's anxiety to protect his subjects from the evils of a constitution will be fully understood.

They ought to get some policemen in New York who in emergencies can show signs of almost human intelligence, says the Baltimore American. A man was arrested there lately for violently resisting an officer in trying to break through the fire lines. His entirely inadequate excuse—in the eyes of the policeman—was that the burning house was his own, his wife and six were inside and he rated their safety above official red tape.

A test of the soot-laden air in Chicago shows that 7,000 pounds of organic and mineral substances are deposited on an acre of ground in that city from the atmosphere. Now let anyone dare to say that this condition of the air is not injurious to health as Indianapolis is hardly less afflicted with smoke than Chicago, the deposits are probably as heavy there. No wonder every one complains of the difficulty of breathing and of keeping clean.

A new method of protecting safes says Popular Mechanics, is to arm them with a grenade which explodes when the safe is blown open, and fills the air with deadly fumes, so that the burglars cannot proceed with their work.

Carman Sylva has just contributed to an Italian journal an article in which, under the title of "The Reign of Women," she declares the advanced views urged in certain quarters concerning women to be Utopian, and renounces her connection with the movement without regret.

Socialism has found many new adherents and is making rapid growth in Sweden. The labor conditions generally have been such as to bring discontent to many who had previously been apparently satisfied.

Uncle Sam should make some kind of postal rates on kisses. Slipping a trillion through the mails for a two-cent postage stamp seems altogether too cheap. A postmaster should have a

HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK

Latest News Told in Briefest and Best Form.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Twelve months in jail for Samuel Gompers, president; nine months for John Mitchell, one of the vice-presidents, and six months for Frank Morrison, secretary, all of the American Federation of Labor, was the sentence imposed by Justice Wright of the supreme court of the District of Columbia for contempt of court in violating an order previously issued enjoining them from placing on the "Unfair" or "We don't patronize" list the Bucks Stove & Range Company of St. Louis, Mo. The defendants were released on bail pending appeal.

President-elect Taft decided to visit Texas at some convenient time after his inauguration, preferably at the end of the special session of congress.

The Panama canal will be opened January 1, 1915, according to an official communication received by the California promotion committee from Joseph Buckline Bishop, secretary of the canal commission.

Andrew Carnegie appeared before the house committee on ways and means to testify about the tariff on steel and made an entertaining but not instructive witness.

Figures gathered by the bureau of statistics show that the average American citizen consumes half his own weight in sugar every year and Uncle Sam's sugar bill averages \$1,000,000 a day.

Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, commanding the American battleship fleet, called the navy department that the fleet made its departure from Colombia, Caylon, for Suz.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the government bureau of chemistry, recommended that the further importation of absinthe be prohibited.

Thomas F. Ryan, admittedly one of the greatest powers in the financial world, announced that, yielding to the advice of his physician, he had resigned from the directorate of 31 corporations.

H. Harr Elliott, formerly assistant cashier of the First National bank of Eufaula, Okla., was arrested on information charging him with the robbery of that bank on the night of December 14 last.

William H. Newman resigned as president of the New York Central, the resignation to take effect February 1 next.

John T. Adkinson, recently elected captain of the Galveston Rifles, was arrested by the United States marshal on capias issued by the federal grand jury at Waco, Tex., charging embezzlement of government funds.

S. C. Little, a wealthy banker and stock man of Losmore, Cal., was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$1,000 for illegally fencing public lands.

William A. Dolph of the firm of Nell-Dolph, lumber dealers of Memphis, Tenn., was arrested in San Francisco on a Memphis warrant charging him with embezzling \$1,000.

Declaring that the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the Republic Oil Company of Ohio and the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of Missouri had conspired and combined to monopolize the oil business in this state, the supreme court of Missouri issued a decree ousting all three from the commonwealth, and fining them \$50,000 each.

Seven councilmen and two ex-bank officers of Pittsburg were examined and held for trial on charges of bribery and corruption. The testimony showed the councilmen of the city were easy to approach and cheap to buy.

The cathedral of Roskilde, the burial place for centuries past of the Danish kings, was looted by burglars and large numbers of costly gold and silver wreaths, urns and shields were carried away.

Our navy stands second among those of the great world powers at the present time, according to the Navy Year Book, prepared by Pitman Puffer, clerk to the senate navy committee.

The increase in the alien population of the United States in the year ending September 30 last, was only 6,298.

Citizens of Havelsok, Neb., enraged because the Lincoln Traction Company refused to reduce the fare to Lincoln, tore up the tracks and tried to burn the company's barns.

Mrs. Helene E. Annis took the stand in the trial of Thornton J. Hains at Flushing, N. Y., and gave a long and dramatic account of the slaying of her husband, W. B. Annis, by Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., brother of the defendant.

The actual manufacture of steel was begun in the town of Gary, Ind.

Harry K. Taw, the slayer of Stanford White, is now confined in the state hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan, N. Y., cannot be taken to Pittsburg to testify in bankruptcy proceedings, according to a decision handed down by the United States circuit court of appeals in Philadelphia.

The new municipal council of Lisbon, Spain, has unearthed a \$7,000,000 hoard of gold.

William R. Kelley, cashier of the Union Pacific railroad at South Omaha, committed suicide at his home in that city by sending a bullet through his brain.

