

# The Plymouth Mail.

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## HOLIDAY! SPECIALS.

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## BURGLARS

ENTERED E. L. RIGGS' CLOTHING STORE EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

And Carried Away About One Hundred and Fifty Dollars Worth of Clothing.

E. L. Riggs' store was broken into by burglars early Sunday morning. They secured an entrance by prying open a back window. After throwing the clothing all over the floor and selecting suits, overcoats, hats and shoes to fit, they left for parts unknown.

There were presumably three in the party as there were three old overcoats and hats left in the store. Gloves, neckties and jewelry were also taken.

Mr. Riggs estimates his loss at about \$150.00.

A description of the clothing taken and also that left behind has been given to the Detroit detectives and it is hoped the thieves may be apprehended.

### Roy Henry Beals.

Friday, Dec. 18, at 11:30 p. m., after a lingering illness of tuberculosis, characterized by Christian patience and fortitude, passed to his eternal home that the Master gives to his beloved, Roy Henry Beals, youngest son of the late C. H. Beals and surviving widow, aged 21 years and 7 months. Roy was a "Plymouth boy" in every respect of the word, the village school was his boyhood's quest, his interest and love was "mother and home," until incapacitated he was a great helper in the Baptist church, of which he was a member, principally among the young people of the church his was a moving spirit.

About two years ago he went to Greeley, Col., hoping to find in that climate invigorating influences. But last spring he returned to Plymouth, where, surrounded by loving friends he bore his burden of pain and disappointment without a murmur.

He is sadly missed. A few hours before his peaceful transition he left words of cheer and comfort to the family circle. He was satisfied to go even in budding manhood, feeling assured that all was well.

The funeral was held at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. A profusion of beautiful roses from the young people of the community, also from the Aid Society and young people of the church, together with carnations and rosebuds, spoke in silent yet eloquent language of the esteem and love in which he was held. The church was filled with a sympathetic audience, who with a large circle of friends and acquaintances extend to Mrs. Beals and family their sincerest sympathy and cheer.

### The State Encampment.

Last week's Record says it is possible that the next State encampment will be held in Northville. Yes, it is possible; but is it probable? It is possible, you know, that the State capitol will be moved to Plymouth, but then it isn't probable as all the buildings are located in Lansing and see what an expense it would be to move them here. Such is the case with the encampment. Everything is nicely arranged at Island Lake, the buildings up, the grounds for target practice built up and everything handy and convenient, besides being located in a place that can be easily reached by the troops as well as spectators, and now to change the location at a great expense to the taxpayers of Michigan for some whim of Governor-elect Pingree, is the most foolish thing imaginable. It looks more like spite work than anything else on his part.

There will probably be no encampment in 1897, as it has been recommended that the money used for that purpose, which amounts to from \$45,000 to \$63,000, be used to purchase new equipments for the militia, but in 1898 there will surely be one and we hope to be able to say that it will be at the same old place, not that we bear any malice or ill-will toward our sister village, but because it is the most economical and satisfactory way.

### In Favor of the Curfew Bell.

Some one wrote in the village paper in regard to the curfew bell, as one means of saving our Plymouth boys.

Many of us approve of the ringing of the bell at 7 p. m. and every boy on the streets unattended by a guardian, to be arrested, and thus be made safe. What do they learn on the streets after dark? And are they not worth all it costs to save them? Can we, fellow citizens, engage in any work of more importance than the making and keeping our splendid boys noble, manly and pure.

Let us have the bell rung at some reasonable hour, and through our noble council, guard our boys and keep them safe.

A CITIZEN.

### W. O. T. U.

#### Christmas Thoughts.

The echoes of Christmas festivities fill the air and, from shore to shore of our Christian land, we celebrate the birthday of the Man of Galilee. The stores are gay with the rich provisions made for holiday buying, and the eager, tired, good natured crowds are hurrying from store to store on generous thoughts intent.

But how about us whose purses have shown their well-worn lining too visibly all the winter through; whose own necessities outnumber the supply, yet whose hearts long to "do something" and have an active share in the showing of love and good-will? "I don't want Christmas to come!" said one of these to me, a gracious soul, whose generous desire outruns her financial ability. "I can't do one single thing I want to." And the listener knew well how that "want to" would, if possible, materialize into many an act of loving kindness and the ever "more blessed giving." Shall she and the host she represents miss the Christmas joy? Surely not. God never gave a song to any heart but He gave also some ear to listen, and for every desire to bless another there is, within reach, some one to bless and a corresponding ability. The only wealth that we can truly and lastingly share is soul wealth, and if we will but give ourselves, whatever of faith, love, strength, joy, peace, trust, has been poured into our hearts, will overflow into emptier vessels and our own riches be but increased thereby.

Fret not, beloved, that dollars are scarce. He who fed the thousands from the little lad's loaves, can, and will transmute into blessings which gold can never buy, every word spoken or written in his name, every "common place" act of Christian courtesy, every simple exchange of greetings, every handclasp, every thought and every prayer.

But some of us can give and we are in as much danger of marring the beauty of the Christmas season by certain subtle errors, as are those who would throw a shadow of misplaced regret over the glory of the day. Is it not possible that in our honest endeavor to measure up the conventionalities, we may border, unconsciously, but very really, nevertheless—upon insincerity? I mean this: Mrs. A., by reason of social propinquity, gave to Mrs. B., last year, a handsome Christmas gift, and this year Mrs. B. says with an honest sigh and a kindly smile, "Oh, dear, I suppose I must give Mrs. A. something!" And Mrs. A. because she gave something last year, and because she "knows" her giving will be "returned" repeats the act. Thus here are two good women held in a bond that, to say the least, does not truly deepen their mutual regard, and has in it little, if any, of benefit from one to the other. Could we see into the thoughts of the crowds of Christmas "shoppers," how many we would find wishing the season well over, because of the weariness and worry, to say nothing of regretted expense incurred.

Shall we not more courageously than hitherto shake off the shackles of custom and make our gifts this year as becometh the sisters and brothers of Him whose cradle was a manger for our sakes? "In His Name" rich and poor alike may "keep Christmas" and show forth the spirit of our Lord, who though he could feed the thousands, had not where to lay his head.

—Union Signal.

### Rogers—Downer.

Married, at the home of the bride in Plymouth, on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 22, Miss Mary M. Rogers to Mr. Charles Avery Downer, of Northville.

The wedding was a very quiet one, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. B. Oliver, with only a few of the immediate relatives present. Congratulations.

### Do We Need One?

A few weeks ago Josiah Cochrane, who had been our night-watch for two or three years, stopped doing duty because he was not receiving enough compensation. Since that time the village has been unguarded every night from 11 p. m. to 6 a. m., and we may consider ourselves fortunate that more stores have not been broken into.

Under the present condition of things there is nothing to hinder a gang of thieves from carrying away the entire contents of any of our stores during the course of a night. We have no one to give an alarm of fire in case one should get started.

The MAIL contends that a night-watch is necessary for the business part of the village and every business house in town should contribute a certain amount for the support of one. If one isn't enough we might have two—one for each end of the village.

By all means let us have a night-watch and at once. We have been "penny wise and pound foolish" too long. Enough goods were stolen last Sunday morning to pay a night-watch for six months.

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**MATTERS OF INTEREST TO  
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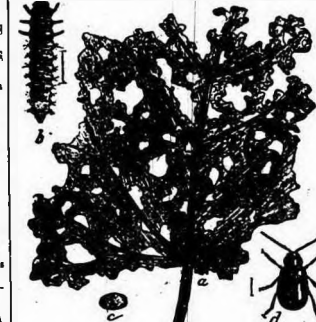
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ELow we give an illustration of the grape-vine flea beetle. Of it William Saunders says: This pretty but destructive little beetle forces itself upon the attention of grape-growers very prominently in the spring season, when, awakened by the reviving warmth of the sun from its winter state of torpidity, and with appetite sharpened by its long fast, it commences its work of destruction by eating away the substance of the buds as soon as they begin to swell, thus destroying many bunches of grapes in embryo. It goes on with this work for about a month, when it gradually disappears. Before leaving, however, the beetle provides for the continuance of its race by depositing little clusters of orange-colored eggs on the under side of the young vine leaves, which in a few days produce colonies of small, dark-brown larvae, which feed on the under side of the leaves, riddling them, and when numerous they devour the whole leaf except the larger veins, and sometimes entirely strip the vines of foliage. In three or four weeks the larva attains full growth, when it is a little more than three-tenths of an inch long, usually of a light brown color, sometimes dark, and occasionally paler and yellowish. The head is black and there are six or eight shining black dots on each of the other segments of the body, each dot emitting a single brownish hair. The under surface is paler than the upper; its feet, six in number, are black, and there is a fleshy orange-colored pro-leg on the terminal segment.

When mature the larvae leave the vines and descend to the ground, where they burrow under the earth and form small, smooth, oval cells, within which they change to dark-yellowish pupae. After remaining for two or three weeks in this condition the beetles issue from them and the work of destruction goes on; but since they live at this season of the year entirely on leaves, of which there is an abundance, the injury done is much less than in the spring. On the approach of winter the beetles retire to some suitable shelter, as under leaves, pieces of bark, or in the earth immediately under the roots of vines, where they remain inactive till the following spring. Besides the grape vine

they feed on the Virginia Creeper, the alder, and sometimes feed on the leaves of the plum.  
Remedies.—To destroy the beetles it is recommended to strew in the autumn air-slacked lime or unslacked ashes around the infested vines, removing and destroying all rubbish that affords shelter. In the spring the canes and young foliage may be syringed with water, in which has been stirred a teaspoonful of Paris green to each gallon. Strong soapsuds have also been recommended and are deserving of trial. On chilly mornings the beetles are comparatively sluggish and inactive, and may then be jarred from the vines on sheets and collected and destroyed. These insects are much more abundant in some seasons than in others.



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**Avoid Being Stung.**  
Why do bees sting some people more than others? Some tell me they can have a swarm of bees, take away honey, transfer, or do any other thing necessary, and never use a veil or gloves, and never get stung. Now, I get stung every time I work with them, even with good veil and gloves on. This morning I looked into a hive having a new swarm in it, and I received six stings before I could quietly replace the cover. Is there any way to avoid stings? I am not afraid of the bees, and like to work with them; but I should prefer not to get stung every time I go near them.

