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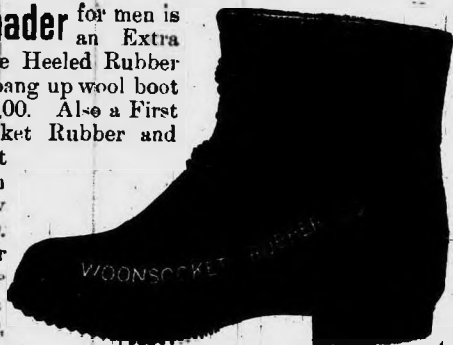
WARM Shoes AND Rubber Goods.

For Honest, Reliable, Good Fitting Rubbers and warm Shoes, Rubbers that will fit your shoes in any toe and width, and give you Satisfactory wear, call on

BENNETT & CO.

We want to say that there are three grades in all rubber goods. We make a specialty of **FIRST QUALITY** goods but can sell you cheap rubbers at cheap prices. In either grade we can save you a few pennies on each pair.

Our Great Leader for men is an Extra High Two Buckle Heeled Rubber (like cut) and a hang up wool boot complete for \$2.00. Also a First Quality Woonsocket Rubber and the best wool boot made, combination first-class in every particular at \$2.50. As good a rubber and boot can't be bought anywhere for less than \$3.00.



We have one that Looks like it for only \$1.85. But its Cheap and Won't Wear. Don't be deceived. Compare our prices and quality with other dealers and see if we can't do you some good.

What do you think of a woman's fine Kid Shoe, Paris square and Opera toe, patent leather tips, nicely made at \$1.15. A nicer and finer one, Pat tip, any toe, button or lace, \$1.48. **WE HAVE THEM.**

OUR LEADER and best wearer, Razor. Needle and all nobby to-s, Pat. tips and lace stay, up to date and usually sold for \$2.50. **Our Price \$1.75.**

We have a woman's high cut, good quality beaver, side fox, fleeced lined, Cong. or lace \$1.25.

We have a woman's extra quality beaver, full dongola foxed, fleeced lined button at \$1.50.

We have a woman's extra quality beaver, full kangaroo foxed, fleeced lined, lace at \$1.50.

We are the Leading Shoe Dealers and sell Reliable Boots and Shoes at fair Prices. Call and see us before you purchase.

BENNETT & CO., Dohmstreich Building.

HAY!!! HAY!!!

Mixed Hay.
Timothy Hay.
Prairie Hay.
HAY! HAY!

Special Prices on ton lots.
 PROMPT DELIVERY.
L. C. Hough & Son.

HAY, STRAW AND FEED.

A Merry Christmas And Happy New Year to All.

I have a large assortment of both ladies' and gents' Handkerchiefs, Art Denims and Chenille Table Spreads, gents' Silk Scarfs and Neckties, Silk Suspender, Fleeced Kid Mitts, Silk and Yarn Mitts for both ladies and gents, Fancy Towels, a large line of those celebrated Rochester Nickle Lamps and various other articles which I have not space to mention.

I also have a large line of Staple Goods such as Youths' Clothing and Overcoats, Hosiery for both ladies and gents, Underwear of all descriptions, a large line of gents' and boys' Plush and Wool Caps at all prices. Dress Goods, Gloves and Mittens of all kinds. Any of the above articles will make a very suitable present.

Thanking you all for past favors and hoping that I may increase my business with you all in the years to come, I remain,
Yours,

A. A. TAFFT.

A piece of Silverware given away with every \$30.00 in Cash trade.

ANIMAL REASONING.

Curiosity Is Apparent and Also Resentment at Restraint.

The Rev. Dr. Charles J. Adams, in a recent letter to the Kingston Freeman, incidentally relates the following: "That man is more discontented with things as they are—that man has more imagination—than the lower animals. I do not for a moment question. But that the lower animal has both reason and imagination, in common with man, is as unquestionably true as that the sun shines. But the question is now the one of curiosity and discontent. Cows rebel against restraint. A gentleman in Iowa told me about his father's wanting the cows in his farmyard to eat clover hay. They would not do so because they preferred timothy hay. A brother farmer advised him to in some way have the cows approach the clover hay, and then drive them roughly away, striking them over the snouts with a fork handle. He did so, and the result was that they ate all the clover hay and wanted more. Here was a clear case of rebellion against restraint or prohibition. Another farmer told me that he built a fence about a straw stack, placing the rails upon posts a couple of feet high. Against that fence the cattle rebelled so emphatically that they stuck their heads under the fence and licked up the old, broken and soiled straws on the outside, over which they had walked before, and which they could not have been induced to touch had it not been for the fence. The fence was an appetizer to the cattle, just as the limitations of knowledge are appetizers to man. And in one case as in the other the appetite was not physical. What the cattle wanted was liberty. The appetite was not of the body, but of the soul.

