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Matter Before Lowell Board of Trade.

Following is an excerpt from the address of Arthur S. White of Grand Rapids before the Decem-ber meeting of the Lowell Board

Personally 1 entertain very leasant recolections of Low-

ell. My first sojourn in your town was during the painfully remembered race meeting of spent one week in studying the

golddust nags, and recording their achieve-ments. During the week, I met Dr. Peck, John M. Mathewson,

the remainder of their lives.

In later years, I spent brief periods in Lowell, and became acquainted. among others, with Doctor McDannell. Simeon Hunt, Charles McCarty, John Kopf, Orton Hill, L. H. Hunt, James W., C. R. and Milton B. Hine, Justice Hunter, Harmon Nash, M. M. Perry, S. P. Hicks, "Doc." Ellsworth, J. D. and N. P. Husted, Mr. Trask and A. W. Weekes. With the latter I had the pleasure of serving a term in the state ure of serving a term in the state ents. Mrs. Ella Cheetham, C. I

community might be proud of. Fletcher, Will Ackerson, Charles Grand Rapids, long ago, recog-nized the high character of your Many thanks for citizens, and has drawn upon payments. your town for a goodly number of them. The people of Grand
Rapids use the products of your
industries, quite largely, and the
water which passes through your
out of the Lowell Department of

fear of evil resulting therefrom. ed very soon now. Perhaps a few words in regard might interest you.

It is estimated by the federal government authorities, that there are upwards of seven thousand civic organization, chambers of commerce or boards of located, fail to gain success. trade, in the United States, whose purpose is practically the same
—the development of the moral,
social and material interests of
the communities in which they
are located. Practically every city and village of one thousand people, or more, has its commercial organization. These organizations are community necessities; the service they render is practical and valuable. Through their operation communities grow bigger, busier and better. The members, as a rule, labor for the promotion of the best interest of their town. Every citizen is indebted to his town for affording him an opportunity to increase his wealth, and for the privilege of educating his children, at the expense of the public.

A capitalist, looking for an opening to start a business, comes to Lowell, and finds what he seeks. He did not create that opening, but takes advantage of conditions others created for Why should he not join hands with those who are labor-

ing to develop the town?
I presume the Lowell Board of Trade has given much time to the investigation of plans, de-signed to improve the industrial welfare of your town, and that you have learned that fully ninety-nine per cent of the promoters of industries, that have sought a location and financial backing within your borders, are not operating successfully in their present locations. If they were, they would not think of moving. On the other hand, when a local industry enlarges its plant and broadens its trade, proof is furnished of capable management and successful

An interesting fact is that the manufacturing industries of Grand Rapids. Flint, Detroit, Muskegon, Lansing and Owosso have been developed from within. The Continental Motorcompany, one of the greatest industries of Muskegon, located in that city when it was a very small and weak corporation, in direct opposition to, and in spite of the discouragement offered by the chamber of commerce of that city. Flint did not have a chamber of commerce until recently, but local enterprise has made that city one of the most prosper-

ous in the state. Last year the chamber of commerce of Lansing kept eighty-five bankrupt corporations out of that city because they asked for financial support, and the incapacity of the owners, for successful management. Statistics prove that ninety-five per cent of

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F. Williamson, Chas. L. Buttrick, W. S. Merrill, S. J. Carter, F. E. White, Wm. Pullen, A. J. Covert, C. H. Green, Rev. J. H. Wesbrook, F. J. Fox, Mrs. D. K. Thyng. H. S. Bailey, D. B. Fero, Chas. F. Lane, Chris. Blaser, Paul Curtiss, A. D. Oliver, J. A. Carey, H. L. Wester of Otsego. Four generations were represented, ages ranging from 7 to 87 years.

Mr. Sayles served his country in the Civil war with the Eleventh Michigan Cavalry about two Michigan Cavalry about two wars and is still baland hearty. F. Williamson, Chas. L. Buttrick.

Many thanks for the above

town and past your doors, which several thousand Kent County you would not use for domestic Directories" We don't like het purposes, is drank without any think so, but they MUST be print-

to boards of trade in general the industries that are moved from one locality to another, for a bonus, fail. The mercantile agencies report that upwards of ninety per cent of all industries. no matter where they may be

When boards of trade devote are located. Practically every such a community, without financial stimulation.

> Years ago, the association of commerce of Grand Rapids, operated the bonus system, in an effort to enlarge and increase, the number of its manufacturing industries. Free factory sites, the cost of moving operatives, from former locations, to Grand Rapids, were tendered, and of a number of industries secured, by such offers, only one has been successful. This policy was finally abandoned, and plans for the inward development of industries were adopted. Within the tew years that the bonus plan was in operation, the failures of industries cost their local supporters hundreds of thousands of dollars. One member of the Grand Rapids association of commerce sustained a loss of \$100,000 through his investments in the stock of

corporations, that failed.

The granting of bonuses for the purpose stated is fundamentally wrong, and all progressive communities, have abandoned the plan. The law of average is so great, against success, that it industry to win.

Receipt of Subscriptions is Celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Sayles.

The golden wedding anniver-Jarvis C. Train, Martin Hine and other promoters of the affair, who had, after the meeting closed, a subject to talk about, and an experience to regret, during the remainder of their lives.

In later years, I spent brief personners of the continuing its custom of actions of the affair, knowledging receipt of current subscriptions new and renewals, in addition to those last printed. The Ledger appreciatingly reports the following:

The golden wedding anniversary of their marriage was celebrated December 17 by Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Sayles at their home in this village, which is in sight of and within ten minutes walk of the house where they were married fifty years ago.

After a bountiful dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Sayles were presented with suitable tokens of remembrance and esteem.

Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Montie Sayles, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton White, Mrs. Olive Taylor, Miss Emily Sayles, Mr. and Mrs. Will Tredenick and son, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Henry and family, Mrs. L. F. Severy. Mr. and Mrs. Clint Miller and son Merritt, Howard Sayles, Maurice Miller of Lansing, Luther Severy of Otsego. Four generations were represented, ages ranging from

years and is still hale and hearty. and has as much fun as any boy in town. Both he and Mrs. Sayles bid fair to enjoy life for many years yet; and here's hoping that they "get what's coming to

Some verses written in honor of the occasion are printed here-

#### Their Golden Wedding. Lines written on the Fiftleth An-

iversary of the marriage of Mr. and Irr. Merritt Savles.

Today to you—this man and wife— With roverence and love we bow, You've rounded fifty years of life Since when you spoke the nuptial vow Seen fifty springs ope' flowers and leaves Seen fifty summers warm and glow; Seen fifty autumns shed their sheaves: Seen fifty winters come and go.

What! Fifty year! So be it must Since these two stood up side by side And plighted faith and troth and trust As smiling groom and blushing bride.

As smiling groom and blushing bride.

Of gold-bowed spees no thought had he As erst they walked 'neath silver moons Of gold-rimmed eye-glass dreamed not she While polishing the silver spoons.

But now the golden day they face, A point that few can ever reach:

For every victor in that race,

Five hundred wrecks are on the beach.

They've not forgot the vows they made.
Are mindful now of pledge they took.
Still bright the burning words they said.
Still thrills the love light in their look.

On us he smiles serenely now
We scarce can think him growing old
No cloud rests on his manly brow,
His speech is neither harsh nor cold She too retains her winsome ways: Her lips and eyes a heart reveal, Still tender as in youthful days, As kindly warm and true as steel

As kindly warm and true as steel.

A wondrous scene we here behold.

Where grandma smiles so sweetly gay:

Where grandpa rests from growing old:

And both live o'er their youth in play.

E'en Father Time his scythe lays by

And halts a moment her to view;

These young and old who circle nigh;

From babes in bibs to four score blue.

Most noble pair! What change has been,

Since that glad day when you were wed;

New friends, some thousands have you seet

And thousands more, alas, are dead.

Yet are you spared, we all give cheer

Yet are you spared, we all give cheer For this your golden wedding day. The while we shed a silent tear For other dear ones passed away.

Of earthly ills you've borne your share: Of earthly blins have had good store; While sweetest joys are tinged with care You little need to wish for more. Good friends, adieu, but not for aye May other golden years be thine. And ever brightly gild the way, Adown the path of life's decline.

And as you near the golden gate
That opens once, but never more:
May golden sunset on you wait
Aud light you to the golden shore

German Methodist Church

No services at this church next is almost impossible for a bonused Sunday. Pastor Bank will preach in Bay City.

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O'Connor-Ernst Wedding in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Miss Ruby G. Ernst of Lowell and Mr. E. J. O'Connor of Detroit were quietly married Tuesday afternoon at St. Andrew's Parish House, Grand Rapids, Rev. J. Shmitt officiating.

They were attended by Mrs. Blanche Kellogg, sister of the bride, and Q. Gerald O'Connor, brother of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor left immediately on a short trip to De-

mediately on a short trip to Detroit and Dayton, O., and will be at home at St. Louis, Mo., after January 5.

Freeman-Taylor Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Freeman. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Freeman,

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Freeman, Miss Nemma Freeman, and Mrs. E. D. Collar and two daughters attended the wedding of their son and brother, Emery W. Freeman, of Evart and Miss Eunice Taylor of Orange at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Taylor, Tuesday, Dec. 26. They were attended by Nemma Freeman, sister of the groom, and Norman Taylor, cousin of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman wil make their home on a farm a Evart.

#### W. C. T. U. Election.

At the annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. held at the home of Mrs. Wardell, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. L. P. Hodges; 1st vice, Mrs. P. C. Freeman; 2nd vice, Mrs. John Hooker; 3rd vice, Mrs. Theodore Carter; treasurer, Mrs. Moses Erb; secretary, Ava Wardell; Pur-ity supt, Mrs. I. T. Weldon; suffrage supt., Mrs. John Hooker; Sabbath observer, Mrs. C. E. Stone. Mrs. Kyser had charge of

day, C. S. Hooker and family consisting of self, wife, son John S. and Emeretta Townsend, mov ed into the first frame dwelling house in the township of Lowell.

It was located on the ground where the M.N. Henry drug store now stands. A part of that house is still standing and owned by James Scott of Grand Rapids. Emerette later was the wife of Isaac White and the mother of Frank N.

#### CONGREGATIONAL

Subject Sunday at 10:30, What Shall We Render to the

Lord? Sunday school, 11:45. Juniors, 2:30. Endeavor, 6:15.

Preaching, 7 At South Boston: Sunday school at 2, preaching at 3:00.
The annual business meeting of the Congregational church and association will be held Tuesday

#### METHODIST CHURCH.

A. H. Lash, Minister.

Morning worship, 10:30, theme. 'Readjustments in Life." Sunday school 11:45.

January 2, 1917, at 7:30.

Junior League, 3. Senior League at 6. This service is in charge of the Cabinet. Evening service, 7:00. Prayer meeting, Thursday a

Rev. I. T. Weldon, Minister.

Which is More Important? Your business or your boy?
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## CARD OF THANKS. The undersigned wishes to express her gratitude to the Masonic fraternity of Lowell and to all other friends who have assisted

her during her great bereavement. Mrs. John Parker, Freeport, Mich.

Notice!

l expect to be away from Low-ell temporarily—to take a post graduate course in New York city. I have left my accounts with H. S. Young who is authorized to receipt for the same, and can be found at Lasby & Son's store. I would kindly ask those who are owing me to call as soon as convenient Dr. W. B. Huntley.

Tax Notice. Taxes for Lowell township are

office in the City State Bank

R. E. Springett, Treas. Vergennes Taxes. I will be at the City State bank

for collection of taxes for the township of Vergennes on Saturday, until Jan. 10.—E. M. Alger,

Township Treasurer. Keene Tax Notice. I will be at the Lowell State bank every Wednesday from De-cember 13th to January 3rd, both dates inclusive, for collection of

taxes for Keene Township. Floyd B. Sparks, Treasurer.

We thank you for the splendid business you have given the Rexall Store during 1916 and hope that 1917 may have nothing but happiness in store for

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### STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Munising Girl Wins Essay Prize.

Marquette.-Doris Powell of Munising, Alger county, is the winner of the essay-writing contest held under direction of the Upper Peninsula Development bureau, and will receive \$15 as a Christmas award. Mary Simpson of Menominee wins \$10 as second, while George Chase of Houghton gets third place and \$5. There were 31 other individual prizes. Twenty-five prizes were won by girls and eight by boys. Twenty-two winners came from the eighth grade, ten from the seventh and one from the sixth. There were 78 schools cutered in the contest for entered. Each contestant had to write a 1,000-word essay on "Clover Land, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan."

Aviator Sues Heiress. Grand Rapids,-Although she is h ing sued for \$20,000 for breach of promise by a Chicago balloonist, who says she accepted him in a balloon above the clouds, Mrs. Virgil Bodell of Casnovia is happy, because, she says, she was wooed and won for herself alone and not for the fortune of \$195,000 which she will inherit in three years, when she is twenty-one. She admitted that suit against her had been started by Leeland Hammond of Chicago, who declares that because she refused to become his wife he had suffered mental anguish and financial loss to the amount for which he is suing.

Dairy Tests Favored.

Port Huron.-In an effort to secure first made every reasonable effort to a clean and sanitary milk supply for find the owner and restore the prop this city, the members of the St. Clair erty to him, is guilty of larceny.-Sec County Milk Producers' association tion 5739-49 of the Compiled Laws of met with Dr. W. J. Duff, health officer. The members passed resolutions urging the county agriculturist, C. L. The most effective way of restoring Brody, to visit each of their respective ed in the big rotunda of the capitol. found property to the owner is barns and milk houses and to make will swing into "Hail to the Chief." recommendations for improveing sanitary conditions. Any member failing of the county agriculturist is to be the two Ferris administrations. asked to withdraw from the associa-

Held as a Murder Suspect. St. Joseph.-Frank Dombico, an Italian tailor, has been arrested in Chicago in connection with the murder near Benton Harbor, August 1, of Henry Pontorno, an Italian farmer. The murder is said to have been the outgrowth of a family feud of long slain man, told the sheriff that Dombico was one of the men she saw at her PHONES-OFFICE 1442. RES. 1443 home on the day of her husband's mur-

> Lansing.-Judge Charles H. Haight fined Albert C. Kauhl, the Lansing mechanic who several weeks ago drove his automobile into a Knights of the working for years, is now an assured Maccabees parade, \$200 and costs, fact. Ten members of Jackson tent were injured by the actident and Kauhl was

Say Officials Shun Duty.

Hillsdale,--Illegal sales of liquor, the existence of gambling "joints" and at once adopt plans for the collection failure on the part of the prosecuting House, 119 attorney and sheriff to enforce the law are charged in an open letter issued over the signatures of 180 residents of Hillsdale, Prosecutor Hall and Sheriff Keas say they have done their duty and deplore lack of assistance by

> 16-Year-Old Boy Sent to Prison. Grand Rapids,-Chester Barber, a sixteen-year-old incorrigible, was sentenced to serve from one to five years at the Ionia reformatory by Superior Judge Dunham. He was convicted of a statutory crime for which the laws provide a life sentence at the discretion of the court. Barber was too old to be sent to the reform school.

Thaws Pipe; Fires Parsonage. Kalamazoo .-- While attempting to thaw a pipe with a blow-torch, Rev. Mr. Maynard set fire to the parsonage of the Methodist church at Vicksburg, and the structure was destroyed. The Methodist church at Lacota burned, the fire being of undetermined origin. The losses total about \$10,000. Both structures will be rebuilt.

Washtenaw Bar Honors Knowlton. Ann Arbor.—Resolutions providing

Monroe Landmark Burns. the home occupied by Fred Milligan ately.

the lives of the family. Retired Pastor Dies. Bright's disease.

Flushing Has \$4,000 Fire. Flint.—Fire in the business district fectionery store and restaurant conducted by McCoy & Sullivan. The cause is undetermined.

Thaws Auto: Burns Barn. Battle Creek,-When John Dewater. florist, put an oil heater under the frozen radiator of a Ford car he was setting the scene for a \$3,000 fire. The ducing what they said are almost pro- went dry. barn and greenhouse were damaged hibitive coal prices. and two automobiles and a horse were

destroyed. \$50,000 Blaze Hits Lansing. Lansing.-Loss estimated at \$50,000 resulted from a fire at the Lansing Wagon works. The North Grand street residence section and a nearby the company \$2. actory district were threatened.

# State and General News Section of Ledger

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## ARTILLERY SALUTE TO NEW GOVERNOR

group honors, while 2,430 individuals ALBERT E. SLEEPER WILL TAKE OATH OF OFFICE AT NOON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

JUSTICE KUHN WILL GIVE CATH

Following the Governor the Other State Officers-Elect Will be Sworn in.

Lansing-Booming guns and "Hall to the Chief" will greet Albert E. him the oath of office at high noon

New Year's day. This was announced by Colonel of the Michigan National Guard, who | 22. is in charge of the inauguration day

ceremonies. The gun salute to the new govserve battalion of Detroit and will mates Christmas day. be started immediately after Justice Kuhn has finished.

At the same time, the band of the Boys Industrial school, to be station-According to present plan there will be a return to the formal cereto comply with the recommendations monies in vogue before the advent of

Following the governor, the other state officers-elect will be sworn in one at a time, including the new justice of the supreme court, Grant Fel- other workmen were seriously injurtor general and deputy state treas. death.

#### standing. Mrs.Pontorno, widow of the TEACHERS TO GET PENSION

islature of 1915 Held Conatitutional.

written by Justice Flavius L. Brooke, arrested for exceeding the speed limit. of Detroit, held that the pension fund He pleaded not guilty, but was convict- act passed by the legislature of 1915 ed by a jury. The jury recommended is constitutional and should be put As a result, the board, which was

appointed by Governor Ferris to put the act into effect, will, it is expected, of the payments from the teachers. This board is headed by Judge William F. Connolly, of Detroit.

#### MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS

of Manistee.

Secretary George Brown announced that the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Michigan Improved Live Stock Breeders' and Feeders' association will be held at the Michigan Agricul-

Mrs. Frances Dedrosh was burned to death with her daughter, Mary, six save when the farm house one and one-half miles north of Wayne, was

but the stairs collapsed. Railroad Commissioner Cunningham or the adoption of a memorial com- sent a letter to the mayors of Grand memorating the life of the late Prot. Rapids, Jackson, Lansing and other

and owned by the Godfrey estate, in | East Lansing has gone through one

ing about \$240,000. There will be no more tag days or

methods will be abolished.

was unlocked, was simply opened. and Our Young People." Owesso may establish a municipal The Lansing Brewing Co. filed nocoal dock as the result of the visit of tice of dissolution. The company has

Mayor Fred W. Green of Ionia wired When the home of Mrs. J. H. Flem- his nephew. The complaint was made Quincy Mining company announces Company E, of Ionia, in Thirty-second ing of Alma was destroyed by fire all by Orlando L. Eddy, the father of Wil- an increase in bonus payments of 25 regiment, M. N. G., in Texas, a Christ- the occupants of the house were liam Eddy, who was shot on Hallow- cents for every day worked until July mas present of \$150 from the Ypsilan- forced to flee in zero weather, garb- e'en by Strong, and died the following 1, in addition to the wage premium ti Reed Furniture company of Ionia, ed in only their night clothes. Four morning. Strong was brought before of 15 per cent which has been effective The money was sent to Captain Geo. teachers, Mrs. Fleming and her young Justice J. Charles Flynn, waived ex- six months. Two thousand men are Hogarth, who will give each man in son were in the house when the fire amination and was bound over to the affected and the bonus payments are

## MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

Stanley Papp, 37 years old, of Irand Rapids was killed when he tried to crawl between two cars at the gas

By a vote of 9 to 1, the Housewives' league of Ann Arbor decided to boycott butter and eggs for three weeks, beginning Thursday.

Park Woodward and Angus Sharlow vere shot while watching a fight at an Italian fruit stand in Muskegon. Rolly Catizona is under arrest.

The state accident fund declared a 10 per cent dividend at its annual meeting. The fund has assets of \$141,157 and liabilities of \$110,169. Charles H. Whittum of Eaton Rapids will resign as state inheritance

Sleeper as governor of Michigan as tax examiner, January 1. Mr. Whit-Chief Justice Kuhn finishes giving tum has held the position 14 years. Examinations at the Michigan Agricultural college have been started, following which fully 15,000 students will Walter Rogers, quartermaster general depart for their home on December

Dr. H. A. Haynes, superintendent of the Michigan Home and Training school at Lapter has made elaborate ernor will be fired by the naval re- plans for entertaining the 1,200 in-

Secret and honorary societies of the University of Michigan have given \$80 toward the university "Good Fellow" movement for the benefit of the Christmas fund for poor children. Domino Deblosoa, 22, pressman at

a Monroe paper mill, while cleaning a press, was squeezed in the machinery. Physicians could find no exterfor injuries but a knee wound. He Oscar E. Owens was killed and six

lows. Then will appear before the ed when a steel flywheel burst in the chief justice the line of deputy state | Harrow Spring Co.'s plant at Kalamaofficers, the deputy secretary of state, zoo. August Stimac received internal deputy attorney general, deputy audi- injuries which will probably cause his Fearful that Pontiac's water supply will give out because of the inability

of the plant with its present equipment to pump enough water to supply the city, the city commission has is-Pension Fund Act Passed at the Leg- sued an order that the supply be conserved and that no water be used needlessly.

ed of shooting William Clouture, 28, who may die as the result of being for which hundreds of Michigan shot in the back while riding in an school teachers have been religiously automobile north of Pinconning. The boy was shooting rabbits and other boys say he "just took a shot at the The supreme court, in an opinion automobile for no particular reason." Pontiac physicians have added to the high cost of living by adopting a

new scale of fees. For day calls they will charge \$2, for night calls, \$3, and 50 cents a mile for travel out of the city. Vaccinations will cost \$1 hereafter, and telephone queries, formerly free, will be charged as office calls at \$1 each. This is about a 25 per cent

Flint milk producers are rallying ers for a substantial boost per hunof dred but it is expected that they will 367,879; savings loans and discounts. Manistee is planning to order coal be asked to pay \$2.50. Poor crops \$18,178,969; commercial bonds and for distribution at cost to the poor and high cost of feeds are given as moragages, \$5,896,591; savings bonds the cause for asking better milk quo- and mortgages, \$35,984,304.

Chester White, 17 years old, former inmate of the Industrial School for tural college January 17 to 19. The killing of Alexander Samogi, a foreign reserves these percentages are followclosing day of the session will be merchant and banker, here on the ed: Commercial legal reserves, 27.66 phrases about humanity." featured by an auction sale of pedi- night of June 9 and in the presence of per cent; commercial cash reserve,

Following the trip of Mayor James B. Balch, of Kalamazoo, to Flint, podestroyed by fire. Flames awakened liticians here are discussing the pos-Mr. and Mrs. Dedrosh. Each caught sibility of Mr. Balch running for govup one of the younger children and ernor on the Democratic ticket in rushed down the burning stairs. The 1918. Political speculators believe mother ran back before Dedrosh that the Kalamazoo mayor's drastic could stop her. He tried to follow and far-reaching measures in solving the coal and fuel situation in Michigan is believed to be creating a general public feeling in his favor.