Two little children were cremated when the home of Edward Toner was burned in the village of Interlachen, Mich.

Abe Raymer, alleged mob leader in the Springfield, Ill., riots, was convicted of the slaying of a colored man.

Because the railroads refuse to grant a one-cent rate, the next Grand Army encampment probably will not be held in Salt Lake City.

W. I. Buchanan was sent to Venezuela to conduct negotiations for a renewal of diplomatic relations.

In Wham Chang, the Korean who killed Durham White, Stevens, the American diplomat and adviser to the Korean emperor, in San Francisco, was found guilty of murder in the second degree.

Harvey Hazel, the 17-year-old boy, charged with murder in the first degree for the killing of his mother in Toledo, O., was found guilty of murder in the second degree.

More than 1,000 persons were made homeless and \$100,000 worth of property was destroyed in a fire which burned out an entire block of apartment houses in Brooklyn.

The board of trade at Little Rock, Ark., was destroyed by fire, the loss being \$100,000.

A new cabinet was formed in Portugal with Senhor Antonio Azevedo as premier.

E. H. Harriman's secretary, Albert C. Wells, denied reports that the physical condition of the financier was serious.

The Salvation Army prepared Christmas dinners for about 1,500,000 poor people throughout the country.

Castro of Venezuela is charged with forming a conspiracy to assassinate Acting President Gomez, who arrested the ringleaders single-handed. Castro's letter of credit was canceled. Gomez suspended the cabinet and took steps to settle all Venezuela's quarrels with other nations. It was believed Castro would sever return from Europe.

Gov. Hoch of Kansas pardoned John Collins, serving a life sentence in the Kansas state penitentiary for the murder of his father, J. S. Collins, a well-to-do real estate and insurance man of Popka, in 1898. One of the witnesses against Collins has admitted his testimony was perjured.

The United States Steel Corporation is planning to build a \$10,000,000 town at the head of Lake Superior, about six miles from Superior and Duluth, similar to Gary, Ind.

Fire partly wrecked the Herald Square theater in New York. The flames broke out before the performance was over, but through the coolness and bravery of the actors and employes the audience was got out without knowing of its peril.

Leonard Smith, son of Chief of Police Smith, Charlie Moore and his brother, Virgil Moore, were killed and Policeman Cain Walters fatally wounded in a four-cornered pistol battle fought in Ocella, Ga.

Federal authorities began an investigation of the packing industry in Chicago.

Dora Fair, 16 years old, and Lewis Rogers, 23 years old, Cherokee Indians who were from Choctaw, Okla., were arrested in Kansas City, Mo.

Six severe earthquake shocks threw the people of Virginia City into a panic.

Elbert Hubbard, author and lecturer, was badly crushed by a falling tree near East Aurora, N. Y.

Acting President Gomez of Venezuela ousted all the members of Castro's cabinet and formed a new ministry.

On charges of bribery and conspiracy, President William Brand of the common council of Pittsburg, Pa., six members of the finance committee of the common and select councils, and W. M. Ramsey, president, and A. A. Vilsack, cashier, of the German National, one of Pittsburg's leading banks, were arrested.

Mrs. Emily Crane Chadbourne of Chicago completed the payment of \$152,820 to the government and has possession of the valuable tapestries and art works seized by customs officials when they were imported from England last July.

A. B. Stickney, president and one of the receivers of the Chicago Great Western railway, resigned his receivership of that road and H. C. Burt was appointed to the place.

Seized with a sinking spell while driving an electric automobile, Mrs. Clara Courtwright, aged 60 years, of Waterloo, Ia., fell from the machine and was run over by it and killed.

The Frankfurter Zeitung learns from a reliable source that Austria-Hungary is prepared to grant Turkey \$200,000,000 as compensation for the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The jury in the case of state agent James H. Parrish, an Owensboro (Ky.) banker, charged with receiving a deposit when his bank, the Owensboro Savings Bank and Trust Company, was insolvent, reported that it could not agree, and was discharged.

Father James A. Kelly of Paterson, N. J., on his way to Ireland, fell or jumped overboard from the steamer Arabic and was drowned.

John Robb Murdoch, member of a prominent Pittsburg, Pa., family, committed suicide in a hospital.

M. Matter, the public prosecutor, is presenting his conclusion to the Paris court in the suit involving the custody of the Castellane children, recommended that the children be given to the mother.

Arizona Lyle, St. Louis carpenter, and his brother, William A. Lyle, a railway clerk, have been informed that they are part heirs to an estate in the heart of Wilmington, Del., worth \$80,000,000.

Patrick Green of Montreal, a pedler, was killed near Flaster Rock, N. B., by highwaymen who made their escape with a valise said to contain \$3,000.

It is feared that the anti-forgery movement at Canton, originally caused by the death of a cooie on the steamship Falsham, will culminate in an outbreak against all foreigners.

The body of John Kuhn, 88, was found lying in the snow in front of his little cabin near Stark, this morning. The aged man lived alone. Wednesday he visited his grandson's store in Stark, and seemed in the best of health. He had not been seen since, however, and Monday morning the grandson went to investigate. It is thought that the aged man was overcome and died from exposure.

