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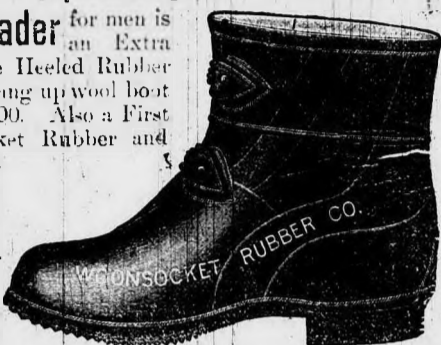
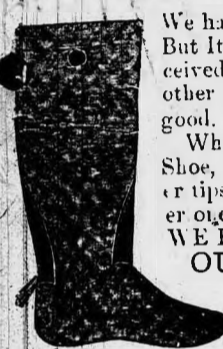
WARM Shoes AND Rubber Goods.

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 bang 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 \$1.35. 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, my 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, fleece lined, Cong. or lace \$1.25.

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

We have a woman's extra quality beaver, full kangaroo foxed, fleece 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.

NOTICE.

On January 1st and the first of every month thereafter, we will render statements for all accounts contracted during the previous month and said accounts will be due at that time.

By adopting this system of credit, we will be able to give our patrons the benefit of prices on a **CASH BASIS.**

"Short settlements make long friends."

L. G. HOUGH & SON.

Your Attention, Please!

I have a large assortment of both ladies' and gents' Handkerchiefs, Art Demos and Gentle Tale Spreads, gents' Silk Scarfs and Neckties, Silk Suspender, Flannel Kid Mitts, Silk and Yarn Mitts for both ladies and gents, Fancy Towels, a large line of those celebrated Rochester Nickel Lamps and various other articles which I have not space to mention.

I also have a large line of Staple Goods such as Yoc's 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.

ELECTED OFFICERS

AND REVIEWED THE WORK OF THE PAST YEAR—ALL SATISFIED.

The Markham Company Put a New Invention on the Biddle Market.—A Simple but Handy Invention.

The Dairy Manufacturing Company held their annual meeting at the company's office on December 31st.

The secretary's report was read, which was complete in every detail, and conveyed to each stockholder as clear and concise an idea of the amount of business done and the mode of doing it as if he had been a daily witness during the entire year.

A whole of the stockholders reviewed the efficient work of Manager L. C. Hough, and were pleased as well as astonished at the success of the year's business.

The new gun, the 36 model Daisy, was carefully looked over, and its merits noted, and they decided to put it on the market at once. This gun has globe-sight and pistol grip. The stock is of genuine black walnut, but is also put up in a skeleton stock.

The company believes a good business is in store for 1896, as orders are already pouring in with wonderful alacrity.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

B. W. Baker, president; T. C. Sherwood, vice-president; L. C. Hough, treasurer and manager; C. J. Hamilton, superintendent; E. C. Hough, secretary; Directors—C. J. Hamilton, D. D. Allen, H. W. Baker, C. H. Bennett, L. C. Hough, T. C. Sherwood, E. C. Hough.

Our townsman, Mr. Frank B. Park, of the firm of Hunter & Park, is the inventor of an attachment for a bicycle that has every appearance of being a good thing. The invention is called the "King" parcel carrier and the right to manufacture it has been secured by the Markham Manufacturing Co. It can be attached to a bicycle in a minute and taken off in less. Will carry market baskets, school books, lunch boxes, bundles, etc., and is made of spring steel covered with rubber and will not mar the wheel. It can be turned down on the wheel when not in use or you can put it in your coat pocket. It will last a lifetime and only costs 25 cents.

Both shops are running full force and full time.

Absolutely Pure Grape Juice.

Spencer's Unfermented Grape Juice is so perfectly divested of all fermenting principle by electricity and fumigation, that if uncorked and half a bottle used and well worked up again immediately and placed upside down in a cool place, it will keep for months; but if allowed to come in contact with the air in a warm temperature it will absorb the fermenting germ from the air and will not keep good, but will ferment and become slightly alcoholic. For sale by druggists.

Presbyterian Concert.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a grand concert at village hall on the evening of the 17th inst., under the direction of Prof. C. E. Stevens. A chorus of about 25 voices will render some choice selections. The following is the program:

Nightingale and Rose..... C. Schmidt
Full Chorus.....
Instrumental Quartet..... Selected
Recitation—"Miss Spicer Takes the Toboggan"
Vocal Duets—"Friend or foe"..... J. C. Macy
Hoyland Stevens..... Selected
Flute Solo..... Mr. Fred Bennett
Male Quartet—"Auld Wife art Thou?"..... Ascher
Piano Duets..... Selected
Miss Markham and Mrs. C. H. Bennett.

PART II.
Anvil Chorus..... Verdi
Full Chorus.....
Piano Solo—Spring Song..... H. Lathoff
Miss Maud Markham.....
Recitation—"Gods With a Godsome Man."
Miss RUBY V. JONES.
Instrumental Quartet..... Selected
Vocal Solo—"When the Heart is Young"..... D. Luck
Mrs. A. J. Gift.
Male Quartet—"By the Jordan"..... J. C. Macy
Joy Four.....
Vocal Solo—"Indian Love Song"..... De Koven
C. E. Stevens.
"Good Night, Good Night, Blowed"..... And F. Sisti
Joy Chorus.....

Everybody Says.

That the Wine and Brandy of the Speer N. J. Wine Co., Passaic, N. J., are famous, all others are inferior. Their Brandy is unexcelled for delicacy of flavor, and are pronounced by the most expert judges to be the very best in the market, while their fine Old Port and Unfermented Grape Juice are superior to all others for the sick room and Communion Table. For pure Grape Brandy their Old Climax, vintage of 1876 is admitted the best to be had. Vineyard and cellars at Passaic, N. J.

Hall's Hair Renewer contains the natural food and color matter for the hair, and medical herbs for the scalp curing grayness, baldness, dandruff, and scalp sore.

The Farmers' Institute.

The benefits, both social and educational, of farmer's institutes have long been recognized. The trouble has been, in this state, that, for various reasons, they have been so few and scattered as to fall far short of the general good they are capable of doing.

All this is changed by the new law, which puts the supervision of institutes upon the State Board of Agriculture, enabling that board to furnish from the Agricultural College and from among the recognized leading agriculturists of the state, lecturers and instructors for the various county institutes, with all expenses paid. Thus half the program is in this way furnished free of expense to the institute society.

Wayne county is organized under this law and proposes to hold one two-day meeting every year. Everything is working very favorably for a first-class farmer's institute at Wayne, Jan. 28 and 29. It now remains to be seen whether the people of Wayne county, and especially the farmers and those in any way, directly or indirectly interested in any branch of agricultural industry, will sufficiently appreciate the benefits thus offered them, to encourage and support by their presence, by becoming members and taking hold and working for the interests of the society and thus for their own and their neighbor's interests.

One can scarcely see how they can fail to appreciate and fully support and encourage the organization, when they consider the great benefits possible and the slight expense. Remember that only the local expenses fall upon the society, such as the rent of the hall, printing of programs, bills, etc. This can be met easily by the annual membership fee of 25 cents if even a representative proportion of those engaged in agricultural pursuits will show their appreciation and become members. Membership however is not confined to this class, but includes all. The vice president in each township will gladly receive your membership fee, which, by the way should be paid between now and the last day of the institute, or it may be paid to the president, S. A. Cady, of Wayne, or to the secretary. The vice-president of Plymouth township is Joel Bradner, who will be pleased to receive your fee and give you any further information you may desire.

We hope to see a large membership and a good crowd representative of the whole county.

J. H. HANFORD, Secy.,
Plymouth, Mich.

From all accounts Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a Godsend to the afflicted. There is no advertisement about this; we feel just like saying it.—The *Democrat*, Carrollton, Ky. For sale by Dr. J. G. Meiler.

Council Notes.

At the regular meeting of the council Monday evening there were present: President Collier, Trustees Gale, Root, Smitherman and Jolliffe.

No business of importance was transacted. The following bills were allowed:

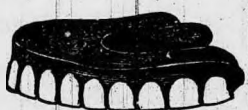
D. S. J. & L. P.	\$22 73
Frank Korpetski	15 00
John Birch	3 60
Chas. Brems	21 15
C. A. Frisbee	18 49
E. P. Lombard	45 00
W. N. Wherry	1 60
R. L. Root	7 30
Geo. Wills	4 00
L. C. Hough	17 57
M. R. Weeks	6 59
L. E. Cable	2 65
W. F. Markham	4 00
W. Wister	1 25
Standard Oil Co.	16 61
C. Chambers	13 00
J. E. Knapp	7 25
L. Lyon	28 45
C. Springer	14 20

Early Closing notice.

We, the undersigned, agree to close our places of business at 8 o'clock p. m., commencing Monday, Jan. 13, 1896, to April 1, 1896, excepting Saturday evenings. Any merchant not complying with the above makes this agreement void:

M. Cozner & Son	John L. Gale
J. R. Rauch	R. G. Hall
F. A. Bogert	A. C. Dibble
Huston & Co.	Bassett & Son
Dohmstreich & Co.	Bennett & Co.
E. L. Riggs	Hunter & Park
A. A. Taft	C. G. Langer
Jolliffe Bros	Geo. Taylor
J. G. Meiler	A. J. Chapman
L. E. Cable	

A. PELHAM,



DENTIST.

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WE HANDLE THE FINEST LINE OF

TEAS—Young Hyson, French Breakfast, 25c and 35c Japan.

Our Royal Satsunea is not Equalled at 50c.

Try our best Maudheling Java Star Java and Mocha, Arabica Mocha—**COFFEE** Our Blend—Rio and Maricao, Golden Rio Our line is always Fresh.

Our Canned Fruits are always Fresh and Choice Goods.

Pine Apple, Apricots, Peaches, Tomatoes, French, Early June and Marifat Peas, Mushrooms, Olives, and the best Corn and Succotash in the market, Imported and Domestic Sardines, Seedless Raisins, London Layers, Four Crown Muscatels, and an extra good cooking Raisin, Layer Figs, Washington Fancy Naval Oranges, Hinez Sweet Pickles, Michigan's Choicest Apples, 1 gallon Cans.

CALL ON US FOR:

Dry Goods, Clothing and Underwear,

AND GET BARGAINS

We have the best 50c Corset on Earth.

J. R. RAUCH,
AGENT, PLYMOUTH.

Drugs! 
Drugs! 

The Largest and Finest Stock

of Drugs in Plymouth will be found at Gale's.

New Goods

received every day. Great Care is taken in buying

Drugs and Chemicals

to get the Best. It takes years of experience to be able to detect adulterated drugs and chemicals. We are giving particular attention to the

Dispensing of Prescriptions

and as we do not depend entirely on drugs for our trade, we are enabled to sell you Pure Drugs at a less price than an exclusive drug store.

JOHN L. GALE.

PLYMOUTH MAIL.

M. F. GRAY, Publisher.

PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN.

There are 1.9 women in the world of every 100 men.

Anglomania is not so popular a malady as it was two months ago.

Grabowski is the name of Russia's most successful turfman. He made \$60,000 this year.

Leadville, Col., is building an ice palace whose walls will require 15,000,000 pounds of ice.

It costs New Yorkers \$2 a head to hear Yvette Gullbert, and they appear perfectly satisfied.

An English librarian recently died of tuberculosis, contracted from books read by consumptive patients.

Fitzsimmons and Julian have decided to call it a draw and quit. This will mean a great saving of printer's ink.

Mr. Julian speaks of Mr. Fitzsimmons as an "ungrateful bum." Thus the pugilistic metee goes merrily on.

An alliance between the American eagle and the Russian bear would be sure to put the growl on the British lion.

With the removal of John L. Sullivan to Chicago will vanish Boston's last claim to be considered culture's headquarters.

Another advertisement for Col. Ingersoll: The law class of the Missouri university has decided not to invite him to lecture.

McDonald county, Mo., has an orchard of 6,000 acres, the largest in the United States, and perhaps the largest in the world.

Chicago is to have a bicycle police squad, and there is likely to be a reduction in the avoirdupois of some of the members of the force.

The announcement that the New York Grant monument will not be completed next April appears to bring out no expressions of surprise.

The women who have been objecting because they were excluded from the Chicago Open Board of Trade don't know when they are in luck.

No one will object to Col. Harvey's efforts to eliminate selfishness from politics if there is occasion for going into secret session to do the work.

It seems likely now that, after all the Armenians have been killed, the powers will see to it that there is an amicable adjustment of the little misunderstanding.

One of the first results of war talk is to develop the sensitiveness of capital. It will scurry to cover if any one happens to mention that Mars is liable to be in the ascendant.

It is not difficult to count the men who are really candidates, but when it comes to trying to count those who think they are candidates the task assumes serious proportions.

Here is a man with a conscience, and no mistake. Mr. G. Green, of McClure, Kan., while intoxicated, swore out a warrant against himself, was arraigned, pleaded guilty, paid his fine, and went home very happy.

England is showing a disposition to use her power and embarrass this country financially. She has that privilege, but our people can manage to scrape along with thin pocketbooks if persons can contrive in some way to live without anything special to eat.

That is a singular telegram which a college football player makes public showing that not only the students but the faculty of a state university in the northwest joined in offering a good and valuable consideration to him if he would pretend to be a student in the college and play on the team. Can it really be true that reform of the football mania in colleges must begin with reform of the faculties?