State supreme court at Lansing de-Jerome C. Knowlton of the University Michigan cities asking them to co-oper-of Michigan were adopted by the ate with shippers in seeing that fuel tor-General O. B. Fuller to force him sociation will also present similar mo- and the cars returned that assistance avenue and Mt. Elliott avenue, Hammorial and resolutions to the state sue in the freight congestion and car tramck, owned by William Klug. The shortage may be relieved. Such co- board of auditors of Wayne county operation in Detroit has helped to a refused to approve a record of the large extent and it is believed other plat because streets were planned east Monroe.—Fire practically destroyed Michigan cities can help proportion- and west in opposition to the general direction of streets in Hamtramck.

Judge Clarence W. Sessions, of the the Fourth precinct. It was a land- of the biggest building booms in the United States district court at Grand mark and nearly 100 years old. The history of the city during the last Rapids, held invalid the will of forfact that Mrs. Milligan was up hate year. The official count shows that mer Mayor John Torrent, of Muskeand discovered the fire probably saves 45 residences costing from \$2,000 to gon. The will provided that the es-\$16,000 have been constructed besides tate, valued at nearly \$400,000, should two business blocks, a new four-story be held in trust for 21 years, the wi- port ship Russian was sunk by a sub-Masonic temple costing \$23,000, a new dow receiving \$1,000 a year from the Battle Creek.—Rev. Marcellus Clay- fire-proof grade and high school cost- income and each of five sons \$600 a pool, sixty-three years old, a retired ing \$40,000, a new gymnasium on the year. The decision will throw on the United Brethren minister, died here of Michigan Agricultural campus costing market thousands of acres of valuable \$220,000 and engineering building cost- Muskegon river land owned by Mr.

Rev. B. G. Mattson and Rev. E. J. soliciting for charity in Kalamaooo Cross, pastors of Owosso and Corunna of the village of Flushing, ten miles New Year's eve 700 workers will can-churches, appeared in overalls with west of here, caused a loss estimated vass for funds to be divided between 50 other men to work on a tabernacle at \$4,000. The fire started in the con- the benevolent institutions, and other to be used for the meetings of Rev. Ira Honeywell, evangelist.

Ministers of Reformed churches of Between \$600 and \$800 in money western Michigan, composing the firemen. and stamps was taken from the Brit- Western Social conference, met re-Crand Rapids Man Leaves \$290,000. ton postoffice. The postoffice is in a cently at Grand Rapids. Prof. J. W. Grand Rapids,-The will of the late general store owned by Cass Zeluff, Beardslee, Sr., dean of Western semi-Daniel McCool leaves all of his estate who is serving on the grand jury in nary, spoke on "The Intertestamen-

> a delegation of 25 factory men to the held on since Ingham county went city commission to ask the commis- dry but prospects of operating again sien to take some action toward re- were considered slim after the state

### AFTER-CHRISTMAS JOYS



**DEPOSITS GROW \$114,498,552 LAST** YEAR SAYS REPORT OF BANK-ING COMMISSIONER.

MANY BANKS ON HONOR ROLL The complete vote stood Yes, 53,

In the Six Months Ending Dec. 31 the Gross Earnings of Banks and Trust Companies Were \$11.416.671.

Lansing-Deposits, both savings banks and trust companies, have in- A license vote was taken for granted creased \$114,498,552 in the last year, annually. as shown by the report of Nov. 17, Frank W. Merrick. The increase is divided as follows:

savings deposits, \$65,144,131. The banks also are increasing their earnings. In the six months ending December 31, the gross earnings of the banks and trust companies were \$11,416,671. The net earnings jumped

The net earnings for the year to- than those you have broken!" taled \$6,188,147, which is 1.23 per cent on the average capital, surplus, Allies treat with you with regard to undivided profits and deposits of \$503,-930,365. The dividends paid in the same time amounted to \$3,653,554, and surplus of \$55,486,372.

The loans made by the banks have together preparatory to making a increased but not in proportion to the in the house of commons. formal demand upon local milk deal- deposits. From the report of one year ago there is an increase of \$92. dredweight on local milk quotations. 427,745 in loans, divided as follows:

banks on November 17 was \$118,222. disturbing the peace of Europe." 979, or 22.17 per cent. The total cash Boys at Lapeer, was arrested here on reserve amounted to \$38,026,870, or irony he added: suspicion of knowing something of the | 9.83 per cent. In the division of the newspaper men the boy confessed to 8.79 per cent; savings legal reserve. the murder of the storekeeper and im. 18.37 per cent; savings cash reserve. plicated two other boys whom police 5.98 per cent. The total reserve of is \$32,642,000 over the requirements

of the banking law. Based on savings deposits of \$315,-076,571, the mortgage and bond investments exceed the amount required by law by \$55,714,053. The savings investments, together with the savings

they did not show any overdrafts.

U-Roat Torpedoes Transport and Americans Aboard Perish.

cember 14. 'The British admiralty it." makes this announcement: "The empty westbound British horse transmarine in the Mediterranean Decem-American muleteers were killed. Their names have been communicated which she had fallen. to the American consul."

The Godfrey residence of Monroe was estroyed by a fire which caught apparently in the kitchen roof and was well under way before being discovered. The place was occupied by Fred Milligan. The cold hindered the

A short time after he had walked 12 miles from the county house, at Marshall, to Albion, "Billy" Gilbert, 70 miles form the county house, at Marshall, to Albion, "Billy" Gilbert, 70 miles form the county house, at Marshall, to Albion, "Billy" Gilbert, 70 miles form 100 to 174 acres were found to be most profitable, netting workers plan to raise in a single day sufficient money to finance all charing arrested for exceeding the speed limit. to his widow, Mrs, Kate M. McCool. Tetroit. The door of the store was tary Periods," and Rev. G. Hondelink years old, was found dead of heart acres. Farms less than 50 acres were appeals for charity will be made dured by a jury. The jury recommended to his bed at the home of a speak of the city for the year. No other appeals for charity will be made dured by a jury. The jury recommended to his bed at the home of a speak of the city for the year. No other appeals for charity will be made dured by a jury. The jury recommended to his bed at the home of a speak of the city for the year. No other appeals for charity will be made dured by a jury. The jury recommended to the city for the year. No other appeals for charity will be made dured by a jury. The jury recommended to the city for the year. No other appeals for charity will be made dured by a jury. The jury recommended to the city for the year. relative.

> by the prosecuting attorney within made upon the charge of murdering tried here. circuit court.

Billy Sunday's Efforts to Swing Boston in Dry Column Failed.

Boston-Billy Sunday's campaign for a boozeless Boston have failed. The greatest effort ever made to have the sale of liquor outlawed after May 1 for a year under the annual local option referendum resulted in an increased majority for license.

431; no. 30.380, a majority for license of 23,051. Last year the license majority was 14,328. The vote was the heaviest ever cast in a city election when a mayor was

not elected, and the figures show the

tion sentiment here has been practically nil. Not since 1892 had Boston ever and commercial, in the Michigan state been in danger before of being dry.

Commercial deposits, \$49,354,021, and Allies to Fight Until Prussian Threat Ends Says British Premier in Long Speech in House of Commons.

Londong-"Tell us your terms!" "Give us guarantees for the peace from \$2,341.770 for the first six of Europe from the swash-buckling of fighting for and on what basis they provide a life sentence at the discre-Prussian militarism-guarantees surer "Then and not until then will the

ending the war!" Reduced to its sum and substance that is the answer of Great Britain 6.58 per cent on an average capita! and her allies to the Central powers' proposal to enter into negotiations for

As for the Allies' terms-the only terms on which they will give peace Dealers are now paying \$2.25 a hun- Commercial loans and discounts, \$33, negotiations a thought—the premier "Without reparation peace is im-

possible. The Allies insist that the only end of the war must be complete The total reserve maintained by the guarantee against Prussian militarism And with a ringing note of bitter "All the outrages on land and sea

At the pinnacle of his political ca. Bagdad. parliament as premier and virtual war Egyptian operations for some time, dictator of Great Britain, Lloyd- but the British are knewn to have asked to withdraw from the associathe state banks and trust companies George delivered his long-expected ad- been making somewhat elaborate predress before a house thronged to its parations to protect the canal region capacity and amid deep, almost rever- from further incursions such as that ential silence, which was however, of last summer, and their defensive

reserve, exceed the savings deposits announced, would be sent to Germany the capture of El-Arish constitutes an within a few days. It was not only important development. England's answer, the prime minister roll of honor by reason of the fact emphasized; it was England's "clear the British front at this point well individual prizes. Twenty-five prizes that on the day the call was issued and definite support' 'to the identical toward the border of Palestine and

and France. It was not a flat-footed, defiant re-Washtenaw Bar association. The assand other freight is promptly unloaded to record a plat of land at Railroad NINETEEN AMERICANS DIE jection of peace, this remarkable which the world had waited breathlessly for eight anxious days to read. It was an unqualified rejection of was reported to have destroyed the the Upper Peninsula of Michigan." London-Seventeen American mule-stands. For this proffer in its present teers have been killed and 11 of the shape is a "noose, with the rope's end crew of the British horse transport in Germany's hands." Thus Lloydship Russian, which was sunk by a George described it-and the Allies submarine in the Mediterranean De-don't propose to put their heads into

## TELEGRAPHIC FLASHES

After residing in White Cloud for patrons today. For years he "troup- mark and nearly 100 years old. The ed, including the chief officer, the first 35 years, Mrs. P. J. Youngquist, wife ed" with his owner, Wm. A. McCorofficer and the second officer. Also 17 of a local shoe dealer, was found dead mick, of Chicago. Elaborate rites will of heart disease beside her chair, from attend the burial of the famous old Daniel Christie, 57 years old, died

> grocery in Muskegon. ricultural college has completed an in-tle Poland at Jackson recently. vestigation of farm conditions in Sag- Kalamazoo first organized drive his automobile into a Knights of the inaw county and reports that farms against poverty will be made Decem- Maccabees parade, \$200 and costs. ranging from 100 to 174 acres were ber 31, when nearly 700 volunteer Ten members of Jackson tent were in-

found unprofitable. Upon arresting Joe Cook for pursethe last three weeks, the arrest of parole. Cook will probably be taken eral matters of state-wide importance permitted to graduate from the La-Jonathan O. Strong, of Eagle, has been back to Stillwater instead of being to realters were discussed without defi-

now 50 cents a day.

## PEACE NOTE GOES TO BELLIGERENTS

WILSON SAYS ENEMIES OUGHT TO PROCLAIM WHAT THEY ARE FIGHTING FOR.

PEACE RESTS WITH ENGLAND

France and Russia Are Expected to

Resent to the American Peace Washington-Belief that peace in

Europe was measurably nearer because of President Wilson's note to elligerents and neutrals, is growing here in the nation's capital. Administration officials and diplomats of experience so declare. They base this opinion on their

knowledge that the president's deslaration that the beligerents ought to proclaim what they are fighting for must have weight in Great SALOOKS WINNER IN BOSTON Britain. Officials and diplomats alike agree

> that the final decision is in England's suggestion of the head of the greatest neutral state. In effect, she already has avowed

bring about that result. Her allies will follow her lead to powers can be influenced to co-oper- ised them his support and co-operaate in real peace conferences still is

France and Russia are expected to they cannot look with equanimity on Jerome C. Knowlton of the University conferring with an enemy whose arm- of Michigan were adopted by the ed forces hold parts of their terrieffect of Sunday's revival on prohibi. tory. Great Britain, however, is in a dif-

ferent position and officials here are hopeful that she will listen to President Wilson. Ambassador Page will thaw a pipe with a blow-torch, Rev. be directed to use all of his influence Mr. Maynard set fire to the parsonage to attain that end. It is admitted that of the Methodist church at Vicksburg, Great Britain can sway her allies. and the structure was destroyed. The issued by Banking Commissioner LLOYD-GEORGE MAKES [ E3UT | State department said that the president line for the being of undetermined origin.

considering further steps. It was freely admitted that the sixteen-year-old incorrigible, was sen-American note has put equarely up to tenced to serve from one to five years the belligerents the honesty of their at the Ionia reformatory by Superior professions. President Wilson has de- Judge Dunham. He was convicted of manded that they tell what they are a statutory crime for which the faws will make peace.

#### BRITISH TAKE TURK CITY

El Arish Has Finally Fallen to Critish Forces in Egypt.

peace. It was given by Lloyd-George tion by the enemy, British forces have taken El-Arish, according to a war office announcement. El-Arish is a fortifled town of Egypt, on the Mediterrancan, near the frontier of Palestine, It is a town of less than 20,000 population, in territory which had been held by the Turks since the time of their invasion of Egypt and unsuccessful attack on the Suez canal. On the Tigris, the British, after a

long period of quiet, have recently pushed forward close to Kut-el-Amara, on the south, and are continuing to attack the Turkish forces in that recannot be liquidated by a few pious gion, evidently in the hope of resumreer, in his debut before the house of Little has been heard from the

broken repeatedly by thunderous lines have been pushed far out on the tion of the Upper Peninsula Develop-The substance of his declaration, he to extend the defensive zone, of which statements already given by Russia marks the furthest eastward penetration by British forces in this area.

since the Turkish raids began.

collie at Manistee.

ing 1917.

nite action.

day, December 22.

El Arish has been the object preand warships, and last May a combined naval and air raid on the place a 1,000-word essay on "Clover Land, ITEMS OF INTEREST

"Bronte," pioneer canine mathematarrest was issued. kama kennels, where he was sent sev-Monroe.-Fire practically destroyed eral months ago. "Bronte" is said the home occupied by Fred Milligan to have originated many of the aniand owned by the Godfrey estate, in

> the lives of the family. mechanic who several weeks ago drove

Men.bers of the executive commit- Lapeer.-Resolutions were adopted On evidence which has been secured snatching, Detective Peter B. Hymer, tee of the Real Estate association of at a meeting of the school board that of Battle Creek, learned he was want- the state of Michigan held their regu- any student using intoxicating liquors ed at Stillwater, Minn., for breaking lar monthly meeting in Bay City. Sev- or tobacco in any form would not be

> Hillsdale.--Hiegal sales the existence of gambling "joints" and sued 1s of theriff Kens sny they have donduty and deplore lack of a-· by

### **MICHIGAN** BREVITIES

Battle Creek .- Rev. Marcellus Claypool, sixty-three years old, a retired

United Brethren minister, died here of Bright's disease. Grand Rapids.-The will of the late Daniel McCool leaves all of his estate o his widow, Mrs. Kate M. McCool.

Mr. McCool's estate is estimated at Battle Creek .- News was received here of the death of Dr. H. W. Harvey, Battle Creek dentist and naturalist, at Still Rock Springs, Waukesha, Wis., of

Jackson.-Of 47 cases considered. he board of pardons at the December session granted 22 paroles to shortterm men. The names of the men are not made public.

Lansing.-Loss estimated at \$50,000 resulted from a fire at the Lansing Wagon works, The North Grand street residence section and a nearby factory district were threatened.

Battle Creek .- When John Dewater, florist, put an oil heater under the frozen radiator of a Ford car he was setting the scene for a \$3,000 fire. The, barn and greenhouse were damaged and two automobiles and a horse were destroyed.

Battle Creek,-Ills face bearing a newly made scar that will distigure him for life, Herman Hook refused to testify to send his father, Phil Hook, to prison for felonious assault. Young Hook interfered November 13 when

his father attacked his mother. Battle Creek.-With preparations completed for an operation at Nicholas hospital here, Mrs. Burr L. Weeks, forty years old, shot herself through the head with a 22-caliber ride. Her body was found on the floor of a hallhands. Germany must accept the way in her Level Park home by her

husband. Lansing. - Lansing's Federated Women's clubs have entered the fight her desire to end the war and her against the high cost of living. Committees have been appointed by Mrs. willingness to make concessions to L. W. Carr, president of the federated clubs, to investigate conditions here any length. Whether the Entente and report, Mayor Reutter has prom-

Ann Arbor.-Resolutions providing for the adoption of a memorial comresent the American note. Naturally memorating the life of the late Prof. Washtenaw Bar association. The association will also present similar memorial and resolutions to the state su-

Kalamazoo,-While attempting to

Officials at the White House and Methodist church at Lacota burned, Grand Rapids,-Chester Barber, a

tion of the court. Barber was too old to be sent to the reform school, Muskegon.-Implanting a kiss on the forehead of his client several years ago cost Philip W. Kiskern, a Muskegon at-

torney, \$75, under the ruling of Justice Willard H. Howe of Muskegon Heights. Kniskern sued Mrs. Joseph Gerrish. his former client, for fees aggregating \$85. Mrs. Gerrish testified that Mr. Kniskern kissed and embraced her at the end of the cases and informed her that there would be no further charges. Justice Howe believed her story and deducted \$75 from Kniskern's bill. awarding him a verdict of \$10. Port Huron.-In an effort to secure

a clean and sanitary milk supply for this city, the members of the St. Clair County Milk Producers' association met with Dr. W. J. Duff, health officer. The members passed resolutions urging the county exciculturist, C. L. Brody, to visit each of their respective barns and milk houses and to make ing their long-delayed march toward recommendations for improveing sanitary conditions. Any member failing to comply with the recommendations of the county agriculturist is to be

Marquette.-Doris Powell of Munising. Alger county, is the winner of the essay-writing contest held under direc-Sinal peninsula. Apparently further ment bureau, and will receive \$15 as a Christmas award. Mary Simpson of Menominee wins \$10 as second, while George Chase of Houghton gets third The taking of El Arish establishes place and \$5. There were 31 other eighth grade, ten from the seventh and one from the sixth. There were 73 schools entered in the contest for speech by England's "strongest man," viously of attacks by British aviators group honors, while 2,430 individuals entered. Each contestant had to write

Battle Creek .- With potatoes at almost prohibitive prices, it is alleged that Robert Garrett of Richland gave L. D. Hobbs, a local grocer, seven bushels short weight in a shipment of 192. Garrett blames the railroad handling the shipment. A warrant for his

mal tricks which delight vaudeville the Fourth precinct. It was a tandfact that Mrs. Milligan was up late and discovered the fire probably saved Bay City.-Bert S. Moran, sixty Vincent Blomstrom was given a sen- years old, publisher of the Au Gres Enat his home in Muskegon. He was tence of life imprisonment in Jack- terprise and formerly widely known the owner and manager of the largest son prison in Jackson circuit court as a worker on daily newspapers in on conviction of assault with intent Michigan, died at his home at Au Gres. The farming management depart- to murder. He shot and wounded Lansing.-Judge Charles II. Haight ment department of the Michigan Ag- Tony Bozaconeki during a fight in Lit- fined Albert C. Knuhi the Lausing

President F. S. Kedzie has a plan ter institting the Christmas spirit in failure on the part of the preattorney and sheriff to enforce the Michigan Agricultural College are charged in an open letstudentshe fitting up a Christmas tree on the college campus and holding a over the signatures of 180-Hillsdale. Prosecutor Halt hristmas celebration just before the students leave for the vacation on Friresidents.

# PHONE IS CITZ. 200



I came with Space, and hand in hand, We two sat here alone, As two twin Kings of equal might Sit side by side athrone. While eons came, and eons went, In ceaseless passing flight, And all was still as dungeons deep, And black as moonless night.

Then age by age—a million years We watched the Sun take form. While through the void in endless count, The Stars were being born. And then from out unfathomed Space, We saw the world appear. I shook my glass—and from it fell, A Sand of Time—the first New Year.

The Years! I watched them come and go, 'Till I could count no more, The Old—the New—like falling rain. Or sands upon a shore. Through age of Mist, and age of storm, And age of sweeping Flame, 'Till last Man came with gift of speech. And gave to me my Name.

Old Father Time, he calls me now. As close I glean my tithe. I walk the Earth with silent thread. Yet ever sweep my Scythe. Forever old, yet doomed to live. I'd rest-but none is here. Again I raise my Glass and pour Another Sand-a new, New Year.

#### MAKE THESE RESOLUTIONS.

I will take good care of my body.

I will have house cleaning in the house I live in. I will not procrastinate in instituting preparedness against

I will keep clean inside and

I will avoid dirt.

I will cultivate good cheer. I will avoid anger, hate and

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#### BEGIN THE DAY WITH PRAYER

That. Above All, Is the Highest and Best Resolve for the Cor.duct of Life.

To talk with God before I talk with men. To do my daily work with sunshine on my face and honey on my tongue. To be strong in the presence of opportunity, open eared to the call of conscience for service or sacrifice. open minded to views of truth which differ from mine. To make duty a joy and joy a duty. To work and not worry, to be energetic and not fussy. To be true to myself and false to no friendship and guard confidences. To popularity. To make no foolish promder criticism, charitable in my judg-To honor no one simply because he is rich. To despise no one simply he-bauld. cause he is poor. To be respectful, not cringing, to the great; sympathetto with the sorrowing, gentle to the weak, helpful to the fallen, courteous to all. To be simple in my tastes, quiet in my dress, pure in my speech, temperate in my pasttimes. To companion with great books, cherish inspiring thoughts, and to keep my body on friendly terms with water and fresh air. To fear nothing but sin. hate nothing but hypocrisy, envy nothing but a clean life, cover nothing but character, and at last to leave the world a little better for my stay.

Aspiration carries one half the way

Too much rest itself becomes a pain --Hemer.

Guard Your Conversation. What a man wants to do, in talking with a stranger, is to get and to give as much of the best and most real life that belongs to the two talkmore words.-Oliver Wendell Holmes.

It never rains roses; when we want more roses, we must plant more bushes .- George Ellot.

Izola Forrester test of friendship,

visiting the Delmars on New Year's. Wrapped to her ears in fur, with a cap meeting her collar, Winifred stood on the blenk little platform at Byers' Corners and looked through the snowfall for anything that seemed to be a con-

She had left Boston at 5:45-plenty of time to reach Windyheath in good time. Anne had written her.

"It's just a nice little run over from Providence on the Providence and Willimantic line. We'll meet you at Byers' Corners. The trains only stop there on signal or to let off visitors, and the only visitors that ever come are ours. If Rolf or I can't come over I'll send a wonderful substitute."

Evidently Rolf, Anne and the substitute had been overcome by the storm. Trains had been delayed from Boston to Providence and on the little local line they had waited again and again along the way. There had been no real need of any signal to let her off when Byers' Corners came in view. The drifts were so high that it took the train 20 minutes to get out of Byers' Corners, let alone getting in. But ngain Anne had written:

"Don't feel discouraged getting to We live in the quaintest little village perched on the top of a hill, but it is wonderful when you get here. and we're piling on big logs for you and the latchstring dangles, so be sure and come. Also, I have yourromance! He has come true, Win, at last, and be's all that anyone who loves you could wish for you."