Wm. Howe, aged 68, formerly a rich real estate dealer of Hastings, is dead in the county poorhouse. He was paralyzed and his condition rendered worse by domestic trouble. He will be buried in the potter's field.

BOY BURGLAR WAS A SLICK ONE

LOOTED BOXES IN MT. CLEMENS POSTOFFICE AND SEVERAL DWELLINGS.

HE HAD \$25,000 IN CHECKS

Forgery Led to Suspicion, Capture and Confession and Recovery of Most of the Stolen Property.

To the chief of police of Mt. Clemens and Postmaster Frank E. Nellis, John Upleger, 15 years old, tonight confessed to having systematically robbed local postoffice boxes of checks, certificates of deposit and money orders to the face value of \$25,000 or \$30,000.

This confession was supplemented by a second in which the lad admitted that he had plundered several houses in the city and had stolen various sums of money from his grandmother, his mother and his sister.

From his employer, Upleger told the chief of police, he had stolen a bank check book. He declared he had filed out three checks, each for \$25, and had cashed all of them. It was while he was cashing the third check, drawn on the Citizens' Savings Bank of St. Louis, Mo., and signed with the name of E. D. Milton, a photographer in the Denver building, that he was detected.

When the boy was confronted with this evidence he alleged to have admitted his guilt and the officers searched his room on Miller street, where a great number of checks, drafts, certificates of deposit and money orders were found in an envelope bearing the address of the Mt. Clemens Savings Bank.

Since November, local banks have complained of the loss of a large number of letters containing remittances through the postoffice, and while a diligent search was made for the thief, the boy was not traced until today. When the findings in the papers in Upleger's room was made known to him, he said that he knew nothing of them except that another boy had given them to him, but vigorous questioning brought out the fact that the boy was one of the three Mt. Clemens savings banks, Harry Widrig, insurance agent, and James Watson had been frequently robbed of their contents and that the boy had destroyed the envelopes and hidden his plunder, to the face value of \$25,000, in his room.

The money orders were taken in charge by Postmaster Nellis, in charge of the postoffice, and held by the police department, awaiting further developments.

Deer Hunting Fatalities.

Twenty-nine fatal accidents occurred during the deer hunting season in Michigan in 1908. The statistics from the records of the biological survey, United States department of agriculture, and they show not only that this number of men were killed but that in this respect Michigan leads the country. In other states killed as many men during the season, but not so many although some others killed more deer.

Some of these fatalities were due to careless handling of guns in the camps, but the majority were due to careless handling of horns. In one case a man was killed by a deer while none at all were occasioned by horns fired from high-power guns and while from such a distance that no one knew who fired the shot. This last had been an anticipated danger, but experience so far has failed to demonstrate that it is a danger. However, the slaughter of men by horns of deer has reached such proportions that several of the states have attempted to legislate for the better protection of hunters. The leaders in this are Maine and Colorado, in both of which no deer without horns may be lawfully killed. The theory is that the hunter who has to ascertain whether his proposed victim has horns will also learn, in spite of himself, whether it is a man or a deer.

Michigan Brevities.

A cow stepped upon the chest of Myron Harecourt, a Morenci farmer, and killed him.

Otto Gilgippe, aged 30, of Bay City, died Tuesday from injuries received while working in the Wenona mine last September. He was struck on the head by a falling iron rod.

The Michigan Central has added three new locomotives to the Bay City division, capable of hauling 20 loaded cars any of the steep grades of this line. Each weighs 110 tons.

Mrs. Sarah J. Clark, 55 years old, was killed while crossing the Michigan Central railroad tracks near her home in Grand Rapids shortly after 6 o'clock Thursday night. Her body was frightfully mangled.

Yeggenm broke into the Grass Lake store and stole the safe early Sunday morning. He secured a quantity of stamps and \$25 in money. People living in the village heard the explosion but did not venture out.

Mrs. James Calhoun, wife of a farmer living near Kalamazoo, narrowly escaped death while interfering in a quarrel between her husband and Joe Scott, a negro. It is alleged, swung an ax, cutting a gash on Mrs. Calhoun's arm.

William H. Powilus, of Saginaw, has started out in the circuit court against August Golowbesky to recover possession of his 5-year-old son, Lee. He says he was put the little fellow with the Golowbesky family and that they now refuse to give him up.

The sentence of Sherwood Clemons, bookkeeper, who confessed to burning the Grand Trunk depot in Bay City to hide a defalcation, has been deferred pending the checking over of his accounts, which he is assisting under guard. His shortage is alleged to be \$1,100.

Judge Loyal E. Knappen in the United States district court Tuesday denied the motions of the Pere Marquette railroad for new trials in two of the cases brought against the railroad by Nels Jensen and wife, who were injured in the Salem wreck. The lower court's award of \$800 to Jensen for damages arising from the loss of companionship and the services of his wife was declared excessive.

A new trial is ordered unless Jensen is willing to accept an award of \$200.

John Stafford, 55, a farmer, came to the police with a tale of woe Wednesday that a newly-made friend had robbed him of his suitcase and clothing.

Turkey made her bow as a full fledged constitutional monarch when the new Ottoman parliament held its first session.

The tentative selection of Salt Lake City as the next meeting place of the Grand Army of the Republic was confirmed by the executive committee which has been investigating the accommodations afforded by the city.