Many people are kept guessing what the next fool thing done by society folk with apparent intellect will be. Banker Higginson's wife in Boston eloped with a man twenty years younger than herself, leaving four children and luxurious millions. Then Charles W. Deering, grandson of the man who makes the Deering self-blinder and other instruments, abandoned a home of wealth and culture and came to enter the regular army and carry horses at Fort Riley. By what process of reasoning either of these persons could have persuaded themselves to do such inexcusable and irretrievably idiotic things no human intelligence can ascertain.

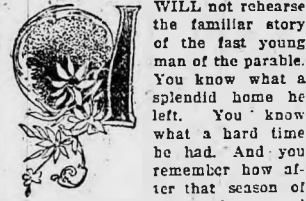
One of the most competent historical critics in the United States describes Von Holst's "Constitutional History" as chiefly useful to counteract extravagant and unreasoning patriotism. Perhaps it is for this the University of Chicago keeps him.

The president should be careful how he restricts Gen. Miles from talking about our coast defenses lest that gentleman, through sheer paucity of subject matter, be driven to lengthy denials that he is a candidate for president.

"THE PRODIGAL SON."

THE LATEST SERMON BY REV. DR. TALMAGE.

Golden Text: "Put a Ring on His Hand"—Luke xv: 22—Behold What Manner of Love the Lord Has Cast Upon Us That We May Be Called Sons.



WILL not rehearse the familiar story of the fast young man of the parable. You know what a splendid home he left. You know what a hard time he had. And you remember how after that season of vagabondage and prodigality he resolved to go and weep out his sorrows at the bosom of parental forgiveness. Well, there is great excitement one day in front of the door of the old farmhouse. The servants come rushing up and say: "What's the matter? What is the matter?" But before they quite arrive, the old man cries out: "Put a ring on his hand! What a coming absurdity! What can such a wretched mendicant as this fellow that is tramping on toward the house want with a ring? Oh, he is the prodigal son. No more tending of the swine-trough. No more longing for the pods of the carob-tree. No more blistered feet. Off with the rags! Ca with the robe! Out with the ring! Even so does God receive every one of us when we come back. There are gold rings, and pearl rings, and emerald rings, and diamond rings; but the richest ring that ever flashed on the vision is that which our Father puts upon a forgiven soul.

I know that the impression is abroad among some people that religion be means and belittles a man; that it takes all the sparkle out of his soul; that he has to exchange a roistering independence for an ecclesiastical straight-jacket. Not so. When a man becomes a Christian, he does not go down, he starts upward. Religion multiplies one by ten thousand. Nay, the multiplier is in infinity. It is not a blotting out—it is a polishing. It is an arborescence, it is efflorescence, it is an irradiation. When a man comes into the kingdom of God he is not sent into a mental service, but the Lord God Almighty from the palaces of heaven calls upon the messenger angel that wait upon the throne to fly and "put a ring on his hand." In Christ are the largest liberty, and brightest joy, and highest honor, and richest adornment. "Put a ring on his hand."

I remark, in the first place, that when Christ receives a soul into his keeping he puts on him the ring of adoption. While in my church in Philadelphia, there came the representative of the Howard Mission of New York. He brought with him eight or ten children of the street that he had picked up, and he was trying to find for them Christian homes; and as the little ones stood on the pulpit and sang, our hearts melted within us. At the close of the service a great-hearted wealthy man came up and said, "I'll take this little bright-eyed girl, and I'll adopt her as one of my own children," and he took her by the hand, lifted her into his carriage, and went away.

The next day, while we were in the church gathering up garments for the poor of New York, this little child came back with a bundle under her arm, and she said: "There's my old dress; perhaps some of the poor children would like to have it," while she herself was in bright and beautiful array, and those who more immediately examined her said she had a ring on her hand. It was a ring of adoption.

There are a great many persons who pride themselves on their ancestry, and they glory over the royal blood that pours through their arteries. In their line was a lord, or a duke, or a prime minister, or a king. But when the Lord, our Father, puts upon us the ring of his adoption, we become the children of the Ruler of all nations. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." It matters not how poor our garments may be in this world, or how scant our bread, or how mean the hut we live in, if we have the ring of Christ's adoption upon our hand we are assured of eternal defenses.

Adopted! Why, then, we are brothers and sisters to all the good of earth and heaven. We have the family name, the family dress, the family keys, the family wardrobe. The Father looks after us, robes us, defends us, blesses us. We have royal blood in our veins, and there are crowns in our line. If we are his children, then princes and princesses. It is only a question of time when we get our coronet. Adopted! Then we have the family secrets. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him." Adopted! Then we have the family inheritance, and in the day when our Father shall divide the riches of heaven we shall take our share of the mansions and palaces and temples. Henceforth let us boast no more of an earthly ancestry. The insignia of eternal glory is our coat-of-arms. This ring of adoption puts upon us all honor and all privilege. Now we can take the words of Charles Wesley, the prince of hymn-makers, and sing:

Come, let us join our friends above,
Who have obtained the prize
And on the eagle wings of love
To joy celestial rise.

Let all the saints terrestrial sing
With those in glory gone:
For all the servants of our King,
In heaven and earth, are one.

I have been told that when any of the members of any of the great secret societies of this country are in a distant city and are in any kind of trouble, and are set upon by enemies, they have only to give a certain signal and the members of that organization will flock

around for defense. And when any man belongs to this great Christian brotherhood, if he gets in trouble, in trial, in persecution, in temptation, he has only to show his ring of Christ's adoption, and all the armed cohorts of heaven will come to his rescue.

Still further, when Christ takes a soul into his love he puts upon it a marriage ring. Now, that is not a whim of mine: (Hosea ii: 19) "I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me forever, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies." At the wedding-altar the bridegroom puts a ring upon the hand of the bride, signifying love and faithfulness. Trouble may come upon the household, and the carpets may go, the pictures may go, the piano may go—the last thing that goes is that marriage ring, for it is considered sacred; in the burial hour it is withdrawn from the hand and kept in a casket, and sometimes the box is opened on an anniversary day, and as you look at that ring you see under its arch along procession of precious memories. Within the golden circle of that ring there is room for a thousand sweet recollections to revolve, and you think of the great contrast between the hour when, at the close of the "Wedding March," under the flashing lights and amid the troma of orange blossoms, you set that ring on the round finger of the plump hand, and that hour when, at the close of the exhaustive watching, when you knew that the soul had fled, you took from the hand, which gave back no responsive clasp, from that emaciated finger the ring that she had worn so long and worn so well.

On some anniversary day you take up that ring, and you polish it until all the old lustre comes back, and you can see in it the flash of eyes that long ago ceased to weep. Oh, it is not an unmeaning thing when I tell you that when Christ receives a soul into his keeping he puts on it a marriage ring. He enjoys you from that moment with all his wealth. You are one—Christ and the soul—one in sympathy, one in affection, one in hope.

There is no power on earth or hell to effect a divorce after Christ and the soul are united. Other kings have turned out their companions when they got weary of them, and sent them adrift from the palace gate. Ahasuerus banished Vashti; Napoleon forsook Josephine; but Christ is the husband that is true forever. Having loved you once he loves you to the end. Did they not try to divorce Margaret, the Scotch girl from Jesus? They said: "You must give up your religion." She said: "I won't give up my religion." And so they took her down to the beach of the sea, and they drove in a stake at low water mark, and they fastened her to it, expecting that as the tide came up her faith would fail. The tide began to rise, and came up higher and higher and to the girdle, and to the lip, and in the last moment, just as the wave was washing her soul into glory, she shouted the praises of Jesus.

Oh, no, you cannot separate a soul from Christ! It is an everlasting marriage. Battle and storm and darkness cannot do it. Is it too much exultation for a man, who is but dust and ashes like myself, to cry out this moment: "I am persuaded that neither height, nor depth, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor any other creature shall separate me from the love of God which is in Jesus Christ my Lord." Glory be to God that when Christ and the soul are married they are bound by a chain—a golden chain—if I might say so—a chain with one link, and that one link the golden ring of God's everlasting love.

I go a step further, and tell you that when Christ receives a soul into his love he puts on him the ring of festivity. You know that it has been the custom in all ages to bestow rings on every happy occasion. There is nothing more appropriate for a birthday gift than a ring. You delight to bestow such a gift upon your children at such a time. It means joy, hilarity, festivity. Well, when this old man of the text wanted to tell how glad he was that his boy had got back, he expressed it in this way. Actually, before he ordered sandals to be put on his bare feet; before he ordered the fatted calf to be killed to appease the boy's hunger, he commanded: "Put a ring on his hand."

Oh, it is a merry time when Christ and the soul are united. Joy of forgiveness! What a splendid thing it is to feel that all is right between my God and myself. What a glorious thing it is to have God just take up all the sins of my life and put them in one bundle, and then fling them into the depths of the sea, never to rise again, never to be talked of again. Pollution all gone. Darkness all illumined. God reconciled. The prodigal home. "Put a ring on his hand."

Every day I find happy Christian people. I find some of them with no second coat, some of them in huts and tenement houses, not one earthly comfort afforded them; and yet they are as happy as happy can be. They sing "Rock of Ages" as no other people in the world sing it. They never wore any jewelry in their life but one gold ring, and that was the ring of God's undying affection. Oh, how happy religion makes us! Did it make you gloomy and sad? Did you go with your head cast down? I do not think you got religion, my brother. This is not the effect of religion. True religion is a joy. "Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and her paths are peace."

Why, religion lightens all our burdens. It smooths all our ways. It interprets all our sorrows. It changes the jar of earthly discord for a peal of festal bells. In front of the flaming furnace of trial it sets the forge on which scepters are hammered out. Would you not like this hour to come up from the swine-feeding and try this religion? All the joys of heaven would come out and meet you, and God would

cry from the throne: "Put a ring on his hand."

You are not happy, I see it. There is a peace, and sometimes you laugh when you feel a great deal more like crying. The world is a cheat. It first wears you down with its follies, then it kicks you out into darkness. It comes back from the massacre of a million souls to attempt the destruction of your soul to-day. No peace out of God, but here is the fountain that can slake the thirst. Here is the harbor where you can drop safe anchorage.

Would you not like, I ask you—not perfunctorily, but as one brother might talk to another—would you not like to have a pillow of rest to put your head on? And would you not like when you retire at night to feel that all is well, whether you wake up to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock, or sleep the sleep that knows no waking? Would you not like to exchange this awful uncertainty about the future for a glorious assurance of heaven? Accept of the Lord Jesus to-day, and all is well. If you your way home some peril should cross the street and dash your life out, it would not hurt you. You would rise up immediately. You would stand in the celestial streets. You would be among the great throng that forever worship and are forever happy. If this night some sudden disease should come upon you, it would not frighten you. If you knew you were going you could give a calm farewell to your beautiful home on earth, and know that you are going right into the companionship of those who have already got beyond the tiring and the weeping.

You feel on Saturday night different from the way you feel any other night of the week. You come home from the bank, or the store, or the office, and you say: "Well, now my week's work is done, and to-morrow is Sunday." It is a pleasant thought. There is refreshment and reconstruction in the very idea. Oh, how pleasant it will be, if, when we get through the day of our life, and we go and lie down in our bed of dust, we can realize: "Well, now the work is all done, and to-morrow is Sunday—an everlasting Sunday."

Oh, when, thou city of my God,
Shall I thy courts ascend?
Where congregations never break up,
And Sabbaths have no end.

There are people in this house to-day who are very near the eternal world. If you are Christians, I bid you be of good cheer. Bear with you our congratulations to the bright city. Aged men, who will soon be gone, take with you our love for our kindred in the better land, and when you see them, tell them that we are seen coming. Only a few more sermons to preach and bear. Only a few more heartaches. Only a few more tears. Only a few more toils. And then—what an entrancing spectacle will open before us!

Beautiful heaven, where all is light,
Beautiful angels, clothed in white,
Beautiful strains that never tire,
Beautiful harps that thrum all the choir;
There shall I join the chorus sweet,
Worshipping at the Savior's feet.

And so I approach you now with a general invitation, not picking out here and there a man, or here and there a woman, or here and there a child; but giving you an unlimited invitation, saying: "Come, for all things are now ready." We invite you to the warm heart of Christ, and the inclosure of the Christian church. I know that a great many think that the church does not amount to much—that it is obsolete; that it did its work and is gone now, so far as all usefulness is concerned. It is the happiest place I have ever been in except my own home.

I know there are some people who say they are Christians who seem to get along without any help from others, and who culture solitary piety. They do not want any ordinances. I do not belong to that class. I cannot get along without them. There are so many things in this world that take my attention from God, and Christ, and heaven, that I want all the helps of all the symbols and of all the Christian associations; and I want around about me a solid phalanx of men who love God and love his commandments. Are there any here who would like to enter into that association? Then, by a simple, child-like faith, apply for admission into the visible church, and you will be received. No questions asked about your past history or present surroundings. Only one test—do you love Jesus?

Baptism does not amount to anything, say a great many people, but the Lord Jesus declared, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved," putting baptism and faith side by side. And an apostle declares, "Repeat and be baptized, every one of you." I do not stickle for any particular mode of baptism, but I put great emphasis on the fact that you ought to be baptized. Yet no more emphasis than the Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Head of the Church, puts upon it.