It certainly was stimulating, if nothing else, both the lure of the letter and the trip itself. Winifred went around the other side of the ting station and heard voices. A man was arguing about some way of reaching the Delmars, and the stocky driver of a two-horse sleigh demurred evasively.



Stood on the Bleak Little Platform.

fredt Green and everybody's gone. I meant to go, but I had to take some folks down to this train, so I don't mind making a little going since I had to earn some coming."

"Oh, could I go with you, please?" Winifred broke in. "I'd pay half, don't you know, and there's plenty of room. I'm going to the Delmars, too," It seemed too good to be true when

throwing back a spray of light snow. He was Gregory Ramsdell, he told her, writer and globe trotter. He had just got back from a year at the front in Europe and he said Connecticut hills looked better to him than all the old world put together. Even in the oranches heavy with snow, and before them here and there in the fields were clumps of white birch and red oak,

with dry leaves still clinging to their

in the winter sky. talked. They had many friends in comnon. He had known Rolf since they were boys back in Denver. Neither of them noticed after five miles had been covered that the horses were walkaround and get them up to the old Ralph Welles Keeler, D. D. Annabelle Smith place, where there

adventure every day. Let's go.' The Smith place was dark when they

was a telephone, and they could call

lustily and finally there was a faint, of myself if all men. or the most part, bring it in. Give him a gift, and let frightened voice from the inner side praised and admired the; it would "Sure! To begin the New Year, of the front door asking who it was at prove me to be something like them .that time of night. Gregory explained, Landor. we stood hesitating at life's cross-

"They that do business in deep wa-

frown, and anything with thy smile.-

admitted.

"But you can't get word through tonight. The wires don't work. They
never do after a big storm on these

New Year's day has come to rank as one of the most popular

of the Flowery Kingdom's holidays. As in America it is a day of

feasting and good cheer, though oddly tempered by religious observances. The above picture shows three Japanese belies on

their way to the temple for prayers before starting on a round

of New Year's calls.

firemen on New Year's day on their way to the drill grounds for the

annual inspection, one of the big features in the way of celebrating the

first day of the year in every Japanese city of any size. Fire engines

and equipment pass in review before the city officials, after which fir

never do after a big storm on these here party lines," said Miss Smith, holding up a big oil lamp. "Just step right out into the kitchen and you stir up the fire, Ira. Make yourselves to home, folkses. Ira can drive back and maybe telephone from the village up

Winifred never forgot that New Year's eve. After Ira had gone, they sat out in the cheery old kitchen. drinking tea, eating nuts and apples and mince ple, and getting fearfully well acquainted, as Miss Smith put it laughingly. Gregory carried in wood and split kindlings for morning, and locked up for the night. While Miss Smith went up to look after her old bedridden father, they sat together by the fire, and somehow talk died away. The old clock up on the chimney mantel softly struck twelve in the silence. Winifred looked up and smiled, her head leaning back on the cushioned top of the old black rocker.

"Happy New Year!" she said. "Isn't it the queerest thing, our being way up here miles from everyone we know. and not knowing each other even, and starting off the new year together?" "It's great," Gregory clasped his hands around one knee, scated on the woodbox under the big Dutch oven. "I'm not superstitious, but after ramb-



Breasting the Drifts and Literally Wading Through.

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drills are perform-

ed and the firemen

take part in con-

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ders which are

used not only for

life-saving and as

an elevation from

which to direct the

water from the

hose nozzle, but as a ram

buildings too far gone to save

the conflagration. The Japa-

nese firemen are wonderful

tall ladders, scaling them ,

**NEW YEAR SUPERSTITIONS** 

When the master enters the house

or the first time in the new year he

must take something in which he did

A piece of money placed on the door-

step on New Year's eve and brought in

he moment the clock strikes will in-

Never go out on New Year's day un-

Throw out all peacock's feathers be-

When the clock strikes 12 on New

Year's eve open both the front and

spirits may pass out and the good ones !

to the door possesses a name whose

him pass out through the back door.

Then you will have good luck for an-

No Need for Anxiety.

other year.

fore New Year's day or you will have

sure plenty throughout the year.

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ling for a year over there this seems awfully much worth while. You know I'd almost begun to think, if you won't mind my saying so, that there wasn't anyone like you in the world." Miss Smith hurried through the en-

"Ira's back with a bigger team and he's going to take you through all right, he says. He drove over that bad spot in the roads and broke it for you. And he's telephoned to Mrs. Del-the lower picture

It was nearly two when they reached Windyheath. All of the windows of the big country house were lighted up, and Anne herself, wrapped in a wonderful velvet and fur housegown, ran down the steps to meet them. "Oh, my dear, my dear!" she cried

when she had Winifred safely upstairs in her room. "You poor child!" "I'm not poor," Winifred said radiantly. "I've had the most beautiful adventure of my whole life, and I'm in and so prevent the spread of love. I agree with you and fate this

"But it isn't Gregory I want you to acrobats and perform trumeet," faltered Anne. "You haven't ly remarkable feats on the gone and fallen in love with dear old

"I have," Winifred laughed happily, keys, Men, women and "Both of us have. I never believed in children turn out to love at first sight before, or anything watch the exhibitions. like it, but I've made some wonderful | Note the odd costumes resolutions for the new year this of this brigade from

"Now listen to me and the whole comedy. Anne curled up on the bed confidentially. "The man you were to marry is right down smoking with Rolf this minute. He's Madison Forbes with money, position, everything, my dear. But he didn't think you'd try to make the trip such a night, so I've been 'phoning madly everywhere to find out if you had arrived and where Then I would have tried to get to you We sent out a car and it couldn't ger through, and the horses couldn't el-

"Don't worry," Winifred smiled at her reflection in the triple mirror at the dressing table. "I don't give a rap about the money or position or any thing, Anna. We've been right out into the primitive world together, lost in the snow, and I'd go with him to she found herself safely tucked away the ends of the world if this blessed on the back sent, with buffalo robes old world had any ends. He said, just around her and the two horses taking as we were driving in here, it was the up the road splendidly, their hoofs most promising New Year's he had ever known."

#### Call of Friendship.

The communion of friendship is the response to the need of the hours when the insistent rush of earning a living darkness the pine trees stood out, their is ended for the day and one has time to be alone with himself. For it is then that the sympathetic counsel of someone like oneself may shape and mold the possibilities of the morrow. And it must be a friend. No other will Gregory half turned in his seat and fore one in whom absolute trust is not life pours itself out for comfort, counsel, rebuke. The mistakes of the day are seen in clear perspective. The undone tasks marshal themselves without ing, breasting the drifts and literally a bit of hesitancy. The unknown morrow spreads gloriously with its hope of dead halt and the driver jumped out. success and victory. The soul is re-They couldn't go on, he said. The snow freshed and the spirit is renewed. In was up to the top of the fences as the presence of a friend the heart far as one could see. He could turn opens upward toward God. — Rev. pass in. But be sure to close the door pulpit for evangelistic purposes which

The reason so many churches have financial trouble is because of the lit-"It's only nine-thirty," Gregory said ney members who think the sermon reassuringly. "And we don't get an and the blessing they get is only worth

reached it, but the driver knocked I should entertain a mean opinion allow him to pick up the bundle and Let us vnmask the king as he passes. ful twice a day, on the feed.

Do your best loyally and cheerfully, roads, and as for the rest, the Lord and suffer yourself to feel no anxiety cultivated.—Talmage. or fear. Your times are in God's hands. He has assigned you your place; he will direct your paths; he noble and alone knows how to retain will accept your efforts, if they be them.-Goethe. faithful.-Dean Farrar.

> Rev. R. Cecll. Whatever day makes a man a slave tant as to think before you act.-L. A. akes half his worth away .- Pope.

Bruises, Harness Galls.

## IAY BE DESCRIBED TOGETHER

tion or Mortification as Result of These Injuries-Abscesses May Result.

Prepared by the United States Depart Lacerated and contused wounds iorses may be described together, aithough there is, of course, this difference, that in contused wounds there is to break or inceration of the skin. Lacerated wounds, however, are, as a rule, also contused—the surrounding issues are bruised to a greater or esser extent. While at first sight such ous as incised wounds, they are commonly very much more so. Laceraare always to be regarded as dangerous. Many horses die from septic infection or mortification as a result there is an infiltration of blood into

treatment. In wounds that are lacerated the mount of hemorrhage generally is inonsiderable; even very large blood the corners of buildings, or when he is struck by the pole or shafts of another team, falling on rough, irregular

volve often the deeper-seated struc-

tures. Abscesses, single or multiple,

may also result and call for special

Contused wounds are caused by plunt instruments moving with suffiient velocity to bruise and crush the tissues, as kicks, running against obects, or falling on large, hard masses. Treatment.

In lacerated wounds great care must at first be exercised in examining or probing to the very bottom of the rent or tear, to see whether any foreign body is present. Very often splinters of wood or bits of stone or dirt are present, and unless removed prevent the wound from healing; or if it should heal, the wound soon opens again, discharging a thin, gluey matter that is characteristic of the presence of some object in the part. After thorough exploration these wounds should be fomented carefully and pa- yours wasps, yellow-jackets, ants, fiently with warm water, to which has beetles, worms, spiders, snails, bugs, been added carbolic acid in the proportion of 1 part to 100 of water. Rarely, if ever, insert stitches in lacerated vounds. The surrounding tissues and skin are so weakened in vitality and will in three months devour over 10,structure by the contusions that stitches will not hold; they only irritate the parts. It is better to endeavor to join the edges of the wound by means of bandages, plasters, or collodion. One essential in the treatment of lacerated wounds is to provide a free exit for the pus. If the orifice of the wound is too high, or if pus is found to be burrowing in the tissues SCIENCE IN POULTRY RAISING beneath the opening, make a counter opening as low as possible. This will admit of the wound being thoroughly washed out, at first with warm water, and afterwards injected with some mild astringent and antiseptic wash, of water. A dependent opening must be maintained until the wound ceases to discharge. Repeated hot fomentations over the region of lacerated wounds afford much relief and should be persisted in.

Bruises are nothing but contused

wounds where the skin has not been

ruptured. There is often considerable solution of continuity of the parts under the skin, subcutaneous hemorrhage, etc., which may result in mortification and slough of the bruised parts. If the bruise or contusion is not so severe, many cases are cured quickly by constant fomentation with hot water for from two to four hours. The water should be allowed about this time to become cool gradually and then cold. Cold fomentation must then be kept up for another hour or two. The parts should be dried thoroughly and quickly and bathed freely with camphor one ounce, sweet oil eight ounces, or with equal parts of lead water and laudanum. A dry, light bandage should then be applied, the horse allowed to rest, and if necessary the treatment may be repeated each day for two or three days. If, however, the wound is so severe that sloughing must ensue, it should be encouraged by poultices made of linseed meal. wheat bran, turnips, onions, bread and milk, or hops. Sprinkle charcoal over the surface of the poultice when the wound is bad smelling. After the the course, not in the stern watching slough has fallen off dress the wound with warm antiseptic washes of car-Throughout my life I have been interbolic acid, chloride of zinc, permangaested not in abstract science or phinate of potash, etc. If granulating losophy, but in the application of (filling up) too fast, use burnt alum scientific and philosophical principles or air-slaked lime. Besides this local treatment, the constitutional symptoms of fever and inflammation call for measures to prevent or control ing directed to the determination of them. This is best done by placing politica: issues could be directed to the injured animal on soft or green deciding aright the more important feed. A physic of Barbados aloes, one ounce should be given as soon as ister the home as to make domestic service a recognized and honored vodoses of saltpeter every four hours, as soon as the clock has finished strik- I am not willing to reaffirm in the par-

Looking Backward.

to the conduct of life.

I have stood in the bow forecasting

I sometimes wish that a part of the

feminine energies which are now be-

question how so to adjust and admin-

I will never teach a doctrine in the

There is no failure for the firm in

The finest of all fine arts is the art

There is nothing in life so impor-

which Christ '3 a co-partner.

-Samuel Butler.

Mallory.

for her son.-Dr. Lyman Abbott.

money, bread, salt, wood and coal, tie "The three W's my maxim: plenty

doorstep. If the first person who comes of wages."-Thackerny.

possible after the accident. Schatives. such as tincture of aconite root, 15 drops, three times a day, or ounce may also be administered. When the ing, so that the good spirits may not lor by the side of a mother weeping symptoms of fever are added, and it abundant, the strength of the patient must be supported by good feed and tonics. A tonic may be prepared as them in a bundle and by them on the of work, plenty of wittles, and plenty follows: Powdered sulphate of iron, powdered gentian, and powdered gininitials are made up of straight lines. Today is a king in disguise. . . . ger, or each tour ounces. Mix thorger, of each four ounces. Mix thor-

> Harness Galls (Sitfasts). work horses are frequently "aused by ter.

> > Steer Clear of Diarrhea.

of doing good, and yet it is the least Chickens that are infected with white diarrhea in early life may carry of it. the germs of the disease with them A noble nature can alone attract the wherever they go as long as they live. That makes white diarrhea a good

thing to steer clear of. Life is the art of drawing sufficient Breeding Guinea Pigs. Lord, let me have anything but thy conclusions from insufficient premises, The breeding of guinea pigs is ex-

lowance of grain, as in winter, he is Lacerated and Contused Hurts, soft and tender and sweats easily, and is liable to chafe under the harness, especially if it is hard and poorly fitted. This chafing is likely to cause abrasions of the skin, and thus pave the way for an abscess or for a chronic blemish, unless attended to very promptly. Besides causing the animal considerable pain, chafing, if Many Animals Die From Septic Infec. long continued, lends to the formation of a callosity. This may be superficial, involving only the skin, or it may be deep-sented, involving the subcutaneous fibrous tissue and sometimes the muscles and even the bone. This causes a dry slough to form, which is both inconvenient and unsightly. Sloughs of this kind are commonly called "sitfasts" and, while they occur in other places, are most frequently found under the saddle.

Treatment. Chafing is best prevented by bringing the animal gradually into working shape after it has had a prolonged wounds may not appear to be as seri- rest, in order that the muscles may be hard and the skin tough. The harness should be well fitted, neither too large tions and contusions, when extensive, nor too small, and it should be cleaned and oiled to remove all dirt and to make it soft and pliable. Saddles should be properly fitted so as to preof these injuries. In severe contusions | vent direct pressure on the spine, and the saddle blankets should be clean the surrounding tissues; disorganiza- and dry. Parts of the horse where tion and mortification follow, and in- chafing is likely to occur, as on the back under the saddle, should be cleaned and brushed free of dirt. The remedies for simple harness

galls are numerous. Among them may be mentioned alcohol, one pint, in which are well shaken the whites of two eggs; a solution of nitrate of silvessels may be torn apart without ver, ten grains to the ounce of water; causing a fatal result. The edges of sugar of lead or sulphate of zinc, 20 the wound are ragged and uneven, grains to an ounce of water; carbolic These wounds are produced by barbed acid, one part in 15 parts of glycerin. wire or some blunt object, as when a Any simple astringent wash or powder horse runs against fences, board piles, will effect a cure, provided the sores are not irritated by friction.

If a sitfast has developed, the dead hornlike slough must be carefully cut out and the wound treated carefully with antiseptics. During treatment it is always best to allow the animal to rest, but if this is inconvenient care should be taken to prevent injury to the wounded surface by padding the harness so that chafing cannot occur.

#### WORTHY FRIEND OF FARMER

Homely Little Toad Can Be Made Especially Useful in Garden, Greenhouse or Berry Patch.

The toad lives from ten to forty years, and it can lay over a thousand eggs a year. It has lived two years without food, but cannot live long under water. It never takes dead or motionless food. It captures and de-000 insects. If every ten of these would have done one cent damage the toad has saved \$10. Evidently the toad is a valuable friend to the farmer, gardener and fruit-grower, and can be made especially useful in the greenhouse, garden and berry patch.

One Who Gets Best Results Has Found That Sunshine Is Needed to Keep Fowls Well.

The scientific poultryman, the one who gets the best results from the industry, has found that poultry needs the sun's rays to keep them well. The poultry house in fall and winter speaks loudly of the amount of real science being used.

#### TIMELY HONEY DON'TS

Don't forget to leave honey enough in the hive to winter the bees through. Don't put your honey down

Don't use sugar in cooking anything that you want kept moist, but use honey instead. Don't fall to keep a can of extracted honey in the house for the little folks.

cellar but keep it in the warm-

The hen that hustles lays the eggs.

Grow some rhubarb in the cellar his winter. It is easily done, A mare that fails to produce a colt

is worth no more than a gelding.

Currying the cow with a milk stool does not increase the milk flow.

Apples picked carefully from the ree and wrapped in paper keep well.

Potatoes prepared for exhibition should not be washed, but wiped clean.

Nothing tends to keep a horse in better condition than proper attention

Milk at 10 cents a quart is cheaper food than lean meat at 25 cents or even 20 cents a pound.

To give us the milk and cream and butter we use in the United States.

21,000,000 cows are required. A quiet voice of approval and a gentle pat occasionally make the horse

more tractable and serviceable. Watch the potato bin carefully for decaying tubers. Some fields contained

Wounds or abrasion; of the skin of a good many decaying tubers this win-It is estimated that it costs the

farmer more to haul a bushel of grain than it does a railroad to haul a ton

Farmers who have a good, pure type of any of the standard varieties of corn would do well to save all the firstclass seed possible for sale.

Cover the strawberry bed lightly

tensively carried on in some sections with straw as soon as the ground as the board of health in many freezes. When it is frozen solld put on states use these little animals in ex- four or five inches of chan straw or light hav





God's Presence Everywhere. man, diligent to make a living, and God's glory shineth forth; if we cast earnest to make a life. To cherish them down upon the earth, it is full of his goodness. The hills and the valbe loyal to principle at the cost of leys rejoice and sing; fields, rivers and woods resound his praise. We will ises. To be faithful to every honest think of God when we play and when boughs. The stars shone famously up do. The tired mind will not relax beobligation. To be sweet tempered un- we work; when we walk out and when we come in; when we sleep and when ments, discriminating in my adjectives, we wake; his praise shall dwell con-



Year right?" write 1916."

Reverie of the Old Year. But listen! The old year is speaking. "How strange a thing is the ingratitude of man," he says in slow, faltering and regard him as a mortal foe.

Thus winter falls A heavy gloom oppressive o'er the world. Through Nature shedding influence ma-

"At All Times." "I will bless the Lord at all times. said David. Here is the real test of accents. "Man is not satisfied with all gratitude. If we remember to thank ers as the time will let him. Life is the benefits the year has bestowed the Lord only when the sun is shining one precipice. So let us with a stendy short, and conversation apt to run to upon him, but must scoff at winter or when our pockets are full, we are favors are showered upon us. Many times!" of these troubles are of our own mak-"Pray, what would these creatures ing; others might have been escaped

till help us, if we true him, over the bit of hard road, or past the yawnpersistance and unabashed faith keep not genuinely grateful. God is as good on repeating David's creed of courto us when troubles come as when age: "I will praise the Lord at all

have-summer the year round? Is by us if we had exercised more thought ters, these see the wonders of the Make your New Year's resolutions there no one who will say a good word or prudence, or had prayed for light Lord." The rest paddle around on the for winter?"—Countryside Magazine. | and guidance at some juncture when shore and catch cold

one management

Subscription by Mail, Postpaid NOTE:—All past due subscriptions up to December 1, 1916, will be figured at the old rate of \$1.00 per year. After that date the new rate of \$1.50 will be in effect.—Publisher.

OUR efforts to issue THE friendly co-operation. The Lansing .- Press. paper will be issued Thursdays, as heretofore, but whether tall. We depend upon female compositors and the law limits their working hours. What is not done Wednesday afternoons must be finished Thursday forenoons. We have tried to make this plain before; but some very good people seem to some very good people seem to think that Wednesday after- tested by the Italian who pronoon is the very best time to poses a motor propelled street

EVIDENTLY purely partisan legislation will not figure successfully in the new House, with its 214 Republicans, 213 Democrats, 3 Progressives, 1 Prohibitionist and 1 Socialist. The last five hold the balance of power and if they act together will have a great influence. However, they are not indicating what their course will be, even on the speakership. In this connection it is interesting to note the expressed purpose of many Republican congressmen to take a progres sive stand rather than to continue merely as an opposition to the party in power. For the good of the nation, it is to be hoped that this wise and patriotic policy will prevail. The country has had more than enough of partisan politics for the present.

THE claim that the number of automobile accidents is decreasing, compared to the number of machines in use, is encouraging; and as the strong drink evil is driven from the country, the improvement will be still more noticeable. However, with motor cars imcreasing by the million, it will be well for all to remember when using the highways, that danger is always near. The problem is still a new one, and it is hoped that safety regulations will keep pace with traffic conditions, protecting the careful and law-abiding from the reckless and lawless. Where all are taxed for the maintenance of the highways, let the people determine to preserve the principle: "Equal rights to all, special privileges to none."

CONTRADICTING the panic breeders, noted financial authorities state that peace conditions following the great war will increase prosperity and cut prices in this country. Nothing, probably, will be worse than the everlasting knocking of the pessimists. After the war the world will need more goods than ever before and our people will be so busy making, growing and shipping them that they will not be able to hear the howls and hammers of those who are never so happy as when they are making others miserable.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S popu- on "How to Choosea Husband" larity plurality on complete are written by old maids, re-official returns is 568,822. His minds us of that other favorite total vote was 9,116,296, which topic "How to Bring up Chil- day to work. is 2,813,277 more than that of dren," so learnedly treated by 1912. This should end the writers who have no children. talk about "a minority president" that has been so rampant during the past year,

### **EARL HUNTER** Phone 127

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Offioe. Main Street, West Side Connecting Phones

Let there be public rejoicing over the Supreme court's affirmation of the decision compelling Bell and independent telephone companies to make physical connection upon request. That is the only way by which the benefits of competition may be retained without specificing the advantages of a single telephone cover the Supreme court's affirmation of the decision compelling Bell and independent telephone companies to make physical connection upon request. That is the only way by which the benefits of competition may be retained without specificing the advantages of a single telephone in the control of the decision compelling Bapids is visiting her parents Mr. Alcyely of Lowell spent Bunday evening at the flowell spent Bunday evening at the Fabrai home.

The children of Christ Bands flow of the young people came the flowell spent Bunday evening at the advantages of a single telephone last week.

Our efforts to issue THE LEDGER early Thursday mornings have been defeated several weeks by belated offerings of Press suggests the aggrieved advertising and news copy, in party send the facts to the Michspite of frequent requests for igan railroad commission at

CARLOADS of belated Christearly or late will depend on our mas mail stacked in Chicago patrons. We shall continue to and other great centers when do our best; but we can not do it should have been in the it all. We depend upon female hands of recipients all over the sluggish bowel movement. Correct

> Losr motion must be deer behind. Here's one answer to the everlasting question: "What next?"