Dr. Thomas Birdsong, slayer of Dr. A. B. Pitts, a prominent physician of Hazelhurst, Miss., entered a plea of guilty, and was given a life sentence in the penitentiary.

Small Farmers Hard Hit.

Information is coming to the state from various sections of the state that a great many small farmers are being hit hard by the foot and mouth disease embargo in a way that has not heretofore been mentioned.

The small farmers, as is the custom, fattened stock, particularly hogs, to sell when winter set in. They counted on the money from this stock to pay their taxes and meet other end-of-the-year expenses.

Ordinarily the market price for hogs is based on Chicago and Buffalo prices. Buyers from both Chicago and Buffalo as well as from Detroit are in the field bidding for stock. Now that the embargo is on, the packing houses of Detroit and a few of the other larger Michigan cities have the field all to themselves.

Small farmers were stock fattened for the Christmas market, but they are at the prices offered by the Michigan buyers, or not at all. These Michigan buyers, the farmers complain, taking advantage of the situation, refuse to give them within several cents a pound of the Chicago and Buffalo market prices. The farmers must either sell at these cut-rate prices or continue to feed the stock all winter or until the embargo is raised. Some of the wealthier farmers through the state are reported to be buying up the poor farmers' fattened stock at the reduced rate.

Stabbed Twice.

Charged with having stabbed Neil Macfarlane, 60 years old, Chas. Hildebrand was arraigned in St. Ignace Saturday on his plea of not guilty.

How a Christmas sleigh ride party came near having a fatal ending was told in connection with the apprehension of Hildebrand.

Hildebrand was riding one party Macfarlane and another, when the teams approached each other. Neither would turn out to allow the other to pass and an altercation followed. The men are alleged to have begun fighting after the conversation. When the fracas ended, Macfarlane was suffering from two wounds in the back.

The affair occurred some distance from this city, but Hildebrand came in here today and told his story to the sheriff, who detained him. Macfarlane is said to be seriously injured, physicians being of the opinion that the knife blade penetrated a lung.

Endangers a Town.

Because the walls of the building have become so badly cracked it is impossible to heat the structure sufficiently, the Columbia hospital at Norway, N. J., has been closed.

The trouble is due to a settling of the ground, caused by the mining operations at the United States Steel corporation's big Aragon property, and the workings of which extends under the city. The caving system is employed, the surface being permitted to sink as the iron ore is mined, but the result that a large area of the town has become affected and there is in progress a wholesale removal of the business district to a new location.

The Ginseng Crop.

Eaton county has become one of the principal ginseng producing counties in the state, and this season the raisers of this valuable product in this locality have marketed an extraordinary large quantity of the roots, all of which were exported to China. The industry in its infancy, but the Eaton county producers have harvested a total of about \$50,000 worth this year, and next season, which will be the regular five-year harvest, the yield will be more than four times that amount. The demand for the roots is much greater than the supply and there is always a good market for all that is raised, at upward of \$5 a pound.

Will Review the Case.

President Roosevelt met the appeal of the labor organizations to prevent the imprisonment of Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, by Attorney-General Bonaparte, that he desires to go over with him the proceedings in the contempt case.

Pending this conference, there will be no public announcement made by the president. Although the White House does not convey the impression that the court's action was unjust, the president feels that the appeals made to him are of sufficient importance to call for his earnest consideration.

William J. Bryan was chief among nearly two score of men, the majority of whom are leaders in the labor movement of the country, who sent messages expressive of their cordial sympathy to the convicted trio.

The messages, which came from every section of the country, and voiced the sentiments of persons in almost every avenue of life, expressed feelings of regret over the court's decision, extended moral and financial support, and in some instances expressed indignation.

There are upwards of 500 carloads of hay on sidings at Eaton Rapids awaiting the lifting of the embargo on state hay.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Cattle: Extra dry cows, \$15.00; extra dry cows, \$14.00; extra dry cows, \$13.00; extra dry cows, \$12.00; extra dry cows, \$11.00; extra dry cows, \$10.00; extra dry cows, \$9.00; extra dry cows, \$8.00; extra dry cows, \$7.00; extra dry cows, \$6.00; extra dry cows, \$5.00; extra dry cows, \$4.00; extra dry cows, \$3.00; extra dry cows, \$2.00; extra dry cows, \$1.00; extra dry cows, \$0.50; extra dry cows, \$0.25; extra dry cows, \$0.10; extra dry cows, \$0.05; extra dry cows, \$0.02; extra dry cows, \$0.01.

Sheep and lambs—Market strong at yesterday's prices. Best lambs, \$16.00; fair to good lambs, \$15.00; light to common lambs, \$14.00; fair to good butchers sheep, \$12.00; culls and common, \$10.00; extra dry cows, \$11.00; extra dry cows, \$10.00; extra dry cows, \$9.00; extra dry cows, \$8.00; extra dry cows, \$7.00; extra dry cows, \$6.00; extra dry cows, \$5.00; extra dry cows, \$4.00; extra dry cows, \$3.00; extra dry cows, \$2.00; extra dry cows, \$1.00; extra dry cows, \$0.50; extra dry cows, \$0.25; extra dry cows, \$0.10; extra dry cows, \$0.05; extra dry cows, \$0.02; extra dry cows, \$0.01.