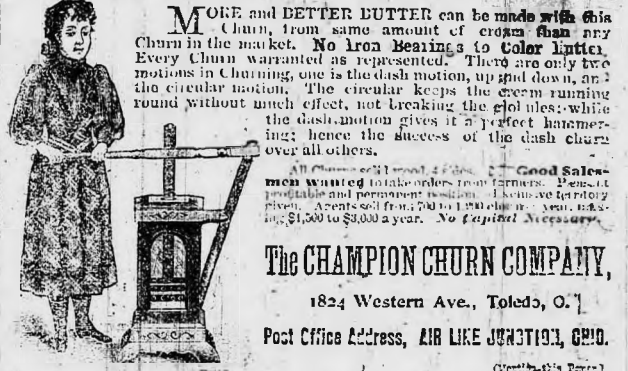
Some of you have been thinking on this subject year after year. You have found out that this world is a poor portion. You want to be Christians. You have come almost into the kingdom of God; but there you stop, forgetful of the fact that to be almost saved is not to be saved at all. Oh, my brother, after having come so near to the door of mercy, if you turn back, you will never come at all. After all you have heard of the goodness of God, if you turn away and die, it will not be because you did not have a good offer.

God's spirit will not always strive
With hardened, self-destroying man;
Ye who persist his love to grieve
May never hear his voice again.

May God Almighty this hour move upon your soul and bring you back from the hanks of the wilderness to the Father's house, and set you at the banquet, and "put a ring on your hand."

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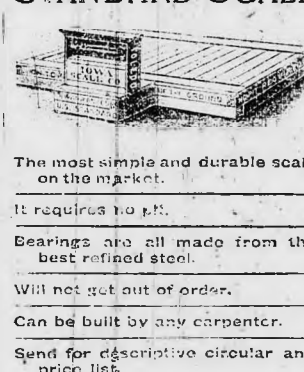


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OUT OF THE CITY.

A STORY OF THE NEW WOMAN.



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CHAPTER XVI

A MIDNIGHT VISITOR.

OW all this time, while the tragedy was being played in these three suburban villas, while on a commonplace stage love and humor and lights and shadows were as swiftly succeeding each other, and while these three families drifted together by fate, were sharing each other a destiny and working out in their own fashion the strange, intricate ends of human life, there were human eyes which watched over every stage of the performance, and which were keenly critical of every actor on it. Across the road beyond the green palings and the closed-up lawn, behind the curtains of their crepe-papered windows, sat two old ladies, Miss Bertha and Miss Monica Williams, looking out as from a private box at all that was being enacted before them. The growing friendship of the three families, the engagement of Harold Denver with Clara Walker, the engagement of Charles Westmacott with his sister, the dangerous fascination which the widow exercised over the Doctor, the preposterous behavior of the Walker girls and the unhappiness which they had caused their father, not one of those incidents escaped the notice of the two maiden ladies. Bertha the younger had a snarl, or a frown or a shrug for the elders. Every night they talked over what they had seen, and their own dull, uneventful life took a warmth and a coloring from their neighbors as a blank wall reflects a beacon fire.

And now it was deemed that they should experience the one keen sensation of their later years, the one memorable incident from which all future incidents should be dated. It was on the very night which succeeded the events which have just been narrated, when suddenly into Monica Williams' head, as she leaned upon her sleepless bed, there shot a thought which made her sit up with a thrill and a gasp.

"Bertha," said she, clucking at the shoulder of her sister, "I have left the front window open."

"No, Monica, surely not," Bertha sat up also, and thrilled in sympathy.

"I am sure of it. You remember I had forgotten to water the pans, and then I opened the window, and I have never been in the room since."

"Good gracious, Monica, it is a mercy that we have not been murdered in our beds. There was a noise broken into at Forest Hill last night. Shall we go down and shut it?"

"I dare not go down alone, dear, but if you will come with me. Put on your slippers and dressing gown. We do not need a candle. Now, Bertha, we will go down together."

The little white patches moved vaguely through the darkness, the stairs creaked, the door whined, and they were at the front room window. Monica closed it gently down, and fastened the shutters.

"What a beautiful moon!" said she, looking out. "We can see as clearly as if it were day. How peaceful and quiet the three houses are over yonder! It seems quite sad to see that 'Let card' upon number one. I wonder how number two will like their going. For my part I could better spare that dreadful woman at number three with her short skirts and her snake. But, oh, Bertha, look! look! look!" Her voice had fallen suddenly to a quivering whisper and she was pointing to the Westmacott's house. Her sister gave a gasp of horror, and stood with a clutch at Monica's arm, staring in the same direction.

There was a light in the front room, a slight, wavering light such as would be given by a small candle or tapers. The blind was down, but the light shone dimly through. Outside in the garden, with his figure outlined against the luminous square, there stood a man, his back to the road, his two hands upon the window ledge, and his body rather bent as though he were trying to peep in past the blind. So absolutely still and motionless he was that in spite of the moon he might well have overlooked him were it not for that tell-tale 'let' behind.

"Good heaven!" gasped Bertha. "It is a burglar."

But her sister set her mouth grimly and shook her head. "We shall see," she whispered. "It may be something worse."

Swiftly and furtively the man stood suddenly erect, and began to push the window slowly up. Then he put one knee upon the sash, glanced round to see that all was safe, and climbed over into the room. As he did so he had to push the blind aside. Then the two spectators saw where the light came from. Mrs. Westmacott was standing, as rigid as a statue, in the center of the room, with a lighted taper in her right hand. For an instant they caught a glimpse of her stern face and her white collar. Then the blind fell back into position, and the two figures disappeared from their view.

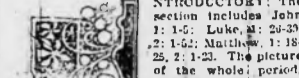
"Oh, that dreadful woman!" cried Monica. "That dreadful, dreadful woman! She was waiting for him. You saw it with your own eyes, sister Bertha!"

"Hush, dear, hush and listen!" said her more charitable companion. They pushed their own window up once more,

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON II, SUNDAY, JANUARY 12—LUKE, 2:40-52.

Golden Text: "Jesus Increased in Wisdom and Stature and in Favor with God and Man"—Luke, 2:52—Redeemer of the World.



INTRODUCTORY. The section includes John 1:1-14; Luke, 1:26-35; 2:1-23; Matthew, 1:18-25, 2:1-23. The picture of the whole period, comprising his coming into a world to live, the time of his entrance upon his ministry, should glow before us in its completeness and beauty. We should gather into it the records from John and Matthew as well as Luke. The scholars should, therefore, December 24, C. 5 to 26 A. D. Places, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Egypt, Nazareth.

1. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

2. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

3. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

4. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

5. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances.

6. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

7. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

8. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

9. And when they saw him, they were amazed; and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

10. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

11. And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

12. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them; but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

13. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

14. And the child grew. He grew in knowledge and wisdom as he grew in stature and strength, went, in short, through all the natural gradations of childish and youthful development.—Professor Kendrick.

"And waxed strong, grew strong in spirit." In his whole nature Jesus was a man, a man, a sturdy boy. He was what we mean by a "real boy," full of life, ready for every boyish deed, only he used all his strength and activity in pure and noble ways, in helping his mother, in just and loving actions to his parents. The form of the expression "wax" with a participle indicates continuous, habitual obedience. He was obedient to his parents, as every child should be. There is no malice in disobedience, or in resenting the control of parents or teachers.

"In favor with God and man." God gave him so much favor because he was worthy to receive it. So long as religion does not bring its possessor into conflict with the customs, pleasures, or sins of men it is very beautiful and attractive, even to worldly people. In its reality it is far more attractive than vice, when seen in its true nature. On the whole, the surest way to be in favor with man is to be in favor with God. Jesus was not only good, he was attractive. He had a charming grace in all he did.

"Parents went to Jerusalem every year." As wisely understood, wisely religious people do not neglect to go to the great religious meetings.

"Twelve years old." The age when Jewish children were expected to join with their elders in religious duties. "Up to Jerusalem." Not only because Jerusalem was his birthplace, but because it was political and socially up to the head, the highest place of the nation. So in England they always say "up to London," no matter from which direction or from what height they go.

"Tarrying behind." Probably not knowing when his parents would leave the city. Among two million guests it was easy for a party to become separated. "Knew not of it." They had perfect confidence in the boy, and willingly left him with the other boys of his age during the day, and took it for granted that he had joined the caravan with the rest.

"After four days." One for the journey out, one for the return, and one for the search in the city. "They found him in the temple." Not in the temple proper, but in one of the porches or chambers of the temple area, and belonging to the temple. "Sitting in the midst of the doctors," the teachers, eminent rabbis who at this season would be discussing the great questions of the day. "Hearing and asking questions." Very much as in a Bible class of today. He was not putting himself forward, but was doing what was natural and proper for a boy.

"Amazed." Amazed, I. e., they were amazed. "Used of glad amazement." Thayer. "And his mother said unto him." Privately: she could not rebuke after such a scene.—Van Doren.

"And he said unto them." How is it that ye sought me? Why did you go about the city searching for me? Why did you not come directly here? Where else could I be than in this holy, blessed spot?—Whedon. "Wist ye not?" Knew ye not? "That I must be about my Father's business?" Where should a child be found but in his father's house?

ODD, QUEER, CURIOUS.

Sir Wilfrid Lawson is probably the only man in the world who has addressed a political meeting in his night-shirt.

Prince Massimo, of Italy, thinks that his is the oldest family in Europe. He traces his ancestry to Quintus Fabius Maximus.

In the department of reptiles at the Paris Museum is a new snake which climbs up the vertical and smooth wall of its glass cage.

Among the North American Indians the hair of the man grows as long as eight feet six inches.

A NOVEL SCHEME.

The Omaha Weekly World-Herald has struck another novel idea for increasing its circulation by offering large prizes to those new subscribers who construct the shortest sentence containing all the letters of the alphabet.

This is sort of reverse of last year's prize contest, the largest number of words out of certain letters.

It will be interesting to note how short a sentence can be made and still contain all the twenty-six letters in the alphabet. The trouble, of course, will be to get in such letters as x, y, z and q.

Ex-Congressman Bryan, who edits the paper and preaches free silver coinage, must have a good inventive genius to devise these novel schemes.

United States Liquor Licenses "Go."

In prohibition Vermont, where it is claimed that the prohibitory law is strictly and impartially enforced, there are now in force 434 federal licenses permitting the sale of liquor, about one for every 754 inhabitants. In Rutland there is one license for every 425 inhabitants, and in Montpelier one for every 24 persons.

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What the Adventists Propose.

The Seventh-day Adventists in Michigan, the chief center of the sect, are proposing to discard the present names of the day of the week because of their heathen origin. They will designate them by number, as is done in the Bible, except that they will, of course, call Saturday the Sabbath.

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1 SCALE SUM

At the last month's regular meeting of the council a special committee was appointed to secure an option on the Mill Mead's mill water power plant. The committee investigated it sufficiently to ascertain the price asked, and therefore did not waste any time or money in securing an option. Had the price been anywhere near the worth of the plant something might have been done towards turning it into power to drive an electric light plant. The committee also ascertained that the plant had not sufficient power for that purpose. So it is as well that \$5,000 was asked as \$500. But that is not the point. Had this power, which now lies useless, been sufficient for the object in view, the enormous price asked would have been a killer. Again it shows a lack of public spirit and a desire to prevent public improvement by imposing a burden on a dormant concern that at present brings nobody any good, which no one, or no company could well afford to bear.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Postmaster Johnson missed his office last Friday afternoon and couldn't conjecture where pussy had taken herself off to. The same afternoon Grant Johnson, assistant postmaster at East Thetford, had a little surprise on opening the mail bag, as the missing cat made a hurried exit. He tried to keep her, but she showed so much displeasure at her changed surroundings that he was forced to give her the freedom of the surrounding farms. This is one instance in which the cat didn't come back.—*Clia Star.*

Do not find fault with the school teacher in the presence of the children. A child usually carries the parent's opinion of the teacher to the school, and if it is a bad one expresses it in some sort of contempt toward the teacher, and additional trouble comes. A boy that knows his father and mother are not in sympathy with him in his meanness, and the chances are that he will be punished at home for being punished at school, is very likely to get along with the teacher all right. If you are certain that the teacher does not know how to conduct the school, go straightway and tell him how; then you can tell the boy that the teacher knows at least a thing or two about his profession.—*Et.*

In the year 1896 there will be four eclipses, two of the sun and two of the moon. An annular eclipse of the sun Feb. 14 a partial eclipse of the moon Feb. 28 and a total eclipse of the sun Aug. 9, will be invisible to our part of the world. A partial eclipse of the moon Aug. 22-23 will be visible to all North and South America.

The following figures will, without doubt, be of interest at the present time to many of our readers: The United States is the richest nation in the world, the assessed valuation being about \$50,000,000,000. We have 175,000 miles of railroad, or more than all the rest of the world. Our standing army numbers 25,000 men, with a reserve of many thousands state militia, and the number of men of militia age in the United States, subject to service in the field, is 13,500,000. The assessed valuation of Great Britain is \$43,000,000,000; number of miles of railroad, including British India and Canada, 55,000; standing army, 144,000; reserve 500,000.

A crazy man giving his name as Kennedy has been captured at Cheboygan. He is thought to be Andrew Miller, who escaped from Pontiac asylum some months ago, and for whom friends have searched all over the country.

Cheboygan possesses a phenomenon in the way of expansion of the chest. Capt. Cass J. Kitchen says that his son, George, can contract and then expand it 13 1/2 inches. He says he has tested him several times, carefully measuring with a tape line.