The above was addressed to Mr. A. I. Root, editor of Gleanings in Bee Culture, a short time since, and he replies as follows: I know there is a sort of current impression to the effect that bees will sting some people more than others. While this is true, it is not because they are able to recognize any peculiar physical condition or difference, nor is it because one person smells to the bees differently from another. It is because they notice a difference in behavior in different persons. For instance, Mr. A. has made a close study of the habits of bees, and particularly of the causes that induce them to sting. He recognizes that quick motions, under some circumstances are quite likely to arouse the bees and make them sting very badly. There are certain things he can do with impunity, and others he can not; or, perhaps, we had better put it this way: He can do anything with bees he desires; but if he works in a certain

peculiar way he will get stung badly; but if his motions are regulated to their whims, he will get along with few or perhaps no stings. Another man, Mr. B, is not afraid of bees, and does not care much whether he is stung or not. Perhaps he thinks a veil useless, and does not wear one; or maybe he rips the cover off with a yank. He is clumsy in his motions. One bee stings him. He draws his hand back quickly, and receives half a dozen more. He does not know the importance of doing all things decently and in order. "Smoker? Oh, yes! he has one; but he uses it at the wrong time, and does not keep it on hand ready to quell any disturbance that is likely to arise. Mr. A, on the contrary, observes that bees are crosser on some days than on some others; but if he must handle them on an "off day" (a cool day after a rain; a day when the bees have been robbing, or a day following a sudden stoppage of the honey-flow); he will first make sure that his smoker is in good order, and ready to give off a good volume of smoke. He will blow a little of it in at the entrance, and then pry the cover up a little very gently. As he does so he will send a stream of smoke into the crack made by the putty-knife or screw-driver. This drives down the guards, and then the crack is made a little wider, and more smoke is then driven in, when the cover is removed. If the bees show a quick nervous movement, standing up high on their legs, bobbing their bodies quickly one way and then the other, he gives them a few more light whiffs of smoke until they are subdued. With a screw-driver he loosens the frames, hiding the smoker in his hand. Just as soon as the bees stick their heads up, ready to show fight, he drives them back again, and then very cautiously and deliberately removes the first frame. His movements from now on are very deliberate, and occasionally when the bees are a little obstreperous he gives them another whiff of smoke. Only a very little is required—just sufficient to let them know that he is master, and that they must let him entirely alone. This summer I worked with the bees nearly a week before I received a single sting, and yet one of the boys who worked near me at the time, doing the same work, was stung anywhere from three to five times a day. Perhaps some may feel that these slow movements wasted a good deal of time; but I find that I can really do more work in a day by closely and carefully watching any disposition on the part of the bees to resent my intrusion. Right here rests the whole secret. To one who is accustomed to handling bees there is a certain indescribable action on their part that shows when they are ready to sting. A little smoke at the right time takes the "fight" all out of them. I do not believe it is good policy for one who handles bees very much to get stung a great many times, and one should be careful to avoid every sting as much as possible. In the summer, when the bees are working in the fields, one or two stings perhaps in the whole month would be all that I should get, providing there were nothing but Italians from imported stock, or of that persuasion; and how I avoid the stings is simply by following the plan laid down for Mr. A. In this connection it might be well to state that one who makes a business of keeping bees is liable in years to come to experience some bad effects from too much of the apis-mellifica poison being injected into his system. The Rev. L. L. Langstroth, James Heddon, and others in later years experienced some inconvenience from what they ascribed to the presence of too much bee-sting poison in the system. In regard to dispensing with a veil—yes, this can be done, but it doesn't pay. I have seen some of these same chaps boast of how they did not need any face protection; yet I have seen them waste valuable time in stopping to put the hands up to the face, or plunge the head in a clump of bushes, in ignoble retreat.

**Place for the Manures.**  
If there are manures lying about the barns or yards now they are bound to lose a part of their substance with every fall of rain and by reason of heating in the heap, says an exchange. The proper thing to do is to get them out into the fields or pastures at once, preferably the latter. This plan will in any case give ample time and opportunity for the liquids of the manure to become incorporated with the soil. It is, in fact, the only way to save anything like the full value of the manures on the farm. The loss of the manures on the farm is the straight road to the loss of fertility. The richness of the soil is carried away in the good crops produced, and when the farmer fails to return in any degree this fertility by an effort to put the manures back whence they came he is destined after a little to see his once bountiful crops grow beautifully less and less as the years come and go.

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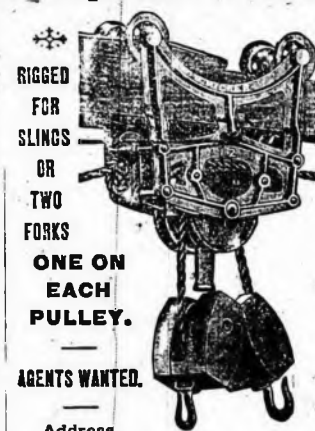
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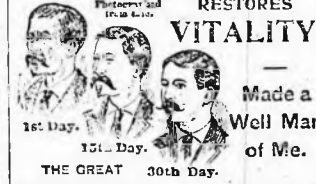
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PART II. CHAPTE III—(Continued.)

As a rule, the more curious the nature, the more avaricious it is found to be. My promise of liberal remuneration was, after all, not without its effect upon the strange couple whose refusal to afford me refuge had so nearly endangered my life. They condescended to get me some tea and rough food. After I had disposed of all that, the man produced a bottle of gin. We filled our glasses, and then, with the aid of my pipe, I settled down to make the best of a night spent in a hard wooden chair.

I had come across strange people in my travels, but I have no hesitation in saying that my host was the silliest, silliest, most boorish specimen of human nature I had as yet met with. In spite of his recent ill-treatment of me I was quite ready to establish matters on a friendly footing, and made several attempts to draw him into conversation. The brute would only answer in monosyllables, or often not answer at all. So I gave up talking as a bad job, and sat in silence, smoking, and looking into the fire, thinking a good deal, it may be, of some one I should have met that morning at Lilymere, had that wretched snow not kept off.

The long clock—that cumbersome eight-day machine which inevitably occupies one corner of every cottager's kitchen—struck nine. The woman rose and left us. I concluded she was going to bed. If so I envied her. Her husband showed no signs of retiring. He still sat over the fire, opposite me. By this time I was dreadfully tired; every bone in my body ached. The hard chair which, an hour or two ago, seemed all I could desire, now scarcely came up to my ideas of the comfort I was justly entitled to claim. My sulky companion had been drinking silently but steadily. Perhaps the liquor he had poured into himself might have rendered his frame of mind more pleasant and amenable to reason.

"My good fellow," I said, "your chairs are excellent ones of the kind, but decidedly uncomfortable. I am horribly tired. If the resources of your establishment can't furnish a bed for me to sleep in, couldn't you find a mattress or something to lay down before the fire?"

"You've got all you'll get to-night," he answered, knocking the ashes out of his pipe.

"Oh, but I say!"

"So do I say. I say this: If you don't like it you can leave it. We didn't ask you to come."

"You infernal beast," I muttered—and meant it too. I declare, had I not been so utterly worn out, I would have had that bullet-headed ruffian up for a few rounds on his own kitchen floor, and tried to knock him into a more amiable frame of mind.

"Never mind," I said, "but remember, civility costs nothing, and often gets rewarded. However, if you wish to retire to your own couch, don't let your native politeness stand in your way. Pray don't hesitate on my account. Leave plenty of fuel, and I shall manage until the morning."

"Where you stay, I stay," he answered. Then he filled his pipe, and once more relapsed into woful silence.

I bethought about him no more. I dozed off for a few minutes—woke dozed off again for some hours. I was in an uncomfortable sort of half sleep, crammed full of curious dreams—dreams from which I started, wondering where I was and how I got there. I even began to grow nervous. All sorts of horrible travelers' tales ran through my head. It was in just such places as this that unsuspecting voyagers were stated to have been murdered and robbed. By just such unmitigated ruffians as my host—I can tell you that altogether I spent a most unpleasant night.

To make matters worse and more dismal, the storm still raged outside. The wind moaned through the trees, but it had again changed, and I knew from the sound on the window panes that heavy rain had succeeded snow. As the big drops of water found their way down the large old-fashioned chimney, the fire hissed and spluttered like a spiteful vixen. Everything combined to deprive me of what dog's sleep I could by sheer persistency snatch.

I think I tried every position which an ordinary man, not an acrobat, is capable of adopting with the assistance of a commod wooden chair. I even lay down on the hard flags. I actually tried the table. I propped up the upper half of my body against the corner walls of the room; but found no rest. At last I gave up all idea of sleeping, and fully aroused myself. I comforted myself by saying that my misery was only temporary—that the longest night must come to an end.

My companion had now succumbed to fatigue, or to the combined efforts of fatigue and gin and water. His head was hanging sideways and he slept in a most uncomfortable attitude. I chuckled as I looked at him, feeling quite sure that, if such a clod was capable of dreaming at all, his dreams must be worse even than mine. I filled another pipe, poked the smoldering logs into a blaze, and sat almost nose and knees over the fire, finding some amusement in speculating upon the condition of the churl before me, and thinking the Lord I was not like unto this man. Suddenly an idea flashed across my mind.

I had seen this fellow before. But when or where I could not remember.

His features, as I looked at them with keener interest, seemed to grow more and more familiar to me. Where could I have met him? Somewhere or other, but where? I racked my brain to associate him with some scene, some event. Although he was but an ordinary countryman, such as one sees scores of in a day's ride, only differing from his kind on account of his unpleasant face, I felt sure we were old acquaintances. When he awoke for a moment and changed his strained attitude my feeling grew stronger and stronger. Yet puzzle and puzzle as I would I could not call to mind a former encounter; so at last I began to think the supposed recognition was pure fancy on my part.

Having smoked out several pipes, I thought that a cigar would be a slight break to the monotony of the night's proceedings. So I drew out my case and looked at its contents. Among the weeds was one of a lighter color than the others. As I took it out I said to myself, "Why, Old Brand gave me that one when I was last at his house." Curiously enough, that cigar was the missing link in the chain of my memory. As I held it in my hand I knew at once why my host's ugly face seemed familiar to me.

About a fortnight before, being in town, I had spent the evening with the doctor. He was not alone, and I was introduced to a tall pale young man named Carriston. He was a pleasant, polite young fellow, although not much in my line. At first I judged him to be a would-be poet of the fashionable miserably school; but finding that he and Brand talked so much about art I eventually decided that he was one of the doctor's many artist friends. Art is a hobby he backs about on grandly. (Mem., Brand's own attempts at pictures are simply atrocious.)

Just before I left, Carriston, the doctor's back being turned, asked me to step into another room. There he showed me the portrait of a man. It seemed very cleverly drawn, and I presume he wanted me to criticize it.

"I am a precious bad judge," I said. "I am not asking you to pass an opinion," said Carriston. "I wanted to beg a favor of you, I am almost ashamed to beg it on so short an acquaintance."