Hogs—Market steady with Wednesday's range of prices. Light to good butchers, \$12.00; light to good butchers, \$11.00; light to good butchers, \$10.00; light to good butchers, \$9.00; light to good butchers, \$8.00; light to good butchers, \$7.00; light to good butchers, \$6.00; light to good butchers, \$5.00; light to good butchers, \$4.00; light to good butchers, \$3.00; light to good butchers, \$2.00; light to good butchers, \$1.00; light to good butchers, \$0.50; light to good butchers, \$0.25; light to good butchers, \$0.10; light to good butchers, \$0.05; light to good butchers, \$0.02; light to good butchers, \$0.01.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Wheat: No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00; No. 4, \$0.95; No. 5, \$0.90; No. 6, \$0.85; No. 7, \$0.80; No. 8, \$0.75; No. 9, \$0.70; No. 10, \$0.65; No. 11, \$0.60; No. 12, \$0.55; No. 13, \$0.50; No. 14, \$0.45; No. 15, \$0.40; No. 16, \$0.35; No. 17, \$0.30; No. 18, \$0.25; No. 19, \$0.20; No. 20, \$0.15; No. 21, \$0.10; No. 22, \$0.05; No. 23, \$0.02; No. 24, \$0.01.

Receipts of coarse grain are light. No. 1, \$1.10; No. 2, \$1.05; No. 3, \$1.00; No. 4, \$0.95; No. 5, \$0.90; No. 6, \$0.85; No. 7, \$0.80; No. 8, \$0.75; No. 9, \$0.70; No. 10, \$0.65; No. 11, \$0.60; No. 12, \$0.55; No. 13, \$0.50; No. 14, \$0.45; No. 15, \$0.40; No. 16, \$0.35; No. 17, \$0.30; No. 18, \$0.25; No. 19, \$0.20; No. 20, \$0.15; No. 21, \$0.10; No. 22, \$0.05; No. 23, \$0.02; No. 24, \$0.01.

Wheat—Market steady with Wednesday's range of prices. Light to good butchers, \$12.00; light to good butchers, \$11.00; light to good butchers, \$10.00; light to good butchers, \$9.00; light to good butchers, \$8.00; light to good butchers, \$7.00; light to good butchers, \$6.00; light to good butchers, \$5.00; light to good butchers, \$4.00; light to good butchers, \$3.00; light to good butchers, \$2.00; light to good butchers, \$1.00; light to good butchers, \$0.50; light to good butchers, \$0.25; light to good butchers, \$0.10; light to good butchers, \$0.05; light to good butchers, \$0.02; light to good butchers, \$0.01.

Oats are firm and unchanged. Nothing doing.

Rye is steady and trading light. There is nothing doing in the bean market. May is freely offered and the market is active and steady. Demand is good and offerings fair.

Mrs. Mary E. Farrell, eldest member of the Methodist church in the United States, celebrated her one hundred and fifth birthday in Midland Park, N. J. The aged woman retains her faculties and is in vigorous health, although she suffers considerably from rheumatism.

The sixtieth congress will expire March 4 and it is expected President Taft will immediately issue a proclamation calling a special session for the review of the tariff to meet March 15. Republican leaders believe the special session will last well into the summer.







HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Mrs. George Comstock spent last week in Grand Rapids. Ed O'Connor spent Christmas at his home in Muskegon. Art McMahon spent Christmas at the home of his mother here. Dexter Conklin is spending his vacation with friends in Horsey. Hud Shepard and son Walter of Hastings were in town Monday. Chas. Fisher of Chicago spent Christmas with his parents here. Buckwheat bran the ideal cow feed \$20.00 per ton King Milling Co. H. S. Schreiner of Grand Rapids was in town on business Saturday. Miss Helen Winters of Greenville is the guest of Miss Lila Lawrence. Misses Florence and Mary Scott spent several days last week in Grand Rapids. Mrs. Merritt visited her daughter, Mrs. Fred Pluckney at Lansing over Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Burt Charles and daughter Edith spent Christmas in Grand Rapids. Miss Beale Kerekes of Lake Odessa is spending her vacation with her parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conklin and little daughter spent Christmas with their parents here. Miss Fannie Courtwright of Hillsdale spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Ariel Lawrence. Mrs. Clara Doyle of Three Oaks spent Christmas with her mother Mrs. Helen Batey. Mrs. Lee of Grand Rapids has been spending a week with her daughter Mrs. F. T. King. Miss Inez Coats left Thursday for New Orleans, Louisiana, where she has accepted a position. Miss Mary Childs of Grand Rapids spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Nell Cameron and family. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Drow of Ionia spent Christmas with their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Orson Roff. Mrs. L. P. Thomas spent Christmas and Sunday in Marshall with her mother, who is ill. Frank M. Lee of Milwaukee spent several days last week with his mother Mrs. Edmund Lee. Mrs. Benj. Morse is spending two weeks in Charlotte, visiting the family of her brother Chas. Blakeslee. Now is the time to use Henry's hand lotion 4 oz. bottle 10c, only at Henry's drug store. Mrs. E. D. McQueen and son Bruce attended "Brewsters Millions" at Powers' theatre, Grand Rapids, yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Wright, former residents of this place spent Christmas with their parents Rev. E. Wright and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Richard of Grand Rapids spent Christmas at the home of Hannah Roff and other relatives. Dr. W. E. Post of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Post and family of Grand Rapids spent Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Post. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Warner of Altoate Christmas dinner with their mother and sister, Mrs. Ann Sayles and Miss Emma Sayles. List of unclaimed letters at Lowell post office for Wm. Barber, 2 Max Larson, Standard Oil Co., Will Elumpp, Mrs. C. Howard, Mrs. R. B. Peters, Miss Edith Morse. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gernus and daughter Nina of Grand Rapids have been spending a few days with their mother Mrs. Helen Batey and other relatives. Buckwheat bran the ideal cow feed \$20.00 per ton King Milling Co. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Godfrey and daughter Marlon and Mrs. S. J. Hakes of Hastings and Miss Letta Harrison of Kalamazoo were guests at the home of H. W. Hakes Christmas. Auction Sale—The farm stock, tools, etc., on the E. Hong farm 1 mile west and 1/2 mile north of Lowell will be sold at auction on Wednesday Jan. 6, 1909, beginning at 12:30 sharp. The list includes 2 horses and fifteen cows, 3 of which are new milch. See bills printed at Ledger office. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers entertained the following at dinner Christmas: Messrs. and Mesdames Geo. M. Parker and family, Harold Hiler and son, Fred Miller and family and Mrs. Beckwith and son Frank all of Vergennes. A pleasant Christmas party was held at the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lee in Keene, and an elaborate dinner served. Covers were laid for twelve guests. The decorations were in the usual Christmas colors and favors were holly and Christmas cards. In the afternoon the company was entertained with singing, phonograph music and a Christmas tree. The host and hostess are royal entertainers and that they may be spared to spend another joyful Christmas, is the wish of One who was there.