A man named Moon was presented with a daughter by his wife that was a new Moon. The old man was so overcome that he went and got drunk that was a full Moon. And when he got sober he had but 25 cents left that was the last quarter.—*Et.*

A French journal describes a new and promising substitute for gold. It is produced by alloying 91 parts of copper with 6 of antimony. The copper being first melted and the antimony afterwards added, to this a quantity of magnesium carbonate is added to increase its specific gravity. The alloy is capable of being drawn out, wrought and soldered the same as gold, and is said to take and retain as fine a polish as gold. Its cost is a shilling a pound.

Every man is a missionary now and forever, for good or evil, whether he intends or designs it or not. He may be a blot, radiating his dark influence outward to the very circumference of society, or he may be a blessing, spreading benediction over the length and breadth of the world; but a blank he cannot be. We are either the sower that sows and corrupts, or the light that splendidly illuminates, or the salt that silently operates, but being dead or alive, every man speaks.

Someone wrote to the editor of a country paper asking how he would "break an ox." The editor answered as follows: "If only one ox, a good way would be to hoist him by means of a pole 40 feet from the ground. Then hoist him by a rope tied to the horns to another pole. Then descend on his back a five-ton pile driver, and if that don't break him let him start a country newspaper and trust people for subscription. One of the two will do it sure."

The question is often asked, "How long after property is sold for non-payment of taxes, before the state gives the purchaser a title that will stand against the owner's deed or title?" The answer is one year. After the sale the owner has one year in which to redeem his property. If he does not redeem it in one year, then the purchaser gets a title from the state which is good against any title for whatever the deed calls for, provided always the proceedings in this case have been regular. The owner must then make the best terms he can with the tax title holder if he wishes to get back his property.—*Ann Arbor Courier.*

This tells the experience of many a newspaper scribe. It is taken from the Jonesville Independent. "Our market report went on a 'tare' last week and quoted butter at 60 cents a pound. The next morning we were offered several hundred pounds at that price by as many different people. We pursue the even tenor of our way weeks at a time undisturbed; and we get to thinking that no one reads the paper. Then an error creeps in, we report a man dead and he comes in to dispute with us about it. Mrs. Smith is reported to have a new baby, when Mrs. Jones is the one intended to have been referred to, having assumed maternal responsibilities, and so we might keep on with a list of troubles. When the day is over and the events are reviewed in our mind's eye, the conclusion is inevitable that the people read the paper, and this conclusion brings satisfaction to our heart, although we have gone through much suffering to find it out."

Ex-President Benjamin Harrison will discuss "The Presidential Office" very comprehensively in his "This Country of Ours" series in the forthcoming February Ladies' Home Journal. He will detail the provisions and methods of electing a Chief Magistrate, and will have much to say bearing upon the eligibility of a President for re-election; will give his views as to the length of the Presidential term, and express rather decided opinions relative to the annoyance to which Presidents are subject from office-seekers. The article is practical, based upon experience and observation, and is very timely. General Harrison believes that the fears expressed by the framers of our Constitution that the power of the office is such as to enable an ambitious incumbent to secure an indefinite succession of terms have never been realized. "In practice the popular opinion has limited the eligibility of the President to a reelection. But some of our leading and most thoughtful public men have challenged the wisdom of the four-year term, and have advocated six years, usually accompanied with a prohibition of a second term. And unless some method can be devised by which a less considerable part of the four-year term must be given to hearing applicants for office and to making appointments, it would be wise to give the President, by extending the time, a better chance to show what he can do for the country. It must be admitted, also, that ineligibility to a second term will give to the Executive action greater independence. It seems unlikely, however, that any change in the Presidential term will be made unless some unexpected event should stir into action a thought that is now of a theoretical rather than a practical cast."

A new line of calling cards just received at the Mail office. Late styles. New stock of shelf paper at the Mail office.

ESCANABA, MICH., Jan. 3, 1896.
Editor Plymouth Mail.

My dear sir—Under date of Jan. 1st, Major General Butterfield writes me, that in accordance with the request of the wife of a 16th regiment veteran, residing in Plymouth, he forwarded his photograph by express for a Christmas remembrance to her husband. Before forwarding, however, the veteran's address and name were mislaid. So picture was sent on by express to General Butterfield, the General hoping in the meantime to recover the lost address. This, however, cannot be found and it has occurred to me, that if the facts were made known through the columns of your valuable paper, the picture might reach its owner.

Sincerely yours,
Edward Hill,
Late Lt. Col. 11th Mich. Infantry.

By calling at the Mail office the owner may receive the above picture.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Jan. 1st, 1896.
J. E. Giddens.

Dear sir—Please find enclosed one dollar for which you will please send us your valuable paper for one year from last closed.

Yours truly,
Jas. A. Safford,
1029 Byron St.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

CURE FOR HEADACHE.
As a remedy for all forms of headache, Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure and the most dreaded habitual, sick headache held to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted, to procure a bottle and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation, Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tone to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Large bottles only fifty cents at John L. Gale's drug store.

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E. K. BENNETT, Cashier.

Important to Farmers.

The Ypsilanti Robe & Tanning Co. feeling certain that they can make it an object to you, invite you to call at 25 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti, and examine samples of goods of our make. Our business is to tan Furs and Hides, and manufacture to order robes, coats, capes, gloves and mittens. Or we pay

CASH FOR HIDES.

CUSTOM WORK—We will do custom work, tanning hides for owners at reasonable figures. Farmers can thus secure First-Class Robes at nominal prices. We make a Specialty of **MOTH PROOF ROBES** from hides of cattle, which to be appreciated must be seen. Call and see us.

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THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. FOR SALE BY JOHN L. GALE.

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New Steam Feed Mill

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A. LYLE,
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CYCLE REPAIRING
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Pneumatic Tires, Inner Tubes, Outside Casings, Valve Stems, Valves, Steel Balls, Nipples, Air Pumps, Spokes, Tire Cement in bulk or liquid, Tire Tape, Rubber Solution to repair Tires and Tubes, Plungers, Caps, Springs, Patching Rubber, Linen Thread, Cork Handles, Wrenches, Lubricant for Chains, and Chains in Stock.

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Leave
Your Laundry
At the Plymouth
City Laundry, first
Door west of Post-Office

Satisfaction
Guaranteed.

A. F. WILKINSON,
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DETROIT, Lansing & Northern R. R.
NOV. 24, 1895.

STANDARD TIME			
GOING EAST	8.30	9.10	10.00
Lvs Grand Rapids	7:30	7:50	8:20
Lansing	8:25	8:30	7:25
Salem	10:25	—	9:05
PLYMOUTH	10:25	4:27	9:20
Arc Detroit	11:40	5:40	10:10
8.30	9.10	10.00	
GOING WEST	8.30	9.10	10.00
Lvs Detroit	7:40	7:50	8:00
PLYMOUTH	8:25	8:30	8:45
Salem	8:30	—	6:50
Lansing	10:25	8:35	8:57
Tonia	11:25	4:25	10:00
Arc Grand Rapids	12:30	5:20	10:45
8.30	9.10	10.00	

Parlor cars on all trains between Detroit and Grand Rapids. Seats 25 cents.

Chicago and West Michigan By
Trains leave Grand Rapids:
For South 8:30 a. m., 1:25 p. m., and 7:00 p. m.
For Marquette Traverse City Charlevoix, and Petoskey 7:30 a. m., 4:15 p. m.
For Muskegon 8:30 a. m., 1:25 p. m., 6:25 p. m.

F. & P. M. R. R.
TIME TABLE.
In effect Nov. 24 1895.
Trains leave Plymouth as follows:

GOING SOUTH		GOING NORTH	
Train No. 4, 10:00 a. m.	Train 1, 8:30 a. m.	Train No. 3, 2:30 p. m.	Train 2, 9:10 a. m.
No. 6, 2:25 p. m.	" 3, 2:30 p. m.	No. 8, 8:50 p. m.	" 5, 2:00 p. m.
No. 10, 6:25 a. m.	" 9, 6:25 a. m.		

Train No. 4 connects at Ladington with steamer for Milwaukee, (during season of navigation), making connections for all points West and Northwest.
Sleeping Parlor Cars between Bay City, Saginaw and Escanaba.
Train No. 8 runs daily, from Bay City to Detroit. On Western Division it runs daily, except Sunday. Connections made at Port Huron and Detroit. Union depot for all points South, Canada and the West.
For further information see Time Card of this company.
Ed. PELTON, Local Agent.

1896
Is here and we are ready to make it the Happiest One of Your Life.
Very truly yours,
W. J. & H. E. BRADNER,
Up to date Implement Dealers.
Two Doors West of Fair Grounds Entrance. PLYMOUTH.

Annual Clearing Sale!

OPENS **Monday, Jan. 13.** CLOSES **Saturday, Jan. 18**

Everything in our stock at Reduced Prices.
1-4 off on Tinware
1-4 off on Granite Ware.
1-4 off on Woodenware.
1-4 off on Shelf Goods.

Reduced Prices on Stoves, Etc.
The Reduced Prices are for

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M. CONNER & SON
Hardware Merchants.

If you want a Great Big Snap

On a Fall or Winter

Suit or Overcoat

Made up to your order and guaranteed to fit come and see me before you buy.
W. J. ROSEBRUGH.

Coleman Block, up-stairs.
Special attention given to all kinds cleaning, pressing and repairing

PLYMOUTH BAKERY.

WE CARRY A FINE LINE OF
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We make our own Candies and can Guarantee them to be Fresh and Clean.

Our Bread and Cakes are Fresh Every Day.
WARM LUNCHES AT ALL HOURS.

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At **HUSTON & CO'S** Way Down Prices.

- No. 21 Oak Garland, nearly new. \$9 75
- No. 14 Favorite Heater for 12 00
- No. 16 " " 14 00
- No. 18 " " 15 00
- Other Heating Stoves as low as 5 00
- Diston Cross Cut Saw for 2 00
- Atkins " " 2 00
- Stag Handle Carvers 1 50
- Full Clamp Skates, Best Quality Steel, 35
- " " " Racer Skates, 50
- Ladies long reach Skates 75
- Gen's New Winner, 1 50

A new full line of Pocket Knives.
Be sure and see us before you buy.
HUSTON & CO.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Chinese napkins at the Mail office.
Have you paid your water tax?
Presbyterian concert next Friday night.
Biggs is having a great big clearing sale.

Claude Jones and sister returned home Saturday.
Robt. Minnick is now acting chief of the fire department.

F. A. Bogert is the happy patentee of a wash-board. Fred has not set his wash days yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Masco, of Ypsilanti, are visiting John Hood's family and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merritt went to Pontiac Thursday to attend the funeral of Mr. Merritt's uncle, I. B. Merritt.

It cost Wayne county \$15,000 for the luxury of a grand jury. Big expense, but that's nothing if crime can be lessened. Double the expense if necessary, but by all means let us lessen crime and punish criminals.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lapham entertained the following friends on New Year's day: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Briers; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rider; Miss Olive Briers; and Geo. Benedict, of Detroit; and Mrs. Young, sister of Mr. Briers, of San Francisco, Cal.

Mrs. L. C. Hough writes home that she arrived at Mobile safe, and found it very pleasant indeed. She picked some violets and sent them back. She would have sent some "mud pies" that Marguerite was making, but she knew "Cass" had no use for anything but pumpkin pie and whipped cream.

Saturday afternoon at four o'clock the Daisy Co. sent us an order for 10,000 cards. "They must be ready at nine o'clock" was the order. They had to be run singly, but we got them out and in the express office before eight o'clock. Pretty good work for a country office, to get up a job and run 10,000 in less than four hours.

What better proof can be given as to the perfection of the Markham electric light system than the fact that they have disposed of their big lamps, that cost \$3.25 each by the dozen, at \$1 each. Mr. Markham personally superintends the entire manufacturing part of the shops and everything must be working just like a clock or he is going to know why.

L. H. Bennett raised havoc in lumber circles in Detroit Monday. He was looking for black walnut. He went to the telephone and inquired of several lumber yards. They in turn inquired of several other yards, and for a few hours black walnut was receiving quite a call, so much so that Mr. Bennett found the price going up very rapidly, having advanced from \$20 a thousand to \$55 in about three hours. It is needless to say Mr. Bennett postponed his buying. He is enjoying a good laugh, however.

We are indeed grateful for the prompt reply some of our subscribers have made to the notice sent them this week. They seem to appreciate the fact that we are in a pinch, and want to help us out. We trust that the rest will respond as readily in aid of us, and thus we will be able to pay our debts and go into the new year on a sound basis. We also thank you for accepting the notice in as kindly a spirit as it was sent. It is your paper and we are pleased that you are always ready to back it up. Remember this fact and don't miss sending in your local news items. Again we heartily thank you.

One of the neatest little offices in any town is that of the Daisy Manufacturing Company at the F. & P. M. elevator. Mr. F. C. Hough is the secretary of the concern, and as an expert bookkeeper believes in having everything perfection—even a sweet typewriter—and as a result of his genius has everything so neatly and systematically arranged as to be able to lay his hands on anything he wants at a moment's notice, or give any information relative to the business instantly. It's no small job either to care for all this, but Ed. has it neat as a pin.

An amusing story has reached the editorial field relative to the editor of the Northville Record. It appears that in the days of the editor's youth he paid close attention to a damsel in a town where the now editor was a telegraph operator. One evening on going to pay his respects he was met by the lady of the house, whom the editor took for his "sweet potato." Suddenly seizing her he gave her a very affectionate embrace. The husband appeared, the editor disappeared, and ever since his clothes have been too short, as he was kicked several inches longer and slimmer than he really ought to have been. He bought a paper shortly afterward with the avowed intention of "getting even" with his sweetheart's master, but from all appearances he had his brains kicked out too, because the paper contains nothing but old almanac chestnuts.