Mrs. Herbert Jakeway and children of Kalamazoo, visited her parents J. O. Wingeler and wife last week. Miss Cummins of Grand Rapids has been visiting at J. O. Wingsler's, Mr. and Mrs. David Gardeld spent Sunday with Hiram Converse and wife in Keene.

Peter Peterson spent Christmas with his mother in Grand Rapids. D. A. Church and wife entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Frost and Mrs. Ella Richmond Monday.

Constinction Couses Bod Skin.

A dull and pimply skin is due to a

LOWELL DIST. NO. 2. Sunday guests at Clinton Miller's were Mr. Eck and Hullie, Verned, Maxle and Georgie Miller, Harry Eck went to Grand Rapids Monday night.

Maxle Miller spent Thursday night three inches deep and it is real cold with Naomi Jones. report events that are a week or ten days old. So, what's sprinkler in front and a sweep-

THE A. L. COONS CLOTHIERS WISH

YOU HEALTH-THE GREATEST OF

ALL ASSETS. IF YOU HAVE IT, WE

HOPE YOU MAY KEEP IT: IF YOU

LACK IT, MAY IT COME TO YOU IN

1917

THE HOME OF HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX GOOD CLOTHES.

day. School closed in Dist, No. 2 for va

Stop That Cough

A hacking cough weakens the whole

Chicago packing houses to study the methods and profits of by products.

With coal selling at \$3 per ton in Japan and at \$30 in Italy, the rights of man would indicate free trade as the proper colicy for those countries.

A hacking cough weakens the whole system, drains your energy and gets worse if neglected; your throat is raw, your chest aches and you feel sore all over. Relieve that cold at once with Dr. King's New Discovery. The soothing pine balsams heal the irritated membranes, and the antiseptic and laxative qualities kill the germs and break up your cold. Don't let a cold linger. Set Dr. King's New Discovery today at your drug.

A hacking cough weakens the whole church Saturday evening were enjoyed by all present.

DISTRICT NO, FIVE Monday was one of the most ideal Christmas days on record. Your correspondent wishes the readers of Tile let a cold linger. Set Dr. King's New Discovery today at your drug.

SOUTH BOSTON.

Mrs. Roth and daughter Margaret

Adolph Roth is home from Benzonia

Miss Irma Cilley is home from Yo

Mrs. Phila Cliley and daughter

John Tucker and family of Lowell

spent Christmas at the home of Otle

Will Draper and family spent Mon-

day with A. M. Andrews and wife in

spent Christmas at the home of Mrs.

northwest of Lowell.

Ora Morton.

Mrs. M. T. Story.

academy for vacation.

ellanti for her vacation.

cation during the holidays.

policy for those countries. New Discovery today at your drug-

LET us hope that the soldiers families spent Sunday with their in Europe's greatest war will mother Mrs. S. E. Tucker.

but be home with their families spent last Tuesday with their daughter and stater Mrs. Ernest Althaus

ohn and Allen.

The

dinner.

Ralph Story and family spent and are spending the week with her Christmas with his parents Mr. and parents at Saranac.

George Klahn and and family spent the church Sunday.

Christmas with George Hazel and Harold Scott of Detroit spent

rlende Tuesday.

Miss Auble of Grand Rapids

visiting her sister Mrs. John Behier,

Mr. and Mrs. John Acheson enter-

Christmas exercises at the

tained relatives with a Christmas

Jessie Van Haitama) of Grand Rapids also Mr. and Mrs. Will Davis of South

Lowell were Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van

Quite a few from this vicinity at-

ended the Christmas exercises at the

South Lowell Methodist church Sat-

urday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Needbam enter-

tained their children with a Christmas

MORSE LAKE

A Happy New Year to all.
Herman Smith, the operator at
Fox, was the guest of Morse Lake

Mrs. Frank Fairchild and son Rich-

Owing to the inclemency of the

weather there were no services at

hristmas with his parents Mr. and

Mrs. J. O. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Behler of Ann

Arbor are guests of her parents dur-ing the holiday vacation.

Harold Fairchild of Grand Rapids

THE statement that nine-!

BURNING waste molasses

from sugar factories to make

steam is noteworthy economy

in Hawaii. The islanders

should send a delegate to the

Here is a case where God pro-

not only be out of the trenches

AMERICA the great and

Switzerland the little, repub-

lics, stand together for peace.

HAPPY New Year to all.

No Previous Experience.

has just been in a bad collision)-

That's the most complete smashup I

ever saw. Autolst (proudly)-Thank

you. And, would you believe it, it's

the first one I ever had!-Puck.

Traffic Cop (to autoist whose car

poses and man disposes.

before another Christmas.

It is well.

tenths of the magazine articles

Olga Blasser and Irma Kallinger was home for Christmas. A keyely of Lowell spent Sunday evening at the Fahrn home.

Christmas tree had been arranged and a few of the young people came

advantages of a single telephone system.

Already in some parts of the state telephone companies have state telephone companies have been obliging their patrons by effecting transfers from one system to another. Henceforth there is no excuse for the failure of any to meet such requests of a single telephone and week's visit with relations and some that are continually happen and southly personness that are continually happen. It quickly penetrates at 11:30 a. May school at Bowne Center 3t, at 10 a. May personness that are continually happen. The total southless are continually happen. The total southless are continually happen. T the thousands whose work calls them outdoors, the pains and aches following exposure are relieved by Sloan's Liniment. At all druggists,

> SOUTH LOWELL Elroy Schwarder and family of North Clarkeville spent Christmas with his parents. Ray Rittenger of Grand Rapids is spending his vacation with his par-

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Norris entertained relatives with a dinner Sun-Miss Bessle Kinyon of Muskegon is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kilgus spent Christmas with his parents and at-tended the exercises at the German Martin Schneider and family of Lowell and Arthur Schneider and wife spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shiiton of Cascade.

which is quite unusual.

BOWNE M. E. CIRCUIT will be \$3.00 per year; the Michi-Sunday school at Bowne Center gan Farmer will go to 75c per

Lost Their Babe.

Sherman Albert Purdy, youngest son of Clyde and Lea Purdy, was born at Alton Oct. 13, 1915, and died at Alma December 15, 1916, aged 1 Farmer, Today's Magazine, Home year, 2 months and 2 days. He Life, regular value \$5.25, bargain leaves to mourn their loss his father price \$3.00. and mother, one brother and two No. 4—Ledger, Herald, Michigan sisters, besides many other relatives. Farmer, Fruit Grower, Home Life, regular value \$5.75, bargain price,

Funeral services were held at the Alton church Dec. 18, Rev. A. H. Lash officiating; interment at Alton.

FALLASBURG.

Mrs. Edith Skinner and daughter Home Journal, Today's Magazine, of Ionia and Elmer Lane of Pontiac, McCall's Magazine, regular value Sunday and Christmas guests of Floyd Lang and family, returned to their homes Monday night, the for-mer accompanied by her niece Orma

Charlie Miller and lady friend of Grand Rapids spent Christmas with bis parents Jacob Miller and wife.
School closed for the holiday season last Friday night with a Christmas tree and program which attributed much credit to our teacher Miss

Morris Kalward and family left saturday for Kalamazoo to spend Christmas.

Miss Quillan is spending the hold days at her home in Vergennes. Bernie Powell and brother Otis who are working in Belding came Saturday to spend Christmas here;

work at present.

Mrs. Frank Jones returned from the Ann Arbor hospital last Wednesday. She is able to see out of the poor eye operated upon and the However, The Ledger can protect

Monday night.

Hamilton Whedon and daughter
Mrs. VanVelzen of Lowell were
Christmas guests of Mrs. Sherrard

their grandson Samuel Dagen of Coleman over Christmas.

Andrew Dagen and wife entertained

and son Frank Monday. Laura Booth who is working at Arthur Anderson in Vergennes, came home last Friday to stay until Sat- increased costs to every newsurday with her parents Wm. Booth paper; and that nearly all the and family.

Clyde Foreman and family of Lowell were guests of his parents Charles Foreman and wife.

EAST LOWELL School closed Friday for a two weeks vacation with a Christmas tree for the children. Mrs. M. A. Oriel visited in Grand

Rapide last week. Ernest Vanderwall of Lansing and Hobart Coles of Detroit were home for Christmas.

day night. Harvey and wife of Mc-Brides, John of Flint and Mrs. Geo Christie of Spring Lake are here at were here Friday. W. J. Fikins spent Tuesday with

his sister Emma. Mr. and Mrs. John Cary celebrated their golden wedding anniversary
Tuesday, Dec. 19, in a quiet way as
Mrs. Cary and little granddaughter
Larkie were very ill. They received
forty golden cards from friends and
neighbors and Mrs. Cary a gold ring.
Mrs. Cary is better, but Larkie died
Christmas ava

Christmas eve. Glenn and Ward Hubbel visited their uncles in Clarksville Saturday. Note: The Farmer will advance to have been on the sick list.

SEELEY CORNERS. Mildred and Edna Hesche and

ladys Ferrall attended the Christmas exercises at the Thomas school Fri-A fine Christmas sermon was de livered by our pastor Sunday morn-

Our Christmas exercises were held at the church Saturday evening.
The play ertitled "Christmas at
Pumpkin Hollow" was given in a
very creditable manner. The pastor
was presented with a \$5 bill and
Supt Hesche a pair of gloves from
the neighborhood the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller of Saranac spent Sunday with the former's brother Lon Miller and tamily. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Miller and Christmas tree Friday afternoon.

The pupils of Miss Ruby Willette of held Sunday evening evening followed by a nightwatch service. All invited. Several from here attended the Christmas exercises at Whitneyville prepared and rendered by Miss Mabel Hunt and her scholars. The house

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Miller and sons spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs Peter Eck and son Harry.

E. R. Jones went to Moseley Monday to work.

Mrs. E. R. Jones and daughter Pearl took dinner with Mrs. Lon Miller Wednesday.

Clinton Miller was in Lowell Tuesday.

Clinton Miller was in Lowell Tuesday.

Christmas tree Friday afternoon. Quite a number of visitors were present and enjoyed the exercises.

Mrs. G. Rittenger entertained with a family dinner Monday.

Miss Ruth Layer is home from Flint for the Christmas vacation.

Harold Behler of Lansing is spending his vacation with his brothers John and Allen. The Grange sent Ross Stephens fruit and flowers Christmas. He is much work by both teacher and much improved at this writing.

Mr. Wileey and family of McCords and Daley Winters of Ada spent Christmas at Geo. Stephens 'Howard Ferrall of Lansing spent Christmas at home, also Glenn Rey-

nolds of Detroit.

We will call for same at any time. Just phone Citz. No. 156, Lowell, that's all. highest prices paid.

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At Reasonable Prices.

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No. 2—Ledger, Herald, Michigan Farmer, People's Popular Monthly, Home Life, regular value \$5.00, bar-gain price, \$3.55. No. 3-Ledger, Herald, Michigan

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\$5.50, bargata price \$3.70. No. 7—Ledger, Herald and Croco-dile Wrench—six handy tools in one —bargain price \$3.60.

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LEDGER-PRESS NOTICE

Ledger Readers Take Notice, Press Goes to \$3.00 per Year. The following letter from The

Grand Rapids Press advises us they were accompanied by Claud Grand Rapids Press advises us Booth who will not return to his of an increase in rates beginning

poor eye operated upon and the other is much brighter.

We understand that Miss Florence Richmond of Vergennes and Albert Richmond of Vergennes and Albert come in now at the \$2.00 per Houseman of Whites Bridge, were come in now at the \$2.00 per quetly married last week. The year rate. If your subscription young people gave them a chartvari expires in a few weeks come in and renew at once and save \$1.00. The Ledger.

> COPY OF THE PRESS LETTER. Lowell Ledger.

Gentlemen:-We beg to advise you that The Press will increase Claud Parker and family and Don its subscription rates on the R. Parker and wife of Ionia who came | Its subscription rates on the it. | Parker and wife of Ionia who came | F. D. from \$2.00 per year to | Inst Saturday to visit their parents | F. D. from \$2.00 per year to | Mr. and Mrs. George Parker of Low- \$3.00 per year, \$1.60 for six months.

As publishers you know this action is forced upon us by the papers in the country have increased their rates. Trusting to receive your kind

co-operation, we remain, Sincerely yours, The Grand Rapids Press.

According to above instructions the regular price of The Ledger and Press after January 20, will be \$4.50; but prior to that time The Ledger's agree-F. M. Godfrey had a stroke of ment with The Press will save paralysis on his entire left side Thurs- you \$1.35. The present price of \$3.15 will be good until January 20-not later. Don't wait. Don't present. George Christie of Grand delay. We positively can not Rapids and Fred Godfrey of Hastings accept orders after that date at the present price. Get in under the wire at once.

Good on R. F. D. only.

Ledger and Toledo Blade, \$1.75. Ledger and Michigan Farmer, \$1.75. Mrs. Geo. Godfrey and daughters 75c per year February 1: but this club price with The Ledger will con-June Coles attended the exercises tinue for some time. For Farmerat her sister's school in Keene Friday. Ledger subscribers a special lot of bargain clubs in magazines and papers are offered. Ask for list. The Ledger, Today's Magazine Woman's World, Home Life and lietter Farming, all one year for \$1.75 Ledger and Grand Rapids News

> In addition to above. The Ledger will forward subscriptions to other newspapers and magazines for ite own patrons at wholesale rates.

Try Ledger job print.

CASCADE

The Young Peoples meeting will be the led Sunday evening evening followed grams ever given in Cascade, was One of the best district school pro Friday evening.

We were pleased to see Mr. Richards able to attend church Sunday.

We was filled to the doors and every please on the program was given in a most excellent manner, showing

> pupils. Christmas exercises for the Sunday school primary department were helin the church parlors Saturday after Mr. and Mrs. John Watterson of

Frand Rapids were callers at Wm Vatterson's last Thursday. Several from the village attended he exercises at Snow church Satur day evening. Harold Watterson arrived home

Wednesday evening from Ann Arbor.
John Eldridge, formerly of this
town, but who has spent some time in Oklahoma, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

PROBATE NOTICE.

TATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Kent. At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, on the 11th Present: Hon. Elllott D. Prescott, Acting Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Henry W. Booth, deceased.

Ada Booth Willard having filed in said courtiber petition praying that the admistration of said estate be granted to David G. Mange or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the 5th day of January, A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hear-

ing said petition;
It is further ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county. A true copy. Elliott D. Prescott,
Acting Judge of Probate

John Dalton.

Register of Probate.

THE N. P. HUSTED CO. have on hand the time-tried varieties of Fruit Trees, consisting of

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given in the Library Contest for each dollar paid

THE LEDGER

for subscriptions old or new. Votes also given for job printing and advertising.

# Library Contest

A beautiful library of 115 volumes and cases to be given away in a Library Contest. This handsome Library and case will be given by vote to the Church, School, Lodge or Society in Lowell and vicinity having the largest number of votes in the following manner: The business men listed below will give with each five cent purchase five votes. The contest begins September 21st, 1916 and ends March 1, 1917 at 7 p. m. A ballot box has been placed in Look's Drug store, where all votes are to be deposited. At the close of the contest the Church, School, Lodge, or Society having the largest number of votes will be awarded the Library. Current accounts when promptly paid will be entitled to votes. Remember, votes can only be secured by trading with the merchants listed below. Standing of contestants will be published in The Lowell Ledger. The library and case are now on exhibition in the show window of Yelter & Co. The following is a list of the merchants. Patronize these merchants and get busy with the votes.

J. O. CLARK, Fancy Groceries HERMAN STRONG, Bakery. ART H. HILL, Shoes.

J W. BRUNTHAVER, Bazaar J. H. HAMILTON ESTATE, Monuments.

F. B. McKAY, Coal and Implemente. D. G LOOK, Rexall Drugglet.

R. T. FORD, Hardware.

WILL C. STONE, Dyeing and Cleaning.

Confectionery.

R. E. SPRINGET I, Insurance. AVERY'S Studio. GOULD'S Garage.

YEITER & CO., Furniture.

SUGAR BOWL, Ice Cream and

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Admission 10 and 15 cents.

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Newsy Notes About People You Know.

\$10 High Grade Vacuum sweepers \$5 at Ford's hardware.

Harold Jones of Grand Rapids spent Christmas with friends here. Mrs. Wardell entertained her sons Earl and Forrest for Christ-

Floyd Oliver of Grand Rapids her parents. spent Tuesday with his parents

H. J. Coons and C. J. Collar children here. were in Lansing the first of the

Grand Rapids spent Christmas Nina Juris of Grand Rapids at Clarksville.

spent Christmas with Lorna Krum. Miss Myrtie Taylor visited over | over Christmas.

friends. Mrs. A. R. Barnes returned Sat- first of the week. urday from a two weeks' visit in

Lansing. Harry Flogaus of Albion has holiday vacation. been spending a few days with his | Miss Eva Pottruff and Jesse

parents here. Advertised letters in the Low- parents at Saranac. J. Van Caire.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Cotton and sister, Mrs. C. J. Collar. relatives here.

Will Gage and family of Mus. at Ford's hardware. tf kegon spent Monday at the home of Ben Andrews.

Detroit to spend the holidays with his parents. Miss Maude VanArsdale

Pontiac is spending her vacation with her mother here.

sing is spending the holidays with her parents here.

Monday with Mrs. Eunice Richmond in Grand Rapids. Miner Bergin of Howell

brother and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Will Kerekes spent Monday with her parents,

Miss Bertha Huyke of Kalamazoo spent a few days last week her here for Christmas. with her aunt Mrs. F. E. White.

Married, in Ionia December 19,

Albert Hauserman of Smyrna

of Hastings spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Beckey. Mrs. F. B. Clarke and children

of Petoskey are spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Edwin Fallas. Miss Estella Kaufman returned to Grand Rapids yesterday, hav-

ing spent over Sunday with her parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Cameron and family spent Christmas at the Hill at Christmas dinner.

home of John Headworth in Grand Rapids. The marriage license clerk announces the wedding of John

Baker and Sabie Dawson, a Lowell young couple.

ited Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Scott Border have played with the over Christmas.

Border have played with the regimental foot ball team which Brank Woodworth of Grand

mas in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. F. De Weert.

Miss Jennie Joseph spent Christmas with relatives in Grand Rap- | Hardware.

McBrides are visiting Lowell rel-Mr. and Mrs. John Roth spent

Sunday with her parents in Grand | Ford's Hardware. tf. Harry Shuter spent a few days ids a few days this week.

his week with his parents at Nashville. Miss Inez Rutherford of Yosi

lanti is spending the week with Mrs. Katherine Stone of Grand Rapids spent Monday with her

Frank Ball of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with his aunt. Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Avery of J. L. Andrews. Mr. and Mrs. John Rittenger spent Christmas with her sister

> Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Sayles of Toledo visited their parents here

Christmas with Grand Rapids Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hartley of

Miss Ella Perrin is home from her school at St. Johns for the

ell postoffice: Claud H. Schmidt, Miss Edith Chaffin of Lansing is spending the week with her

son Jack of Detroit are visiting If you have anything in the plumbing line, see Charlie Cook

Charles McMahon of Detroit spent Christmas with his mother

Perrin McQueen is home from and other relatives here. Mrs Hattie Speaker of Grand Rapids spent Sunday and Monday with her sons here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Freeport spent Monday with Miss Florence Yeiter of Lan-their daughter, Mrs. Ed. flart.

Claude Anderson of Pontiac visited the family of his uncle Dr. Water Rogers and family spent C. H. Anderson Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White and day and Monday.

Clifford Morse of Ionia, Mrs. Mat is Seter and Mrs. Fred Stein of Sarspending a few days with his anac spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morse.

Mrs. Claude Hinman of Ionia has been spending several days Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, in Ionia. with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Taylor. Mr. Hinman joined

No material change in the Li-Hollis Andrews of Flint spent brary contest vote this week. from Saturday until Tuesday People too busy celebrating with his mother. Mrs. J. C. An. Christmas. Get your votes in low for next week.

Mrs. Phoebe Tate left Friday to spend the holidays with her and Florence Richmond of Ver. daughter Mrs. Eaton in Grand Rapids. Going from there to Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Shawman Buffalo, Iowa, to spend a couple M. N. Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Rix of Mattawan returned to their home days with the latter's sister Mrs. A. G. Peckham and family. Mrs. Peckham accompanied them as

far as Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Conklin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hill and Mr. and the affair a record-breaker. Mrs. Ralph Nixon of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Art Hill

were entertained by Mrs. Orton

Bank who are on the Mexican border with the Thirty-Second One block from High school, two Michigan, do not expect them to come home before the last of January. Both of the boys were enthusiastic gymnasts in the last of January will be and daughter lie of Lansing vis. As a vandenbrock, last week.

Michigan, do not expect them to block from High school, two blocks from City hall. Home cooking and pleasant furnished rooms. Mrs. A. A. Dickersona Mrs. Ame Stauffer.

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Mrs. Ame Stauffer.

Richard Towns of Stanton spent Dr. and Mrs. O. C. McDannell has played seven games and won Rapids spent Christmas with the Christmas tree with appropriate exand Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Wineseven in a championship contest. latter's mother, Mrs. Beni. Soules. gar and son Roger spent Christ-They have another game to play. Belated shipments of silverware

A fine carving set \$2.75. Ford

Mrs. Orton Hill spent Tuesday Harvey Godfrey and family of in Grand Rapids. R. L. Weekes was in Grand

Rapids Wednesday. We specialize in plumbing.

Miss Mary Bangs is home from Alba during the holidays.

High grade silverware at a sacrifice. Ford's hardware. Miss Neva Coons was home

from Lansing for Christmas. Donald Harvey was in Constantine to spend Christmas.

New flashlights and batteries just received at Stocking's. adv Will Hartman spent Christmas with his parents at Kalamazoo.

L. K. Buck is spending a week with relatives in Traverse City.

Miss Minnie Meek spent Christ-Detroit visited relatives here the mas with her mother at Sparta. Mrs. Will Devering spent Christmas in Belding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clingensmith.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan LeClear of Grand Rapids have been visiting Cahoon spent Christmas with his their daughter, Mrs. F. W.

John Callier.

Misses Winnie White and Ariel the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hurley and Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. daughter Maxine spent from Saturday until Tuesday in Jackson and Coldwater.

Christmas time.

her sister, Mrs. B. H. Hartwell Mrs. Lee Lampkin. and family, at Cannonsburg Sun-

spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roth. Sweet in South Lowell. Melville B. McPherson of Ver-

gennes has been named by Govcounty jury commissioners for Ban Andrews of Lowell. Albert Roth, Harold Bergin. in Grand Rapids.

and Bruce Krum of Detroit spent Christmas with relatives and

John Hapeman, Lloyd Worden and Chas. McCarty are home spend the remainder of the week with Mrs. Wilkinson. from Ann Arbor. The latter is

ill at the home of his sister. Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Parker and two children and Mr. and

Mrs. Don Parker of Ionia spent Tuesday after spending several Sunday and Monday with their be a victim of worms. Begin treat-The Board of Trade committees in charge of the annual ban-

quet will meet this week and get busy on arrangements to make the affair a record-breaker.