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One Lot Men's Shoes \$1.98
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One lot ladies shoes 1.98
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We haven't time to tell all. Come and see for yourself. We will simply state that this is a genuine bonafide sale of reliable footwear. Prices sacrificed for room and money.
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Any \$2.00 Shoe \$1.73 Any \$1.00 Shoe 88c
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We are noted for carrying the best line of children's shoes on the market. Ask your friends, they know.
Ladies Warm Lined Shoes 1/4 off. High Top Martha Washingtons \$2.88 Ladies Comfort Shoes Cheap.
Remember Positively Cash Only and no goods shall be laid away. Come and see us let us supply your shoe wants. Our tables are fairly groaning with bargains for you.

Society Women

Some Spend Hundreds of Dollars a Year on Their Hair. Leaders of society in New York know the social value of attractive hair, and according to a metropolitan newspaper every society woman spends a great deal of money to keep her hair beautiful and resplendent. These women employ highly paid hair dressers and specialists, and so long as they have the money to gratify their desire for beautiful hair, none should complain. But what about the thousands upon thousands of women just as intelligent, just as refined and just as lovable as any society women, who have not the means for expert hair dressers and specialists? What are they to do? Are they not entitled to beautiful lustrous and luxuriant hair? Most assuredly they are and thousands of them give thanks daily to the great scientist and dermatologist who put within their reach, at a small price, the marvelous and quick acting hair tonic known all over America as Parisian Sage. M. N. Henry will sell you a large bottle of Parisian Sage for 50 cents. It will make any woman's hair grow thicker, more beautiful and more lustrous in a few weeks. It cures dandruff by killing the microbes, and is guaranteed by M. N. Henry to cure dandruff stop falling hair and itching scalp in two weeks, or money back. Get a bottle while it's on your mind. It is a most pleasant hair dressing, and is not sticky or greasy. For sale by M. N. Henry or direct, all express charges prepaid, from Citron Mfg. Co., Buffalo, N. Y.
FOR SALE—two Round Oak heater and one cook stove, S. E. Moyer, 2 wp
Railroad Trains leaving Lowell.
PERE MARQUETTE.
For Saginaw: 7:50 a. m., 5:55 p. m.
For Grand Rapids: 10:45 a. m., 8:50 p. m., 8:45 p. m.
For Belding: 10 a. m. For Freeport 3:50 p. m.
Connect at Eldorado for Detroit
GRAND TRUNK.
Time Table in Effect Sept. 28, 1905
Going East: 6:56 a. m., 9:38 a. m., 3:00 p. m., 7:28 p. m.
Going West: 9:38 a. m., 12:12 p. m., 5:09 p. m., 8:23 p. m.

H. W. HAKES Licensed Embalmer and Funeral Director Telephone Calls Given Prompt Attention. CITIZENS PHONES: OFFICE 22 HOUSE 150 Lowell, Michigan