Cabinet photographs \$2.00 per dozen at Plymouth every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, E. P. Baker, photographer.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.
Services held in Bedford's Hall every Sunday morning at 10:30. All are most cordially invited to attend.

Subscription Honor Roll.

The following subscriptions have been paid in during the week:

W. H. Hillman	\$1.00
Dan Zander	1.00
W. H. Hughes	.25
C. C. Shortman	1.00
J. C. Peterhans	.50
G. E. Brownell	1.00
L. E. Cable	1.00
Carl Heide	1.85
W. H. Bassett	1.00
J. L. Gale	1.25
C. A. Frisbee	1.00
Hoops & Harris	1.34
O. A. Fraser	1.00
Ja. A. Safford	1.00
R. L. Root	1.00
Mrs. Milard	1.00
Mrs. D. R. Penny	1.00
R. L. Alexander	1.00
Eliza Clark	.50

The winter term of school began Monday.

J. R. Raub and wife visited in Elm over Sunday.

Feed Grinding six cents a bag at Phoenix mills. tf

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Hercy Packard gave a whist party Friday evening.

A number of our merchants are taking their annual inventory.

Jerry Wilson, who was recently married, is living in one of the brick houses.

G. M. Jacobs, the baker, carries a fine line of confectionery of his own make.

The Mail did over 150,000 impressions of press work during the last week.

Mr. Stringer left for New York last week to accompany his wife home.

Don't miss a good musical treat it will be at village hall next Friday night.

Frank Korpetski went to Detroit Tuesday to attend the funeral of his sister.

Lute Lyons is the man to blame for having such nice clean walks this winter.

Marguerite Tapley gave a whist party Monday evening at which prizes were given.

Fred Moore went to Stark, Thursday, to act as agent in the absence of the agent there.

Rev. C. C. Turner, of Northville, and Rev. J. B. Oliver will exchange pulpits Sunday.

Principal Beddow and sister returned from their visit to Southfield, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

Fred Peck, of Willoughby, Ohio, and Harry Bennett, of Detroit, are guests of friends in town.

The wife of the 16th Michigan veteran, who desired a picture of Edward Hill, will please call at this office.

Miss Maud Richardson and Miss Nellie Lee, of Northville, visited at Mrs. L. H. Bennett's, Thursday afternoon.

Messrs. Lamphere and Cochrane banqueted the I. O. O. F. lodge to a very sumptuous lunch Tuesday evening.

At Plymouth, E. P. Baker makes cabinet photographs for \$2.00 per dozen every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Cochrane and Mrs. Lamphere remembered the Mail during the week with some very fine cake, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

As we go to press we learn of the death of G. Knapp, an old gentleman who lived in North Village. We could not learn particulars in time.

The Plymouth Tobacco & Cigar Co. have been shut down this week, taking stock and getting their bonds in shape for another year's business.

In our article last week saying H. B. Severance's sales were \$57,000 we erred. It should have read \$75,700, an advance of \$1,500 over the previous year.

Died, Thursday night, George, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Broadfoot, aged 18 months. Funeral at the house, Saturday, 10 a. m., interment at the Kinyon burying ground.

A goodly number are taking advantage of the cheap rates offered for outside publications by the Mail. No matter what paper or magazine you take, call on the Mail, and save a good percentage.

Commencing Monday, January 13th, and lasting until April 1st, our business places will close at 8 p. m. This is a good idea and will, no doubt, be appreciated by our merchants and clerks.

John D. Wildey and Mary L. Banker were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Lansing, on Thursday, January 9th, 1896. The Mail extends congratulations.

The second township convention of the Livonia township Sunday School Association will be held at Livonia Center, Feb. 1st, 1896. A program fasting from 9 a. m. to 4:15 p. m. has been arranged. Everybody interested is invited.

A Christian Endeavor society was organized in connection with the Second Presbyterian church Monday evening, Dec. 30, 1895. The following officers were elected: Pres., Rev. Bramfitt; Vice-Pres., Mrs. O. A. Fraser; Sec., Clarence C. Stevens; Treas., Edward Springer; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Bramfitt. The society starts out with 24 charter members, 13 active and 11 associate. "Excelsior, in the name of the Lord of Hosts," is the motto.

When a Plymouth dentist, who is noted for his occasional absentmindedness, went home to dinner last week he hung a sign on his door, "Back at 2:00." He arrived back a little after 1:00 and seeing the sign sat down on his own steps until nearly 2 o'clock waiting for himself before he came to.—Northville Record.

Something like a Northville tailor who, after being out in a soaking rain, put his clothes in bed and hung himself out the window to dry.

NOW COMES MAPLE SIRUP!

A Million Dollars Invested in the Industry—Large Revenue for Vermont. This is the time of year when maple sirup takes its proper place as king of the condiments at the breakfast table, says the New York World. It comes in with buckwheat cakes and fried hominy. There is just a round million of dollars invested in this country in the machinery which produces and purifies the sirup. The industry is confined almost entirely to the few states north of Massachusetts. That is because the maple tree refuses to flourish in any but a cold climate. It won't grow in the northwestern states, for the reason that it has to have plenty of moisture and that is to be had only near the ocean. Fully 90 per cent of the maple sirup and maple sugar produced in this country comes from Vermont. The annual yield of sirup and sugar of that state is valued at something like \$500,000. Seventy-five per cent of the product is consumed in this country, and the rest is exported to Europe. But it is not in common use beyond the sea for the reason that it is very expensive because of the freight and duty. In England it is to be found in many of the homes of the nobility, where it is regarded as high flavor, not only because it is delicate and sweet, but because it is a unique and costly product. There is a good deal of mystery about the origin of the production of maple sugar and sirup. By whom it was first discovered will probably never be known. It has been popular among the people of the world for several centuries. Milton must have known it, though he evidently regarded it as an humble article, for in his Comus he says: "For who would rob a hermit of his weeds; His few books, his beads, or his maple dish?"

The maple tree is active in summer and passive in winter. The tree is extremely porous, there being, according to the highest authority, about 100,000,000 cells in every cubic inch of the wood. In summer the tree absorbs moisture into all these cells, which is condensed into water. This water mingling with the natural saccharine properties of the tree, becomes maple sirup in a crude form. The tree is also extremely sensitive to winter conditions. When in February and March the maple begins to "sweat," as the New England farmer terms it, the tree wishes to unburden itself and it does so whether the farmer is on hand to get the benefit of the process or not. But the farmer is generally on hand. Before machinery was invented for the purpose the farmer used to furrow the trunk of the tree by slashing the bark lengthwise all around the tree near its base. A trough attached to the lowest of these furrows carried the sirup from the tree to the dripping bucket and that constituted the process of getting the product. The farmer nowadays goes up to a tree that is "sweating," cuts his eye at the softest spot in the trunk and drives into it to a depth of several inches a metal tap and this relieves the tree in splendid shape. The tree appears just as anxious to get rid of the sap as the farmer is to gather it.

GRIZZLY AND SILVER TIP. Three Types in California of Immense Strength and Size.

The grizzly bears found all through the canyons of the Rocky and Coast mountains and spurs of the Sierra Nevada range seldom descend from lofty altitudes, remarks San Francisco Call. The bruns of the east and the bruns of the west are almost totally different animals. The Ursa Majors of the Sierras are monstrous in size, endowed with ugly dispositions and prodigious strength. There are at least three distinct types of the family in California and Lower California—namely, the grizzly, brown and black bear. Besides these there are also gray bears, cinnamon bears, and the Sierra grayback. Cinnamon is simply a cross between the brown and black bears, and the mighty silver tip is neither more nor less than a mongrel of the brown or grizzly, partaking strongly of the nature of the two, but particularly of the latter. All the members of the species intermarry, and the silver tip is the king of the family. This big family, springing from the grizzly and the brown bear, combines all the ferocity and tough strength of the former, with the agility and stubbornness of the latter, each distinctive trait being more prominent in him and possessed to a greater degree than by the very animals from whom he borrows them.

Leaves from the Palm Tree. It is doubtful if one man in a hundred goes to church praying that his preacher may have boldness to declare the truth to him. Wherever there is suffering, somebody's sin has caused it. Every man is a hypocrite who prays one way and lives another. The yoke of Christ is easy; the way of the transgressor is hard. The devil agrees with the man who says he can't see any use in being religious. We cannot have right views about redemption as long as we have wrong views about sin. No sermon is dull that cuts the conscience. The devil is a warm friend of the man who is mean to his wife. The most of God's work is not done by people who have the most talents. There are too many people who think the way to serve God is to do it with the mouth. —Ram's Horn.

A Bigger Target. "Dear me!" said Mrs. Wickwire, looking up from her paper, "but women are getting brave nowadays."

"Brave?" echoed Mr. Wickwire. "Yes. Here is a story about a woman who shot a mouse. She—pshaw! I read it wrong. It was only a mouse." —Indianapolis Journal.

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 Stuff, \$11 per M.
Norway Siding, \$13.50 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,
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Gentlemen!

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

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IN TWO PENINSULAS.

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE PENINSULAR STATE.

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Knights of the Grip Meet.

Commercial travelers are famous for their jollity and good nature, so when 400 of them gathered in Lansing from all parts of Michigan it can be imagined that there was a lively time. It was the occasion of the annual convention of the Michigan Knights of the Grip. They came with half a dozen bands of music and found the Capital city splendidly decorated in their honor.

The officers elected were: President, Samuel E. Symons, of Saginaw; secretary, Geo. F. Owen, of Saginaw; treasurer, J. J. Frost, of Lansing. A vice president for each of the congressional district was chosen as follows: Michael Howam, of Detroit; E. A. Aylward, of Jackson; W. J. Richards, of Union City; Henry Dasher, of Kalamazoo; L. J. Koster, of Grand Haven; T. K. Jeffers, Lansing; Frank Mosher, of Port Huron; Fred J. Fox, of Saginaw; Wm. Averill, of Muskegon; J. J. Sagar, of Bay City; George Gane, of Traverse City; and Otto De Jenner, of Marquette.

Left Him to Freeze to Death.

Edward Cross, a respected citizen and deputy sheriff of Ovid, was found by Daniel Babcock, near Owosso, on his face in the road in front of Babcock's residence buried in the snow and unconscious. When restored to his senses Cross said a stranger had called at his house and represented himself as an officer from Saginaw and asked Cross to help him recover some stolen horses he had located. They started, but when they reached Babcock's the stranger snatched Cross, and after going through his clothes left him to freeze to death. The victim missed \$200 in Cross' inner west pocket.

MICHIGAN NEWS.

Standish has electric lights and is happy. Jackson county's insane increased 100 per cent during 1895.

The Iowa asylum of dangerous and criminal insane is overcrowded.

Mrs. J. Phillips' residence at Lawton was destroyed by fire. Loss \$1,200.

The Home National bank at Saginaw has consolidated with the Second National.

The dwelling and store of John Fairchild burned at New Boston, causing a loss of \$2,000.

The old high school at Allegan was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$8,000; insured for \$3,000.

The annual meeting of the Michigan State Farmers' clubs will occur at Lansing Feb. 4 and 5.

Jackson county paid nearly \$100 in sparrow bounties last year. The rate was two cents a head.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Armstrong, of Hudson, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage.

Mrs. Geo. Murray, of Lansing, took chloroform to alleviate pain, but an overdose caused her death.

St. Louis business men are organizing to build a threshing machine factory with \$10,000 capital.

The reunion of the Michigan branch of the Warner family, over 200 of which are living, was held at Albion.

The clothing stock of Wicking & Storor at Owosso was destroyed by fire. Loss \$30,000; insured for \$10,000.

The Northville Furniture Co. has received orders to seat some of the city schools of Japan with their school seats.

A harmless insane boy—Ersk Smith—wandered away from Benton Harbor and was fatally frozen before being found.

Jacob Logendyk committed suicide at Grand Rapids by shooting himself in the head with a shot gun. Family trouble.

E. S. Black, of Yale, has preferred 25 charges against R. B. Fairman, commissioner of schools for St. Clair county.

Experiments at Agricultural college of feeding corn suit to cows proved that it is not injurious as had been supposed.

The mercury has dropped in the upper peninsula, snow has fallen and lumbermen are again pushing work at their camps.

The steamer Puritan, owned by Seymour Bros., burned to the water's edge at Manistee. Loss \$70,000; insurance \$30,000.

Fire gutted the Swan store building at Imlay City. The loss was on the millinery stock of Conklin & Chace; no insurance.

A hog which weighed 691 pounds when dressed, was raised by Owen Wood, of Atwood and sold to the Charlevoix Cold Storage Co.

Joseph Causler, a Michigan Central employe, jumped from one engine in front of another at West Bay City, and his body was cut in two.

The German Lutheran band of Michigan met at Saginaw. The membership is increasing. John Patz, of Detroit, was elected president.

George Jefferson, the Ludington fireman who was sent to jail for 20 days, has confessed that he set fire to the city hall, and says he did it just to see the boys run. He gives no other reason. Jefferson is also implicated in the fire which destroyed the Elliot house.

WHIPPED THE BRITISH.

The Boers Defeat Their Republic Against British Invaders.