"I received from Pittsburg the story of a spider that decorates its web, as it weaves it, with bits of logwood, which it takes from a box—with no other possible purpose in mind than that of decoration. Another spider weaves a web with broad walls on it—made by placing the threads more closely than they are placed elsewhere in the web. For what purpose? Simply for the purpose of decoration, or that it may have a place of outing or promenade; for another web is woven for the purpose of catching food. That spider had an imagination. It was not satisfied with ordinary things. It wanted something extraordinary. Ask the man who has hunted antelope on the prairies, and he will tell you that he raises a flag and depends on the antelope's curiosity bringing it within range of his ball. Arguing the flag that the hunter raises the antelope moves in ever-decreasing circles till the report comes that is prophetic of its death."

SPARROWS IN REVOLT.

They Wouldn't Eat Up with the Presence of a Stranger Bird. Probably more than 1,000 people stopped by the frog pond on Boston common between 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening and looked up into the trees, relates the Boston Transcript. It was apparent that something unusual was going on. The air was filled with birds uttering sharp cries, and the din was kept up for over half an hour.

A kingbird started all the trouble. Where he came from nobody knew. One of the sparrow sentinels awoke from a doze in the branches of a tall tree on the north side of the pond and spied the intruder. His sharp cries for help brought a number of other sentinels from trees in the vicinity, and they gathered around the kingbird at safe distances and chattered. The kingbird sat still. Then the sparrows decided to summon a "posse." It did not take long for sparrows of all ages and all sizes had begun to crowd around to see what was the trouble. Within two minutes after the first alarm the air in the vicinity was black with sparrows. Then began a vigorous and concerted attack on the kingbird. They darted at him from in front and behind, from all sides and from above, all the time keeping up a screaming that caused the people on the walks to stop and see the fun. Now, anybody who has ever seen a kingbird carry a big hen hawk knows that a kingbird is game, but the thousand or more sparrows in the air began to make it uncomfortable for the intruder. Finally when the kingbird saw the people gathering on the walks he began to fear an attack from below, and, with what a bird language, probably stands for a hoarse, meeking laugh, the villain led over the public garden. A small body of sparrows gave him an escort out of sight, but most of them remained, to talk over the affair.

Dr. Furness' New Library Building. Horace Howard Furness, the eminent Shakespearean scholar, is building one of the handsomest and most complete private libraries in the country in connection with his splendid home at Wainford, this county. The building, which is absolutely fireproof, will contain shelves to accommodate Dr. Furness' splendid collection of books, which now embraces 16,000 volumes and is constantly being increased. The library will be moved from Philadelphia to the new building as soon as the latter is ready for occupancy.—Philadelphia Press.

75 Cts. ALL WOOL UNDERWEAR 75 Cts.

We have just 4 dozen Suits of All Wool Underwear worth \$1.25 that we will sell for 75c per garment, or \$1.50 per suit. We also have as many, or more of the Arabian Fleece and Fancy all wool \$1.50 underwear that we are selling for only \$1.00. These goods are all Swits Conde make and never before were there such bargains in underwear in Plymouth or Detroit. We also have Bargains in Childrens', Misses' and Ladies' Underwear.

We are closing out our Rubber Goods.

Boys' Rubber Coats worth \$2.00 for \$0.99
Men's Rubber Coats worth \$3.50 and \$4.00 for \$2.50

We have a few boys' Overcoats that we will close out at less than cost price.
Men's Kersey Wool Pants for \$1.00. Men's Heavy Cotton Pants for 68c and 75c.

Dress Goods.

Our line of Dress Goods is Complete and Prices Right. We have just received a Fine line of English Flannelettes, double faced, fast colors, that we will sell for 10 cents.

A New Line of Dress Goods Just Received.

Lamps! Lamps!