He seemed modest, and not in want of money, so I encouraged him to proceed.

"I heard you say you were going into the country," he resumed. "I want to ask you if by any chance you should meet the original of that drawing, to telegraph at once to Dr. Brand."

"Whereabouts does he live?"

"I have no idea. If chance throws him in your way, please do as I ask."

"Certainly I will," I said, seeing the young man made the request in solemn earnest.

He thanked me, and then gave me a small photograph of the picture. This photograph he begged me to keep in my pocket-book, so that I might refer to it in case I met the man he wanted. I put it there, went my way, and am sorry to say, forgot all about it. Had it not been for the strange clear in my case bringing back Carriston's unusual request to my mind, the probabilities are that I should not have thought again of the matter. Now, by a remarkable coincidence, I was spending the night with the very man who, so far as my memory served me, must have sat for the portrait shown me at Brand's house.

"I wonder what I did with the photo," I said. I turned out my letter-case. There it was, right enough! Shading it with one hand, I carefully compared it with the sleeper.

Not a doubt about it! So far as a photograph taken from a picture can go, it was the man himself. The same ragged beard, the same coarse features, the same surlly look. Young Carriston was evidently a wonderful hand at knocking off a likeness. Moreover, in case I had felt any doubt on the matter, a printed note at the bottom of the photograph said that one joint was missing from a right-hand finger. Sure enough, my friend lacked that small portion of his misbegotten frame.

This discovery threw me into an ecstasy of delight. I laughed so loudly that I almost awoke the ruffian. I guessed I was going to take a glorious revenge for all the discomforts I had suffered. No one, I felt sure, could be looking for such a fellow as this to do any good to him. I was quite happy in the thought, and for the remainder of the night gloated over the idea of putting a spoke in the wheel of one who had been within an ace of causing my death. I resolved, the moment I got back to civilization, to send the desired intelligence to Brand, and hope for the best.

IV. HE end of that wretched night came at last. When the welcome morning broke, I found that a great change had taken place out of doors. The fierce snow-storm had been the farewell of the frost. The heavy rain that followed had filled the roads with slush and rapidly-thawing snow. I managed to extort some sort of a breakfast from my host; then, having recognized him according to my promise—not his desert—started, as

soon as I could, on the bare back of my unfortunate steed for Midcombe, which place, after my night's experience, seemed gifted with merits not its own. I was surprised upon leaving the house to find that it was of larger dimensions than, from the little I saw of it during the night, I had imagined. It was altogether a better class of residence than I had supposed. My surly friend accompanied me until he had placed me on the main road, where I could make no possible mistake. He was kind enough to promise to assist any one I might send out in getting the dog-cart once more under way. Then with a hearty wish on my part that I might never again meet with his like, we parted.

I found my way to Midcombe without much trouble. I took off my things, had a wash, and, like a sensible man for once, went to bed. I did not forget to send a boy straight off to the nearest telegraph station, to message to Brand was a brief one. It simply said: "Tell your friend I have found his man." This duty done, I dismissed all speculation as to the result from my mind, and settled down to make up arrears of sleep.

I was surprised at the reply received that same evening from Brand, "We shall be with you as soon as we can get down to-morrow. Meet us at station." From this it was clear that my friend was wanted particularly—all the better! I turned to the timetable and found that, owing to changes and delays, they could not get to C—the nearest station to Midcombe, until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. I inquired about the crippled dog-cart. It had been brought in; so I left strict instructions that a shaft of some sort was to be rigged in time for me to drive over the next day and meet the doctor and his friend.

They came as promised. It was a comfort to see friends of any description, so I gave them a hearty welcome. Carriston took hold of both my hands, and shook them so warmly that I began to fear that I had discovered a long-lost father of his in my friend. I had almost forgotten the young fellow's appearance, or he looked a very different man to-day from the one I had seen when last we met. Then he was a wan, nervous, romantic, poetical-looking sort of a fellow; now he seemed full of energy, vitality, and grit. Poor old Brand looked as serious as an undertaker engaged in burying his own mother.

Carriston began to question me, but Brand stopped him. "You promised I should make inquiries first," he said. Then he turned to me.

"Look here, Richard"—when he calls me Richard I know he is fearfully in earnest—"I believe you have brought us down on a fool's errand; but let us go to some place where we can talk together for a few minutes."

I led them across the road to the Railway Inn. We entered a room, and having for the sake of appearances ordered a little light refreshment, told the waiter to shut the door from the outside. Brand settled down with the air of a cross-examining counsel. I expected to see him pull out a New Testament and put me on my oath.

"Now, Richard," he said, "before we go further I want to know your reasons for thinking this man, about whom you telegraphed, is Carriston's man, as you call him."

"Reasons! Why of course he is the man. Carriston gave me his photograph. The likeness is undisputable—leaving the finger joint out of the question."

Here Carriston looked at my cross-examiner triumphantly. The meaning of that look I have never to this hour understood. But I laughed because I knew old Brand had for once made a mistake, and was going to be called to account for it. Carriston was about to speak, but the doctor waved him aside.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—DEBATE.

Last a Fortnight Usually—Favorable Time for Speaking.

A big debate often lasts a fortnight—that is to say, it is carried on during the Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays of two weeks; the Wednesdays being usually devoted to the consideration of bills introduced by unofficial members, says Temple Bar. The order in which the leading members of the government and of the opposition speak is previously arranged by the whips of the different parties, and the speaker, being informed privately of the understanding, calls on these members in the order appointed, no matter how many small men may at the same time strive to catch his eye. A member of the opposition always follows in debate a member of the government. The opening of a sitting and toward its close, or before and after the "dinner hour"—that is, from 5 till 7 o'clock and from 10 till 12—are considered the best and most favorable times for speaking. It is during these periods of the sitting that the "big guns" on each side are brought into action. Under the rules of the house all opposed business must cease at 12 o'clock and the member who at that hour moves the adjournment of the debate has the right to open it the next evening. If a member of the government speaks last at night, the adjournment of the debate is moved by an opponent of the government and, vice versa, if a member of the opposition concludes his speech at midnight a supporter of the administration secures the advantage of resuming the debate on the following evening.

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Subsoiling is sometimes beneficial, ad sometimes useless and may be injurious, says Texas Farm and Ranch. When there is a dry, hard subsoil, it will pay to loosen it up. Wherever there is a subsoil inclined to lie together and become compacted, deep and thorough loosening is just what is required. In porous, gravelly subsoils the process is useless and often injurious. Subsoil plowing does not reduce moisture, it simply puts the ground in good condition to receive and retain moisture from precipitation. The capacity of a porous soil to retain moisture is well illustrated by this bit of experience. Early last spring the writer had several loads of coarse sand and gravel hauled and deposited in piles of about one cubic yard each. This was removed about the end of the protracted drouth. Six inches below the surface it was wet enough for any purpose of plant growth. About the same time, post holes dug in the black, stiff oil near by showed it to be apparently perfectly dry as deep as the auger went, eighteen inches to two feet. Subsoiling should never be done when the soil is very wet, for this leaves the ground in a worse condition than before. Subsoiling should be done in fall or winter so that repeated rains may settle it and fill it to saturation. After his shallow stirring of the surface will retain the moisture with but little subsequent rain.

Weeds as Fertilizers. The University of Virginia has been experimenting with weeds in order to determine their value as fertilizers, making their proportion of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash as the criterion of commercial value. Fifty species of weeds were taken for the experiment, and of these fifty the highest in value per dry ton was the common poke berry (Phytolacca decandria), which indicated that a dry ton of this would equal as manure what would cost \$21.93 if the chemical matters above named had been bought for manure. The lowest in value of the fifty thus used for manure would be common panic grass (Panicum virgatum), which would be worth only \$3.40 per ton, estimated in the same way. Strange to say, some closely allied species of grass showed high manurial value. The common crab grass (Panicum sanguinalis), stands third on the list, with a value of \$13.39 per ton. One very remarkable fact is the exceptional value of the poke berry. This is given as \$21.93, while the next on the list, bitter dock (the common Rumex obtusifolius) is but \$16.26; all the others down to the panic grass following each other in fractions of the dollar only between them.

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- 3.—Shallow cultivation of corn gave a slightly better yield than deep cultivation.
- 4.—Corn which was cultivated three times yielded 41.1 bushels per acre; that which was worked five times yielded 39.5 bushels per acre.
- 5.—Drilled corn gave a rather better yield than checked corn.
- 6.—Manure from a well balanced ration made slightly more corn per acre than manure from a poorly balanced ration.

Sun-Burned Potatoes.—Potatoes that are to be kept for eating should not lie long on the surface of the ground exposed to the sun, for if they are greened even slightly much of the potato must be cut off with the peel, or it will be bitter. The green of potato is a poison. Though the green tops of potatoes will sometimes be eaten by cows, they will give the bitter taste to the milk that is sometimes noticed in fall. Cows will not eat enough of them, however, to do themselves any injury. When the green of sun-burned potatoes is cut away it carries with it the best part of the potato, as there is in nearly every bush more nutrition on the outer surface of vegetables than in those less near to the sunlight. For seed potatoes the greening by sunshine is no disadvantage. It dries out the potato, and makes the eyes push out stronger than they would if not so dried.—Ex.

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Friday, Dec. 25, 1896.

# FAR AND NEAR!

IMPORTANT EVENTS FROM OUR EXCHANGES CONDENSED AND RECORDED HERE.

At one to the north is now in the air. And it is now in the air. Santa Claus has been in the air. And his visit will come in a bicycle.

Stockbridge is talking electric lights.

Wm. Thomas, of Farmington, receives an increase of pension.

The German Lutherans have organized a church society in Northville and have commenced regular services.

Otis Warner, a carpenter of Wayne, was seriously injured by falling timbers one day last week, while working on a barn in Oakwood.

That always-up-to-date paper, the Morning Observer, last Saturday issued a very pretty Christmas-souvenir edition. Allen Bros., the publishers, are always at the front.

Henry Ward, of Pontiac, is in the sheep business. He now has about 9,000 and expects to reach the 15,000 mark before spring. Can't pull the wool over his eyes. He knows there's money in 'em.

A lady not long since gave her boy a lecture on the filthiness of the tobacco habit, and in closing it she said "even pigs won't eat it." "Well," remarked the youth, "boys won't eat will either." See!

Ezra Travis, Oakwood, with the aid of his gun, amputated one of his great toes while hunting one day last week. It was an accident. He was resting the muzzle of the gun on his foot when it was accidentally discharged.