The eyes of the political world have been turned from the Venezuelan dispute by the recent warlike developments in the Transvaal or the South African republic. The Boers—descendants of Dutch colonists—in 1854 assumed the title of the South African republic and declared their independence of English rule, which had been a thorn in their flesh for years. Several conflicts between the Boers and the British resulted in later years, particularly in 1851, when the former showed great fighting proclivities and maintained their supremacy, controlling the internal government of the republic with strict rule. The rich gold fields proved a great attraction for the British, however, and have given the Transvaal a population of 100,000 in an area of 119,150 square miles. Pretoria is the capital of the republic but Johannesburg, the city built in seven days, in the center of the gold fields, is the principal city. Meyer Kruger is the president of the republic and the leader of the Boers. The Transvaal Boers, who are called the Uitlanders, who have been working the gold fields have become wealthy and form a large portion of the population and consequently pay most of the taxes, but they are denied any part in the government. The Boers determined to start an armed rebellion but, remembering previous contact with the Uitlanders, called upon the British South African Co. to fight for them. Consequently upon receipt of a letter from leading inhabitants of Johannesburg, Dr. Jameson, administrator of the British South African Co. in Cape Colony, organized a body of 500 Englishmen to invade the Transvaal. The Boers were prompt to meet such an expedition and the first news received from Dr. Jameson's force was that they had met the Boers before Johannesburg and after a great loss of life the British had surrendered.

The dead body of John Staples was found hanging to a tree about a mile from Mecosta. He had evidently committed suicide after a spree.

The total tax levy of Michigan for the year 1895 is \$1,011,993.21, or a total equalized valuation of real and personal property of \$1,130,030,000.

Isbipening and Nezanee capitalists will operate the Gibben and Richards mines, south of Negaunee, which have been abandoned for a long time.

The Queen mine at Negaunee has suspended work because of the royalty of 40 cents per ton demanded by fee-owners; 250 men are out of work.

Nearly 1,000 new-borns of Grand Rapids were given a New Year's feast and were served by the leading business and professional men of the city.

The report that vandals had been at work destroying trees on Mackinaw island since the United States turned it over to the state of Michigan is untrue.

Wesley Hagerman's farm residence near Decatur was destroyed by fire with his household goods and his wheat crop, which was stored in the building.

The warehouse of J. H. McAuley at Manistee was consumed by fire, together with its contents. Loss on building and contents \$5,000; insured for \$1,000.

Rev. Dr. C. O. Brown, formerly of Kalamazoo and Gainesburg, now of San Francisco, has had a well-known woman arrested on a charge of attempted blackmail.

E. L. Jenks, aged 19, son of the Port Huron shipowner, committed suicide at Sandusky, O. Being afflicted with an incurable disease caused his despondency.

The Y. M. C. A. of Northville, will ask the people of that place to provide funds for a convenient set of rooms for their use. They have a flourishing society of 100 members.

The E. & P. M. Railroad Co. has let a contract for a mammoth ferry to ply between Ludington and Manitowish. She will be 330 feet over all, and will cost \$801,000.

Mrs. James Harris died at Decatur. She was the third member of the family to die who belonged to the "Children of God"—faith healers—who would not call a physician.

At Ypsilanti Rev. Van Kirk married Chas. F. Dolbe and Wm. Dolbe to Mrs. Mary J. Bailey and Nellie Bailey. The groom was father and son and the brides were mother and daughter.

Two sons of Thomas Coulson, a farmer near Milledale, were playing with an old musket, supposed to be unloaded, when the weapon went off, instantly killing the younger brother.

The search for A. W. Koepfel, the well-known Bay City broker, who was last seen in Cincinnati acting in a peculiar manner, has been given up without gaining a clue to his disappearance.

Port Huron's militia is still in trouble. A split occurred when an attempt was made to organize a new company and now two companies will try to secure the sanction of the governor.

Adj. Gen. Green issued commissions to the officers of Co. H, First Infantry, of Jackson, which will take the place of the Eminent Rifles, recently mustered out at that place. Charles H. Russell is captain.

Christ Larson, an inhuman husband at Manistee, got 90 days in the Detroit House of Correction for using a horse-whip on his wife. He tore an earring from her ears and then kicked her out of doors.

The third annual meeting of the Michigan council of Patriarchs Militant, the military contingent of the Order of Odd Fellows, convened in Odd Fellows' hall, Detroit, with 65 delegates present.

Andrew Hickey, a well digger, was suddenly killed at Cadillac while digging a well for Louis Fuller. He was down in the well when a bucket full of sand fell, striking him on the head and breaking his neck.

Dr. Amos Barlow, superintendent of the Children's Home Society of Michigan, says that at the home at Benton Harbor over 100 children have come to them the past year and as many have found good homes.

The Mansfield mine, near Crystal Falls, will be opened. About two years ago it was inundated by the river and 27 men were killed. The effort will be made to turn the Michigan river from its natural course.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams, of Lapeer, gave an informal reception and dinner in honor of the new supreme justice, Joseph B. Moore. Judge G. W. Smith, the newly elected circuit judge and the members of the Lapeer County Bar association, of which Judge Moore is a member.

State Treasurer Wilkinson reports the following relative to the condition of state funds: Balance on hand, as per statement from ledger, December 31, 1894, \$90,896.24; received from all sources during 1895, \$1,075,573.39; disbursed on warrants of the auditor-general, \$1,074,800.75, leaving a balance on hand of \$93,378.87.

Muskegon citizens who succeeded in evading the payment of their taxes because of an error in the returns had their victory will profit them nothing. The supreme court declares that the taxes may be spread on the rolls again and the kickers will not only have to pay their taxes, but are out the money they put into the fight to invalidate the old assessment.

Rachael A. Bailey, of Hastings, has been appointed by Lillian M. Hollister, great commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees, to fill the office of post-commander of the great hive for Michigan, made vacant by the resignation of Leota Becher-Maxwell.

GENERAL MENTION.

BRIEFS GATHERED FROM THE WIRES.

President Cleveland Appoints Five Good Men as a Commission to Investigate the Venezuela Boundary Line—A Non-Partisan Body.

The Venezuelan Commission. President Cleveland has announced the appointment of the Venezuelan boundary commission as follows: David J. Brewer, of Kansas, justice United States supreme court; Richard H. Alvey, of Maryland, chief justice of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia; Andrew D. White, of New York; Frederick R. Covert, of New York; and Daniel C. Gilman, of Maryland.

The commission is regarded as a very satisfactory one, whose opinions and conclusions will be received by the American public with that confidence which the standing of the members of the commission in the public eye inspires.

Justice Brewer is a Republican, and about 50 years of age. He is a graduate of Yale.

Richard H. Alvey is a Democrat and a man of marked legal ability. He is almost 70 years of age.

Andrew D. White is a Republican. He is one of the best known men of letters in this country and perhaps in the world; is an author and historian and has been president of Cornell university.

Frederick R. Covert is a Democrat and is one of the best known members of the bar in New York. Mr. Covert was one of the counsel for the United States on the Hering sea commission.

The last named member of the commission, Daniel C. Gilman, president of Johns Hopkins university, is well known as an authority in international law. He has never figured prominently in politics, but is understood to be a Republican.

The work of the commission will be to examine and collect evidence with a view to determining the boundary line between Venezuela and British Guiana. The conclusions reached will be reported to the President for his information in connection with any further representations and communications that may be made by that government to Great Britain in connection with the boundary line dispute between that country and Venezuela.

The news of the Transvaal War. London: Dispatches from Sir Hercules Robinson to Colonial Secretary Chamberlain give details of the defeat of the British under Dr. Jameson by the Boers. The latter gathered in force at Krugersdorp and blocked Jameson's march, the battle followed, the Britishers making three assaults upon the Boers, who fought with unflinching bravery and did not bulge a foot. After some 150 men had been killed and as many more wounded and 500 made prisoners, Dr. Jameson surrendered his remaining force of 500 men and they were taken to Pretoria, but five Boers were killed and a dozen wounded.

Advices from Sir Jacobus Dewett, British agent at Pretoria, say that everything is quiet there and at Johannesburg. President Kruger, of the Boer republic, has given assurances of order and the safety of the prisoners if the British or Uitlanders keep within the laws of the country. Dewett says he is impressed with the moderation and forbearance of the Boer government under the exceptionally trying circumstances.

A private and reliable telegram from Pretoria says that President Kruger has declared that he is willing to make satisfactory concessions to the Uitlanders, or foreign population of the Transvaal, whose demands for representation led to the trouble.

In Berlin the British invasion has brought up all the latent feeling of hostility to England. General belief is that the duplicity of British statesmen is deliberate. In spite of the disavowal of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain of any knowledge or responsibility for the step taken by Dr. Jameson, little doubt is felt in Berlin that it was prompted in high quarters, and the weighty terms of the emperor's message are interpreted as indicating some mistrust of the English protestations which is felt in government circles.

Cecil Rhodes has resigned the premiership of Cape Colony because of the failure of Jameson's expedition. Rhodes is heavily interested in the British South Africa Co., and is believed to have been the power behind Jameson. Sir J. Gordon Sprigg, treasurer of Cape Colony, succeeds Rhodes.

More recent dispatches say that plans had been laid for an uprising of 2,000 Uitlanders to join Dr. Jameson at Krugersdorp, but they did not have the courage and Jameson was left to the mercy of a force of 4,000 Boers. A dispatch from Natal says Jameson lost 1-10 killed.

President Kruger has arrested the leaders of the Uitlanders' rebellion and is keeping close guard on all passes to the Transvaal.

At the request of U. S. Minister Terrell, the Sultan of Turkey has ordered that regular troops replace the reserve soldiers who are guarding the missionaries in the exposed parts of the empire.

Cornelius Bylinga caught Walter Van Hooven and several companions trying to enter away with his horse and rider at Grand Rapids. When he interfered the gang poached upon him and Van Hooven fatally stabbed him.

The European press has dropped the United States-Venezuela-Great Britain controversy and is now greatly exercised over British hegemony as shown in the Transvaal, which interests half a dozen European powers.

No communication or suggestion of any kind regarding the Venezuelan dispute has come to the United States from Great Britain since Lord Salisbury's answer to Secretary Olney, and the question stands entirely on the correspondence up to that time and the subsequent action of congress.

Among officials and the representatives of the foreign powers interested, it is said that no steps are contemplated for the present beyond the formation of the Venezuelan commission. The Washington correspondent of the London Chronicle has been opening the eyes of the Britishers to the fact that the United States and Venezuela have some very good points

DOINGS OF THE STATESMEN.

SENATE—Twenty-second day.

During a two hour session Mr. Mitchell, Rep. Ore, made a speech for the restoration of the McKinley duty on wool and a resolution was passed for the investigation of the committee on naval affairs of the prices paid by the government for ship armor. The resolution contained a provision that a committee of five members were interested in armor plate processes, Mr. Chandler, Rep. N. H., the author of the resolution, said the facts that had come to his knowledge warranted him in making the responsibility for investigating the inquiry. The most important feature of the session, perhaps, was a resolution offered by Mr. Sherman, Rep. O., for the restoration of the gold reserve, which hereafter should be held sacred for the redemption of the greenbacks and treasury notes, but former to be pledged only in extreme cases for gold coin and bullion. Mr. Wilson, Rep. W. Va., asked for the immediate consideration of the resolution proposed by the distinguished Iowa legislator, declaring it to be the sense of the senate that no bonds of the United States should be sold at a price below the private contract, but should be disposed of by advertisement to the highest bidder. Mr. Hill proposed Mr. Nelson, Rep. Minn., made his usual speech in the senate, took his regular duties as a member for the present unusual trouble. Mr. Sherman, Rep. O., read unanimous consent for the certificate on the bill to restore the gold reserve. The bill is now in the hands of the committee on finance. Mr. Sherman, Rep. O., proposed a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for a post office and custom house at Grand Rapids, Mich. The bill was passed by a vote of 70 and 20.

SENATE—Twenty-third day.—A stirring debate on the bill to provide for the payment of the debt of the United States was held for some time, and the discussion of the bill was continued. The bill was passed by a vote of 70 and 20.

SENATE—Twenty-fourth day.—No session of the senate was held on the 24th day of January.

DESIGNING HAVANA.

Cuban Carry Everything Before Them—Spanish Troops Badly Scared.

A Boston Globe correspondent cables from Havana, via Vera Cruz, as follows: A desperate battle has been fought near Colon, province of Matanzas. The Spanish troops were routed and suffered heavy loss. The insurgents captured the Spanish artillery and have gained a position commanding the overland entrance to Havana. Gen. Oliver was killed and Gen. Campos seriously wounded.

Numerous other dispatches from Havana show that unless all indications are misleading, the end of the Cuban insurrection is at hand, and the result, it would seem, must be in favor of the insurgents, whose armies, under Maximino Gomez, Antonio Maceo and Quintin Banquera, are nearing Havana from three different directions. The above facts, so frequently denied in official circles during the past two weeks, are now generally admitted even in official circles and the most constant consternation prevails among civilians and military. The authorities no longer make the slightest concealment of the serious view they take of the situation and there are some who do not hesitate to rail at the Spanish general and his troops, and make bitter criticisms of them.

Well-to-do people from the districts around Havana are flocking into the city. The price of provisions has already begun to go up, a surprisingly large amount of property has been placed in arms, and the warships have landed every man and every gun available for the defense of the city. But in the face of preparations to repel the enemy from within the most vigorous plans have been laid out to battle with an enemy within, as agents of the insurgents have been working in Havana and from the silent, expectant attitude of the Cuban populace it is evident that the authorities do not make a mistake in preparing for the worst.