A new line of Banquet Lamps, they are Beauties. Remember that we are Headquarters for Fine Decorated Crockery, Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Toilet Sets. Will have a fine selection for the holiday trade.

Remember that we give you your choice with a \$40 cash trade, either a 56 piece Tea Set or a 10 piece Toilet Set or your choice of Banquet Lamp.

GROCERIES

Our line of Groceries and Provisions is always Fresh and of the Best Quality that can be bought, (we buy no cheap goods.)

Have you tried KOFFA-AID? It is a fine drink.

Hams Bacon Oysters

Try our 35c TEA. It is a Hummer.

CRANBERRIES 10c Qt. FLORIDA ORANGES. FRESH FIGS.

We are agents for the New Home Sewing Machine. Have one brought to your home and try it. You will have no other after trying one of these Machines.

Holiday Goods are arriving. Do not make your purchases until you have examined our goods.

J. R. RAUCH, AGENT Plymouth.

Go To GALE'S

For Christmas Goods of all kinds.

Come And See Us.

- ⊗ Dolls, Drums, Dominoes, Checkers, Building Blocks, Horns, Baskets, Jumping Jacks, Dumb Watches, Box Paints, Music Boxes, Pencil Boxes, Perfumes all kinds, Toilet Cases, work Boxes, Manicure Sets, Albums, Autograph Albums, Shaving Sets, Scrap Books, Picture Frames, Gents' Dressing Cases, Christmas Cards, Christmas Books, Lamps all kinds, China and Glassware, Candy, Bananas, White Grapes, Oranges, Lemons, Nuts all kinds, Drugs all kinds, Groceries all kinds.

Remember we are Headquarters for Toys of all kinds.

JOHN L. GALE.

Prescriptions Carefully Compounded.

Do You Eat Meat?

If not, this announcement will be of no particular interest to you.

IF YOU DO

We want you to know that our reputation for "Good Meat at Reasonable Prices" is away up.

Sirloin Steak 12 1/2
Round Steak 10
Roast Beef 7, 8 and 10
Boil Beef 4, 5 and 6
Best Pork Roast 9 and 10
Best Pork Steak 10
Lard 11
Lard by the jar 10
Fresh Oysters in bulk and all varieties of Meat constantly on hand.

We carry the Most Select Brands of Oysters.

HOOPS & HARRIS,
Plymouth, Mich.

Look at This!

We now have on hand the 18 in. and 20 in. Well Crock, also a new lot of Fence Pickets already sawed.

Strictly No. 1 Bill Staff, \$11 per M.
Norway Sliding, \$13.00 per M.
And all other grades in proportion. It will pay you to call on us.

Also all sizes Sewer Pipe Hard and Soft Coal.

My lot on Ann Arbor street for sale.

C. A. FRISBEE,
Plymouth.

Gentlemen!

If you want a really first-class, high grade job of Laundry work done, try **LOU FULLMER'S**

HOME LAUNDRY.

It's there you get High Gloss, Medium or Domestic Finish as you may desire. Shirts with Percales, Brocade or Plated fronts will be laundered right.

We make a Specialty of Gentlemen's work, and if you have a fine Suit that has become soiled or out of shape, we can make it look about as good as new.

Try the "HOME LAUNDRY." Next door to Cable's "Star Grocery."

CHAS. BREMS

Is the place to buy A Good Buggy AND IF YOU WANT

General Blacksmithing Done on Shortest Notice, Call and See Him.

We keep all kinds of Farming Tools.

CHAS. BREMS,
North Village, Plymouth.

FREE PILLS.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 26c. per box. Sold by John I. Gale, Druggist.

PLYMOUTH SAVINGS BANK

Conducts a general Banking business in both Savings and Commercial Departments, and offers its customers every banking facility, liberal treatment, prompt and careful attention to all business intrusted.

4 Per Cent paid on Saving deposits. Money loaned on real estate and other collateral security.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE SOLD.

E. K. BENNETT, Cashier.

FIRST

National Exchange Bank

CAPITAL, \$50,000.

A General Banking Business Transacted.

4 PER CENT

Interest paid on Savings and Time Deposits.

YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED.

O. A. FRASER, CASHIER

Room 48, MOPPAT BLOCK.