Quickly and easily. Doll t permit your child's development to be retarded by the continued draining of his vitality by worms. Get Kickapoo worm Killer at your druggist, 25c.

West Bound—West Bound—10:47 a. m. Daily except 10:43 p. m. Daily except 10:23 p. m. Daily except 10:24 p. m. Daily except 10:25 p Harold A. Beach, a former Lowell boy, was home from

Charlotte to spend Christmas with his father Seymour Beach The parents of Carl and Theo and his aunt Mrs. Wall Langs. relatives here. Boarders and roomers wanted.

and daughter lie of Lansing vis. Lowell High school and on the Mr. and Mrs. Sprague Keene

Mr. and Mrs. James Deryke and which will give their team the desirable to reduce our stock and Mrs. Ame Stauffer. little son of Grand Rapids spent championship of the Border and January 1 we start our clean up Christmas with their parents, a free trip to California. Good sale. You save money on staple merchandise at this sale.—R. D.

> Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hunter attended the funeral of the latter's sister-in-law, Mrs. Elmer Moore, last Sunday.
>
> Mr. and Mrs. Will Dickens were in Detroit last Thursday. Mrs. Hunter remained to help care for Thursday evening ere their departure her mother, Mrs. S. Moore, who for their new home in Detroit.

Mrs. Florence Fuller, Joseph Kinyon, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence and daughter Ariel and Miss Libbie Lawrence spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Murphy in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Wayne Pardee, Russell Gold Piece bert and Wayne Ford and Mr. and Mrs. E. Pottruff of Grand Rapids were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ford in South Lowell.

Dr. and Mrs. A. V. Wenger and daughter Virginia and Miss Anna Roth of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Will Winchell and Wesley Roth of Ionia were Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Roth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Aldrich entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carey, daughter Emma, son Glen, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Carey and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. Easterbrook at Christmas dinner. Fine time reported.

home part of last week and this with **ALTO VILLAGE NOTES** her parente.

On December 25th, at 7:30 in the Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frost and daughter spent Christmas afternoon at Asa Vandenbrok's. evening at the home of the bride's parents, Miss Vera Drake was united R. B. Davis and family, Hosmer Andrews and daughter Eva and Mrs. in matrimony to Oscar Sterzick of to. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. P. Brown, the ring ceremony being used. After the congrat-Hettle Davis and family were Christ mas guests at John Purdy's in Smyr ulations were over a bountiful lunch-Mr. and Mrs. Art Biggs (nee Daley Reed) entertained at Christmas din-ner: Mr. and Mrs. Al. Biggs, Mr and eon was served to the guests, about 40 in number. They will reside with the step-father, Joseph Cooley. The groom having rented the farm. Their Mrs. Percy Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reed and their families. many friends wish them a long and

Percy Gregory of Lowell called on Burr Davislast with Sunday his auto, Larkie Alice, the il year old a aughter of Samuel and Ruby Cary, died of reporting the roads good.
Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Kropf and pneumonia on Sunday night after only a brief fliness. The funeral serdaughter of Vergennes Center spent Christmas with her parents. rices were at the home Wednesday, December 27, at 11 a. m., Rev. N. P. Agustus Zahm of Owosso is a guest at A. Vandenbrock's this week Brown of Alto officiating, Interment in the South Boston cemetery. Mrs. Mary Denton of Belding was P. C. Freeman and wife were vists guest at her brother James' last tors at South Boston last Sunday week. and attended church services in the Clare Ford was at Dorr one day ast week on bustness

last, the congregations on the Alto effeuit were very small. Miss Winifred Brown returned from Albion to spend the holiday vacation with her parents, Rev and Mrs. N. P. Brown

Dr. G L Bond entertained Druggist

On account of the storm Sunday

Charles Brown and wife for dinner on Christmas day The Ladies' Aid society of Alto ord's Hardware. tf. kindly remembered the pastor on Christmas eve with the gift of a beautiful Axminister rug.

#### What's the Reason?

Many Lowell People in Poor Health Without Knowing the Cause.

There are scores of people who drag out a miserable existence without realizing the cause of their suffer. ing. Day after day they are racked with backache and headache; suffer from nervousness, dizziness, weakness, languor and depression. Perhaps the kidneys have fallen behind in their work of filtering the blood and One new piano to close out at that may be the root of the trouble. a rare bargain. R. D. Stocking. Look to your kidneys, assist them in their work-give them the help they need. You can use no more highly recommended remedy than Doan's Kidney Pills-endorsed by people all over the country and by your neight

Mrs. W. C. Stone, 513 Front St., Lowell, says: "From my satisfactory experience with Doan's Kidney Pills, I can recommend them to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Holliday everyone. When my kidneys were and children of Lansing are vis- weak and I suffered from backacheiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs | I used this medicine and it gave me juick relief."

Price 50c, at all dealers Don't Lawrence are home from their simply ask for a kidney remedy—get respective schools in Detroit for Doan's Kidney Pills-the same that Mrs. Stone had. Foster Milburn

KEENE NEWS

Mrs Lettle Hawley of Potters Cashier Harry Day of the City with her brother, Clifton White, State bank presented handsome Mr. and Mrs. Clifton White attendcalendars to his patrons at the ed the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Sayles. Dr. and Mrs. Haines of Sparta Miss Lora Lampman visited spent Christmas with their daughter,

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fashbaugh en-tertained with a Christmas dinner. Misses Marie and Pauline Roth Those present were Lee Jones and family of Lowell and Harry Fashof Grand Rapids spent Christmas | baugh and family of Potters Corners Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr ate Christ mas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. P.

Mr. and Mrs A. L. Pantentertained with a Christmas dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. II. ernor Ferris as one of the Kent Gage of Muskegon and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Pant spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Elmer Lawrence

Charles Stocking, Harold Fuller Mrs. Geo. Golds, Brayton and Jennie and Mrs. Martha Golds spent over Christmas in Grand Rapide. Mrs. Ella L., Smith returned Tues lay from Grand Rapids where she

> Frank Dan'els and wife entertained Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brown of Belding

Worms Make Children Fretful.

If your child cries out in sleep, is nent at once with Kickapoo Worm Killer This candy laxative in tablet form kills the worm and removes it quickly and easily. Don't permit word child's development to the first sound party of the first sound party in the first sou

ALTON.

Miss Goldte Vandenbrock of Stanton is visiting her father and other ber aunt, Mrs. Asa Vandenbrock, last

Friday night at his sister Mrs. Lizzie Davis', and with Burr Davis was in Lowell that day on business The Moseley school enjoyed a

ercises at the schoolhouse last Friday B. of Belding are visiting her sister. George Heffron of Parnell spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs.

Asa Vandenbrock Philip Sayles and wife of Toledo visited his sister, Mrs. Gordon Frost, and mother, Mrs. O. Sayles, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hogan of near

Miss Ina Wiggins of Belding was

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Mr. and Mrs Adelbert House of mother, Mrs. Day. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norton of Smyr na and Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. Clare Norton of Orleans spent Christmas with their father, Bert Norton.

A Garden In the Air. The highest garden in the world is said to be the Alpine region of botaoy, which was laid out by the late 'anon Chanoux, formerly rector of he Hospice of Little St. Bernard. It s situated at an elevation of 2,200 meters, or 7,150 feet. Here are to be ound almost all species of mountain lowers, not only those common in the Alps, Pyrenees, Carpathians, the Cauasus and the Balkans, but even from faroff Himalaya. The canon conceivd the idea in 1888, but it was not unil 1902 that his project became effective. In the latter year the commune of Thuile gave him the land. London

Mrs Carrie Porter visited at R B

Davis' last week and thisat Ass Van

Hope you all had a Merry Christ

Mrs. Herb Jakeway and children of

Kalamazoo were Christmas guesta at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John O.

mas and wish you all a Happy New

denbrock's.

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GRAND TRUNK

Miss Mae Heffron of Belding visited
ner aunt, Mrs. Asa Vandenbrock, last
week.

Mrs. Ed Bradley (nee Ida Dennis)

West Bound—
9:05 a. m. Daily except Sunday
12:31 noon Daily except Sunday
9:23 p. m. Daily except Sunday
9:23 p. m. Daily except Sunday

LOWELL MARKET REPORT

Corrected Dec. 27, 1916.

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A Historic Spot. Linlithgow palace, on the shore of the beautiful sheet of water of that name in Scotland, is somewhat square and heavy looking and is full of historic interest. Linlithgow was the birthplace of Mary, queen of Scots; in Linlithgow church James IV, of Scotiand was forewarned by an apparition of the coming disaster at Flodden Field; in its streets the regent Murray was shot; close by the town Edward I, had two ribs broken by his horse the night before Falkirk, and on its loch a chancellor of the exchequer. bent on economy, issued instructions that the royal swans should be kept

What He Was Showing.

down to a dozen.-Argonaut.

A young man sitting in a subway car with legs crossed and one foot showing a highly polished shoe and silk sock extended so far into the aisle as to make it almost impossible for people to pass was brought to a sense of his disregard for others by three young women who set opposite. One said, "I wonder if he is showing his foot or his shoe?" The second said loud enough to be heard above the car clatter, "I think he wants to show his clocked socks-watch it." "No." said the third: "he's only showing his bad manners." The foot came down and was lost in the crowd which got off at the next station .- New York Trib-

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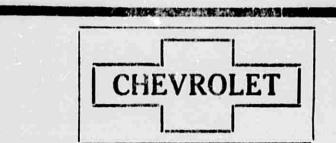
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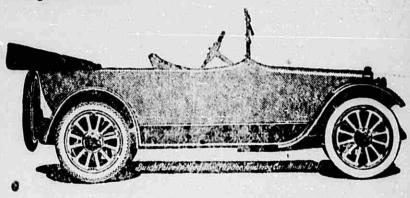
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By SAMUEL McCOY

This is a story of pioneer days in Indiana, when courageous frontiersmen fought the redskins and the wilderness and won vast territory

CHAPTER XV-Continued.

of the stream, leaped down beneath and nearer came the fierce yelping. its friendly shelter, and ran on noisepursued, it would be better to let the sound was the querulous calling of the hundred yards away. little woodpecker, high overhead. He

walted . . . walted . . . waited, the first shout of the backwoodsmen under a slow-moving foot. David scarcely breathed. A head rose above a little way, firing vainly at the fleeling crouching shadow flitted from tree to Young Georgie Crogban, Harrison's tree, nearer, nearer , , , David ald, was in command of the little He saw the face of the dread hunter.

peering with quick motions of the head from side to side, watchful as the brown water-snake. Nearer he came; the garb was that of an Indian, the face a white man's! David was about to ery out with relief when the him, though they falled to pierce the sheltering covert, and with a sickening horror David recognized the face of Simon Girty, the renegade!

On the instant, David lifted his rifle and fired full at the crouching figure. From Girty's lips broke the roar of an infuriated animal; he staggered back with the impact of the shot, but he did not fall nor yet did he lift his weapon to his shoulder; and David saw that his shot had struck only the lock of Girty's rifle, rendering it useless but leaving the man unbarmed. With a bellow of rage, Girty bounded

toward him, swinging the broken



They Crashed Together and Splintered

to reload. David leaped to the top of the bank and braced himself for the onset. As the clubbed rifle of the outlaw rose above his head, David swung his own upward to meet it. They crashed together and splintered with ing the broken stock away, the mighty arms of Simon Girty flung themselves around David.

With the strength of desperation, David strove to oppose the terrible sinews. Back and forth over the frozen grass the two men fought like beasts, heaving, struggling, stumbling over roots, locked in an embrace as deadly as that of the cougar. But it could not last long; David felt his strength ebbing under the terrific strain and his breath grew short and in his fixed resolve not to forget what gasping; when suddenly the earth gave had gone before. Why couldn't he be way beneath their feet and with a last despairing effort David twisted himseif above as they toppled over the low buff, and the fight was over. Girty. falling underneath, had struck his head upon a stone; and his arms relaxed their hold.

Dr vid stood up, panting. Girty lay very still. But David knew that he must make sure that the man was dead before he could be safe himself. He felt in his girdle for his knife; but it had fallen out during the struggle. Clambering up the bank again, he saw it lying on the ground and as his fingers closed upon the handle he thought he heard a sob. He turned his head quickly.

"Toinette!" The name burst from him in the completeness of his astonishment, in the revulsion of his despair, in his mighty joy, like the cry of the soul

from behind which Girty had risen, exhausted by the effort she had made to free herself from the thongs that bound her feet and hands. A sob had ness and despair.

He was beside her. "Save yourself," she murmured faint-

ly, "there are Indians coming!" He kneeled and cut the thongs that bound he ankles and then those of her for those who would never return. wrists. As she tried to stand, she or threw themselves with weeping beswayed weakly and fainted. There was no time to lose; he lifted her limp form upon his shoulders and ran staggeringly in the direction of the troops. He could never overtake them-the O'Bannon, who strained his daughter marching column and the slow-moving to his breast and kissed her again and wagons must be a mile away by now. He stumbled on with desperate exer- kisses; for she had been brought back tion. He reached the winding creek again, laid down his unconscious burden and dashed the icy water in Toinerte's face. Her great blue eyes, shadowed by dark circles of exhaustion, opened slowly, looked at him blankly. "Father, help me!" she cried. He shook her by the shoulders. "Stand up! Try!" The light of consciousness came back into her eyes; she rose tremblingly and tried to walk. They found a place where the water

gurgled over a stony bar, ankle-deep;

crossed It and struggled up the bank

on the farther side. As they reached

the top there came to their ears the

dreadful exultant yells of the Indians.

three hundred yards behind. David put

his arms around the girl's shoulders

With a bound he reached the bank leaden and the pursuers fleet. Nearer | welcomed him with beaming face. At last David and Toinette stood less moccasins along the shelving still and looked at each other. David lay down their pride! edge, back toward the quarter from drew his knife. She nodded, sliently which the shot had come; if he were praying him to deliver her with that

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swift death from the tortures of the with a sore head, she thought. It was savages. "Oh, God, not yet!" be cried; just what she might have expected, distance the Indian runners. At last and drew her on in blind haste. Twice she told herself. It is perfectly silly he stopped and inch by inch crawled he shouted, with all the strength of to be so big and flinty, she was sure. fingers had been plucking nervously at up to the tep of the bank until he his gasping lungs. Was it an echo. David had never spoken ten words to a purple ribbon which hung from her rush of the rain. A hand fell upon the tion and peer through the tufts of back? And then there came a burst weeds. No sound broke the stillness, of the sweetest music in the world For an eternity of time he lay, clutched the cheers of a score of Harrison's ing his rifle in readiness; but the only men, crashing through the woods a they did, she knew; why, whenever

The chase was suddenly reversed. At Fifty yards away a twig snapped the baffled Indians turned and fled The rescuing party pursued them but forms dodging among the tree trunks squad. They had heard Girty's shot fired at David, and a little later, David's shot; and had come back from the troops with all speed. Toinette had sunk to the ground, laughing and sobbing; they gathered around her with wild hurralis, a torrent of eager

> back to the marching men. How the and his staff galloped up one by one and shouted like boys. Old "Wash" face, stained with happy tears, "I'm old enough, my dear," he said,

And the men cheered again. A dozen times she was obliged to tell the story of her captivity; a dozen times the men lifted David on their shoulders and cheered him to the echo. But through all the rejoicing and the thanksgiving, David's heart remained each boy who had danced attendance heavy; for the breach still seemed impossible to bridge. She, too, suffered: did and together they had laughed each tormented by a debt of gratitude due envalier into oblivion; but she found it one whose treason to his country must forever bar him from her love. Treason? Why was it, then, that Da-

vid seemed such a hero to all his comrades among the militiamen? Why had all of them received him into their to foot when she felt that the sparks secret which she thought so horrible, some way to win a pardon from Gov- own contempt as best she might.

She went back over the circumstances of that tragic meeting in Coryion, when she and ike had confronted David and found the proofs of treachry upon him. What had happened ifter she had left that scene? Per aps lke had prevailed on David to resounce his allegiance to England, Perhaps, then, he had interceded with Governor Harrison in his friend's behalf. She pictured the stern young governor as saying that David's tife must depend on his faithful service to the territory in the future. Ike had never spoken one word to her about David from that day on. Little by little, as she went over each point in her heart, a sense that she had been tricked out of her love grew on her, a sense that somehow she had cheated

world seemed against her! She could not bring herself to voice her inward trouble to anyone, least of all to David. She watched him striding along, among his comrades, jesting with them as only men who have passed through death together can jest, and her torment almost maddened her. What a sorry tangle she had got herself into! What a little fool she had been! But David, too, she told herself, had been just as unreasonable. She caught glimpses of him when he thought himself unseen by her, and the flintlike set of his laws convinced her that he was unendurable sensible and talk to her as if nothing had happened? As for herself, she would die before she begged his forgiveness. And so matters stood when

they reached Fort Harrison, on the homeward journey. At Fort Harrison they found Ike Blackford, sound and strong again Toinette had dreaded meeting him. He came toward her, his face bright with joy, but clouded when he realized that David and she had not yet settled their sitty quarrel. Ike was miserable; but he kept silence. He knew better than to thrust his paw into that

The wounded were transferred to the boats at Fort Harrison and the journey to Vincennes was soon accomplished. There they found the lady mule Priscilla, and when the march to Corydon was resumed Tomette was ferried on the jenny's patient back, while Ike strode beside her.

And Ike laughed, striving to make her forget; but strove in vain! On the twenty-fifth of November they reached Corydon. Runners had gone on before with the news of viccome from lips drawn in utter weari- tory; and the whole village came out to meet them as they neared the town: women ran among the men even as they marched and flung their arms around the necks of brothers, fathers, husbands, though some sought in vain side the bodies of those who lay upon the litters. But a hundred hearts were happy and thanked God; and happiest of all was a little old man, Patrice again with tears mingling with his to him as from the grave.

CHAPTER XVI.

The Poison Lingers.

David stayed behind in Vincennes. going back to his work at the trading ture that is everything. And I know ding today?" house of Francois Vigo. But he stayed there only a week or two before his loneliness made existence without a He would be patient. Was it possible sight of Toinette an existence not to that she still believed the empty slanbe endured. He hated the sight of the | der against his loyalty? il-smelling store, with its heaps of green skins, its crackling bundles of he could, "I have not forgotten your furs, hated the sight of the cheerful charge against me. I can never fortreets of the old capital, and loathed wrong." lept in the doorway. Suddenly, one again from i's dust. Why must be into an article,"-Louisville Courier policeman, "but in this case there was and they can on with palsied limbs arraing, he told old Vigo that he ask her to humble herself still further, Journal.

They seemed to be struggling on in | must leave; and the next day found f when she had already said so much? that nightmare where the feet are him once more in Corydon, where lke She was silent. He waited for her answer, but none came; and at last, Still the breach was open! It is so he bowed gravely. hard for young men and maidens to

> To Toinette the days were almost play." her at any one time, since the day he bodice, had knocked everything into a cocked ple who loved each other didn't net as they had been together she felt as tear ran down and stained it with a though something tremendous, some darker color. Her fingers twisted the

When she had talked to David in the mist that clouded them. old days it was like talking to the heart steel, about which Mr. Llyngston had it was not at all her idea of love.

ly capable of being steel. Yet she thought about him every day. Her father, for the first time in her experience, failed to be of any help to spy?" her. At home, in New Orleans, she had gone to him with the story of upon her and he had seen them as she impossible to discuss this new problem with him. It was no use telling her father that she was afraid of something she couldn't name. If it was true that she had trembled from head

hearts like a brother? Toinette strug- which flashed back and forth from her gled all through the day with the steel and David's flint were dangerously near a powder mine somewhere Little by little, she came to the con- inside her, that was her affair and clusion that David had managed in she would have to drown it with her who was sincerely troubled by the evi dent breach between his daughter and David, got small satisfaction from Toinette when he stuck a cautious fin ger into the difficulty. There was nothing wrong and she was perfectly

happy and if David chose to be a bear with a sore head that was his concern and not theirs; and Mr. O'Bannon wisely forbore further attempts to effect a reconciliation. Ike Blackford. who remained a stanch friend to each. was likewise constrained to remain in troubled silence, he had opened a wellmeaning mouth to each in turn and had got no cakes to fill it at either fair.

And at last her "happiness" was so perfect that she resolved to endure it no longer.

She waited until she found him alone herself. In the sleepless hours of the in the shop, the little room which had night that followed, she felt her eyes once meant to him the beginning of smarting with tears. What could she 'life's joyousness and life's hopes; and do? What could she do? The whole which was now a prison house whence ghosts of yesterdays mocked him with their memories. He was about to close its doors for

> Toinette summoned all her strength. The tower of pride was tottering; it

> of her sex! she said breathlessly, "to see you suffer. I know you are suffering, because I-because I-because it hurts me so!" What a glorious crash the tower

> David took a quick step toward her. His pulses throbbed ungovernably. "Toinette, what do you mean?" His face was glorious. "Have you-do you believe in me now?"

"You have blotted out all the past, David," she said simply, The joy suddenly left his face. "But the past," he said, in dread of

what her answer might be, "the past-



The Name Burst From Him Like the Cry of the Soul Itself.

have you forgotten why you drove me from you? Have you forgotten what treason you charged me with?" She waved the words aside. "That ding after dinner." is all past now, David. It is the funow what you mean to me."

He clenched his hands at his side. ding!" "No. Tomette." he said, as gently as

Hoosiers and French who thronged the get it until you say that you were forcible." he wretched Piankeshaw Indians who The tower of pride reared itself up word, you can crowd more of them

"Then it is useless to talk of-forgetting. Please let us end this fool'sh He moved as though to go on with his work. "Wait, David!" she said tremulously

Her eyes were blinded with tears. Her "Walt, I want to give you-n rehat by telling her he loved her. Peo- membrance." She lifted the great shears from the counter and clipped

thing bigger than she was, was in the sorry token, quickly twisted it into a very air around and on the point of wistful emblem such as happy lovers exploding. She didn't approve of ex laughingly give each other-a lover's olosions, still less of things, nameless knot. She raised her face and her forces, that were bigger than she was. blue eyes smiled wanly through the "Here, David, take this-just to be foolish, just to be foolish for once," He took it. His hand was trembling. written her father-that great throb- But his face was steel, unforgiving. eing caldron which they fed with logs All his yearning for her burned in his

and which pulpitated with fury and breast, a white caldron of passion; lrove a boat from Pittsburgh to New but around it closed the unyielding trieans in a month. It was bigget waits of his cold passion for his honor han she was and unmanageable and He could never forget that she had Whenever she thought about it, that is had been washed away, he could not to say about the atmosphere which was forgive. He remembered the young immediately and mysteriously evolved Sir Philip Sidney of whom her father. out of common day whenever David old Patrice, had so often told him-of and she encountered, her eyes filled his proud guardianship of the white Johnston leaned over and kissed her with tears of vexation. As for being shield of manly honor; he himself had sorry, that was another matter. If Da- been only a wearer, but here, in this vid wished to be flint, she was perfect- new country, he was a man; and his honor must be first!