In fact so far has the sympathy for the insurgents spread that the Spanish soldiers have deserted in considerable numbers and have in many instances shown sympathy with the insurgent cause.

The most astonishing feature of the climax is the ease with which the insurgents pushed onward during the past two weeks. Light on the ground the insurgents have just traversed are several strong columns of Spanish troops sent to number 6,000 men, but no fighting worth mentioning has occurred. They established a cordon of military forces southwest of Havana to Matanzas in order to protect the two remaining railway and railroad lines, and keep them out of the hands of the insurgents, but some of the bands into the province of Pinar del Rio in the face of these troops and thus secured control of every line leading into Havana. They burned the town of Guara Melena and partially destroyed Guara Melena and Alguazhar. The destruction of cane and tobacco plantations in Matanzas and Havana provinces has been complete and Pinar del Rio is being laid desolate also.

Havana is now completely isolated and Gomez is receiving large acquisitions to his forces every day and now has an army of 2,000 men, four-fifths of whom are well armed and including about 3,000 cavalry. In effect the whole island of Cuba, outside of Havana, is now in the hands of the insurgents. They have not annihilated the Spanish forces, nor have they contented the whole army in any single pitched battle. Yet the situation is in their hands, and they have completely outgeneraled the Spaniards.

A late dispatch says insurgent commanders led by Nunez and Hernandez have appeared at Managua, a village only 12 miles south of Havana.

THE MARKETS.

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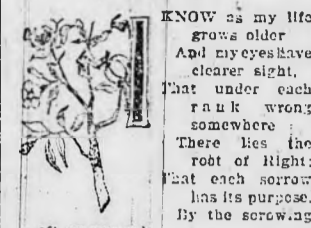
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—E. J. Wheeler Wilcox

Gen. Shelly's War Story.

"The first time I went into a fight," said that gallant and genial Alabamian, Gen. C. M. Shelly, in talking with a Washington Post man, "I was in great mental distress. My company was composed of splendid young fellows, but, like myself, not one of them had been subjected to the enemy's fire. I knew that there was no coward blood in any of them and I felt sure that the epithet could not be justly applied to me. But, spite of all, there was the dread, the horror, the uncertainty of our ability to withstand attack and for several hours preceding the conflict I was in mortal agony. It was the most awful experience of my life.

"I had been sent forward with my company to delay an advancing force of Federalists till the main body of our troops could be got in readiness, and by order of Col. Rhodes, afterward one of our prominent generals, rode ahead several miles to meet the boys in blue. Well, throughout the whole of my ride my nervousness increased, for the idea still haunted me that, maybe we all would show the white feather and disgrace ourselves and the southern cause. Presently the enemy came in sight, a good many hundreds to our fifty, but we got a pretty fair position on a hillside covered with timber of moderate growth and awaited their approach.

"The Federalists kept coming at us till within range, and turned loose a volley that, to my great relief, did no harm beyond inflicting a slight flesh wound on one of my men. Immediately on receipt of that fire my feelings underwent a revolution impossible to describe. I grew suddenly buoyant. I had felt no disposition to run, neither had a single individual of my company. Instantly my mind, which had almost ceased to act, began to operate as usual. I began to plan and studied out the details of the fight. Time and again the Federalists charged us, but every time they got the worst of it. We killed several of them and wounded a good many, but not a man of us had been seriously hurt.

"Finally after two hours of hot work, they saw the only way to dislodge us was to surround us, and very reluctantly I saw the necessity of retreating. This was a bitter pill, and I felt that I would be held up as gloomy for turning back to the foe. A message came, however, from Col. Rhodes, commanding our retreat, and we retired in good order.

"A few days later I was the recipient of a message from Col. Rhodes to report to him. I looked on it as my death warrant. My course in that skirmish was to be investigated, and I was going to be court-martialed for cowardice. Judge of my surprise when he showed me a communication signed by Beauregard, complimenting the conduct of the officers and men in that very affair. It struck me as the most flatteringly undeserved praise, and I told Rhodes that I didn't propose to take a particle of it to myself, for ever since the day when I had experienced nothing but humiliation, which Gen. Beauregard's compliments did not alleviate.

Lincoln's Indorsement.

Major Pruden, assistant private secretary to the President, is a man of many reminiscences, says the Washington Post. He could write a book—and ought to. In a recent conversation Major Pruden related a humorous and at the same time very pathetic incident in which President Abraham Lincoln of necessity was the leading spirit of the episode. "During a part of the time when Mr. Lincoln was President," said the major, "I was employed in the office of the judge advocate general, Judge Holt. The judge had the habit—and it lasted throughout his life—of sticking numerous miscellaneous letters and documents of all kinds in the pigeon holes of his desk. One of my duties was to sort these papers, brief them and send them on their way to the department they concerned. And that is how I became acquainted with a nice little story. When Burnside commanded the Army of the Potomac there was a German soldier—a more boy he was—who was unfortunate enough one day to find himself sentenced to be shot for desertion. His people learned of it and his sister came here from Pennsylvania post haste to see Mr. Lincoln in behalf of her brother—a boy condemned to death. She didn't see the President. There were hundreds of other people trying to see him

all the time then, and the girl was in the big majority who didn't get an interview. But she wrote letters to him, any quantity of them, and the President saw them, too. She told him how her brother only imperfectly understood the English language; that he had wandered away from his command and didn't know where he was or how to ask where to go, and she prayed and supplicated and begged, and argued like a—well! like a good sister, as she was. Well, to make a story short, the soldier wasn't shot. The commanding general reviewed the case and pardoned him. The facts were communicated to the President, and he sent the communication to the judge advocate general just as he had all the other papers in the case, only this one was indorsed in the President's own handwriting. I can swear to that," said the major, "with these words: 'Out of the scrape, A. Lincoln.' I've often thought," continued the major, "how glad he must have been to have been able to write these four words: 'Out of the scrape.'"

British Base in Galana.

An occasional correspondent writes from Demerara in British Guiana under the date Oct. 27 as follows: "Since I have been here I have heard a lot of nonsense about the Venezuelan and Egyptian boundary question, that will sound strange to readers in the United States. I think that I have caused the public opinion very well. I have dined in different hotels and table d'hote restaurants, playing the part of a Frenchman who cannot understand a word of English, and I have heard startling opinions expressed in the latter language. I have chatted with the principal shopkeepers when I have gone to purchase trifling articles and I have found that every one is discussing the chances of a war between the United States and England. The Hon. Charles Lus, governor of British Guiana, was summoned by cable, and he sailed on last Thursday in the R. M. S. Solent. The English-speaking people here express pity for the United States and the conviction that they will be smashed to pieces if England goes to war with them. So ignorant are these British merchants here that this very day in a table d'hote, one of them stated as a positive fact that the United States navy possesses only one cruiser, the so-called New York, and that she would be only a month's sail for the Blake. This English merchant went on to say that the other ships in our navy were schooners, and that they were armed with guns that were loaded with petroleum and were of no use. Another English merchant said that he knew the United States had another cruiser, the Columbia, and he had heard that she was a beauty. 'But of what use would it be?' he added. 'The American sailors are a lot of jumpers, and they will jump overboard when the first gun is fired. They have made a reputation as ship jumpers, and as soon as a gun is fired they will make a reputation as ship jumpers. They are of no use, and if the United States doesn't stop talking pretty quick, New York, Boston, and Chicago will be in ashes in a few weeks.' This is the kind of nonsense one hears in all the public places here, and from the most influential of the English merchants. They get a good deal of sport in talking about the Irish regiments that would be raised in the United States to repulse the English in case of war. In another hotel yesterday every one was talking war. One merchant expressed the general opinion in this way: 'It is time to remind Brother Jonathan that he was once our subject and that England makes the laws for all Europe and for the civilized world. It is time to tell down the United States.' In another restaurant, more cosmopolitan, there was an Austrian and an Italian merchant last night, and they were for arbitration. These are the only men whom I have heard talk that way thus far. 'And why arbitrate?' said the Englishman present. 'Would your emperor or king arbitrate about Vienna if Russia claimed it, or about Turin if Switzerland claimed it? Then why should we arbitrate about a land which belongs to us?' 'Yes,' answered the Austrian, 'who has become a British subject, which belongs to us as the sole pocketbook belongs to the thief.'

Masks for Soldiers.

Masks for soldiers engaged in warfare in the colonies, not as a defense against the sword or the bullet of the enemy, but as a protection against the no less dangerous cohorts of fevers—such is the original proposition which has just been submitted to the Academy of Medicine. It emanates from Dr. Henrot, professor of the Rheims School of Medicine, who argues that the use of this mask would prevent the germs from penetrating to the lungs of the soldier engaged in colonial warfare, who is he is not acclimated, and is overworked, is much more liable to attack from fever than other people. In short, as he maintains, it would place a barrier between the deleterious atmosphere and the organs of respiration.

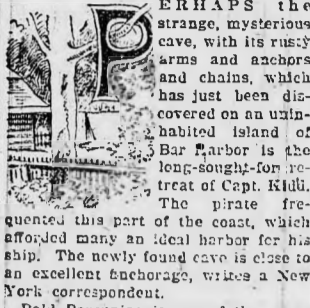
There are three women clergymen in Belfast, Me.—Miss Kingsbury, pastor of the Universalist church; Miss King of the Church of the Advent and Miss McIntyre of the Church of God.

Every is a dog that bites before barking.

IT IS A QUEER CAVE.

MYSTERIOUS CHAMBER ON PORCUPINE ISLAND.

Was This Capt. Kidd's Retreat?—Firearms, Chains and an Old Anchor Were Discovered, with Hundreds of Living Serpents.



ERHAPS the strange, mysterious cave, with its rusty arms and anchors, which has just been discovered on an uninhabited island of Bar Harbor is the long-sought-for retreat of Capt. Kidd. The pirate frequented this part of the coast, which afforded many an ideal harbor for his ship. The newly found cave is close to an excellent anchorage, writes a New York correspondent.

Bald Porcupine is one of the many islands in Frenchman's Bay, which, on account of its inaccessibility, has not been made a place of visitation by the summer tourist. It has been used for sheep raising. Harvey Hodgkins and Eric Duncker, of Bar Harbor, were strolling about the island recently and when near the highest point saw a dark spot on the cliff. The top of the rough cliff towered fifty feet above.

Duncker let himself in for a dozen feet, but soon appeared again and said it was dark as night within and that the passage led away to the right into a big chamber. The two men then procured torches and lanterns. They knew that men were then digging for Capt. Kidd's buried treasure near Ellsworth, only a score of miles away, and they thought that if the pirate had buried his wealth anywhere on the Maine coast he could not have selected a better place than the cave on Bald Porcupine, which guards the entrance of a harbor fitted by nature for a pirate's retreat.

When they returned the light from a torch lit up a vaulted chamber about 50 feet long and from 15 to 20 feet in height. There was a noise as of running water.

The floor of the chamber was found to be level, and it was covered with a oozing mud to the depth of a foot or more. The light from the torches began to grow dim and the men realized that the foul air was fast sickening them. They hurried out into the open air with blanched faces, but with anticipations of the possible treasure to be found in the cave.

The secret leaked out in Bar Harbor, and the discoverers consented to take a few friends to the spot. In the party were Serenus Rodiek, Milton Rodiek and Fountain Rodiek, the owners of Rodiek or Bar Island, which lies near Bald Porcupine, and who know every spot about Frenchman's Bay. They were enjoined to secrecy and consented to share in the treasure equally.

The party brought with them oilskin suits, long rubber boots, lanterns, torches and firearms. The Rodieks had been on exploring expeditions on Mount Desert Island before, and built a big fire at the entrance to the cave. In half an hour the party entered, and the light from the half dozen torches and the bonfire illuminated the cavern, disclosing an ideal retreat for smugglers or pirates. The space before them extended half a hundred feet in opposite direction, upward to the height of twenty feet and was about twenty feet in width.

As the men stepped into the room they sank in the mud a foot or more and cautiously poked their way along the floor, oftentimes knee deep in slime. On the side walls little scintillating glimmers cautioned them that there were snakes in the cave. A hissing noise all about caused the men to stop and listen.

Coiled in a corner was a huge bunch of snakes of all colors and sizes. The men fired a volley from their guns and blazed away with revolvers until the corner was strewn with brightly-colored bits of snakes and writhing remnants of tails. It is estimated that there were 200 snakes in the bunch.

Suddenly one of the party stumbled across a rust-eaten anchor and chain. The links of the chain parted on being lifted, and the anchor crumbled at a touch. Further on were a number of shelves hewn out of the stone, and nearby was a passage extending beyond the ceiling, which appeared to lead to the top.

A few pieces of old crumbling iron and half a short sword rewarded the searchers. This part of the cave had also been used for a fireplace.

At another part of the cave a stream of water trickled through from the mountain side, and this explained the mud on the floor. At one end the roof sloped into a dark, narrow passage through which Milton Rodiek squeezed himself against the protests of his comrades. When he emerged he said that the passage led down a steep hole, and that he was compelled to retreat, but that he believed it led to another room as big as the one they were in. A battered pewter mug was found in a crevice on the southern side of the cave. Another expedition to fully explore the strange cave is now being organized. The mysterious passage will be investigated and a search is to be made for buried treasure.

He Shot a Yellowstone Buffalo.