Irving W. Durfee,
Attorney-at-Law,
DETROIT, MICH.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE

In the matter of the estate of **LEONARD HUDSON**, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of Geo. A. Starkweather, at the village of Plymouth, in said County of Wayne, on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1895, and on Wednesday, the 28th day of December, A. D. 1895, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that six months from the sixth day of November, A. D. 1895, were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

ISAIAH GLEASON,
C. A. L. HEIDY, Commissioners.

Dated November 21st, 1895. 423-431.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION.

What Our Scribe Gathered on the Outside.— Other News Items.

Diamond rings at Draper's.

Christmas one week from next Wednesday.

Don't read Gale's ad. unless you want bargains.

Mrs. Mead and Miss Lizzie went to Detroit today.

W. J. Rosebush was in South Lyons on business Tuesday.

Jubilee Singers at village hall, Dec. 19, benefit fire department.

J. R. Rauch will save you money if you keep your eye on his ad.

Quite a heavy fall of snow for this section of the state on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Shattuck, returned from Colorado on Thursday morning.

We wish somebody would surprise us with a year's subscription. How about you?

The bazaar ladies are not prepared to give us a report this week, but will do so next week.

The firemen have secured the No. 4 Jubilee Singers for the evening of Dec. 19th. Don't miss this rare treat.

Mrs. Chas. Dobbins, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. J. Kellogg, has returned to Marshall for the winter.

The Joe Henry Concert Co. drew a very good house considering that a blinding snow storm raged all day, and all Wednesday evening.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Service held in Safford's Hall every Sunday morning at 10:30. All are most cordially invited to attend.

P. E. Whitbeck and Henry F. Horner are down for papers to be read at the farmers institute to be held at Wayne January 26, 27, and 28.

There is not the least doubt but you can find the best bargains with those who advertise. Keep your eye on **MAIL** advertisers and you will save money.

"The best advertising medium in this vicinity," is no more a question with the progressive merchant. He has tried others, but has forsaken them all for the **MAIL**.

Spectacles and smoked glasses at Draper's.

Remember the recital this evening at the Presbyterian church under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society, and under the direction of Miss Ruby Viola Jones of this place.

No. 4 & Co.'s Jubilee Singers will give a benefit concert for the fire department at the village hall, Dec. 19. This is one of the best companies on the road. Don't fail to hear them, and incidentally help the fire laddies.

A New Year's ball will be given in Pennington hall on Wednesday evening, Jan. 1, 1896, by Clover Leaf lodge, No. 111, K. of P. Music by Finney's full orchestra, of Detroit. Bill including refreshments, \$1.00. A first-class time is guaranteed.

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WILLIAM ARTLEY,
JAMES WILEY, Commissioners.

Dated December 8, 1895. 431-34.

Cat's eye and satin spar plus at Draper's.

Dewey Berdan is here from Dakota visiting relatives and friends.

Thermometers about town registered 10 degrees below zero this Friday morning.

H. Bassett will hold an auction sale tomorrow (Saturday), at his farm three quarters of a mile east of Newburg.

Hall's hair-renewer is pronounced the best preparation made for thickening the growth of the hair, and restoring that which is gray to its original color.

Rev. Milne, pastor of the Baptist church, and family have arrived in town and will occupy the Potter house on Main street, recently vacated by Dr. Merriman.

The Brighton Argus started on a new year last week. This is the second year for the present management, and Editor Balch will keep up the high standard he has attained. He makes no rash promises, but will double favors extended the Argus.

Editor Neal could not crowd all his brains, or rather the brains of his host of advertisers, in six columns, so he just put in an extra, and last week opened out with a seven column paper. Between Neal and the Record things are trotting a good clip over in the county seat of Northville county.

The Joe Henry Concert Company entertained an appreciative audience very handsomely Wednesday evening. The evening was a very stormy one, but a good sized audience vended their way hither because they were assured that Joe and his company would give them a rare treat, and they were not disappointed. This is about the way the boys would sum it up: Joe was "out of sight," but he "wasn't in it" with the little people, Lena and Gerald, each appearance brought increased applause, and a happier audience has not been seen in the village hall since the girls played the minstrel show; Miss Eva Smith delighted all by her marvelous whistling; Mrs. R. Deming acted as accompanist; The Northville orchestra and Wm. A. McPhail assisted in the entertainment. It is hardly necessary to add that we may expect to see the Joe Henry people again in the near future, when a packed house will greet them. Mr. Henry desired us to thank the good people of Plymouth for the honor accorded his company in facing such a blinding storm to attend the entertainment.