One night recently Julius Wilcox and Oscar Chase, of Fowlerville, treed four coons in a neighboring woods. Wilcox his gun, takes aim and pulls the trigger, but his aim was not good, so he let Oscar Chase to the house after an ax. After cutting the tree they captured the four coons and took out of the tree a quantity of honey.

Representative Ray, of New York, believes that the sensational publication of the details of suicides results in increasing suicide, and he has introduced a bill making any publication, not devoted to medical science, which publishes the picture of the suicide, or any details, excepting name, date, and place of death, unavailable.

After this year, clergymen's half-fare permits on roads included in Central Passenger Association's district will be issued good on all their lines, doing away with the necessity of separate permits for the individual roads. Certified application must be made to F. C. McDonald, commissioner for the central passenger committee, Chicago, accompanied by a fee of 50 cents.

Floyd Rogers, a Springport youth, loaded a gun with powder and a marble, and took deliberate aim at the barn, and pulled the trigger, supposing of course that he would miss it. A noise and the whinny of a horse in the barn informed the youth that his marble had not only hit the barn, but a horse as well. The ball struck the horse on the shoulder inflicting a severe wound.

Alex. I. McLeod, county treasurer, has filed with the auditor general a bond for \$250,000 to insure the payment of the state taxes collected in Wayne county. The Fidelity Company is surety upon the bond. State Treasurer-elect Steele also filed his bond of \$500,000 on the same day with the same surety, but which was refused by Attorney-General Maynard, because of the defective law.

A fake insurance solicitor terrorized Wayne ladies one day last week. He ought to be tarred and feathered.

It is said that a Poultry Journal is about to be launched in Cass City. A gentleman from Northville, Mich., is the instigator. —Cass City Gazette.

The Yellowstone Park in winter with its glorious beauty and dangerous drifts of snow is graphically described and pictured in the January *Democrat*.

Representative Bostner, of La., who will not be a member of the next Congress, has introduced a bill to increase the Speaker's salary from \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year and of Senators and Representatives from \$5,000 to \$7,500. While a majority in Congress would probably like to see this bill become a law, there is no likelihood that a majority will vote for it, because the prevailing idea is that the salaries paid are already equal to, if not in excess of the value of the services rendered.

At the beginning of a term of school a youngster in one of the rural districts entered the school room with an armful of books and upon being asked if he studied all those, he replied, "No, these belong to my brother." "Your brother must be a smart boy to study all those," remarked the teacher. "Well, you ought to see Jim finger" replied the boy. He's been clear through addition, partition, subtraction, division, abomination, justification, creation, amputation, extrication, combination and adoption.

A tramp who was stealing a ride on the D. L. & N. freight train one day last week saved Conductor Sherwood's life. Sherwood had ordered him off the train, but when the train started, he again got on unnoticed. The conductor was walking on the cars toward the engine when he slipped and fell between the two cars on which "weary Willie" sat, and would have gone down under the car wheels had not the tramp caught him and held him in a vice-like grip. It is needless to say that he got a free pass to Grand Rapids whether he was going.

A good old minister residing in the western part of the county went to call on one of the members of his flock a few days ago, and upon reaching the house, encountered little Tommy, who was playing in the yard. "My boy," said the reverend gentleman, "are your parents at home?" "No," replied the future citizen, "not knowing whom he was addressing, 'they ain't here now, but you better come in and wait. P's got eight decks of cards and a case of beer, and I heard him say a little while ago that they was going to have a devil of a time here tonight." —Lexington News.

Editor Warren, of the Saline Observer, claims that he saw real live snakes last week. Hold on now, Warren, just because apples are plenty this year that is no sign that they will be next. Better save a little of that extract; besides if you keep on at that rate until spring you will probably not only see snakes, but will get a chance to see the peary gates. But then you are not the only one that is traveling along that road, there is Bloomer, of the Farmington enterprise, only his imagination varies a little from the general run. He can see morning glories, but as we all know, morning is generally the worst time, we feel inclined to think he meant evening glories instead.

The picturesque quarter of the Chinese in New York furnishes matter for an excellent article in *Democrat's Magazine* for January and leads itself to capital illustration which in this case is done with much taste.

Samuel Wilkinson, Northville's electrician, was the victim of a peculiar accident Sunday night. He was using the sharp edge to pry off a board from a coal box and by some means it slipped and cut a big gash in his side, just above the right hip, barely missing an artery. He bled profusely before assistance came, but is now on the way to recovery.

Rheumatism is caused by lactic acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes the acid and cures rheumatism.

The Milan Leader suggests that country publishers ask their representatives in the legislature to make a law that would make it an offense punishable by fine or imprisonment for a subscriber to a newspaper to habitually lend his paper. That would be nice, but aman that is mean enough to borrow his neighbor's paper would be mean enough to beat the editor out of his pay if he was a subscriber. The publishers are probably making more money out of it as it is.

You Can Be Well

When your blood is pure, rich and nourishing for nerves and muscles. The blood is the vital fluid, and when it is poor, thin and impure you must either suffer from some distressing disease or you will easily fall a victim to sudden changes, exposure, or overwork. Keep your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla and be well.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pill; assist digestion, cure headache. 25 cents.

Dr. T. F. O'Donnell, a well-known druggist of Parsons, Pa., in speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy says: "Several times in the last few years when suffering with cramp or diarrhea I have made a personal test of the value of this remedy. The effect in each instance was almost immediate relief." For sale by Dr. J. G. Medler.

# ADVENTURES OF THE PUPPIES.

They Were Too Much for the Officers of the Ship.

On one of our small coast-survey schooners there was once a litter of puppies belonging to the captain, wrote the late Admiral Stevens in the *Youth's Companion*. They were to be allowed to remain on board until old enough to leave their mother, but during their stay on board what scurrying, scampering, frolicsome nuisances they were! The smartest and most energetic puppy of the lot was a little buffy black-and-white spotted fellow called "Spot-tycus, the Gladiator," and he led all the others in mischief. The puppies had their meals immediately after the ward-room officers. Spottycus evidently considered it an infringement of his dignity to be relegated to the second table, and so one day he led a crusade.

It was a warm summer evening and the ward-room officers were just being helped to their soup when there was a rush overhead, followed by a most fearsome succession of tiny barks. The officers looked up and beheld every one of the open skylights overhead occupied by a little dog reaching over as far as he could get, his mouth open and his little red tongue hanging out.

The first lieutenant rose from his seat in horror, but as if that had been the signal agreed upon, Spottycus slipped from his hold and plunged headlong into the tureen of hot soup. As in duty bound, the others followed his example, and for awhile, in the midst of sounds of breaking glassware, the thud and splash of falling bodies and a prolonged and horrible yelping, squealing and whining, it rained puppies.

The next exploit was to fall overboard all together, being led as usual by the indomitable Spottycus, whose cheerful disregard of consequences was something appalling. They were rescued from a watery grave and wrapped in hot towels, whence they escaped to eat a lot of poisoned flypaper. They became deathly sick, of course, and all that night had to be attended by two of the officers and most of the crew.

After this they were sent ashore and the ship adopted a menagerie of kittens, having found puppies beyond control. Remembering the effect of poisoned flypaper on the digestive organs of small animals, the officers threw away what they had of this kind and laid in a stock of the stick kind.

This, however, was hardly an improvement, for the kittens would go to sleep on it and, waking to find their movements hampered in some mysterious manner that savored of witchcraft, they would give a wild yell and plunge up the companion ladder, a frightened, scrambling, stick mess of furry brown paper.

# The Field of Waterloo.

The modern Belgian peasant attacks the visitor to Waterloo with immoderation and demands English silver most persistently. The conductor of the char-a-banc which conveys you to the field sturdily claims backsheeh for the sole service of having relieved you of your fare. From the moment you leave the station until the moment you return you are pursued by a crowd of ragged urchins howling "Charite" at the tops of their ugly voices, or insisting on the purchase of the most ridiculous mementoes. At the gates of La Have Sainte, where the brave Germans fell to a man after having exhausted their ammunition, a farm girl invites you to enter and then bars your exit with a belated demand for half a franc a visitor. At Hougoumont they have learned to improve upon this: A lady makes terms with you while you are at the gate for admission at the rate of half a franc each, but this you learn, to your disgust, on your departure does not include an additional charge of half a franc each for the service of the guide to the farm from whose clamor you have vainly endeavored to escape during the entire leaved of your stay. Such in sober truth is the condition of the field of Waterloo to-day. What it will be when the railway is opened and the dejected battalions of the "personally conducted" are poured out on it is one of those things it is better to suspect than know. —Pall Mall Gazette.

The first serious revolution took place in 1848, under the leadership of Narciso Lopez, who repeated his attempt to free the island from Spanish control in 1851.

# POLITICAL POINTERS.

Never work for a candidate with a poor memory.

Never vote for a man whose horse stops when he says "Get up."

Never run for office unless your character will stand the witness box test.

Never write letters during the campaign. Documentary evidence is hard to lose.

Never vote for an individual whose wife is president of the local women's suffrage club.

Never argue politics with a fool unless you're a fool yourself. It takes a fool to vanquish a fool.

Where Jackson Fought a Duel.

During the storm last week a large red elm tree in front of Tom Darden's house, near town, was blown down. This elm was perhaps the most historic tree in the country and was known as the "Dickerson tree." It was situated on the grounds whereon the famed Jacob Dickerson duel was fought years ago, and under its spreading branches Dickerson reclined awaiting medical attention after being mortally wounded by Gen. Jackson. The trunk of this old tree measures only four feet in length, while its branches measure 100 feet across. Mr. Darden greatly regrets the uprooting of this old forestry landmark. —Adairville Banner.

# REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PLYMOUTH SAVINGS BANK,

At Plymouth, Michigan, at the close of business Dec. 17, 1896.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$17,825 62
Stocks, Bonds, Mortg., etc.	42,705 79
Overdrafts	1,721 22
Banking house	4,500 00
Furniture and fixtures	2,466 69
Other real estate	7,366 68
Due from banks in reserve cities	16,632 25
Due from other banks and bankers	15 00
Exchanges for clearing	61 26
Cheques and cash items	3,136 95
Nichels and cents	49 07
Gold coin	1,904 48
Silver coin	2,256 25
U. S. and Nat'l Bank Notes	888 00
Total	\$203,013 47

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided Profits, less taxes, expenses and interest paid	3,197 59
Dividends unpaid	75 00
Commercial deposits	32,481 43
Certificates of deposit	34,259 92
Savings deposits	72,899 53
Total	\$203,013 47

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, I, E. K. BENNETT, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this twenty-fourth day of Dec., 1896.

EUGENE P. LOMBARD, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: L. H. BENNETT, J. B. THILLOTSON, L. N. STALEWEATHER, Directors.

# REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Exchange Bank.

at Plymouth, in the State of Michigan, at the close of business, Dec. 17th, 1896.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$2,102 78
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	36 48
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,875 00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	7,363 45
Due from approved reserve agents	8,253 24
Notes of other National Banks	2,100 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	193 59
Specie	6,829 25
Local tender notes	502 50
Subscription fund with U. S. Treasurer, 7 per cent of circulation	1,000 00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund	37 50
Total	\$32,481 43

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided Profits, less taxes and interest paid	3,197 59
Dividends unpaid	75 00
Commercial deposits	32,481 43
Certificates of deposit	34,259 92
Savings deposits	72,899 53
Total	\$203,013 47

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, I, O. A. FRASER, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of Dec., 1896.

O. A. FRASER, Cashier, EUGENE P. LOMBARD, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: W. H. HOYT, R. C. SAFFORD, E. W. CHAFFIN, Directors.

# STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne, ss.

I, EDGAR O. DUFFEE, Judge of Probate, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the will of JOHN GIBSON, deceased.

Bertha Gibson, the administratrix, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the will of JOHN GIBSON, deceased.

EDGAR O. DUFFEE, Judge of Probate. (A true copy.) HOMER A. FLINT, Register. 425-57.

# Frank James as an Express Guard.

Frank James as a guard on express trains carrying large amounts of money or valuables is one of the novelties the express people are now arranging. Negotiations have been in progress now for several weeks, but the possibilities are that they will be closed up within a few days. The effect of James' name, in view of his former prowess in robbing trains himself, is what the express companies are aiming after. They do not know, they say, that he could stop a determined robber any more than one of their own messengers, but they think the ordinary train robber would hesitate to tackle him. James is willing to accept the position, and guarantee that no train in his charge will be robbed except over his dead body, with but one single provision, and that is that the express people put up a bond of \$20,000, this amount to go to his widow in case of his death. The express people are inclined to yield to this, though there is some opposition. James has been firm in standing out for it, and will not go on the road unless the bond is fixed up to his satisfaction. Since he became a respectable, law-abiding citizen he has taken very good care of his family, and he does not propose to commence doing anything else now. When the negotiations were first begun he was asked if he could shoot with both hands.

"Well," he replied, "I used to be that could, and I guess I have not forgotten how yet."

James has been working steadily for some time, but has never been able to make an exorbitant salary, and for that reason would be willing to take the risk of this venture. As one of his friends says: "It is not as much risk as he has taken on hundreds of occasions before when out on his raids. The only difference would be that in this he would save the law on his side." —St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

# Her Sex Uncovering.

"There is no use talking," began Mrs. Johng.

"I know it," interrupted Gobang, "and the fact that you persist in talking after making that declaration simply proves what I have often asserted regarding the lack of logic in the female sex. Now, proceed with your actura." —Truth.

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Give us your orders NOW, as Coal will not be so cheap in a short time. We have never sold so small a margin, and therefore must have

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Respectfully,

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TIME TABLE.

In effect Nov. 15 1896.

Trains leave Plymouth as follows:

GOING SOUTH.	GOING NORTH.
Train No. 4, 10:15 a. m.	Train No. 1, 8:35 a. m.
" No. 6, 2:28 p. m.	" No. 3, 9:10 a. m.
" No. 8, 8:55 p. m.	" No. 5, 2:00 p. m.
" No. 10, 6:38 a. m.	" No. 7, 6:35 p. m.

Trains Nos. 3 and 9 run through to Alpena.

Train No. 5, connects at Ledington with steamer for Milwaukee, (during season of navigation), making connections for all points West and Northwest.

Sleeping Parlor Cars between Alpena, Bay City, Saginaw and Detroit.

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 the company.

ED. PELTON, Local Agent.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Wayne, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Detroit, on the 24th day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six: Present, EDGAR O. DUFFEE, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of JAMES H. JONES, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Bessie J. Jones, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Charles W. Valentine, or some other suitable person.

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GOING EAST.

City	Time	City	Time
Grand Rapids	7:00	Ann Arbor	5:00
Lansing	7:30	Ann Arbor	5:30
Ann Arbor	8:00	Ann Arbor	6:00
Ann Arbor	8:30	Ann Arbor	6:30
Ann Arbor	9:00	Ann Arbor	7:00
Ann Arbor	9:30	Ann Arbor	7:30
Ann Arbor	10:00	Ann Arbor	8:00
Ann Arbor	10:30	Ann Arbor	8:30
Ann Arbor	11:00	Ann Arbor	9:00

GOING WEST.

City	Time	City	Time
Detroit	7:30	Ann Arbor	6:00
Ann Arbor	8:00	Ann Arbor	6:30
Ann Arbor	8:30	Ann Arbor	7:00
Ann Arbor	9:00	Ann Arbor	7:30
Ann Arbor	9:30	Ann Arbor	8:00
Ann Arbor	10:00	Ann Arbor	8:30
Ann Arbor	10:30	Ann Arbor	9:00
Ann Arbor	11:00	Ann Arbor	9:30

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

Chicago and West Michigan By Trains leave Grand Rapids.

For South Michigan, 1:25 p. m., and 7:10 p. m. For Marquette, Traverse City, Charlevoix, and Petoskey, 7:30 a. m., 5:30 p. m.

For Muskegon 8:30 a. m., 1:25 p. m., 6:45 p. m.

For Detroit, 10:30 a. m., 10:30 p. m.

# NEWS OF THE WEEK.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Christmas comes but once a year,  
So says the poets verse;  
And children's hearts with joys are full,  
But how's the father's purse.

**Christmas.**  
The Park House has suspended operations.

Read the bill of fare for Christmas dinner at the Hotel Plymouth.

Josiah Cochrane has purchased a horse and buggy for his own use.

The MAIL will be issued on Thursday of next week instead of Friday.

No one seems to be taking any active steps toward starting a gallery fund.

License to wed has been issued Bruno Freydl and Nellie S. Joslyn, both of Northville.

Hand in the names of your holiday visitors early next week as we expect to publish on Thursday.

Christmas tree and exercises at the Methodist and Baptist churches this Thursday evening.

Rev. J. B. Oliver exchanged pulpits with Rev. E. E. Caster, of Milford, last Sunday morning and evening.

The L. T. L. and Temperance Movement will meet at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

Dr. Karsten, of Detroit, relieved Mrs. Joel Bradner of a 28 pound tumor in just 27 minutes on Wednesday morning.

Will some one inform us how the people who attend the farmers' institute, to be held here next month, are going to be accommodated.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will participate in a chicken pie supper and exercises at Presbyterian church this Thursday evening.

Miss Mae Sims, of Inkster, and Homer F. Hubbard, of Wayne, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on Tuesday week.

Mr. Justus Treat, and Miss Nellie Parish, of Wayne, were married at the home of the bride, Tuesday, Dec. 22, by Rev. J. B. Oliver.

About 20 Maccabees gave Sir Knight Kohnitz a very pleasant surprise Wednesday evening. Refreshments were served and a jolly evening spent.

If you receive a statement of your subscription account about the first of January, don't be offended but call in and "square up" and begin the new year with a clear conscience.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents in Morrice, Dec. 23, Miss Ada Cuffman to Lewis H. Root, of Plymouth. They will be at home to their friends after Jan. 1, at H. R. Root's.

The annual meeting of the Tri-State Cider Makers and Producers of Fruit Goods of Ohio, Michigan and Indiana, will meet in Toledo, Ohio, on Wednesday and Thursday, January 13th and 14th, 1897.

With this issue nearly one hundred subscriptions expire, and it is the earnest hope of the editors that each and every one will come in promptly and renew before the next issue, and thus start in the new year with a light heart.

In addition to the women's section, Mrs. Mary A. Mayo will deliver a talk in the evening before the main audience on the subject of "Home Life on the Farm" at our farmers' institute. Those who come will be sure to be entertained.

At the last regular meeting of Plymouth Rock lodge, No. 38, F. & A. M. held on Friday evening, the following officers were elected: W. T. Rattenbury, W. M.; E. C. Lauffer, S. W.; Chas. S. Butterfield, J. W.; A. A. Taft, Treas.; M. H. Ladd, Sec.; E. K. Bennett, S. D.; J. C. Wilcox, J. D.; L. C. Hassenger, Tyler.

The E. L. and C. E. held their literary meeting at the home of Miss Mabel Lyndon last Friday evening and although they were not able to carry out the program prepared, the whole company enjoyed a very pleasant and profitable evening. Everybody voted it a success and desire to thank Miss Lyndon and her parents for their kind reception at their home.

At a regular meeting of Clover Leaf Lodge, No. 111, Knights of Pythias, on Dec. 23, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. C. Isaacs, Gussolly; V. C. Fred Dunn, Pres.; Chas. Miller, M. of W.; Czar Penney, M. of E.; Edwin Cortrite, M. of F.; W. C. Brown; K. of R. & S. F. A. Shafer; M. at A., O. D. Peck; I. G., Benj. Sprague; O. G., H. Dohmstreich; Alternate Representative to Grand Lodge, Ed. L. Crosby; Trustees for 3 years, F. M. Briggs.

A festive member of the tramp fraternity is living high and achieving considerable notoriety in western Michigan at the expense of country newspapers by posing as "Railroad Jack, the hammock rider," and regaling the editors with fictitious narratives of his alleged travels by that peculiar method of transportation. The original and only "Railroad Jack" is Harry D. Cooper, now publishing the Chicago Economic, who journeyed 180,000 miles over the railroads of the country without paying a cent of fare by hooking his hammock under passenger coaches on the coast express trains.

## AS THEY COME AND GO!

Purely Personal Paragraphs Promiscuously Picked.

E. K. Bennett was in Detroit Wednesday.

Chas. H. Bennett is home for the holidays.

E. Pelton and family spent Sunday at Howell.

Coella Hamilton has been in Cleveland this week.

Mrs. H. C. Bennett was in Detroit Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Dunn and daughter, Maud, spent Sunday at Wayne.

Chas. Holloway and family returned Wednesday to Elkhart, Ind.

Chas. Collar and son, of Toledo, was the guest of W. Travis on Friday.

Paul Voorhies, of Ann Arbor, visited in Plymouth the first of the week.

Mrs. M. F. Gray and son, of Cass City, visited relatives here this week.

Mrs. W. M. Sleford, of Brighton, visited relatives here on Saturday last.

J. Cochrane and wife will spend Christmas with Thos. Davey, of Newburg.

Scott Hodge, who is attending school at Ann Arbor, is home for the holidays.