A vandal pot hunter named Courtney shot and killed a buffalo in the Yellowstone park recently and sold the head to a taxidermist in Butte, Mont., for \$150. He was traced by the United States officials and was arrested a few days ago. He will be tried in Wyoming for the offense.

SAID PASHA.

The New President of the Turkish Council of State.

Said Pasha, president of the Turkish council of state, has more than once fallen under the sultan's displeasure. In 1831, while occupying the office of grand vizier, he endeavored to obtain the sultan's consent to a program of reform which would rescue the administration from the degeneration resulting from the interference of the corrupt retainers of the palace, restore the porrie to its functions as the exponent of the internal and foreign policy and regain the respect of Europe by a consistent external policy and progressive internal improvements, including the Armenian reforms provided for in the treaty of Berlin. Said's protest against the sultan's irregular methods, in which he had before pliantly acquiesced, was provoked by the action of the sultan in the Russian indemnity negotiations in concluding arrangements with the Russian minister through a palace official without the participation of the porrie in any way. Said Pasha was subsequently called into consultation, when he opposed the sultan by protracting the negotiations. At the beginning of



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May Said was summarily dismissed from the premiership. The sultan felt that as he had been restricted by the independence of judgment and decision of character of the first minister. He easily persuaded himself, when Said's firmness in defending the interests of Turkey brought him into collision with the sultan's will, that his vigorous but simple minister was lacking in the right qualities, and that he could guide the foreign policy more ably himself. The succeeding first minister, Abdurrahman Pasha, was known as an efficient and honest provincial governor in Asia, but without experience in European diplomacy. During his brief tenure of office the intercourse was entirely between the cabinets and the palace through the roundabout channels to which Said Pasha had skillfully accommodated himself without allowing his functions to be superseded. When, after a few weeks, Abdurrahman began to be relieved, the statesman to whom the sultan turned insisted upon the cessation of palace interference, and he was finally constrained to recall Said Pasha, who was reappointed grand vizier in the second week of July. His first step on resuming office was to advise co-operation with Europe for the purpose of securing the settlement of the Egyptian difficulties in the hands of Turkey. The sultan, under the influence of the palace party, failed to follow the advice, but after it was too late endeavored to repair his blunder. At the end of November a conspiracy to kill or depose Abdul Hamid was reported to him, and in the panic which ensued the ministry was dismissed, and for several days all the members of it were held under suspicion. Achmet Vefik, a former grand vizier, whom Said Pasha had a few weeks before dismissed from the governorship of Eroussa for disobedience, was appointed to succeed him as premier. But two days afterward Said was again recalled, and the former ministers, including Mahmud Nedim, minister of the interior, Said's enemy, whose intrigues caused his dismissal both times, was reappointed

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It is estimated that over 4,000,000 human beings have perished in the wars of the world since the opening of the Christian era.

HIGH PRICE FOR POTATOES.

The John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., pay high prices for new things. They recently paid \$300 for a yellow rind watermelon, \$1,000 for 20 lb. new sets, \$300 for 100 lbs. of potatoes, etc., etc. Well, prices for potatoes will be high next fall. Plant a plenty, Mr. Wideawake! You'll make money. Salzer's Earliest are fit to eat in 25 days after planting. His Champion of the World is the greatest yielder on earth and we challenge you to produce its equal.

If you will send 14 cents in stamps to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., you will get, free, ten packages grains and grasses, including Teosinta, Spurry, Giant Incurable Clover, etc., and our mammoth catalogue. Catalogue 5c. for mailing, w.n.

Since the Mannlicher gun came into use the ratio is four killed to one wounded—just the opposite to what it formerly was.

INVESTORS FREE EXCURSION TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

The second Free Excursion to Lakewood, Riverside county, leaves Chicago on Jan. 1, 1891, in the heart of the San Jacinto Valley, the Paradise of America. Beautiful homes and no less than 100 miles from Oakland. Prices of 10 cents, including absolute ownership of a water right, \$1,000. Terms \$25 down, balance yearly. The only place in California to make an income from the land. Send particulars to The P. Mitchell & Co., Room 225, 118 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill.

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ANNUAL JANUARY CLEARING SALE.

Commencing Saturday, January 4th, and continuing all through the month, our entire stock at Actual Cost. Everything Goes. Nothing Reserved.

January finds us with an unusually large stock on hand, caused by buying large quantities of goods to get rock bottom prices, and are all new, bright merchandise. No old back-number stock.

Ladies' Misses' and Children's Cloaks, Jackets, Fur and Cloth Capes, Men's and Boys' Overcoats, Men's and Boys' Suits, Dress Goods and Trimmings, Laces, Ribbons, Yarns, Underwear, Quilts, Comforts, Bed Blankets, Flannels, Outing Flannels, Curtains, Shades, Draperies, Gloves, Mittens, Hosiery, Corsets, Silks, Velvets, Cottons, Hats, Caps, Gents' Furnishings, Boots, Shoes, Felts, Rubbers, Night Robes, Ladies Wrappers, Pants, Overalls, Shirts, Trunks, Valises, in fact the entire stock at actual cost for the month of January.

Take advantage of this sale at once. Don't wait until the best have been picked out. Remember first choice is always the best, and first come first served. You will never buy cheaper. Don't take your trade to Detroit thinking you can save money, for we will guarantee you a saving on every article you buy over Detroit prices.

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

Stark.

The people of this place enjoyed the merriment on New Year's night at the home of "Jim" Gamore, who was married that day. The people raised about \$15, which they presented to his wife. A barrel of refreshments (\$5) was served, and this was fully enjoyed as those who partook of it were out all night remaining everywhere in Stark.

There is considerable talk of Geo. Duggan selling his milk house to the nation, but no one seems to know for a certainty.

Fred Dean, who is well known at this place, having often worked at the D. L. N. depot, died at the home of his parents at 1 o'clock Monday morning. His funeral was held at the church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

In a recent letter to the manufacturers Mr. W. F. Benjamin, editor of the Spectator, Rushford, New York, says: "It may be a pleasure to you to know the high esteem in which Chamberlain's medicines are held by the people of your own state, where they must be the best known. An aunt of mine, who resides at Dexter, Iowa, was about to visit me a few years since, and leaving home wrote me, asking if they were sold here, stating if they were not she would bring a quantity with her as she did not like to be without them. The medicines referred to are Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of colds and croup; Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism, lame back, pains in the side and chest, and Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for bowel complaints. These medicines have been in constant use in Iowa for almost a quarter of a century. The people have learned that they are articles of great worth and merit, and unequaled by any other. They are for sale by Dr. J. G. Moiler, druggist.

Newburg.

The show which Mr. Guinness gave at the hall, Sat. evening, was not very well attended, and he will appear again Sat. evening, January 11th. All are invited. Admission 10 cents.

School commenced here last Friday after a vacation of nearly two weeks.

Miss Grace Maten is working for Bert Bennett, of Stark.

There will be a dramatic show given here in the near future.

Rev. C. E. Turner, of Northville, will preach here next Sunday.

FROM YOUNG AMERICANS.

The G. A. R.'s installed the following officers last Saturday night: C. G. Brown, Com.; L. Herrick, Sr. V. C.; C. Stockfleet, Jr. V. C.; S. Ostrander, Chap.; Wm. Toles, Q. M.; C. Westfall, O. D.; H. Bassett, Serg.; E. J. Norris, O. G.

The following officers were installed by the W. R. C. last Saturday: Pres., Mrs. M. King; Sr. V., Mrs. H. Bassett; Jr. V., Mrs. T. Davey; Treas., Mrs. S. Ostrander; Sec., Mrs. A. E. Farewell; Cond., Mrs. E. C. Bassett; Asst. Cond., Mrs. C. E. Rylier; S., Mrs. Wm. King; Asst. G., Mrs. J. King.

The W. R. C. talk of building an addition to their hall in the spring.

Livonia.

Mr. and Mrs. August Rohring, of Elm, spent a very sad New Year's day. Their little daughter died the day before, the funeral being held on New Year's day at this place. Their friends and neighbors turned out to sympathize with them.

Wm. B. Ewing has sold his farm, which consists of 175 acres of well tilled and improved land, to Fred Spahrler, of Redford, for \$10,000. It is one of the best farms in the township.

Patterson & Kingsley have purchased a large stationary engine and boiler for their feed mill at this place.

Mrs. H. P. Millard, who has been visiting her son, C. L. Ferguson, returned to Ann Arbor last Tuesday.

We are pleased to report that the number of people who attend the services at the Union church at this place is increasing every Sabbath.

Clint Wilcox and his brother were in the village last Tuesday.

THE DEACON.

Sent it to His Mother in Germany.

Mr. Jacob E. Jensen, who is in the employ of the Chicago Lumber Co., at Des Moines, Iowa, says: "I have just sent some medicine back to my mother in the old country, that I know from personal use to be the best medicine in the world for rheumatism, having used it in my family for several years. It is called Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It always does the work." 50 cent bottles for sale by J. G. Moiler, druggist.

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W. O. T. U.

Railway corporations, life insurance companies, mercantile concerns, as they are coming to perceive the surely degenerating quality of alcohol, have less and less use for the man who drinks. Many of them reject him altogether. It is a most effective argument for total abstinence, when a man who wants a job finds he is refused employment because he drinks. He is brought face to face with the question as to whether he holds himself out as his physical powers in the best condition he can be in, or as a man who is a liability to his employer. The inevitable logic of this reasoning is the discovery that the drunkard, in a very real sense, is a destructive agent, and an intolerable nuisance.

The fanatic or enthusiast, who objects by instinct or intuition and is thus ahead of his time; the moralist who reasons in abstractions which few understand; the theorist, who draws conclusions from premises of which the people are ignorant; these are often discredited prophets. But when men are told from facts drawn from actual experience, they will listen. If ever Medicine is an empiric science, which always hesitates to advance unless the path-way is clearly demonstrated, there is no greater and far reaching significance, therefore, in the following words uttered (Sept. 5) before the medico-legal congress in New York by President Clark Bell:

"Crime seems in the ocean of humanity to be the sum of social causes which, like great rivers, flow to ward and empty into it. Its Amazon is no doubt alcoholic stimulants, which, more than all other causes combined, constitute the inevitable, terrible, irresistible scourge of the race. In its current there appears as fishes and eddies, insanity, epilepsy, and physical degeneracy; not always in the parent, but more certain in the offspring. Its movements run, like the blood of man, into the veins and lives of children's children, with a taint as terrible as that of lprosy or syphilis. The burden of the state for the care of the insane in the rural districts of counties, notably in an agricultural county like Yates county, New York, are in this year of grace actually greater than the cost of the schools, and almost equal to the entire other expense of the state government, including the courts. When shall we have the courage to look this awful question squarely in the face and decrease the volume of crime? Not by penal laws for the punishment of the criminal (often the victim of his birth and environment) but by striking at and repressing the cause—The *Leck*, Nov. 21.

THE DISCOVERY SAVED HIS LIFE.

Mr. G. Caillouette, Druggist, Beaversville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial at John L. Gale's Drug Store.

Pikes Peak.

Thos. Kerr has sold his engine and boiler to Horace Kingsley, of Livonia Center.

Wm. Hunter, who was ill the fore part of the week, is able to be at work once more.

C. G. Brown, who has been ill, is somewhat better at present.

Miss Myra Dickerson, who has been spending the holidays at Grand Rapids, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. A. Robinson, who has been sick the past three weeks, is thought to be slowly improving.

A large crowd enjoyed themselves at P. of L. hall Friday evening, listening to Chas. Guinness, the elocutionist. Mr. Guinness will be at the hall Jan. 16. Don't miss hearing him.

J. Mylar is on the sick list.

Many people in this place are sick and no doctor in town, as Dr. Fenner has moved to Detroit.

Nov.

Mrs. Myra West is spending the week with her mother, Dr. Fenner, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pratt, of Detroit, spent New Year's with their friends.

Mrs. Myra Miller is still very ill. Her condition is better.

Miss Nellie Pratt entertained her friends Mr. and Mrs. Master of Prigton, last week.

Miss Mamie Johnson, of Northville, spent New Year's in Nov.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Palmer spent the holidays at Walled Lake.

The Baptist Sunday school elected the following officers last Sunday: Supt., G. A. Sutton; Asst. Supt., Perry Lamb; Sec., and Treas., Anna Kirkle; Organist, Edna Banks; Chorister, Lora Pratt; Librarian, Cora Becker; Asst. Librarian, Via Monroe.

Nearly 50 took supper at the M. E. church New Year's.

Mrs. Hannah and Anna Hoffman returned from Indiana Friday.

Perry Austin visited Ypsilanti Friday.

Mrs. D. Leah Matthews is very ill and a great sufferer with a cancer.

The week of prayer is being observed at the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith, of South Lyon spent New Year's with their friends.

Mrs. Walter Cook returned from a three week visit in Chicago Monday.

Mrs. Lora Nelson and Nellie Tibbitts visited in Detroit last week.

Miss Mabel Whipple returned to the Normal Saturday, and Miss Lulu Becker to her school in Piquette.

The young friends of Miss Lizzie Court gave her a genuine surprise at the home of O. J. Whipple Friday night.

Mrs. W. West is confined to her home with throat trouble.

Mrs. Geo. Gilbert, who has been ill for some time, is much worse at present.

On Tuesday morning Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Taylor Sr. were driving in front of Geo. Tibbitt's place when the cutter was upset and Mrs. Taylor was quite badly injured.

Rev. J. J. Tielmer, wife and daughter, Cora, spent part of last week in Farmington.

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