PLYMOUTH, MICH., Dec. 10, 1895.

WHEREAS, death has removed from our midst Mr. Michael Conner, a stockholder of this bank, who passed away Thursday, Nov 14th, 1895.

Resolved that we, the stockholders of Plymouth Savings Bank, assembled at our annual meeting, miss the genial face and kindly greeting of our deceased brother, and desire to bear testimony to his sterling integrity and amiable disposition, and to the warm-hearted friendship which he so generously extended to those who needed a friend, either in society or business.

Resolved, that these resolutions be entered in the record book of the bank, published in the Plymouth MAIL, and a copy sent to Mrs. Conner with the sincere sympathy of the stockholders of this bank.

Some men try advertising as the Indian tried feathers. He took one feather, laid it on a board and slept on it all night. In the morning he remarked: "White man say feathers heap soft; white man say fool."—Printer's Ink.

A Detroit newsboy, Albert Larriere, has been appointed page in the House of Representatives.

Since Rockefeller's donation of \$3,000.00 to the Chicago university, the Standard Oil Co. has advanced the price of oil wonderfully. Between Saturday morning and Monday evening there were three advances of a half a cent each, and the increase in the last two weeks is the difference between 7 1/2 and 11 1/2 cents a gallon. When we consider the amount used it must make the gains throughout the country enormous.—Oakland Excelsior.

A poor old couple in the Cheboygan county house have two sons, one of whom enjoys a salary of \$2,500 a year, and the other at least \$1,800. Still another inmate of the house has a wealthy son in Detroit. It is only one of many sad stories of filial ingratitude or worse, that might be told in every county in Michigan.

Newburg.

The musical committee of the M. E. church met at the residence of E. J. Norris last Tuesday evening and appointed Forest Smith chorister to reorganize the choir, but they failed to materialize Sunday, consequently the pastor had to pitch the tunes and the congregation sang as in olden times. We are assured of a full choir next Sunday.

The Epworth League will give a Christmas festival Christmas eve, and Santa Claus with all of his equipment is expected to be present.

Newburg is a very quiet place, as we have neither cock fights, prize fights, bull fights, nor any kind of fights.

The Spear Brand of Brandy.

Is a guarantee of excellence. The Cinnabar Brandy made from grape in 1870, is absolutely pure. For sickness in your family for heaven's sake do not use any brandy but old and strictly pure distillation from the grape.

WANTED

to exchange Clothes, made to order, for wood.

J. W. ROSEBUSH,
Fine Merchant Tailor, Plymouth, Mich.

FOR SALE

—Small box cutter, inquire of E. O. Huston.

New Goods Arriving Daily

For the Holiday Season of '95

We shall be able to show

Some Very Fine and Tasty Rockers

In Mahogany or Oak Finish

At Very Low Prices.

Do not fail to see these goods as they will certainly please both in Style and Finish. Also

A Great Variety of Couches,

In Corduroy and Velour Coverings.

A Large and Well Selected Stock of

Bedroom Suits and Sideboards.

All the above goods will be sold at very Close Prices to keep in Harmony with the Times. We cordially invite you to call and see us.

Yours truly,

BASSETT & SON

Hunter & Park,

NEW FIRM

Have just received a fresh supply of

Oysters

Hams

Celery

Dried Beef

Flour in Endless Variety.
Finest Cape Cod Cranberries.
Choicest Jersey Sweet Potatoes.
Delicious Eating Apples.
Kiln Dried Pop Corn (package or bulk)
Extra Large Olives in Bulk.
Heinz Unsurpassed Sweet Pickles.
Fresh Cucumber Pickles in Bulk.
Heinz Tomato Ketchup (best made).
New Sweet Corn, the best on the market.
Fresh Genuine Sugar Syrup (warranted).

Try our entire new line of PERFUME (all new). Mandluting Java and Arabian Mocha Coffee, the highest grade money can buy. Satisfies when others fail.

HUNTER & PARK

Will supply you with anything in their line at PRICES (QUALITY CONSIDERED), Cheap as the Cheapest.

FRESHEST, PUREST, NEWEST, CLEANEST, BEST ASSORTED, DRUGS MEDICINES.