"Toinette," he said in a low voice "who told you that I had acted as a

The blood rushed to her cheeks This, too, she would give him. "Doctor Elliott," she whispered, with bent head.

"Who is he?" cried David in a fury. That young doctor who comes here has he against me? I've never seen the man! But do you believe him

"You have never-never deniednever-" she stopped miserably. She could not raise her eyes to face him. "Then nothing else matters, Toin-"Oh, David, that doesn't matter ei-

ther!" she cried. "Nothing matters! I want you in spite of that!" She became very pale again,

oroudly, "I have nothing more to give." "I can take nothing from you while ou believe me guilty. My name is all have to give you." Her answer scarcely reached his "Oh. David, let our love be enough."

David looked down at her bent head nd trembled. "Where is this man Elliott now?" re demanded suddenly. "I do not know." faltered Tolnette,

The light had faded from the sky.

"Good-by!" he said. She did not answer, but held out her hand. He paid no heed. With a sob she turned and ran falteringly toward her father's house, David set about the work he had

but, oh, David--"

He went directly to Blackford's room it the tavern. Ike was not there. In corner, beneath the wooden table where a dozen law books lay scattered. was a narrow box. Ike had often exhibited its contents to him. He lifted t upon the table and threw open the lid. Within lay two of those deadly can be sent down in ruins so easily weapons which none but gentlemen when a girl throws down the weapon | cherished-two dueling pistols, brownbarreled, glistening, long and lean as "I can't stand it any longer, David," lightning. He drew forth one of them. tried its hammer; it moved swiftly, noiselessly. He loaded it, fitted the flint into the lock, placed it in the bosom of his coat, and went out, silent-

> Night had fallen. Far to the east sheet of flame flickered palely. Long

y, his face white as linen.

after, a faint roll of thunder followed. drop of ley rain struck his face, le passed swiftly from house to house. naulring from each if there the young loctor from Louisville, young Doctor Elliott, was within; and, though sever Combination Once More With Us, a) kad seen him that day, none knew where he might be found. It was late when someone he questioned recalled that he thought he had seen Elliott that night at Conrod's tavern outside

the village. He set out on the road that led to the east. The storm had reached its

CHAPTER XVII.

The Storm Breaks. Young Doctor Elliott, lying prone on his blanket on the hewn logs of the floor of Conrod's tavern, stirred uneas-'ily in his sleep. Outside, the artiflery of the last thunderstorm of the nutumn rumbled and crashed above the stendy latch and the door burst open before the fury of the wind. Elliott woke to find the rain driving into his face. He was about to rise to close the door when the whole room was struck out of



"I Have Offered All I Have; I Have Nothing More to Give."

darkness by the dazzling blue of sheet from Louisville? In God's name, what lightning. It was gone as instantly as it came and the crash of thunder which accompanied it .. rowned his cry. In that single moment of the blinding flash he had seen, outlined against the shimmering sky, framed in the rectangle of the door, the dreadful figure of a crouching Indian, knife in hand.

His timbs froze in horror. The room was now as black as midnight, but his eyes ached with the impress of the lightning glare and the image that had pitch darkness he could see that sick-"I have offered all I have," she said ening face-dark, evil, its bloodshot eyes peering malevolently into the

> He heard the rain-soaked moccasins of the savage take two steps inward. Before he could ery out again, a second flash of lightning illumined the room, and showed a second man, tall, pale with anger, his foot on the thresh-

> With the hoarse snart of a wild beast, the Indian leaped at the figure in the doorway. They grappled. In the darkness Elliott heard their quick terrible breathing as they swayed in a struggle for life. A stool tripped them and they fell, rolling against him. Again the lightning flared and he saw the knife, dashed from the Indian's hand, lying beside him. The white man was beneath, his face hidden by Blindly Elliott seized the weapon and struck with hysterical force,

The man beneath shook off the rerose unsteadily to his feet. Then he laughed aloud in the darkness.

"I can't see who you are, friend," he sald, "but you've certainly saved me from a close call." Elliott made no answer. He was

ing the blood-stained knife. From the upper room came the sound of voices and the tavernkeeper came hurriedly the loft, followed by the awakened guests. Someone struck'a flint; can- barbaric. dles were lighted.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

PEEVED AT BEING DUNNED! Considerate Debtor Pours Forth His

Soul in Letter to His Creditor. It is not every firm that can have a delinquent debtor write a letter to it

like this one: "Your letter at hand. Would say the - company went to the wall years ago, and if I pay, or had to pay the obligations of that concern, even at a discount of 90 per cent, it would keep me guessing for some little time to come, out here in this godforsaken country where skunk skins ain't worth but fifteen cents a pair. I will here state that being broken down in health and fortune I left Waterbury some nine months ago and came out to my original estate, the family homestead. and am going to try and keep in sight of the old family monument in the cemetery, where my forefathers sleep, the rest of the term of life allotted to me, for prosperity is out of my reach, and rheumatism, old age and death have just hove in sight. So if you cially or upon what I know about dunning letter for the delinquency

Windmill Pudding. notes with the old hands. "Do they feed you well out here?"

isked one of the raw hands. "Oh, not at all bad," replied the campaigner-"not at all bad! Good breakfast and good dinner, and always pud-"Pudding, eh? What kind of pud-

"Oh, the usual kind-windmill pud-"Windmill! What sort is that?" "Why, if it goes round you get

Literary Advice. "Use short words. They are more

"And, if you are getting paid by the

Philadelphia has 200,000 school children. Chicago has 6,085 lawyers, a gain of 228 in a year.

Cleveland has 1,000,000 street car riders daily. China yearly imports \$4,000,-000 worth of various kinds of

leather. Color blindness is said to have been discovered by the famous Doctor Priestly in 1777. The tusks of an African elephant sometimes weigh as much as 100 pounds, and reach nine feet in length.

One hundred and fifty hoslery and knit goods mills in Philadelphia produce \$15,000,000 worth of material annually.

Commencer commen

Only Three Kinds of Feet. A recent meeting of foot doctors brought forth the information that all would like to correspond with me so- feet are divided into three classes, namely, inflared, outliared and straight farming I am at your service, but for the first two classes being scientific heaven's sake don't send me another divisions for the common afflictions known as pigeontoes and bowlegs. One of the -- company until you read doctor said: "Shoes are proverbially my obituary at least three weeks in made to fit the eye and the pocketsuccession in the New York Sunday book, but not the feet." The ordinary classification of boots, shoes and slippers does not fit with the inflared, outflared and straight classes of feet, The new draft had just arrived in stated the doctors, as was proved by France and the men were exchanging the fact that most manufacturers ride feet.-Popular Science.

> A One-Sided Argument. A penitent-looking man was on trial for vagrancy and disturbance of the pence. The judge seemed inclined to be lenient with him. "What was the prisoner doing when

you afrested him?" he said to the policeman. "He was having a very heated argument with a cab-driver, your honor." "But that doesn't prove that he was the worse for liquor," the judge said.

with cab-drivers." "So they do your honor," said the no cab-driver."

"Many sober people have arguments

# Fur Coats and Earrings Again INTERNATIONAL

The furriers say there is no one

animal that reigns supreme and that

the peltry of any animal is worth

while if it passes through the right

hands. The art of the furrier has be-

come significant. His is the magic

quality to make squirrel look like

sable, to make raccoon and 'possum

reach important heights and to put

pony skin on a pedestal. He has

learned how to point the common fox

and lift the wolf into greatness. He

has made beaver almost precious and

has made Belgian hare do some serv-

It is no wonder, therefore, that a

woman pays well for peltry, no mat-

ter from what animal it was skinned.

Her dollars go to the furrier, and that

is where she is far behind the stone

age woman who employed no middle-

man between the beast and the gar-

The Fashion in Furs.

There are two or three things that

one might say are out of fashion; first,

the band of fur on the hem of a cloth

head, glassy eyes and feet of a dead

animal hanging below a woman's live

The small neckpiece is in the shape

of a half muffler or a whole one if you

weighted, it is a nuisance to the wear-

The extra high coachman's collar of

fur remains in fashion for those who

do not like to spoil the shapeliness of

of the best models it extends to the

The prevailing fur coats have less

flare than last winter, unless they are

cut three-quarter length. The long

with sometimes a deep band of anoth-

the neck and the wrists.

frills nor ornamentation.

he face.

FUR GOES ON CHIFFON.

ice to the world.

from the field?

It was necessary to introduce semiprecious furs, because it was not posand Human Nature Resible for the masses to pay the price sponds to Call. of the precious ones; so this winter we have a vast variety from which to

#### SMOOTH PELTRIES PREFERRED

Prevailing Fur Coats Have Less Flare Than Last Year, Unless They Are Cut - Three-Quarter Length Muffs Are Small and Simple.

New York .- As far back as one can look into the annals of American fashions, the possession of a scalskin cont was accounted supreme happiness. The woman who had such a garment, linked with a pair of diamond earrings, either strutted in her vanity or tried to look unconscious of the envy of her neighbors.

Other times, other wishes. Three decades have passed since the sealskin cont was a desirable possession, and the diamond earrings swinging from a long loop that went through a pierced hole in the ear speedily sank into that blackness of barbarism from which it had sprung.

The fur coat and the diamond ear- or velvet coat; second, the small aniring are with us again, and again hu- mal with head and tails worn snugly man nature responds to the same old around the neck. No one who dresses call. They are not in the shape in | well is partial to the usage of the enwhich they prevailed for so many dec- tire animal this season, which is well, studying, cover a period of about sixades among our best families. Look- for there is nothing artistic about the teen years, A. D. 30-46, with Jerusalem ing back on the pierced ear with its pendar a bauble, we have a shudder of herror to think that enlightface. Why look like the hunter home ened and Christian rations should have really permitted their women to retain tais bit of savagery without bitter protest. Our mothers had their ears pierced

as children, and possibly we did, too,



This evening gown of black velvet has that is spread across the chest and shoulder straps of ermine, also a finished at the waist with a rosette. fringe of this expensive peltry at the hem. There is a diplomat's sash of it that goes across the chest and kolinski, flying squirrel, sealskin, Bel-

the straining shoulders of the savage. If we were born before the barbarism preferred to the long-haired ones, Even was abolished.

There are thousands of us now who bear those scars. We cover them up rier to bring them to the softness of axed arms of the hideous intruder and with tabs of hair or, better still, with ornaments that clamp over the ear, it has been possible to make that just to hide the ravages of an earlier

We have not given up the barbaric baubles; the world is too young to ask that denial of women. The elimsobbing weakly, his hand still clutch- ination of colored stones, cheap and precious, may come as civic life presses itself more insistently into the social scale and women will do as men down the narrow ladder leading from have done in giving up all that is ornamental and resisting the lure of the

> Elemental and Primitive. After all, we are elemental and primitive in our clothes. We may change the symptoms, but the deep-seated disease is there. What woman is there who doesn't want to wear peltry? Those companions of the Paleolithic

men in Europe probably received massive peltry as marriage gifts. Men have always been hunters of game, and women have always been wearers of skins. Therefore, how can we expect to change primitive instinct merely because we have changed our behavior? And then, there is nothing else that keeps one so warm as peltry, one may argue. This reasoning, however, has little to do with the fact. There are women as far south as the boundary line of Florida who are buying fur coats that reach to their heels, and there are women in India who still gird their loins with the skins of beasts. Logic and reasoning are not behind the wearing of peltry; it is the absolute expression of primordial instinct.

The skins of the animals are not the same; they differ as the world's epochs differ. It was quite easy for a woman of the stone age to invest herself in the skin of a stone age animal, but today it takes many skins from the squirrel, ermine, sable, rab- chiffon, with collar, belt and hem of and his love of peace among his brethbit or rat to make one garment for black seal. The embroidery is in sil- ren. In lesson eight, we see him long-

How Some Women Have Solved the

Problem of Dressing Well on Lit-

tie Money.

ver threads.

One of the most sensible women I

new frock or even a good blouse. All groves and perhaps the dollar extra the clothes bought in previous years on the shoes can be saved.

DEVOTE THOUGHT TO CLOTHES, she keeps in good repair and makes

The needs of nearly every woman sible economy for one would be a wild and the eternal purposes of God and extravagance for another. Everything the boundless mercy and grace of God. in automobiles. To remedy the situa- know always has a simple frock of of life. Yet there are a few general ter give us in type and symbol, as well tion it is proposed that all shoes condark blue serge, which she wears with rules that apply to all. The first of as definite description, a suggestion of form with the three general classes of a white organole collar under a long these is always to get as good matecoat every day, unless she is making rial as possible. By this I do not neckingdom of which the Lord of Lords calls or doing something that requires essarily mean the most expensive, but and king of kings, our master and her to "dress up," remarks a contrib- well-made fabrics suitable for the pur- savior, is to be the ruler. utor to the New York Evening World. pose for which the purchaser wants This frock she buys at a mid-season them. Very cheap goods are expensale for \$10, and with care it lasts her give at any price, for they will not the man of Galilee 700 years hence. three winters. She buys a long coat wear. Rather one pair of neat, well- Today, as we review this quarter and every three years at from \$15 to \$20. rande shoes that will last all winter the lessons of the past year, we are These things save her best suit so and sometimes take one into the next that it looks perfectly fresh for two season, than two cheap pairs that fall to the one who wrought out our salvayears, and can even be worn, for a third to pieces in two months. The same tion on Calvary, but we may also year as second best. She has so ar- is true of very cheap gloves, stockings turn our faces the other way, and look ranged her purchases that each fall or underwear. If you have not the for him whose returning will bring she buys but one expensive garment inoney to buy something serviceable, peace to the earth, and at whose comfor the winter wardrobe—a suit, a coat, it is best to wear the old things a little ling the brightness of his glory shall or if she needs neither of these, a longer until the 25 or 30 cents on the

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 31

CHRIST'S COMING AND COMING TO CHRIST (REVIEW).

READING LESSON-Rev. 22:6-14; 16:21. GOLDEN TEXT—The spirit and the bride say, come. And he that heareth, let him say, come. And he that is athirst, let him come. He that wills, let him take of the water of life freely .- Rev. 22:17.

It is possible in lessons one to nine o review the past quarter's work, in logical, chronological manner, but essons seven and nine are not in their proper chronological setting. These lessons extend over five years of Paul's life from about 58 A. D. to 63 A. D. They are five wonderful years, and the last of the authentic years we have of the life of this wonderful man. The review should of course center in Paul,

his conduct, character and teachings. The first twelve chapters of the Book of Acts, in which we have chiefly been as the cenfer. The rest of the Book of Acts cover another period of approximately 16 years from 46 to 62, and is the record of the foreign missionary work of Paul and his companions, Paul like, provided that the two ends are being of course the central character. fastened in front. Unless a single end | The series for this quarter close with thrown over the shoulder is excessively the vision of the final triumph of Christianity as seen by John in the Revelation. Maps should be employed if possible to show the journeys of Paul. The risen Christ and the enduement their shoulders and back by hanging of the Holy Spirit were the vision and drapery. The fashionable neckplece the power which wrote this first is really a shoulderpiece, for in many Church History, and which have been writing Church History ever since. waistline. There is a snugness about The home church (Chs. 2-7) began with the shoulders that is reminiscent of about 120 praying men and women. Peter's first sermon brought into "the way" 3,000 more. From time to time others were added. Persecution and deliverances, the first martyr, Stephen, ones hang in a straight, medieval line, and the dissatisfaction which led to the choice of the deacons, are the outer fur at the hem. Their rivals, the standing events of this period. The velour and velvet coats, have the hem home mission period, with Jerusalem free of peltry, but make up for this as the center and Palestine as the field omission by lavishness at the waist, (Chapters 8-12) covers a period of about ten years. Persecution scattered Immense Slavic belts of fur, ornathe disciples throughout the country. mented with barbaric designs of jew- Paul was converted on the road to els in front, are fashionable for gowns Damascus, Philip goes to Samaria, and and coats. Wristlets of fur that reach Peter carries on the work throughout almost to the cibow are also in de- Lydda, Joppa and Caesarea. In this

section we have the story of Philip

The must is a small affair, barrel and the Ethiopian, of Peter curing the

shaped and usually made of two kinds palsied man at Lydda, the raising of of fur. Its distinguishing feature is Dorcas and Paul and Barnabas returnsimplicity. It has no cordings nor ing to Jerusalem with help to those at that city who were suffering from Evening gowns are trimmed with famine. Then begins the period of forfur, and evening coats are heaped with eign missions, covering about sixteen it. Black and white tails of ermine years, from about A. D. 47 to 62. The are used to fringe the edges of velvet principal characters begin of course evening gowns, and on one distinwith Paul and Barnabas, though Paul guished black velvet dinner frock there soon takes his place of leadership. are shoulder straps of ermine and a Paul's first missionary journey lasted diplomat's ribbon of the same peltry for about two years, from say A. D. 47 to 49. Barnabas being his principal companion. Returning to Antioch from Among the furs that are offered as Jerusalem. Paul soon began his second first choice this season are ermine. journey, this time taking with him Silas. Again there is a period of about gian rabbit, sable, skunk, moleskin two years, from A. D. 50 to 52. Paul and beaver. The smooth peltries are had his Macedonian vision during this time, and the gospel first entered Eursuch furs as kolinski and skunk have ope, beginning with the conversion of a razor passed down them by the furthe Phillipian jailor. Paul's preaching at Athens and his service at Corinth sealskin. This is the first time that are perhaps the most outstanding features of this journey. Paul's third jourcoarse fur called skunk becoming to ney lasted nearly three years, A. D. 53 to 56 or 57. He re-visits the Asia Minor (Copyright, 1916, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.) churches to strengthen them, spends nearly three years at Ephesus, and has some outstanding adventures as, for instance, the riot at Ephesus about the shrines of Diana. Returning to Jerusalem to take part in the feast, he is told of the ultimate persecutions which he must endure. For a long time he has desired to preach the gospel in Rome. Everyone of the trials, hindrances, oppositions and attacks proved to be the means by which he gained that desired end. Indeed the Roman government finally gave him free transportation, though they did not understand it at the time. The assault upon Paul at the Temple Court of Jerusalem, the conspiracy to murder him, his imprisonment at Caesarea. his appeal to Caesar, his journey, shipwreck and final deliverance at the imperial city, chained to a Roman soldier, and we are at the end of authen-

tion, his prudence under danger. In lesson two, his delicate courtesy and shrewdness in seizing every opportunity that he might witness for his Lord. In lesson three is manifested his unshaken belief in everything found in the Scriptures, and his wise use thereof in leading men to Christ. In lesson five, his fearlessness amidst danger and his absolute confidence in God. In lesson six, his humility. In lesson sev-Afternoon gown of taupe-colored cn, his well balanced common sense ing for human companionship and sympathy, and have an evidence of his love for his own countrymen, and yet his faithfulness declaring the word of such little alterations as keep them up. God to them as well as to the Gentiles, In lesson nine, we see how he built his practical teachings for the conduct of differ greatly; what would be a sen- daily life upon the doctrine about God depends on the income and the mode The remaining lessons of this last quar-

tic history regarding this marvelous

man who, aside from Jesus Christ,

has made the greatest impress upon

history of any man who ever trod this

In this particular quarter, in lesson

one, we see Paul's calmness in persecu-

Last Sunday we stood with Isaiah, looking down through the centuries to looking back nearly two thousand years cover the earth even as the waters

cover the sea. We have seen the breaking down of

"armed peace."

# THE LONE STAR RANGER

This is a story about the Texas Plains People

By ZANE GREY

well as the state's," said Duane.

fear?" she whispered. "Tell me."

"Hush! Don't speak so. Listen.

You remember that day in Val Vetde,

when I came to you-pleaded with you

not to meet Poggin? Oh, that was a

voice his passionate query.

that terrible thing."

"Ray!"

that hell will come back!"

shrank a little.

Buck Dunne!"

she asked, instantly.

CHAPTER XXVI-Continued.

Why? Then came realization. He was not a ranger now. He cared nothof freeing the community of a dangerous outlaw, of ridding the country of solutely in spite of his will, the gun- him. man. He realized it now, bitterly,

enough to hate he had become. At last he shuddered under the driving, fascinated by the sweetness of her, trager eyes, fading from his sight ruthless, inhuman blood-lust of the bewildered, almost lost. That was . . . fading . . . fading . . gunman. Actual pride of his record! what it was to be loved by a woman. Actual vanity in his speed with a His years of outlawry had blotted out gun! Actual Jealousy of any rival! any boyish love he might have known.

there he was, without a choice. What all this wonder of her sweet person, he had feared for years had become this strange fire he feared yet a monstrous reality. He stood strip- loved, this mate his deep and tortured and quivered with the thought of Ray was spiritual in that he saw there Longstreth.

to torture him. At that moment the door opened, and Ray Longstreth entered.

"Duane," she said, softly. "Captain MacNelly sent me to you." "But you shouldn't have come," replied Duane.

"As soon as he told me I would have come whether he wished it or -with all my soul. It was noble of you. Father is overcome. He didn't expect so much. And he'll be true. But, Duane, I was told to hurry, and

here I'm selfishly using time."

"Go, then-and leave me, a desperate game to finish." "Need it be desperate?" she whispered, coming close to him.

"Yes; it can't be else." Duane he had never seen before.

risk," she said. "Let me persuade of this strange passion. you not to. You said-you cared for me-and I-oh, Duane-don't you -know-?"

The low voice, deep, sweet as an Duane sustained a sudden shock

and an instant of paralyzed confusion of thought. She moved, she swept out her hands. in a flood of tears.

"My God! You can't care for me?" he cried, hoarsely.

Then she met him, hands outstretch-

"But I do-I do!" Swift as light Duane caught her and held her to his brenst. He stood holding her tight, with the feel of her warm, throbbing breast and the clasp of her arms and flesh and blood realities to fight a terrible fear. He felt her, and for the moment the might natural strain. of it was stronger than all the demons that possessed him. And he held her as if she had been his soul, his strength on earth, his hope of heaven, road. They came at a sharp trot- Louisiana right after the fight. against his lips.

The strife of doubt all passed. He found his sight again. And there rushed over him a tide of emotion unutterably sweet and full, strong like an intoxicating wine, deep as his nature, something glorious and terrible as the blaze of the sun to one long in darkness. He had become an outcast; a wanderer, a gunman, a victim of circumstances; he had lost and suffered worse than death in that loss: trail, a killer of men, a fugitive whose all except the instinct to survive and to a halt. a black despair; and now, with this resurrection, he bent under the storm of passion and joy possible only to him who had endured so much.