J. L. Gale, W. F. Markham, E. L. Riggs and son, Charles, were in Detroit Monday.

Minnie Fowler went to Detroit today and will visit with her sister until Monday.

Mrs. H. M. Taft has gone to Seigers, Miss., to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taft.

Mrs. Wm. Travis and daughter returned Saturday from a three weeks' visit with friends at Charlotte.

Sarah Penniman and Maud Milspaugh, who attend school in Detroit, are spending their holiday vacation at home.

Mrs. Amelia Eldred and daughter, Clara, have returned from an eight weeks' visit with relatives in Watertown, N. Y.

Miss Elizabeth Doan, of East Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. C. M. Duntley, and other relatives a few weeks.

Mrs. Ireland and daughter, Helen, of Ann Arbor, and Mrs. Biddow, of Biddow, Mich., are spending Christmas with Prof. Biddow and wife.

"Small fruit culture for profit" is the title of a talk by Mr. R. M. Kellogg, of Three Rivers, at our farmers' institute at Plymouth, Jan. 15. Mr. Kellogg is authority on this line, and we are assured, is an entertaining talker and a pleasant gentleman, as well as an experienced and successful horticulturist.

The very important topic of "Clovers, manures and fertilizers," is the subject of one of Mr. John L. Shawver's talks at Plymouth, Jan. 15. The State Board could have placed no topic on our program of more importance, and we believe that our farmers will have an instructive and rare treat during the afternoon of which Mr. Shawver presents this topic.

Hudson has the laziest man in Michigan. Presented with two big barrels of cider, he was too weary to carry them down cellar, so he took his garden hose, formed a siphon, and allowed the cider to flow into its proper receptacles. He was too lazy even to carry a jug upstairs when he wanted to drink. A rubber tube running through the floor to the table and at meal times to his mouth solved the problem.

A man in the west part of the county, says the Kenosha Gazette, mortgaged his farm to buy his wife a pair of diamond earrings. The wife took in washings to pay the interest on the mortgage, but the first job she did she lost one of the sparklers in the suds. She tried to hang herself in the barn, but the rope broke and she fell on a Jersey cow worth \$150, breaking its back. Her husband then undertook to shoot the cow to end its misery but the gun burst and destroyed his eyes, and his wife ran away with a lightning rod agent. The mortgage is the only thing that is left intact.

### NOTICE

Change of hour for holding religious service.

Rev. J. H. Herbener, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of Northville, will preach at the Presbyterian church of this place next Sunday, Dec. 27, at 3 o'clock p. m. Since his coming to Northville a little more than a year ago, Mr. Herbener has made a strong reputation as a live, forceful, pleasing preacher.

As there is no other service at that hour we hope he may be greeted by a full house. A collection will be taken to defray necessary expenses.

By ORDER OF SESSION.

### Card of Thanks.

To the kind hearts whose loving sympathy sustained us in the hour of our bereavement, to the Knights of Pythias, the Firemen, and other friends, for beautiful floral tributes, and to Mrs. L. C. Hall for the solos so touchingly rendered, we desire to express our heart-felt gratitude.

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E. P. Baker will be at his studio in Plymouth every weekday hereafter and will make photos at very reasonable rates for guaranteed work. A special feature is made in baby photos.



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New Neckties,  
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Fine Silk Umbrellas,  
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Shoes,

Fascinators,  
Silk Handkerchiefs,  
Linen Handkerchiefs,  
Fine Initial Handkerchiefs,  
Plush Caps,  
Cloth Caps,  
Fine Gloves,  
Fine Mittens,  
Hosiery,

Dress Patterns,  
Fine Towels,  
Underwear,  
Cloaks and Jackets,  
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Suits,  
Fine Hats,  
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Mackintoshes,  
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And hundreds of other things too numerous to mention in our space. If you don't see what you want, ask for it. We are sure to have it. Low prices is the motto.

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Dec. 24, 25, 31 and January 1st, C. & W. M. and D. L. & N. agents will sell excursion tickets at one and one third fare for round trip to all points in Michigan and to many points in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Return limit January 4th, 1897. (2w) GEO. DEHAVEN, G. P. A.

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Services held in Safford's Hall every Sunday morning at 10:30, and every Friday evening at 7:30. All are most cordially invited to attend.

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The F. & P. M. R. R. Co. will sell excursion tickets between all stations on its line, Dec. 24th, 25th and 31st, 1896, and January 1st, 1897, limited for return up to and including January 4th, 1897, at rate of one and one third fare for the round trip.

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# TWEEN THE LAKES.

## MICHIGAN NEWS RECORDED IN NEWS FOR MICHIGANDERS.

Michigan Live Stock Breeders Meet at Lansing—No Inaugural Display for Gov. Pingree—Detroit College of Medicine Burned.

### Live Stock Breeders Meet.

The Michigan Association of improved breeders of live stock held their annual meeting at Lansing. H. H. Hinds, president, spoke discouragingly of the prospects, saying the bottom has fallen out of stock raising. The merino sheep breeders memorialized congress to restore the McKinley tariff on wool, except that relating to skirted wool, which should be excluded. They also ask that the scheduled duties on wool adulterants and substitutes, included in the McKinley bill, be also incorporated with an additional paragraph including so-called vegetable wools. Officers were elected as follows: President, H. H. Hinds, of Stanton; vice-president, B. E. Peckham, of Parma; secretary and treasurer, I. H. Butterfield, of Agricultural college.

### No Inaugural Display for Gov. Pingree.

Gov. Rich, Justice Grant, Secretary of State Gardner and other prominent people at Lansing were arranging for a big time at the installation of the new state officers Jan. 1. Elaborate ceremonies had been planned and a big time was in prospect, but it is all off now. Gov.-elect Pingree has written Gov. Rich thanking the committee for their good intentions, but declaring that he would much prefer that there be no display, but that he be merely sworn in without public ceremony other than receiving any of the people who might call.

### Detroit Medical College Burned.

The four-story brick building of the Detroit College of Medicine, at the corner of St. Antoine and Mullet streets, Detroit, was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of about \$10,000 to the college, exclusive of something like \$10,000 worth of tools belonging to students, which were destroyed. The fire originated in the basement near the furnace, but the exact cause was not determined. Two firemen were overcome by smoke and heat, but will recover.

## THE TWO BENINSULAS.

Geo. Kelsey broke a leg while playing football at Utica.

Gov.-elect Pingree wants Uncle Sam to buy Cuba from Spain.

W. Warne Wilson, of Detroit, has resigned the office of grand recorder of the A. O. U. W.

Chas. Farrer has been sentenced from Flint to Jackson prison for five years for horse stealing.

The Michigan association at Washington has re-elected Gen. Orlando B. Wilcox as president.

About \$700 will cover the loss experienced by J. B. Crook, of Ithaca, in the burning of his home.

The fire demon devoured the \$3,500 farm home of Balzy Nagel, in Thetford township, Genesee county.

Mrs. M. Corby, of Caro, ran a needle into her finger while sewing carpets and died of blood poisoning.

The fine farm residence of Cary W. Ranney at Eaton Rapids has burned. Loss \$6,000; insurance \$1,000.

The G. E. & I. railroad has received five new locomotives to be used in the hilly country above Cadillac.

A three-year-old child of James Hall, of Port Austin, was fatally burned while the parents were absent.

A number of barns have been burned around Flint recently and now a vigilance committee has been organized to catch the dastardly incendiaries.

The Michigan Ornithological club was organized at a meeting at Grand Rapids, with A. B. Durfee as president.

Two brickings and contents, owned by Oscar Johnson and John Karstow, burned at Munising. The total loss is about \$1,500.

Oasper Eschenbach hanged himself at Saginaw, using a towel and an apron to make a rope. Two of his brothers had also suicided.

W. J. McGrath, an engineer at the pump station of the Eureka Pipe Line Co., was fatally hurt at Marletta by an explosion of gas under a boiler.

A company has been organized at Owosso to develop the coal vein recently struck near there and operations will probably commence Feb. 1.

David Mills, of Sterling, who has struggled hard all his life for a living, now receives word that a legacy of \$140,000 awaits him in Scotland.

The parents of Congressman Wm. Alden Smith celebrated their golden wedding at Grand Rapids with a family reunion and reception to friends.

Paragut post, G. A. R. of Battle Creek, held a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting to express their sympathy for the struggling Cubans.

A number of ringing speeches were made, and strong resolutions adopted calling upon the President and congress for prompt and vigorous action.

Judge Maxwell charged the Bay county grand jury to investigate the lax enforcement of the liquor law in Bay City. Strange to say the police at once discovered that at least five saloons were keeping open on Sundays and warrants were sworn out for the saloonkeepers' arrest.

Big Rapids people cooled down a little when it was announced that the "bunked" bank there would pay about 50 cents on the dollar, but they are not hot now, having made the alleged discovery that ex-manager C. W. Constock has embezzled over \$2,000 of the bank's funds. He will be prosecuted.

Frank Kinsman, who ruined his 12-year-old niece Blanche Kitchen, was sentenced at Lansing to 15 years imprisonment in Jackson prison at hard labor.

The freight sheds at the "Soo" and South Shore lines depot at Sault Ste. Marie, together with seven loaded box cars, were destroyed by fire. Loss \$40,000.

Mrs. Bert B. Kennedy, aged 27, died at Adrian of lockjaw as a result of undue exertion in running to a fire recently. She was about to become a mother.

Willie Monks, the 16-year-old forger who escaped from jail at Bay City by sliding down a rope made from his bedding, has been captured at Corning, N. Y.

The Bell Telephone Co. at Alpena, is fighting hard for life and has cut its rates to \$6 and \$12 a year, while the local company maintains its rates at \$12 and \$24.

Ex-City Controller Waite, of Port Huron, who was found to be off in his office accounts has been surrendered to the sheriff by his bondsmen. His friends say he is insane.

Mrs. E. A. Russell, aged 45, of Genesee, threw herself in a cistern at her home to drown her earthly woes. She had been despondent since the death of her husband last spring.

Wm. Doyle was arrested at Sault Ste. Marie charged with placing a stick of hardwood, loaded with powder and buckshot, into a pile of wood at the home of his wife, who had left him.

J. L. Kleckner, who left Edwardsburg while under a charge of embezzlement while cashier of the now defunct Citizen's bank, has been captured in Chicago and returned to Cassopolis for trial.

P. J. Dykema, Henry Saunders and Adrian Kramer well-known Grand Rapids men, were caught at Dykema's drug store engaged in a private game of penny ante, and each was fined for gambling.

Considerable land has been leased near Roseomon for the purpose of developing an alleged find of oil. Two years ago oil was struck but for some unknown reason the owners plugged up the well.