From the best Manufacturers in France, Germany, England and America. The Purity and Excellence of Every Article in this Department is assured by the manufacturers name on each package. Mr. Fred Kelley has this branch in charge. He is one of Michigan's brightest

Registered Pharmacists

Have your prescriptions compounded by competent workmen from Pure, Fresh Drugs, and where Quality, Purity, Caution, and Preciseness rank first and foremost.

—GIVE THE DOCTOR A CHANCE—

To show what he can do when his medicine is JUST WHAT THE PRESCRIPTION CALLS FOR. This you will always get at

Hunter & Park.

FREE DELIVERY. PROMPT SERVICE.

CLOAKS
That were \$15, 12, 10, 7.50
Now \$12, 10, 7, 5

MEN'S SUITS
That were \$20, 15, 12, 10, 7.50
Now \$15, 12, 10, 7.50, 5

BOYS SUITS
That were \$12, 10, 8, 6
Now \$9, 7.50, 6, 4.50

Childrens' Cloaks, Jackets
That were \$8, 7, 6, 5
Now \$6, 5, 4, 3

Ladies' Underwear
That were \$2, 1.50, 1, 75c 35c
Now \$1.50, 1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c

HOW DOES THIS STRIKE YOU?
Do These Prices Meet Your Purse?
You can't Duplicate them Elsewhere. Are you open for the Bargains of your life?
Don't wait until after the Holidays, you will never get them Cheaper.
Compare Other Places. Compare Detroit Prices. You are sure to buy of us.

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| GLOVES. MITTENS. HOSIERY. BLANKETS. QUILTS. NIGHT ROBES. HANDKERCHIEFS. MUFFLERS. | DRESS GOODS. TRIMMINGS. SILKS. VELVETS. CORSETS. FINE KID GLOVES. YARNS. WRAPPERS. | NECK WEAR. SHIRTS. PANTS. OVERALLS. SHAWLS. TRUNKS. VALISES. HAND BAGS. |
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Fine Shoes
Were \$5.00, 4.00, 3.00, 2.00
Now \$4.00, 3.00, 2.25, 1.50

Rubber Footwear
Largest Assortment. Finest Styles.
Cheapest Prices.

Overcoats & Ulsters
That were \$20, 15, 12, 10, 7.50
Now \$15, 12, 10, 7.50, 5
Blue, Black and Brown Gray.

PLUSH CAPS
That were \$1.50 and 2.00
Now going at 98c

Soft-HATS--Stiff
150 Sample Hats \$1.50, 2 00, 2.50
Choice Now for 98c

Boots & Rubbers
Wool
Were \$2.50. Now \$2.

Gents' Underwear
Were \$2, 1.50, 1.25, 1.00, 75c
Now \$1.50, 1.00, 85, 75, 50

E. L. RIGGS. The Plymouth Cash Outfitter. E. L. RIGGS.

Crop Report.

The average condition of wheat December 1 was 82 per cent of condition in average years. This is a gain of four per cent since November 1, but is eight per cent below condition December 1, 1891. The average condition in the southern counties is 78, central, 86, and northern, 95. One year ago the condition in these sections respectively was 88, 92 and 96.

Snow fell in all or nearly all parts of the State in sufficient quantity to cover the ground November 19 and 20. This was added to by a storm on the 25th and 26th and by another on November 30 and December 1. December 2 the average depth in the northern part of the lower peninsula was about six inches, and south of this to the south line of the State, about three inches. At this date December 9, the ground is still well covered and is not frozen.

The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers since the November report was published is 1,195,390, and in the four months August, September, October, and November, 4,118,011. This is 622,356 bushels less than reported marketed in the same months last year. The amount reported marketed in November this year is 75,637 bushels more than reported for November, 1894.

The mean temperature of the state for November was 34.6 degrees, or about 1.5 degrees below the normal. In the southern counties there was a deficiency of 1.4 degrees, in the central of 2.7 degrees, and in the northern of 1.3 degrees.

The average precipitation, including both rain and melted snow, in the State was 3.33 inches; in the southern counties 3.83 inches; in the central, 3.23 inches, and in the northern, 2.08 inches. Compared with the average or normal there was an excess of 0.28 inches in the State, of 0.67 inches in the southern, and of 0.27 inches in the central counties; and a deficiency of 0.85 inches in the northern counties.