"Do you care-a little?" he whispered unsteadily. He bent over her, looking deep into the dark, wet eyes.

She uttered a low laugh that was half sob, and her arms slipped up to his neck. "A little!

Oh, Duane-Duane-p

Their lips met in their first kiss. The sweetness, the fire of her mouth seemed so new, so strange, so irresistible to Duane. His sore and hungry heart throbbed with thick and heavy beats. He felt the outcast's need of love. And she gave up to the enthralling moment. She met him half-way, returned kiss for kiss, clasp for clasp, her face scarlet, her eyes closed, till her emotion overcame her and she fell back upon his shoulder.

Duane suddenly thought she was going to faint. He divined then that she had understood him, would have denied him nothing, not even her life, in that moment. But she was overcome, and he suffered a pang of regret at his unrestraint. Presently she recovered, and she

drew only the closer, and leaned upon him with her face upturned.

He felt her hands on his, and they were soft, clinging, strong, like steel under velvet. He felt the rise and fall, the warmth of her breast. A tremor ran over him. He tried to draw back, and if he succeeded a little her started leisurely for the bank door, form swayed with him, pressing closer, She held her face up, and he was compelled to look. It was wonderful now: white, yet glowing, with the red lips hand. Jim Fletcher was left at the and watch Uncle Jim whittle his stick rox. parted, and dark eyes alluring. But curb, and he had already gathered up and listen to his talk. The old man "I suppose not," replied her husband, that was not all. There was passion, the bridles. unquenchable spirit, woman's resolve, deep and mighty.

"I love you, Duane!" she said. "For my sake don't go out to meet this outnaw face to face, It's something wild

in you. Conquer it if you love me." Dunne became suddenly weak, and when he did take her into his arms fear? again he scarcely had strongth to lift her to a pect beside him. She seemed i mare has a dead weight. Her calm- Duane looked down.

pitating, quivering, with hot, wet cheeks and arms that clung to him like vines. She lifted her mouth to ing for the state. He had no thought him, whispering, "Kiss me!" She

meant to change him, hold him, Dunne bent down, and her arms an obstacle to its progress and pros- went round his neck and drew him perity. He wanted to kill Poggin. It close. With his lips on hers he seemed was significant now that he lorget the to float away. That kiss closed his er! A tearing agony encompassed his other outlaws. He was the gunnan, eyes, and he could not lift his head, breast. He pulled-pulled-at ran- By gun! A man's a man, to carry the gun-thrower, the gun-fighter, pas- He sat motionless, holding her, blind dom. Thunder of booming shots all all that lead. But, Buck, you would and he believed she meant to speak sionate and terrible. His father's and helpless, wrapped in a sweet, dark about him! Red flashes, lets of blood, that dark and flerce strain, his glory. She kissed him—one long, end-smoke, shrill yells! He was sinking. wards, right here in Wellston. He's mother's spirit, that strong and un- less kiss-or else a thousand times. The end! With fading got a ton of bullets in him. Doesn't now, warm with rich life beneath the to him. Her faith and love and beauty quenchable spirit of the surviving plo- Her lips, her wet cheeks, her hair, the sight he saw Kane go down, then neer-these had been in him; and the softness, the fragrance of her, the ten- Boldt. But supreme torture, bitterer killings, one after another, the wild der clasp of her arms, the swell of than death, Poggin stood, mans like a and haunted years, had made him, ab- her breast-ull these seemed to inclose Hon's, back to the wall, bloody-faced, packs twenty-three bullets. But he's Duane could not put her from him.

The thing he had intelligence watching her, involuntarily returning ing. Tire it drifted-lay Longher caresses, sure now of her intent, stretly sweet face, white, with dark, Dunne could not believe it. But This was what he had to give up-Then came agony. He loved the pier circumstances, a life of noble girl. He wanted her. All her sweet- deeds lived for such a woman.

ness, her fire, and pleading returned "Don't go!" She cried, s he started violently.
"I must. Dear, good-by. Remember I loved you!"

He pulled her hands loose from his, stepped back.

"Ray, dearest-I believe-I'll come back!" he whispered. These last words were falsehood.

He reached the door, gave one last not. You left me-all of us-stunned. piercing glance to fix forever in mem-I had no time to thank you. Oh, I do ory that white face with its dark, staring, tragic eyes. "Dunne!"

He fled with that moan like thunder, old haunting phantoms, yet sweet death, hell in his ears. To forget her, and eloquent. Then a man's face bent to get back his nerve, he forced into over him, looked deep into his eyes, mind the image of Poggin-Poggin had and seemed to whisper from a dismustn't unnerve me now, when there's sent the cold sickness of fear to his tance: "Duane-Duane! Ah, he marrow. There was a horrible thrill knew me!" in his sudden remembrance that After that there was another long Poggin likewise had been taunted with interval of darkness. When the light fear of him. The dark tide over- came again, clearer this time, the Her eyes were dark, strained, beau- whelmed Duane, and when he left same earnest-faced man bent over him. tiful, and they shed a light upon the room he was fierce, implacable, It was MacNelly. And with recognisteeled to any outcome, quick like a tion the past flooded back. "You're going to take some mad panther, somber as death, in the thrall

There was no excitement in the street. He crossed to the bank corner. A clock inside pointed the hour of two. He went through the door into Ruling passion-eternal instinct! old chord, faltered and broke and the vestibule, looked around, passed up the steps into the bank. The clerks were at their desks, apparently busy. "What a fight he made! He killed two But they showed nervousness. The enshier paled at sight of Duane. There were men-the rangers--crouching

and the wonder of her eyes dimmed down behind the low partition. All the windows had been removed from the iron grating before the desks. The safe was closed. There was no money in sight. A customer came in, spoke to the cashier, and was told to come to-morrow.

Dunne returned to the door. He could see far down the street, out into the country. There he waited, and minutes were eternities. He saw

At a few minutes before half past two a dark, compact body of horsemen going to take you home, and she'll go appeared far down, turning into the with us. Colonel Longstreth left for attention anywhere at any time. They mest. It was best for him to leave." came a little faster as they entered town; then faster still; now they were four blocks away, now three, now two. Duane backed down the middle of the vestibule, up the steps, and halted in the center of the wide doorway.

ears through which pierced sharp, name Buck Dunne. The brand outringing clip-clop of iron hoofs. He law is washed out. Texas believes could see only the corner of the street. you've been a secret ranger all the he had gone down the endless, bloody But suddenly into that shot lean-time. You're a hero. And now think limbed dusty bay horses. There was of home, your mother, of this noble mind slowly and inevitably closed to a clattering of nervous hoofs pulled girl-of your future."

Duane saw the tawny Poggin speak to woman in his arms, her swelling breast his companions. He dismounted quickly. against his, in this moment almost of They followed suit. They had the man-



"My God! You Can't Care for Me!"

business. No guns showed. Poggin quickening step a little. The others, close together, came behind him. Blossom Kane had a bag in his left

Poggin entered the vestibule first, with Kane on one side. Boldt on the had known—people who had grown up instead of listening to his kind of muother, a little in the rear. As he strode in he saw Duane.

"Hell's Fire!" he cried. Something inside Duane burst, pierc- guns, outlaws, fights. He could not ing all of him with cold. Was it that seem to divine how mention of these

"Buck Duane!" echoed Kane. One instant Poggin looked up and in his neglew. He wanted to hear more than that many original Gibson

his arm.

The guns boomed almost together. Duane felt a blow just before he pulled trigger. His thoughts came fast, like the strange dots before his eyes. His raising gun had loosened six before?" in his hand. Poggin had drawn quick-

grand, with his guns scouting red! All faded, darkered. The thunder He yielded to her lips and arms, dendened, Faste fell, seemed float-

#### CHAPTER XXVII.

Light shone before Duane's eyesthick, strange light that came and went. For a long time dull booming sounds rushed by, filling all. It was a ped bare, his soul naked-the scul of soul recognized. Never until that dream in which there was nothing; Cain. And at the utter abasement moment had he divined the meaning a drifting under a burden; darkness, the soul he despised suddenly leaned of a woman to a man. That meaning light, sound, movement; and vague, obscure sense of time-time that was might have been for him, under hap- very long. There was fire-creeping. consuming fire. A dark cloud of flame enveloped him, rolled him away. He saw then, dimly, a room that was

strange, strange people moving about over him, with faint voices, far away, things in a dream. He saw again, clearly, and consciousness returned. still unreal, still strange, full of those vague and far-away things. Then he was not dead. He lay stiff, like a stone, with a weight ponderous as a mountain upon him and all his bound body racked in slow, dull-beating agony.

A woman's face hovered over him. white and tragic-eyed, like one of his

Duane tried to speak. His lips were

weak, and he could scarcely move "Poggin!" he whispered. His first real conscious thought was for Poggin.

"Poggin is dead, Duane; shot to pieces," replied MacNelly, solemnly,

of my men, wounded others. God! he was a tiger. He used up three guns before we downed him." "Who--got-away?"

"Fletcher, the man with the horses We downed all the others. Duane, the job's done-it's done! Why, man, vou're-" "What of-of-her."

"Miss Longstreth has been almost constantly at your bedside. She helped the doctor. She watched your wounds. And, Duane, the other night when you sank low-so low-I think no person near him; he heard no it was her spirit that held yours sound. He was insulated in his un-back. Oh, she's a wonderful girl. Duane, she never gave up, never lost her nerve for a moment. Well, we're a group that would have attracted advised it. There was great excite-

"Have I-a-chance-to recover?" "Chance? Why man," exclaimed the captain, "you'll get well! You'll pack a sight of lead all your life. But you can stand that. Dunne, the whole Southwest knows your story. You There seemed to be a rustling in his need never again be ashamed of the

The rangers took Duane home to Wellston. A railroad had been built since

Duane had gone into exile. Wellston had grown. A noisy crowd surrounded the station, but it stilled as Duane was carried from the train.

A sea of faces pressed close. Some were faces he remembered-schoolmates, friends, old neighbors. There was an unlifting of many hands. Duame was being welcomed home to the town from which he had fled. A deadness within him broke. This welcome hurt him somehow, quickened him; and through his cold being, his weary mind, passed a change. His sight dimmed.

Then there was a white house, his old home. How strange, yet how real! His heart beat fast. Had so many, many years passed? Familiar yet strange it was, and all seemed magni-

They carried him in, these ranger comrades, and laid him down, and such a tempting fruit for children that lifted his head upon pillows. The they and their parents ought to know Duane's gaze sought the open door. Someone entered-a tall girl in source from which the poisons atrowhite, with dark wet eyes and a light pine and belladonna are made. upon her face. She was leading an old lady, gray-haired, austere-faced, was pale, shaking, yet maintained her stand in pairs on short foot statks. Then someone in write uttered a bell-shaped. These appear in June

low cry and knelt by Duane's bed, and July, and give place to shining His mother flung wide her arms with black berries in August and Septem-

"This man! They've not brought This poisonous herb is of the same back my boy. This man's his father family as the tomato and potato. Where is my son? My son-oh, my When Duane grew stronger it was

a pleasure to lie by the west window celebrated violinist," said Mrs. Cumwas broken now. He told many in- "as long as you and the girls say he teresting things about people Duane has such a reputation. But I wish that and married, failed, succeeded, gone sic I could see him in the moving picaway, and died. But it was hard to tures." keep Uncle Jim off the subject of A dramatic writer says Joybans things hurt Duane. Uncle Jim was Howland is the original model for the chira h now, and he had a great pride Gibson girl Solomon had 700 wives,

of all of Dunne's axis. And if there girls.—Louisville Courier-Journal,

i ness had fied. She was throbbing, pal- | Like a striking jaguar Poggin mov- | was one thing more than another that | only person who seemed to divine | children-a boy. A boy with his ed. Almost as quickly Duane threw pleased him it was to talk about the Duane's gloomy mood, and when she father's blood! bullets which Duane carried in his was with him she warded off all sug

> "Five bullets, nin't it?" he asked, One afternoon while she was there for the hundredth time. "Five in that at the west window, a message came lust scrap! By gum! And you had for him. They rend it together. "Yes, uncle," replied Duane.

"Five and six. That makes eleven. carry more. There's that nigger Ed- then of the thing they had shunned. bad man in his day. They say he no longer tragic. bigger than you-got more fesh. . . Funny, wasn't it Buck, about the doctor only bein' able to cut one bullet out of you-the one in your breastbone? It was a forty-one caliber, an unusual cartridge. I saw it, and I

wanted it, but Miss Longstreth

She Was Leading an Old Lady.

was a bullet left in one of Poggin's woman than she who had pleaded with | It would come back-that wind of guns, and that bullet was the same him that fatal day. gum! Boy, it 'd have killed you if it 'd staved there." "It would indeed, uncle," replied cheeks,

Duane, and the old, haunting, somber mood returned. But Duane was not often at the in asking me, sir." mercy of childish old hero-worshiping "But, dear-suppose," he replied, woman,

Uncle Jim. Miss Longstreth was the I buskily, "suppose there might be--be

Fergus the First of Scotland, as

Proved by the Records, Took the

shield are properly leopards, not lions.

make a pictorial parade of the lion.

they personify themselves as "John

Ball," for the bull is stronger than the

lioa and more consistently brave and

dignified, and it is to their fine cattle

the British partly owe the prosperity

which the feline monarch has done

nothing to help. Indeed, both lion and

unicorn have come out badly during

this war. An English officer has been

killed by a lion and other lions have

unicorn, has shown himself more de-

cidedly pro-German by raiding motors

carrying British troops, whereas a bull

of the Germans, turned on them and

Continental nations have generally

played very strong on the eagle, which

comes down to them from old Rome,

and is certainly a grand type of force.

But, after all, modern France takes the

cock as the national bird, and not only

the pun upon gallus, but the knightly

ered creatures, makes it most typical

behavior of this most gallant of feath-

of the great nation which has always

been in front, and learned and suffered

Beware Deadly Nightshade Berries.

The deadly nightshade grows from

three to five feet high on strong,

The fewers are purple, pendent and

A Barbarian

Holds the Record.

"Of course, you mustn't miss that

slew many before he fell.

for the rest of humanity.

Nor is that all. While the English

BRITISH LION REALLY SCOTCH STATISTICAL NOTES

Animal as Device. plants. Nova Scotia employs 16.629 The British lion is not British, after coal miners. all, in the broad sense, but strictly France employs 109,300 womspeaking. Scottish. This, of course, en in munition factories. sounds like a contradiction, and it is. English colonies total 13,002,-But it seems that, officially, birds and 321 square miles in area. animals as national emblems are not World's turpentine output is always the ones most favored or 25,000,000 gallons yearly. thought by all the most appropriate.

Delaware college has this It is a curious condition of things. year received \$1,000,000 in gifts. A writer in the London Graphic calls Oregon last year marketed attention to the case of the "British" 36,000 pounds of cascara bark lion, for Instance. Fergus 1 of Scotfor medicine. land, the records show, took the lion Chile's national forests cover us a device long before English Coeur de Lion, while the three little beasts in the English quarters of the national

about 7,000,000 acres of land, Spain annually plants about 19,800 acres in peanuts and raises more of them than any other European country. X ....

Japan has 400 hydroelectric

She Was Shopping. She had been sitting in the furniture the stock of linoleums.

Roll after roll the perspiring assist tant brought out, but still she seemed dissatisfied. From her dress he judged her to be a person of wealth, and raided army stores of live stock in thought it likely she would have a Africa, and the rhinoceros, the real good order to give. When at last he had shown her the inst roll he paused in despair,

"I'm sorry, madam," he said apolo in Belgium, let loose on the approach getically, "but if you could wait I could get some more pieces from the again." The prospective customer gathered

> the chair. smile, "and ask them to send you one or two with very small designs, suitable for putting in the bottom of a canary's cage."

> > His Ambition.

"Looky yur!" severely said the man- follows: ager of the Majestic moving picture theater at Tumlinville, Ark., address-The berries of the deadly nightshade ing Mr. Gap Johnson, who had come (atropa belladonna), now ripe, are gered for amusement. "You've set plumb through four programs already. house was still, though full of people. the plant and the terrible danger of Just about when do you reckon you'll eating its berries. These are the get enough?" "Whenever what I'm expecting to

happen comes off," was the cheery reply. "That there honest country husband has come within an ace of ketchsomber and sad. His mother! She branched, purple-colored stems. Its in the city dude trying to kiss his was feeble, but she walked crect. She pointed, oval leaves vary in size and wife four times already, and that there fat feller is due any minute to break his fool back by falling out of that ion, Rasmus, but I don't get-up at tree. And I figger that when them anecdotes occur they'll be plumb worth waiting for."

> More to Each Other. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were both grow-

ing very plump. Every effort to reduce their weight had proved fruitless, and their discontent with their failure was pathetic. "It is too bad," said a mutual friend

to a sympathetic physician. "The Smiths are so fond of each other, and used to be so graceful and slender when they were first married." "Ah, well," replied the physician. "think how much more they are to each other now."

of thousand dollars' worth."-Life. | plates.

Some Operation. "How much of an operation did the back as 58 B. C. the theaters had been doctor perform on you?" "Oh, a couple decorated with mirrors and glas

"I pray God there will be. I do

not fear what you fear. But even sohe'll be half my blood," Dunne felt the storm rise and break

in him. And his terror was that of joy quelling fear. The shining glory You have saved the ranger service to the Lone Star State. of love in this woman's eyes made him weak as a child. How could she love him-how could she so bravely Ray knelt beside him at the window. face a future with him? Yet she held him in her arms, twining her hands seem to mind them none. And there's marble; and her dark eyes were still -these she meant to throw between Cole Miller. I've seen him. Been a intent, still haunted by shadows, but him and all that terrible past. They were her power, and she meant to "I'm gind for MacNelly's sake as use them all. He dared not think of accepting her sacrifice.

> "But Ray - you dear, noble girl -She made no reply to that and seemed to be thinking deeply. Duane I'm poor. I have nothing. And I'm a cripple."

"Oh, you'll be well some day," she "The pain-is it any worse today?" replied. "And listen. I have money My mother left me well off. All she "No; it's the same. It will always be the same. I'm full of lead, you had was her father's- Do you understand? We'll take Uncle Jim and know. But I don't mind a little pain." your mother. We'll go to Louisiana-"Then--it's the old mood--the to my old home. It's far from here. "Yes. It haunts me. I'll be well There's a plantation to work. There soon-able to go out. Then thatare horses and cattle-a great cypress forest to cut. Oh, you'll have much to "No, no!" she said with emotion. do. You'll forget there. You'll tearn to love my home. It's a beautiful old "Some drunken cowboy, some fool place. There are groves where the with a gun, will hunt me out in every town, wherever I go," he went on gray moss blows all day and the nightmiserably. "Buck Duane! To kill ingales sing all night." "My darling!" cried Duane, broken-

ly. "No, no, no!" Yet he knew in his heart that he was yielding to her, that he could not resist her a moment longer. What was this madness of love?

terrible hour for me. But it showed me the truth. I saw the struggle be-"We'll be lappy," she whispered. 'Oh, I know, Come!-come!-come!" tweer your passion to kill and your love for me. I could have saved you Her eyes were closing, heavy-it-ided, then had I known what I know now, and she lifted sweet, tremulous, wait-Now I understand that-that thing lng lips,

which haunts you. But you'll never With bursting heart Duane bent to have to kill another man, thank God!" them. Then he held her, close pressed Like a drowning man he would have to him, while with dim eyes he looked grasped at straws, but he could not out over the line of low hills in the west, down where the sun was setting She put tender arms round his neck, gold and red, down over the Nueces "Because you'll have me with you all and the wild brakes of the Rio Grande ways," she replied. "Because always which he was never to see again. I shall be between you and that-

It was in this solemn and exalted moment that Duane accepted happi-It seemed with the spoken thought ness and faced new life, trusting this absolute assurance of her power came brave and tender woman to be strongto her. Duane realized instantly that er than the dark and fateful passion he was in the arms of a stronger that had shadowed his past,

"We'll—we'll be married and leave driving, relentless instinct for blood. fiame, that madness to forget, that Texas," she said, softly, with the red It would come back with those pale. blood rising rich and dark in her drifting, haunting faces and the accusing fading eyes, but all his life, always between them and him, render-"Yes we will, though you're laggard ing them powerless, would be the faith and love and beauty of this noble

Simple Trick That Is Resorted To by New Zealanders to Trap These Wary Birds.

The New Zealand kakapo, or large parrot, with all its credit for brains. allows itself to be caught in a very simple manner. In the dusk of the early dawn the Maoris, carrying tame kakapos tied to long sticks, set off to hunt. These are the call birds used to attract by their screams the large flocks of kakapos flying overhead. While one Maori tethers the call birds by the leg and sets them screaming to the full extent of their lusty lungs, another cuts as many perches as there are men in the hunting party from the neighboring bush. By means of flax bands hese are lashed firmly to different parts of a little but or whare (in which the hunters secrete themselves), so as to act as perches for the unsuspecting birds. Each perch is so fixed that it can be drawn down into the whare through the roof. On the perches are placed running nooses of flax, and shop for nearly two hours, inspecting when all is prepared each Maert sits quietly within the whare with his flax did once." cord in his hand ready to pull at the right moment. The call birds are then disturbed by means of a long stick, and presently a large flock of parrots, hearing their cries, wheel down and settle with a great chattering in the adjacent trees. One by one they fly and settle on the perches of the whare to hold converse with the call birds, and when every perch is occupied a Maori gives the signal and the nooses are pulled. factory. Perhaps you would call The hubbub of screaming and scolding as each perch with its captured parrot is drawn down into the whare can be her belongings together and rose from best imagined. It is only equaled by the frantic excitement of the Maoris as they grasp the birds by the neck and throw them aside dead.

Shall the Court Rule on Religion? The woolly-headed Uncle Rusmus was accused of disturbing the peace. Officer Mort Rudolph explained It as

"Your honor, this man was running up and down the Mill River road, waying his arms and yelling at the top of over from Rumpus Ridge, and hun- his voice, and otherwise raising the mischief, at half past one in the morning. The people of that district complained, and they had a perfect right

The judge frowned at Rasmus, who didn't seem to be particularly worried. "What do you mean by such unbeoming conduct?" his honor demanded. "Religion, jedge," was the response. "Religion! Are you a Holy Roller, or something like that? I have relig-

midnight and tell everybody about it." "Dat's des' de diffunce, judge. I ain't eshamed ob mine."-Case and Out of It. "Deed no, sah, I can't jine no army."

"But your country needs you, Ras-"Can't help dat. It's onpossible." "Why impossible, Rastus?"

"Well, you see, my ol' woman has been ovah to de police co't an' put me unner bonds to keep de peace. No. sah, I can't do no fighting, nohow."-Boston Transcript.