A man supposed to be Levi Studenbaker, of Cairo, Ill., was found dead in his room at the Elliott house at Sturgis with a bullet wound in his head and a revolver in his hand. It was a clear case of suicide.

The two-year-old daughter of Ira Wilcox, of Munday, fell into some boiling water and was fatally scalded. This is the second accident of a similar nature in the same household during the last few months.

Auditor-General-elect Dix has notified 28 of the present employees of the auditor-general's office that their services will not be required after Jan. 1. He says he has friends of his own whom he desires to have fill the places.

James K. Stevenson, the wealthy 60-year-old farmer of Green Oaks, Livingston county, who is charged by Tula Shockley, an industrial home inmate, with being the father of her child, was bound over to the circuit court for trial.

Portia citizens who are in the habit of getting drunk and disorderly have discovered a conspiracy. The marshal has ordered the saloonkeepers not to sell any more liquor to those who have been convicted of either of these offenses.

The Calumet & Hecla Mining Co. is moving dwellings at Houghton to make room for the sinking of three new shafts—the beginning of the opening of the Osceola amygdaloid, a copper vein entirely distinct from the Calumet conglomerate.

Specimens of iron ore which were found near Pokagon, Cass county, and sent away for examination have been returned with the information that the quartz contains 90 per cent pure ore. Farm land near by has increased considerably in value.

Downs' hall at Adrian college has been dedicated. It is the old chapel building redecorated and modernized beyond recognition and is named in honor of Jordan Downs, of Steubenville, O., who made a handsome bequest for this purpose.

Berrien and surrounding counties have been flooded with counterfeit coin recently and Wm. Knight was arrested on suspicion. He confessed and "peached" on Samuel Brant and a man named Gibbons. Brant was arrested, but Gibbons has skipped.

It seems almost a certainty that the State Agricultural society will not hold a fair next year. Notes for over \$20,000 are about due and the society has no way of meeting them, unless they can be renewed. Several members of the society are crying quit now.

Two tramps at Grand Rapids accosted Ethel Mills, a 14-year-old girl who was on her way to school. She carried a lunch basket and after they found out she had no money one grabbed the basket and the contents were quickly divided and eagerly devoured.

As soon as the belligerency of Cuba is recognized by the United States, Col. A. H. Boies, of Hudson, who is a prominent member of the Union Veterans' union, will go to Cuba with about 100 sharpshooters. He is now in communication with the head of the Cuban junta in New York City.

The Detroit College of Medicine, occupying a whole block on Antoine street, between Mullett and Catherine streets, Detroit, was completely gutted by fire and the buildings were almost entirely wrecked. The loss will be very large, and many students suffered the loss of personal effects.

Michigan is interested in the passage of a bill which has been introduced in congress. It provides for the payment of interest, discount, premium, brokerage, exchange, etc., on money borrowed from the state by Uncle Sam for war purposes. By this Michigan would be entitled to about \$350,000.

Rosie Manek, an unmarried German girl about 28 years of age, committed suicide at the residence of Mrs. Helen Earnest, of 234 Canton avenue, Detroit, by strangulation. The girl was out of work and seeing no possibility of securing some position whereby she could earn a livelihood she took her life.

Harrison Haight, convicted of assaulting Polly Krouch, an old lady 70 years of age, and Phillip Severet, escaped from the county jail at Port Huron. Severet, who was a trusty, was told by Deputy Jones to feed the sheriff's horses. He found a key which fitted Haight's cell and both escaped.

First Lieut. A. A. Juttner, of Memorine, of disbanded Co. E, Fifth regiment, Michigan National Guards, has offered his service to the Cuban authorities and in view of an acceptance has selected a company of sharpshooters, the members of which stand ready to go to war at command from their leaders.

E. J. Evans, of Kalamazoo, a car trader of the Michigan Central is missing. A finger ring and hat were found by Detective Warren in a freight car in the Michigan Central yards at Detroit and taken to Kalamazoo, where they were identified by his wife. Evans is said to have been last seen in Detroit on the 7th inst.

State Salt Inspector Hill has sent to Gov. Rich his annual report of the operations of the state salt inspection law for the year ending Nov. 30, 1896. Sixty-three salt blocks were operated during the year and 3,386,242 barrels were inspected, a decrease from the previous year of 193,000 barrels. The actual quantity manufactured was 2,969,064 barrels, or 706,687 barrels less than last year.

O. L. Partridge, was tried at Alpena on the charge of having used \$3,000 belonging to the Alpena Loan association, while he was secretary, and was found guilty. Partridge's shortage amounted to \$21,000, but he turned over considerable property, which brought it down to \$5,000. He stood high in church and society circles, and his arrest, July 31, caused a great commotion.

Daniel Stevenson, and his wife and daughter Etta, of Boyne City, were held at Charlevoix, on the charge of counterfeiting round "chips" used by White & Fairchilds as due bills, who run a store and operate sawmills. The firm discovered that some one had been issuing duplicate "chips," with their firm name signed thereto. They found on hand over \$1,400 of these chips, which had been redeemed.

The Michigan State Teachers' association will meet at Lansing, Dec. 28 to 30. Among the features will be addresses by Dr. Arnold Tompkins, of Illinois university; Prof. Fall, of Union; Dr. V. C. Vaughan, of the University of Michigan; President Thomas, of Adrian; President Sperry, of Olivet, and President Harper, of Chicago university.

George H. Pregner, a wealthy farmer living near Three Oaks, advertised for a wife in a Chicago matrimonial journal. He agreed to deed the young lady who would become his wife a 200-acre farm and \$5,000 in cash. As a result Pregner has been united in marriage to Miss Edith E. Vanhorn, of Kindred, Minn. Miss Vanhorn is 21 years of age, while Pregner is hale and hearty at 72, and has divorced three wives.

Congressman Grosvenor is confined to his home at Athens, Ohio, with throat trouble.

The Chicago city council has passed an ordinance for 4-cent fares. The street railway companies will probably fight it in the courts.

Alexander Hermann, the great magician, died very suddenly in his private car near Salamanca, N. Y. The cause was heart disease.

President-elect McKinley took a trip to Chicago for a rest and to see Mrs. McKinley, who is spending several weeks there with friends.

The California courts refuse to interfere in the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey purse squabble, and the money will probably go to Sharkey on the referee's decision.

Mrs. Moon and Mrs. Shell quarrelled at the little town of Bethel, O., and the latter became so enraged that she threw a ball of strong line into the face of Mrs. Moon and her baby. The little one died in an hour and Mrs. Moon cannot recover. Mrs. Shell escaped but will probably be lynched tonight.

Corbett has signed the articles, prepared by Dan Stuart, for a lynch night with Fitzsimmons, for a purse of \$25,000, March 17, 1897. Fitzsimmons has telegraphed Stuart that he will sign also, and each side will post \$2,000 as a guarantee of good faith. Geo. Siler, of Chicago, will referee the match, which will probably occur in Mexico.

Three robbers visited the house of Fred Buckleman, a well-to-do farmer, near DeLancey, O. Buckleman was lured outside, beaten into insensibility and bound hand and foot. Then the robbers entered the house, Mrs. Buckleman was also beaten and bound. The robbers secured only a small amount of money. Mrs. B. is in a critical condition.

Freeman Morrow and his 14-year-old daughter were found murdered and robbed on the road near Parkersburg, Okla. A Negro named Clement Laughlin was arrested on suspicion and threats of lynching were made. This aroused the colored men and 300 of them armed themselves to resist. A mob of 500 whites has been formed to do the lynching and a bloody battle may be fought.

The Kentucky court of appeals has granted the attorneys for Scott Jackson, the murderer of Pearl Bryan, 30 days in which to file a petition for a rehearing.

# THE TELEGRAPH.

## TALES TOLD THROUGH THAT MEDIUM.

American Federation of Labor Annual Convention—The Arbitration Treaty Between the United States and Great Britain Nearing Completion.

### American Federation of Labor.

The sixteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor was called to order at Cincinnati by President Samuel Gompers. About 150 delegates were present and many visitors. Special greetings were extended delegates Samuel Woods and John Mallinson, of England, and Louis Vigoroux, of France, who were seated with all the privileges. President Gompers in responding to the address of welcome, referred to the attacks on the organization because it was merely a federation and not a more compact union. He showed how the fullest scope was given to individual opinions and rights in the American Federation of Labor and thus the affiliation of different labor organizations was possible in one general federation. He appealed for continued efforts for the cultivation of public opinion as well as for favorable legislation and for the most earnest cooperation of all labor organizations. In his annual address President Gompers made some important recommendations on the eight-hour day question.

Secretary McCraith reported that the receipts for the year showed an increase of 15 per cent over last year, while the balance on hand is 25 per cent greater. The membership was increased 68,292 during the year. Treasurer Lennon reported receipts \$19,621, expenses \$15,452, balance on hand \$4,169. The executive council submitted an elaborate report on its work during the year, in which it referred to the detailed statement of strikes and other efforts of which Secretary McCraith gave an elaborate history in his annual report.

One entire day of the convention was spent over the report of the credentials committee recommending the unseating of Delegate W. C. Lomero, of the Waiters' union, Chicago. The report was adopted.

A strong resolution of sympathy with Cuba was passed and the recognition of the independence of that suffering people demanded. A number of vigorous speeches were made in behalf of the resolution. Secretary McCraith had circulated reports that President Gompers had mixed up in politics during the campaign and there was a stormy time when the matter was brought up in the convention. President Gompers was vindicated by a large vote and McCraith announced that he would resign.

### WHY VENEZUELA OBJECTS.

Want One of Their Own Countrymen on that Arbitration Tribunal.

According to unofficial advices from Caracas, the Venezuelans object to the treaty under consideration because, among other reasons, it gives them no representation upon the tribunal. Under the terms of the protocol there is nothing to prevent the United States from selecting one of the appointees from citizens of Venezuela, and if President Crespo insists one may be appointed, though it is not considered wise.

A later dispatch says: President Crespo will not yield to any popular demand, but will hold firmly to his purpose to accept the proposed Anglo-Venezuelan treaty. The more the protocol is studied, politicians say, the greater becomes the prospect that the sentiment of the people will uphold it. No special session of the Venezuelan congress will be called to act upon it and the matter will have been thoroughly considered by the time the regular session opens in February.

### Roswell G. Horr Dead.

Ex-Congressman Roswell G. Horr died at Plainfield, N. J., after an illness of two weeks, with bronchitis and Bright's disease.