Six weeks ago I suffered with a very severe cold; was almost unable to speak. My friends all advised me to consult a physician. Noticing Chamberlain's cough remedy advertised in the St. Paul Volks Zeitung I procured a bottle, and after taking it a short while was entirely well. I now most heartily recommend this remedy to any one suffering with a cold. Wm. Kutz, 678 Shelby Ave. St. Paul, Minn. For sale by Dr. J. G. Meiler, druggist.

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"What doest thou here," O child of God?
Discouraged and cast down,
Arise and finish up thy work
"Let no man take thy crown,"

Because thou canst not understand
God's strange, mysterious way,
Because there did not turn to God
"A nation in a day,"

Faith falters and the way looks dark
To thy short sighted eye:
The lips so lately tuned to praise
Now frame a prayer to die.

All, all are sinners in thy sight,
Thou feeblest and alone;
God knew that seven thousand more
Dowed not to gods of stone.

When lo! "an angel touched him then,"
Just when he longed to die,
A voice spoke, saying, "Go thou forth
And see the Lord" pass by."

Not in the earthquake's mighty shock,
Not in the tempest wild,
Not in the element of fire,
Did God speak to his child.

But in the after bush, there spoke
A voice so low and still
Elijah turned and bowed his head
And listened to God's will.

"What doest thou here?" Go forth and bear
Thy part amid the strife,
"He that is faithful unto death,
Receives a crown for life."

O child of God! Where ere thou art
Discouraged and afraid,
"What doest thou here," upon thy head
An angel's hand is laid.

Alone with God thou best can learn,
In some dark, trying hour,
That not by night alone He works
But by the spirit's power.

"What doest thou here," O child of God,
With faint, discouraged heart,
Thy work is all unfinished yet,
Let go one do your part.

Pray not to die, but ask for strength,
To nobly, bravely bear,
His angel touched thee, then arise,
Go forth and do your share.

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FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Editor Bloomer, of the Farmington Enterprise attended the Atlanta exposition last month and his description of the trip and visit to the fair, which appear in the Enterprise are very interesting.

Probably no one in this vicinity ever witnessed so beautiful a winter's night as that of Monday. The moon shone exceptionally bright and its gleams glistened over the earth's white covering, and through the trees and shrubbery laden with their coat of white. It was indeed a scene over which painters will may rave and try to paint.—Northville Record. Wonder where the Record got such an air-tight cinch on that sight.

It is said that the suspense is dreadful. A lady in a neighboring village recently dropped into her husband's office and discovered one of her biscuits being used as a paper weight.

Last Monday a man slipped up to us and said he would pay us every cent he owed us if he lived until Tuesday night. We presumed the man died. Another man said he would pay us in a day or two, as sure as we were born. Query: Did the man die, or were we ever born? Another hoped to go to the devil if he did not pay in three days. Haven't seen him since; suppose he has gone, but hope he has not trusted in vain. Quite a number said they would see us tomorrow. These have been stricken blind or else tomorrow has not come. One man told us he would pay us as soon as he got some money. That man would not lie, so he has not had a cent since.—Ez.

Henry Loud, of Au Sable, had an idea for raising the levels of Lakes Huron and Michigan which is entirely new, and to which he has called the proper authorities. It is to build a getty at the head of St. Clair river up into Lake Huron a half a mile on each side of the river. He demonstrates that in this way he would deepen both lakes two feet. He says his plan is feasible and the cheapest plan yet suggested. The plan cannot be explained satisfactorily in words. A diagram of the idea conveys it perfectly together with the thought Mr. Loud has given the subject.—Alpena Pioneer

Every merchant should keep a scrap book. We believe this suggestion has been made before, but it is fully worth emphasizing. Every bright advertisement that you notice in your local paper or those of other towns; every model advertisement in your trade paper, and every practical trade-bringing plan or hint should be cut out and pasted in your book with full data as to name and date of the paper. You will find such a book as this an inexhaustible treasury of riches, especially on those days when your ideas run scarce and you are too busy to take time to evolve a good advertisement. Keep a scrap book by all means.

The champion deer story is told by H. R. Audley, of Ludington. He and his brothers captured four of them, and three were shot by him. One fine morning he saw two deer running along and raising his gun fired. To his surprise both of them dropped dead. He is considered a fine shot and has the hides of the animals to show for the story.