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MOSES, NOT DAVID, WROTE IT

Newspaper Critic Hints Chauncey Depew's Knowledge of Bible Is Limited. '

Chaunces Depew probably expected controversy when he recently denounced the Psalmist for limiting man's years on earth to seventy, but he couldn't have anticipated the form it has taken. The following is one of several letters addressed to the editor of the New York Tgibune which Mr. Depew's statement has called forth: "Mr. Depew, according to your re-

port of his interesting address on not growing old, took exception to the famillar observation in the ninetieth Psalm that the days of our years are threescore and ten. He assumed that David wrote that Psalm and argued. since David's life was so irregular. strenuous and violent, that he may have been, or, at any rate, have felt. prematurely old.

"However that may have been the fact is that the ninetieth Psalm was never attributed to David. If Mr. Depew had looked at the heading of the Psalm as given in our Bibles he would have noticed that it is entitled 'A Prayer of Moses, the Man of God.' Such is the Jewish tradition. Even if David shortened his years by his manner of life he did not, at any rate, declare that seventy is the limit and that a possible few years more or less are labor and sorrow. It may not be Moses that wrote the Psalm, but tradition ples in Detroit. has it so.

"It is said that Moses lived to be one hundred and twenty years old and that his eye was not dim nor his natural force abated. It is also observed in the narrative that when he led his people out of Egypt he was fourscore years old and did good service for forty years more. This should be encouraging to Mr. Depew, the octogenarian. whose eye is not dim, nor his spontaneous humor abated."

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All Wrong. A minister was questioning his Sunday school concerning the story of Eutychus, the young man who, listening to the preaching of the Apostle Paul, fell asleep and, falling out of a win-

dow, was taken up dead. "What," he asked, "do we learn from this solomn event?" The reply from a little girl came: "Please, sir, ministers should learn

All Wrong. "Now look here, Alice, I know everything. You've been carrying on with

another man. I even know that his name is Rupert." "How ridiculous you are! First of all I haven't flirted with anyone, and Passing Show.

"Tell me honestly," said the novel-

render to the novel-writer, "did you tapped the floor impatiently with her toe for several moments, as you describe?" "Yes," was the thoughtful reply, "I

"She was a clog-dancer."-Tit-Bits. Rude Indication. Miss Oldgirl-The first lover I had was when I was only twenty, and-Miss Pert-My, what a fine memory

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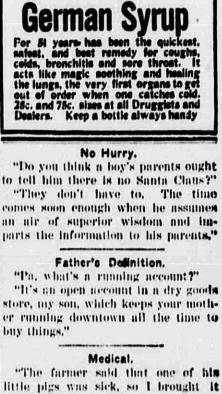
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# HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Newsy Notes About People You Know.

Cannon real estate transfer: Lewis H. Eggleston and wife to ne 1/4 and se 1/4, nw 1/4, section 8.

Mrs. Ray Spence and little son of Clarksville came Friday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ribble. Mr. Spence and Edith Ribble joined them for Christmas.

tertained with a Christmas din- on her. ner. Eighteen were present and enjoyed a Christmas tree.

Chester Dawson, aged 52, died of pneumonia at his home in Mackinac City Sunday. The body was brought here for burial at they had had such gay parties of Oakwood, Tuesday. He was a young Bohemians. It had been a then-I deserved to lose you." nephew of H. F. Dawson of this glimpse into the wonderful world for village.

After the Primary Fund.

There is another drive on against the primary school fund. George Lord of Detroit and his hand picked and personally conducted organization, the Michigan State Tax conference, want a new deal. Their idea is that passing out state money to the schools and then collecting state taxes in the county with which to run the state is useless and expensive. So it would be if all counties and school districts could be trusted to maintain reasonably efficient schools.

The primary school fund began from the sale of lands set aside for the support of primary education. Of course it would have been infinitely better if those lands had been rented instead of sold, the rent being used to support the schools instead of funding the sales prices and using the income therefrom. The lands have been growing more valuable from year to year and presumably will continue to increase in value with the presumptive increase in Mich gan's population. However that was not the way the pioneers did things; they wanted Michigan settled quickly and the settlers wanted to own the lands they worked. There was so much land available in those days that the renting proposition was not attractive. From time to time the legislature in its wisdom has added corporate taxes to the funds.

The fathers effected the present arrangement with a view to education rather than economy. They held that the primary fund was simply a trust fund, not to be sequestered for the general expenses of the state, but restricted in its use to the promotion of the one object for which the lands were bestowed. Bitter experience in the difficulty of keeping up educational standards in poor and thinly settled districts even when the latter were threatened by loss of revenue, convinced them if left to local favor education would not flourish in some sections.

This eystem bears down upon cities and assists country district. Detroit could maintain its schools for less than its share of the state tax. But why cavil all this? After all cities cannot live without the crops and children of the countryside; in paying part of the cost of rural education the are but contributing to the education of their future citizens. Until there is some other guarantee that every child born in Michigan will have the opportunity of schooling, the primary school fund should be kept intact.-Editorial in Grand Rapids Press.

# ver. is Dead.

Alto, Dec. 27.-Wm. Rounds, aged 79, pioneer stage coach driver between Hart and Fremont and hotel proprietor at those

"How putting a ring on a woman's third finger should place you under her thumb."—Pearson's Weekly.



Scene of THE LEXINGTON MASSACRE

## Their Wedding Eve By HAROLD CARTER

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cried over a letter.

It was nine in the evening. On the morrow she was to become the bride Wm. Roomsburg and wife, n 1/2. of an English nobleman. Viscount Addisleigh was a very estimable young man, very shy, and obviously half in love with her. But both had been dragooned into the marriage.

The days had gone so fast since the engagement that Nina had had little time to regret. It was not until Jack Tremont's letter came that the flood-Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rouse en- tide of memory came sweeping back

Five years ago they had been all but engaged. He was a poor artist then, and there had been a terrific scene when her stepmother learned of her friendship for the young man, and of the little suppers at Renti's, where the girl, which closed down abruptly incredible thought went through her

last parting, when she had promised would ever know. If she stayedto write to him. And all that was five years ago.

Her father's death had followed. Her stepmother, a worldly woman. only wanted to get the girl off her hands. She had been touted shamelessly in the foreign markets-that was the way with her set-and finally tate, had bargained for her. At least, not be, but the family lawyer. All had been very decorous, andwell. Nina was to marry him on the

She read her lover's letter again through blinding tears. It was only



Well-Remembered Figure.

little congratulatory note, saying that he was dining alone that night at the little table in Renti's, which they used to occupy, and that he would be remembering her. The house was very quiet. Every-

one had gone to bed early in anticipation of the exhausting events of the. morrow. The girl peeped out of her room. How easy it would be to escape for an hour or two, to fly to Jack, to spend one last short hour with him, before the drab life ahead of her be-

She trembled; and then, with those memories of the past, she could resist no longer. She slipped on an old dress and hat and coat, and softly made her way down the stairs. She shuddered as she saw the roses that had already been entwined along the banisters, heralds of a loy that was never

saw the well-remembered figure, soli- Judge. tary at the far table among the lights, in the midst of the gay crowd. And Wm. Rounds, Stage Coach Dri- the years that were past seemed like a dream to her.

He did not even start when she approached him, threw back her cloak and sat down facing him.

and hotel proprietor at those towns for years, died at the home of his son-in-law, Representative Chas. Foote here yesterday. A son Charles of Grand Rapids and a daughter, Mrs. Josephine Foote of Alto survive. Funeral at Fremont tomorrow.

Anatomically.

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"Nina, I dared dream that you would come to me." he said. "I willed it with all my power." "I had to come," answered the girl.

I got your letter without letting you "What?" he asked gravely. "That I loved you in the old days," she answered. "I should not be saying this, but my marriage is not of

love, on either side." "And you will go through with it?" "Yes," she answered. He looked at her in approbation.

You never were a quitter, Nina," be They dined together. It was as merry as in the old days, for they re-

solved to banish all care or retheir hearts. And he told her of his success, and of his friends; some mar ried, one dead, one traveling abroad. After the meal he lit a cigarette and

they sat closer together, heedless of the passage of time. "I am glad to have seen you. Nina," he said at length. "We had a good time together. This will refresh my memory to carry it with me the rest

of my days." She looked at him inquiringly, "Do you mean to say, Jack, that you still care as much as that?" she asked in-

He nodded. "But it's all right, my dear." he answered. "The time to fight was five years ago. I lost you She was thinking very hard. The

just stayed with Jack, whom she loved, nothing could ever harm her, nobody She glanced at the clock, and was horrified to see that it was midnight.

She sprang to her feet in alarm. "I must go, Jack," she said. He conducted her gravely from the restaurant. They were the last to leave. The yawning waiters watched

them reproachfully as they went out. the viscount, with an impoverished es- The street was brilliant with revolving signs. Crowds hurrying from the theaters blocked them. There came the sound of music from the restaurants, and the voices of the diners. "It was happy," said Nina wistfully. "Yes," he said. "I shall see you to

> your door, Nina." She looked at him in alarm, "No." she said. "I must go in softly, Jack, I must steal in. I can get on a car and then get off in front of the house." He took her hands in his, and at the very last he lost his self-control. "Stay with me, Nina," he whispered. "Stay! You have no one you care for. Be my wife. I can't lose you

> now, Nina. Will you?" The temptation was terrible. She fought it down silently before she

"Only Jack, that I never was a quitter, as you said," she answered. "It wouldn't be honorable—that's all." He let her hands go, and she turned away. Then a newsboy came racing

along the street. "Great fire!" he yelled. "All about he Suffitt fire!" The headlines made her reel. She suntched a paper from the boy's hand. The Suffit house was blazing. The

fire engines were unable to control it. The entire block was threatened." There was no further word between them. She sprang on a car and Jack took his seat beside her. But many yards from the house the cars were blocked in the jam.

The house was a blizing ruin. Men were searching within it valuly for her. Nina heard the words that passed among the crowd. "All safe but the bride!" "No chance of finding her now in that furnace!" "Poor thing. and on her marriage eve!" She reeled into Jack's arms. Un-

recognized in the crowd, she fought out her problem. If she were deadall would be well. The viscount, honorably released, as herself, her coldhearted stepmother, hardly dis-

She clung to her escort's arm, "Jack take me away!" she wept. "Take me away. I will go with you now. My past life lies buried-somewhere in

Still Extant.

"Uncle Jim, have dragons gone out "Oh, no, my lad. You can see one almost any day chaperoning a pretty girl."-Judge.

Unfortunately Not. "You say she treats you like a dog?" "I don't say anything of the sort When I see how she treats that Bos-

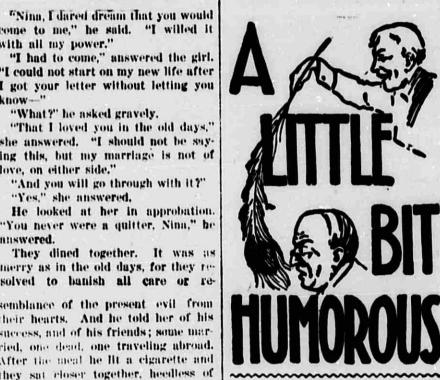
A Question of Time. The New Parson-Well, I'm glad to Sunday. stay away yet.

"The stranger you saw took me apart to tell me a startling story." "What happened then?" Friendly Advice.

A Personal Tragedy.

"Women are taking up sports more than in former years." dear. But don't marry one."

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"Well, Cuddyhump," said Squire Peavy, addressing a colored citizen who was suspected of having wandered from the straight and narrow path, "what have you to say for your-

"Des dis, yo' honah-dis yuh am muh prevarication," was the reply. Nemmine wadder I's guilty or not, but dess tempt mercy wid jestice and tuhn me loose. Tuhn me loose, sah, and sho's yo' bawn I'll do as much for yo' some time!"

Sensitive. am." remarked Mr. Cumrox to his

"What makes you think so?" "If he appreciated the extent of my financial influence he would have laughed at my jokes instead of my

Friendless. The Candidate-Here are a few of my cards. Would you mind distributing them among your friends? The Other-But I haven't any

The Caudidate Why, how's that? The Other-I'm the official dog catcher

How It Happened. The house that Jack built had just been completed. "And the beauty of it." boasted Jack. "is that it actually cost 30 cents less than the architect's estimate."

Thus another classic found its way to the desk of the fairy tale editor. Something in Store.

"I'll face a dragon to win that girl, just as knights did in days of yore. In fact, I'd welcome a dragon to face." "Your wish may be gratified. Wait until you see her mother, my boy."

NO TEMPTATION.



Mrs. Earlydawn-Get up, daughter. Remember, it's the early bird that gets think worms are horrid, anyway.

The Usual Result. When modern fletion writers try We get erotic novels-with The accent on the "rot."

His Classification. "This one of the pair of receivers of stolen goods, your honor, acts as a lookout while the other is getting the

"I see. He's a picket fence." Your Own Little Town.

There are fancier towns than

our own little town, and there Renti's. And her heart leaped as she ton bull of hers I wish she would."— are towns that are bigger than this; and the peoples who live in the tinier towns don't know what "Yes, sir; out of your 'Rhetoric.'" excitement they miss. There are things you can see in the wealthihear you come to church twice every er town that you can't in the town that is small; and yet, up Tommy-Yes, I'm not old enough to down, there is no other town like

our own little town, after all. It may be the street through the heart of our town isn't long, isn't rected." wide, isn't straight, but the neighbors you know in our own little the relieved doctor. "I could not pull myself together." town all welcome a fellow-it's great. In the glittering streets of the glittering town, with its palace and pavement and thrall; in the midst of the throng you Well, that may be all right, my frequently long for our own little town, after all.

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FAMOUS OLD PORT

By EARL SILVERS.

French City, Older Than the Country Itself, is New the Naval Base of the Ferces of the Entente

"Marseilles, the unwearled contestant for Mediterranean trade during 26 centuries, and the city wherein the earliest naval traditions of France were formed, whence fleets were sent before Rome's day of power to challenge the great Mediterranean portcity, Carthage, is today the principal naval base for the allies upon the Middle ocean; and, with the shifting of the stress of the world-war toward the east, to the Balkans, to Turkey-in-Europe, to Syria and Mesopotamia, it is become a place of first strategic consequence, while, from its harbor, a steady stream of the 'sinews of warfare' is pouring into the vital fields bordering the Eastern seacoast," begips the primer on war geography issued today by the National Geographic society.

MARSEILLES A POINT OF IMPOR-

TANCE FOR CENTURIES.

city through all of Europe's historic ages. It has been in competition for the commerce of its inland sea from earliest times; has seen its competitors, one by one, reach their zenith and decline, while it still remains a measured foremost Mediterranean port. Its rivals today are of the younger set of cities. Genoa, comparatively youthful, and Triest, a newcomer into the fold of contending world-ports.

"Genoa, though of about equal age with Marselles as a harbor, first came into commercial fame during the early middle ages. Sidon, Tyre, Athens, Corinth, Carthage, Ragusa, Pisa, Venice and a host of other cities have at one time and another fought a bitter rivalry with Marseilles, and of some of these even the history of their efforts is forgotten, while their one-time rival has passed through several declines toward an even greater future.

"Tracing its descent from early Phenician times, the fortunes of Marsellles have fluctuated with the fortunes of civilization upon the Mediterranean coasts. The Phoceans, a Greek world of their day, came after the Phenicians, took Marseilles from them and made it the New York of the ancient world. Due to their enterprise Marsellles became the first of trading cities, and, during the Punic

wars, its aid saved Rome. "Situated in the center of things Mediterranean on the Gulf of the Lion, enjoying the advantages of an excelwith a rich and productive hinterland, tomen to be obeyed. at your party does not know who I port on the inland sea, the first port to answer another figure appeared at of France, the second city of the re- the foot of the steps. It was Margaret public and one of the wealthlest com- Fischer munitles in Europe. It lies 534 miles south-southeast of Parls, with which it is connected by the Paris-Lyon-Mediterrance railway. The manufacturing city of Lyons lies 219 miles to the north upon the River Rhone, whose principal channel reaches the Mediterranean sea, 25 miles west of Marseilles.

"While Marseilles possesses few architectural extravagances, it is well and solidly built and thoroughly modern. It has preserved no interesting remains from ancient times; for the modern spirit, which has characterized its long life, has left it little appetite for reminiscence, and the wars that have swept over it have destroyed much of its heritage. The public works of the city and its conveniences, however, are on a par with those of the best-administered municipalities

"The port does a vast export and import in peace times; buying cattle, coffee, raw cotton and silk, hides and grain, and selling cotton and woolen goods, ribbons, soap, silk, sugar, grain, fruits, wine, oll and perfumes. Its shipping business is carried on along 12 miles of model quays where 2,500 vessels can be accommodated at one time.'

Lightning's Freak. Lightning recently at Spartansburg, S. C., snapped around the premises of J. Y. Cantrell. His two children, sitting in a swing fastened to one of two rees situated close together, had their iresses scorched by a bolt of lightning which struck the tree, tearing the bark off in places but not hurting the children in the least. Four mules hitched to a wagon in the road just opposite the tree were knocked down, one being killed. A fence 40 feet farther down the road was set on fire. A single bolt of lightning performed the whole feat. Besides knocking down the four mules hitched to the wagon in the road the lightning made a hole as large as a water bucket just behind

the wagon. The bolt set the fence of

site side from the two trees, and at

least 40 feet down the road. Prussian Cities Buy Milch Goats. A number of German cities have taken practical steps to solve the milk problem, which still is very serious in the large centers of population. Twelve of the largest Prussian municipalities have bought 75,000 goats in Switzerland. The animals have been turned over to the owners of small farms in the suburbs of the cities on condition that they deliver 70 per cent of the milk obtained from the goats to the relief stations, where it is distributed among poor families with small children. The goats furnish 200,000 quarts of milk a day.

Kelieved. Where did on get these examples of faultily constructed sentences? sked Dr. Campbell, the great rhetori cian, of a student. "Out of one of your books, doctor."

"Out of my 'Rhetoric!" " roared the doctor. "Impossible! Never did 1 make use of such language. You are mistaken, badiy mistaken. But-butwhere in my 'Rhetoric' did you fina such composition?" he demanded angrily. "In the part 'Sentences to Be Cor-

"O-h-h-h! A-h-h-h! Yes, yes," said

Exact Time. "Did you hear the news? The lion from the jungles came out and gobbled up the village postmaster." "When did he do it?" "Why, ate p. 13."-Baltimore Amer-

THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Mrs. Sarah McConaughty kept a boarding house in the heart of the Catskills. She was assisted in the various duties of her position by her daughter, Margaret, who was as pretty an Irish girl as could be found in a day's journey, and whenever her eyes met those of Walter Blake she became

even prettier. Walter had come to Ferndale in the early summer, and there he had met another Margaret, a Miss Fischer, whose home was in New York. She had admirers by the score, and Walter Bluke was one of them. During the first part of his visit, he had followed her around much in the manner of a faithful collie who will not be driven back when his master wants to go somewhere without him. But one night he had disconsolately

watched her drive over the hills with Edgar Nolan, and turning, had found Margaret McConaughty looking at him with the hint of a twinkle in her eyes. Seized by a sudden impulse, he had asked her to drive with him, and they had gone together to the movies in Liberty. The boy had frankly enjoyed himself that night, while as for Margaret it became the event by which al. other incidents of the summer were

After that, they saw each other frequentiy, but one night when Walter had asked her to go with him to a barn dance in one of the neighboring notels she had been forced to refuse because of the stern necessity of helping her mother with the supper dishes. And he had been inclined to argue, "I don't believe you want to go," he had said.

"But I do." Margaret's eyes had begged for confidence, but Walter had turned away. "All right," he had announced. "I'll

ask Miss Fischer." Three days had passed since then, and Blake had paid little attention to his country friend. He was continuously in the company of her rival,

On Saturday evening, however, an hour before the strawberry festival people whose trading instincts carried them beyond the confines of the known church. Walter found Margaret Mcwas scheduled to be held in the village Conaughty sitting on the back porch hulling berries.

"Are you going to the festival tonight?" he asked. "I'm going to have a little festival all of my own," she answered. "There

go to bea tonight." "But can't you just sneak away and nct do them?" He did not understand lent harbor, well equipped, together that Mrs. McConaughty was accus-

are fifteen boxes to be hulled before

"Oh, hello, Walter!" She spoke with apparent surprise, just as if she had not known that her most faithful follower had been talking to Miss Mc-Conaughty for the past ten minutes.

not.' For some reason or other, he did not seem especially pleased at the "Oh, come on; I've saved a place

"We'd better start for the festival

or you beside me in the wagon." She seized his hand playfully, and led him off hah reluctantly. with her," Margaret said to herself. 'And then he can't see the paint and powder on her face. She'll be all dressed up in her Broadway togs, and he won't give a thought to me sitting here hulling berries. I hate the things.' She took a red and rosy one

from the box and threw it vehemently into the darkness at the rear of the house. It struck something with a soft thud. "Please don't fire at me," a voice Her heart jumped as Walter Blake

appeared at the foot of the steps. "I didn't know you were there?" she laughed. "What are you doing in "Just walking around "Aren't you going to the festival?"

She looked at him hopefully. "Yes." Her hopes fell. "With Margaret, I suppose? "Yes," he answered soberly, "with She returned gloomily to her berries,

while he wached her silently. Margaret Fischer's voice floated to them from the front of the house. "Oh, Walter, are you coming?" Blake did not answer. "I'll go and find him," they heard

She found him where she had "Hurry up," she said lightly. "It's time to start." a hogpen afire which was on the oppo-

"I'm not going."

ımazement. "I'm not going," he repeated. "I've ecided to stay home tonight." "Oh, very well!" She spoke haughtily, and without another word made

"What!" She looked at him

her way to the wagon. Margaret McConaughty looked at her companion with a happy light in "I thought you said you were going

to the festival with Margaret?" she "I am," he answered. "The festival is going to be held right here on the back porch, and the girl I am going with is Margaret McConaughty." (Copyright, 1916, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

A Blind Beggar's Trick. Blind men are by no means always helpless, as I discovered myself the other day. I happened to pass' a blind man selling newspapers in the street. It was a windy day, and he was crying, "Have I got it right way up?"-

referring to his placard. He hadn't, so I put it right misfortunes. Then I stopped for a moment to look at something in . shop window, and almost immediately arose again the doleful outery, "Have I got it right way up?"

I turned around astonished. The placard was unside down again. Of course it may have been the wind .-London Telegraph.

The Difficulty. The First Worker-Manner born be lowed! D'joe mean ter say if me an' con come into a bit o' splosh we couldn't keep our ends up with these

ere dooks and people? His Doubting Friend-Oh, we should he orl right, but our missuses 'd give the game away, yer know.-London

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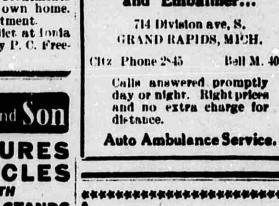
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