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Miss Louise Little of Hastings is spending her vacation with her parents here.
Miss Rena Vanderwal is home from her school at Byron Center for the holidays.
Roene Thayer spent Christmas and Sunday at his home in Greenville.
Miss Clara West of Grand Rapids spent Christmas with Miss Edith Mance.
Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Boylan expect to leave soon to spend the balance of the winter in Florida.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nicholson and two children, Loretta and Earl are spending the holidays with relatives in Utah.
Madell's white pine with mentholated for will stop that cough, 4oz. bottle 25c Henry's Drugstore.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Porter of Burton, Ont., are spending a few days with the latter's sister Mrs. C. O. Lawrence and family.
Claude Parker who has been working for the past ten months in Groton, N. Y., returned last Wednesday and will remain for the present.
Mrs. Florence Fuller of Grand Rapids, Mrs. and Mrs. Joe Klyon and Mrs. Jas. Murphy spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Murphy.
Messrs. and Mesdames Edwin Hoken and family, and Roland Asra all of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Burdick were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Burdick Christmas.
Miss Florence Malone and Jim Cavanaugh of Grand Rapids visited Miss Francis Drew and attended the dance here Tuesday night.
Born—at Elgin, Ill., Dec. 28, a 12-pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. White. Grandpa White is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.
A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rouse Christmas day, with ten present. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Ava Thomas and Frank Trednick of Grand Rapids.
Your name, business and address printed on 100 good white business envelopes, only 35c. While the supply lasts we will throw in a large tablet of good pen-writing letter paper and the Ledger office.
"Glennies in Bee Culture" is a semi-monthly magazine the nature of which is indicated by its title. The December number is full of interest to bee growers. It is published by the A. I. Root company, Medina, Ohio, subscription price \$1.00 per year.
For sale—House and nearly an acre of ground, good cellar and well water, house in good condition, reasonable terms. Inquire of Chester Leary.
Magazine bargain: The Lowell Ledger, Review of Reviews, Woman's Home Companion and McClure's Magazine—total value \$6.75; our price for all four one year only \$4.00. Don't miss this. The Ledger, Mail orders taken.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Guilford and daughter Florence of Detroit spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Rose Ford. Mr. Guilford returned home Saturday but Mrs. Guilford and Florence will remain during the holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Francisco entertained the following relatives and friends at dinner Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Wladislaw Francisco and son Dan, and Miss Harton and Chas. Klein all of Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jakeway and family and Mrs. Lydia Francisco all of Mancel and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. White.

Wood! Wood! Wood! Prices reduced 400 cords nice and dry, only \$2.00 per cord delivered Mill wood \$1.50, order quick before it's all gone. Lowell Lumber Co.
Greetings A Happy 1909 to All We sincerely thank each and every one of our customers for all favors extended to us in 1908. The substantial increase in our business during the past year shows that people like the way our store is conducted, everything up-to-date, quick and accurate service. The best at reasonable prices is our motto. If you are not already a customer of ours, you will find it to your advantage to do some business with us in 1909. M. N. Henry, The Modern Druggist, Lowell New Year Post Cards, Calendars, Diaries, Almanacs.

Boarders wanted, Mrs. M. W. Morse, Buckwheat bran the ideal cow feed \$20.00 per ton King Milling Co. Rooms to rent in the Pullen block See the new Lowell post cards at W. S. Winegar's. Leo Walsh of Grand Rapids spent Christmas at the home of his mother here. Fred Davis of Harbor Springs spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Trednick. Miss Beyril Nash of Muskegon is visiting her aunt Mrs. M. E. Hoyle this week. J. B. Sturgis of Howard City is visiting his grand parents Mr. and Mrs. James Leslie. Mrs. D. S. Ferris of Litchfield spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. A. Briscoe. Mrs. H. T. Cook of South Haven is spending the holidays with her sister Mrs. A. Briscoe. Mrs. Geo. Willard was in Ionia Thursday to see her son's baby who had a relapse and was intelligible again. Dandy line of new Lowell post cards at W. S. Winegar's. For sale—Good second hand cutter cheap. Enquire at residence of S. Brower, southeast corner from Central school building. Buckwheat bran \$20.00 per ton, King Milling Co. Now is the time to have some potato and cucumber crate stock sawed out, from bolts. The Smith-Cornell Co. will do it in the Youngs plant by the Grand Trunk depot. Miss Ida Cogswell of Grand Rapids spent Christmas and Sunday with her parents and sister here. Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cogswell and Mrs. David Mance. Home to rent—Enquire of Mrs. Clyde Collar. Born, December 27, at Harbor Springs, Mich., an 8-pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lane, named Vivian Carter Lane. Mother and child doing well.

In Starting the New Year We desire to thank our many friends and patrons for the substantial favors extended to us in the year just past. Our trade has been most satisfactory and beyond our expectations which we believe is due in a measure to the painstaking care we exercise in looking after the wants of our customers. In the year to come we shall pursue the same policy, and will devote our whole attention to the Jewelry and Optical business (this being an era of specialization) thereby giving you better service in these lines. If you are not already a customer, we invite you to become one. Wishing you all a Happy and prosperous New Year, Yours for business, Williams THE JEWELER.