The girl who indulges in the dizzy waltz will hear with interest that the heads of society have decided that sitting out a waltz this winter will be more fashionable than dancing—the only difference is you sit instead of dance. The man's right arm is around the girl's waist while his left hand holds her right. Her head is placed lovingly on his shoulder, and all you have to do is listen to the music. Now that is something like it! It is a nuisance to have to gallop a male or so in order to get a hug or two. A room full of people sitting around on sofas hugging to music is more to our notion.—Lapeer Democrat

Richard Glard, Chino, Cal., owns the largest plow in the world. It is 18 feet high, weighs 36,000 pounds, is run by steam, and will plow 50 acres per day, with a consumption of less than two tons of coal.

Operations at the fish hatching station on the Au Sable closed on the 15th. They caught with hook and nets 7,000 trout, 400,000 eggs. The trout were returned to the stream and the spawn shipped to Northville.

A girl in Sharon, Pa., tried to swallow a chicken heart whole, believing that if she did, the first man she should see afterwards would be her future husband. The heart lodged in her windpipe. The first man she saw after trying the experiment seems to have been the family doctor, but her funeral will prevent any romance growing out of it.


The Ladies' Home Journal for 1896.

In a booklet printed in light blue, salmon pink and tones—a splendid illustration of the beauties of art applied to printing—The Ladies Home Journal announces some of its leading literary and artistic features for 1896. There will be a series of papers upon the domestic and social side of Washington by General A. W. Greely, U. S. A.; another by Ex-President Harrison, telling of "This Country of Ours"; a third by Mary Anderson de Navarro, who writes of her strange experiences, her struggles for recognition and artistic triumphs, with a supple and artistic telling of her life and surroundings today. In a lighter vein, Mary E. Wilkins will present a series of "Neighborhood Types" papers, pen pictures of quaint and familiar personages—New Englanders; and Jerome K. Jerome will reflect old England life in a number of "Stories of the Town"—stories of London—in his inimitable crisp style. "William, the Conqueror," Rudyard Kipling's most fascinating romance, is also among the features for 1896, and Julia Magruder's delightful serial, "The Violet," will continue through a considerable portion of the year. Besides these two popular authors, there will be short stories by Brete Harte, Lillian Bell, Ian Maclaren, Sophie Swett, Frank R. Stockton, Sarah Orne Jewett, R. C. V. Meyers, Will N. Harben, Caroline Leslie Field, Jane Austen (posthumous) and other prominent writers. Dr. Parkhurst will write a series of forcible articles for young men applicable to their daily life, while the girls will be written by Mrs. A. D. Whitney, and Edith N. Thomas, the gifted poetess, will be represented by her finest verse and prose. James Whitcomb Riley will contribute a number of poems, varied in theme and treatment. In its musical offerings the Journal will be unusually replete. Among the best things promised is a minuet by Paderewski, the famous pianist, a waltz by John Philip Sousa, the "March King," compositions by Sir Arthur Sullivan, the composer of "Puff-bloom," "Mikado," etc.; Reginald de Koven, composer of "Robin Hood," "Rob Roy," etc.; Edward Jakobowski, Bruno Oscar Klein and others. There will be instructive musical treatises by Mme. Melba, Mme. Blauvelt, Mme. Clementine de veré Sapio, Mrs. Hamilton Mott, Miss Maud Powell, Benjamin Davies, Charles Adams, Thomas A. Becket, Fredric Peakes, George Chadwick and others.

Artistically the Journal gives rich promise, and during the next year will present several groups of Kate Greenaway's bonnie little people; Charles Dana Gibson's best work on new lines and some of Albert Lynch's newest creations. W. L. Taylor, W. T. Smedley, William Martin Johnson, Eric Pape, W. A. Rogers, Reginald Birch, Frank O. Small, B. West Cline, T. de Thulstrup, A. B. Frost, E. W. Kimble, Irying R. Wiles, Ebby E. Underwood, and other artists of such commanding prominence will contribute their finest drawings. In its department the Journal promises to be stronger than ever, and more comprehensive in its scope of practical information. In this direction it will print a series of illustrated articles on home building, giving plans and details for the construction of medium-size houses. The Ladies Home Journal for 1896, in fact will be complete, and uniquely so.

A Sufferer Cured

"Every season, from the time I was two years old, I suffered dreadfully from erysipelas, which kept growing worse until my hands were almost useless. The bones softened so that they would bend, and several of my fingers are now crooked from this cause. On my hand I carry large scars, which, but for



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