Buckwheat bran \$20.00 per ton, King Milling Co. John Arehart spent Christmas at his home in Martin. Will Doyle of Grand Rapids is spending his vacation with his parents here. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Sedelwitz spent Christmas with friends in Muskegon. FOR SALE—Second-hand robes single and double harness and bugles. Dr. Towseley. Howard Koelber of Muskegon has been spending several days at the home of John Berg. Miss Mae McCormick of Ada has been spending several days with Misses Bertha and Mollie Doyle. LOWELL Real ESTATE CO., 181, Geo. M. Parker, Manager, Phone Lowell Mich. Miss Lucy Whitlow is spending this week in Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Burr and little daughter spent Christmas in Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Gunn are spending a few weeks in Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Look entertain the Supper club at their home this evening. GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM The Grand Trunk 1 1/2 city Valley double track route via Sagara Falls to New York, Philadelphia and Buffalo is a splendid line from Michigan to the many commercial cities of the Middle Atlantic States. Three solid trains daily of coaches and sleeping cars offer passenger unsurpassed accommodations. For rates time tables etc. call on any Grand Trunk agent or write to Geo. W. Vaux, A. G. P. & T. A. 135 Adams St. Chicago

Clubbing List. We will continue our former custom of applying Ledger subscribers with outside reading matter at clubbing rates. Ledger and New York Tribune Farmer... \$1.50 Ledger and New York Tribune-a Week Tribune... 1.75 Ledger and Michigan Farmer... 1.50 Ledger and Grand Rapids Daily Herald, rural routes only... 2.50 Ledger and Grand Rapids Daily Press, rural routes only... 2.50 Ledger and Toledo Blade Weekly... 1.25 Ledger, Bayard Home Companion and McClure's Magazine—total value \$6.75, our price only... 4.00 Ledger and Success Magazine \$1.65 Ledger and Detroit Journal semi-weekly... 1.70 Ledger and Cosmopolitan Magazine... 1.65 Ledger and Detroit Daily Times, new and rural routes only... 2.60 Ledger and Detroit Free Press, rural routes only... 3.50 The Ledger and Grand Rapids Daily News... 2.20 a-Week World... 1.65 Ledger and Chicago Daily Tribune... 3.00 Many other money saving opportunities to you. We can give you reduced on almost any publication you may want. No charge for our services. Simply pay up arrears and a year in advance on The Ledger and we do the work for nothing. If you don't see what you want in above list, ask for it.

PROPERTY FOR SALE by Lowell Real Estate Company

Property listed with us will be advertised free, no sale no charge. A good 12-room house newly painted inside and out, west side on Main street. Good water, large lot small barn. Say part cash and balance on easy terms, or would consider good well, in exchange of nearly equal value. Geo. M. Parker. A No. 1 1/2 acre farm in Campbell township for sale. First class buildings. See Parker. Forty acres 5 miles northeast of Lowell, all clear, good soil, old and young orchards, good water, 9 room house, barn 30x40 granary and chicken house. Price \$1800, part cash. Good 40-acre farm 4 1/2 miles south of town, 38 acres cleared, 2 acres timber, surface level, small apple orchard, good well, good 7-room, 2 story house, good barn 45x38 and other small buildings suitable for small farm. One-half crops goes with this place. Price \$1800 if taken soon. Eighty acres north from Lowell, good sandy loam soil, small apple orchard, good well in house, first class 7-room house, good horse barn, good grain barn, ice house and all other buildings needed on a farm \$3000 will buy this place, say \$1500 down and balance on easy terms. House—8 rooms—2 blocks from Main st. for sale cheap. See Parker. House and large lot on South side 8 rooms, chicken house, elstern, etc. A good one and cheap. Fine home in village, 9-room house, well, elstern, etc. West side. Anyone looking for something good. Here 'tis. GOOD 8 ROOM HOUSE in good repair, well located on good street well, car, elstern, electric lights, cement walks, high and dry, 3 lots fruit, good barn. Fine home for some one. Owner going west and must sell. \$1900 takes it. Lowell Real Estate Co. Good home within the village limits, 2 story, 7 room house, 5 acres good clay land, all kinds of fruit, including vineyard, barn, poultry-house, etc. Owner going to move away. Fine chance for someone. Lowell Real Estate Company. See Johnson. Farm of 110 acres 7 miles southwest of Lowell, good 7-room house large basement barn, poultry house hog house etc, 4 acre young apple orchard, Price 4000 if taken soon. Forty acres 6 miles northwest of Saranac, new 7-room house, basement barn, 2 acres timber, first class clay loam, 4 acres bearing orchard. This is a good one and a bargain for some one at 2800. Farm, good 40 acres 3 miles west of Lowell, 35 acres clear, 5 acres timber, sandy loam, slightly rolling, orchard, well, good fences, fair house and barn \$1000. Farm 4 acres, 5 miles north of Lowell, all clear, clay loam, rolling apple orchard, good water, fair fences, 7 room house, frame barn 30x40, corn crib, \$1200, cash and terms. House and 4 lots in village, good 8 rooms, well and elstern, small barn a bargain at \$700. Farm—90 acres 5 miles northeast of Lowell, 80 acres timber, clay loam, rolling, 5 acres apples, 2 good wells, fair fences, good 16-room house, barn 40x50, good hen house, tool house, \$4,000. Farm 80 acres 2 1/2 miles north of Lowell, 70 acres cleared 10 acres timber, rolling, small apple orchard, good water, fair fences, good house, two good barns and granary. Will sell or trade. House and lot on East side, close in, 7 rooms and large barn. \$650 takes it. Lowell Real Estate Co.

Suprised and Pleased About the happiest surprise open to the considerate house wife is to give her husband a treat of something out of the ordinary for dinner—something refreshing, appetizing, etc. About the easiest way to plan it is to come down and let our stock of good things suggest the proper combination for a real palate tickler. Your husband will always be our customer if you do this. M. C. DECOU Phone 89. Lowell, Mich.