Roswell G. Horr was born Nov. 26, 1850, in Waitstill, Vt. He received his education in the public schools, and when young moved to Elyria, O. In 1873 he was admitted to the bar. One year later he moved to St. Louis, and in 1877 took up his home at Saginaw, Mich., from which district he was elected to congress on the Republican ticket, in 1878, and served with distinction three successive terms. Since 1890 Mr. Horr has been a member of the New York Tribune editorial staff, with his home at Plainfield, N. J. He won a national reputation in his joint debate of the financial question with "Coin" Harvey at Chicago two years ago.

### Three Murderers Lynched.

Two of the Proctor brothers were taken from jail at Russellville, Ky., and hanged, and another was shot in his cell. The Proctors, Arch, Dink and Bill, were charged with the murder of Doc and Aaron Crofton, November 24. The mob came from Adairville.

New York City was caught in the grasp of a terrific blizzard, the worst since 1888. Three men perished as a result of the storm and a number of others were badly frozen.

Three robbers went through the chair car of an M., K. & T. train near Sedalia, Mo., securing considerable jewelry and money. They came very near being overpowered by the passengers but jumped from the train as it was entering Sedalia.

The statement of the director of the U. S. mints shows that during the month of November, 1896, the total coinage at the mints of the United States was \$7,458,722, of which \$5,064,760 was gold, \$2,305,022 silver and \$89,000 minor coins. The coinage of standard silver dollars during the month was \$1,914,000.

# DAILY DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

## SENATE—Seventh day—Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage offered the opening prayer. Mr. Hale, of Maine, reported the pension appropriation bill as passed by the House. Mr. Allen, Populist, of Nebraska, caused a stir by offering a resolution for a committee to investigate the use of money in the recent presidential election, the committee to be empowered to send for persons and papers, and directed to report within one year. Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, then made a vigorous speech on Cuban affairs in which he denounced the Spaniards as cutthroats, robbers and ravers. He said the time had come for the United States to act in the matter and possibilities of war should not prevent decisive steps, and he questioned the wisdom of the President's position that the granting of belligerent rights would be "untimely." Mr. Morgan's resolution was adopted requesting the secretary of state for papers and information relative to the Competitor prisoners and other Americans held in Cuba by the Spanish authorities. HOUSE—The bill to amend the abuses of the second-class mail matter law was taken up. It is said that the passage of the bill would save the government \$30,000,000 annually. A bill was passed for the reorganization of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad. Mr. Woodman, of Illinois, introduced a joint resolution directing the president to intervene in Cuban affairs.

SENATE.—Eighth day.—The biggest event of the session thus far was the debate upon the Dingley tariff bill, which was called up by Mr. Vest, of Missouri. The discussion not only followed the lines of tariff and finance but also brought forth some feeling remarks upon the recent presidential contest and its result. The principal figures of the debate were Messrs. Sherman, Frye, Teller, Gorman, Vest, Aldrich, Platt, Chandler, Mitchell, of Oregon, Hale and Allen. It is the general opinion that the Dingley bill is now practically dead. The pension appropriation bill was passed as it came from the House and it now goes to the President. HOUSE—Mr. Bailey, of Texas, created some excitement by asking for the immediate consideration of a resolution to investigate the construction of the battleship Texas, but Mr. Dingley objected and the resolution was referred. The army appropriation bill was under discussion but a deadlock occurred and the House adjourned.

SENATE.—Ninth day.—The immigration bill known as the Lodge bill, a substitute for the Corliss bill passed by the House, was passed, with a new section providing that the exclusion act shall not apply to persons arriving from Cuba during the continuance of the present disorders there. It amends the immigration laws so as to exclude from admission to the United States all persons over 16 years of age who cannot read and write some language; but an admissible immigrant over the age of 16 may bring in with him, or send for his wife or parent, or grandparent or minor child or grandchild, notwithstanding the inability to read and write. HOUSE—The third of the regular appropriation bills—that for the support of the army—was passed and the House entered upon the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial bill.

Tenth day.—No session of the Senate. HOUSE—The day was occupied with private bills—the majority of which were pension bills.

### FOR CUBA'S INDEPENDENCE.

Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs Reports a Strong Resolution.

The foreign relations committee of the United States senate agreed to report the resolution recently introduced by Senator Cameron, of Pennsylvania, which was altered to make it even more emphatic. It is as follows: Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that the independence of the republic of Cuba be and the same is hereby acknowledged by the United States of America. That the United States will use its friendly offices with the government of Spain to bring to a close the war between Spain and Cuba.

### THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK. New York—Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Hogs. Best grades, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2; Lower grades, 2 1/4 to 2 3/4.

Chicago—Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Hogs. Best grades, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2; Lower grades, 2 1/4 to 2 3/4.

Detroit—Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Hogs. Best grades, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2; Lower grades, 2 1/4 to 2 3/4.

Cincinnati—Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Hogs. Best grades, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2; Lower grades, 2 1/4 to 2 3/4.

Cleveland—Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Hogs. Best grades, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2; Lower grades, 2 1/4 to 2 3/4.

Pittsburg—Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Hogs. Best grades, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2; Lower grades, 2 1/4 to 2 3/4.

### GRAIN, ETC.

Wheat, Corn, No. 2 mix, No. 2 white. New York 92 1/2 to 93 1/2; Chicago 88 1/2 to 89 1/2; Detroit 88 1/2 to 89 1/2; Toledo 88 1/2 to 89 1/2; Cincinnati 88 1/2 to 89 1/2; Cleveland 88 1/2 to 89 1/2; Pittsburg 88 1/2 to 89 1/2.

Detroit—No. 1 Timothy Hay, \$2.00 per ton. Potatoes, 2 1/2 per bu. Live Chickens, 84c per lb; turkeys, 84c; ducks, 84c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 20c. Butter, fresh dairy, 14c per lb; creamery, 21c.

John Sheehan and Pat Begley attempted to steal a goose from a coop in front of Mrs. Cohen's grocery at Union and Liberty streets, Chicago. Mrs. Cohen discovered them and Sheehan fired at her but struck and killed Barnett Cooper, an old man. The thieves ran with a crowd in pursuit, and the latter were gaining on Sheehan when he turned to shoot, but a woman threw a hatchet and struck him on the head splitting his skull. Begley was caught and severely beaten before the police arrived. Sheehan will die.

# HISTORY OF A WEEK.

## THE NEWS OF SEVEN DAYS UP TO DATE.

Political, Religious, Social and Criminal Doings of the Whole World Carefully Condensed for Our Readers—The Accidents Record.

It is reported that a rich vein of gold has been struck six miles from Scottsburg, Ind., a short distance north of here, on the farm of J. G. Richie. Two young men made the discovery and are digging and analyzing the ore. They pronounce it very rich.

C. E. Dewitt is in jail at Chillicothe, Mo., for passing counterfeit money. Wednesday night he sold his wife for \$15 to Robert Weston of Carrollton, who left with her at once for Chicago.

The conference between the secretary of agriculture and Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture for the dominion of Canada, has resulted in an agreement looking to the simplification of the live stock quarantine and inspection regulation on both sides of the border.

The Russian minister of ways and communications, Prince Chilkov, and the minister of finance, M. de Witte, with a view to promoting exports to America, have resolved to introduce a direct reduced through railroad tariff to Hamburg, Bremen and Bromberg.

The government statistician estimates that the wheat yield for New South Wales is 7,435,000 bushels, which is 1,250,000 bushels below the local wants.

The French chamber of deputies adopted a credit of 549,000 francs to provide for the official participation of France in the Brussels exposition.

The bill to restrict the immigration of the colored races into Australia has passed the legislative council.

The captain of the French frigate Servonnet has been killed in a duel with a Tunisian official named Mazze. Bishop John J. Keane, formerly rector of the Catholic university at Washington, has arrived at Rome.

The Earn line steamship Earnwell, Capt. Hicks, is ashore off Venta Frio, Colombia.

A widows' club has been organized at South Cato, Montcalm county, Mich., with nineteen members, the avowed object of which is to induce the immigration of desirable young widowers into that region.

Signor Crispi's daughter, the Princess Lingue-Glossa, has eloped with one of her servants.

John Randolph Tucker, dean of the law school at Washington and Lee university, is reported dying from heart failure at his home in Lexington, Va.

Frank C. Miles, treasurer of the Boston safe deposit and trust company, is a confessed defaulter for a sum approximating \$100,000.

State Senator James, republican, is dying. His death would prevent the election of a republican senator in Kentucky.

A cablegram received from United States Minister Denby at Peking states that China has accepted the rules for the prevention of collisions at sea.

Many hogs are dying from cholera in the vicinity of Blakesburg, Iowa, and men are going through the country buying the carcasses. It is said they are shipping the diseased meat to the larger cities.

A mob took "Arch," "Dink" and William Proctor out of the jail at Russellville, Ky., hanged two of them and shot the other to death. "Arch" killed two men, "Doc" and Aaron Crofton, of Adairville, this county, on Nov. 24, 1895, and the brothers were accessories.

Ed Polen, who murdered his wife and mother-in-law at Clinton, Ill., in April, was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Chester penitentiary.

C. M. Norris, a leading music dealer in Saginaw, Mich., for thirty years, has filed mortgage, to secure creditors amounting to \$9,480.

W. D. Roantrick & Co., who failed on the Cotton Exchange, New York, last Monday to the amount of about \$19,000, have arranged with their creditors to settle on the basis of 75 cents in cash and 25 cents in one, two and three year notes, with 5 per cent interest.

Business circles of Alliance, O., were appalled over the failure of the F. W. Askill company, the largest retail grocery store in the city. Liabilities will approximate \$20,000, with resources close to \$39,000. The People's theater, of which Askill is part owner and manager, is not affected by the assignment.

Chairman Hanna returned home Sunday, coming direct from Philadelphia. He declined to say anything about the gossip concerning the cabinet appointments of President-Elect McKibben.

The Moscow police have seized a number of political letters and papers at the students' lodgings and have made forty more prisoners.

The Ohio State Grange has adopted a resolution recommending to President-elect McKinley, J. H. Brigham of Ohio for appointment as secretary of agriculture.

Ed Wright, a prominent merchant of Scotia, Neb., committed suicide by shooting. He leaves a widow and three children.

O. L. Partridge, ex-secretary of the Alpena, Mich., Loan and Building association, was found guilty of embezzlement of \$20,000.

Ernest Chase, son of Dr. Chase of recipe-book fame, cut his wife's throat, and his own at Detroit, Mich. Physicians think that both will recover.

The Georgia state senate has passed the bill making women eligible state librarians. Only the governor's signature is wanting to make it law.



## GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

THOUSANDS of the absent all over the land will be turning homeward with the coming of Christmas. The Babe of Bethlehem who was born in a manger and lived a homeless life upon earth hath set the solitary in families, and given us homes.

Happy school girls have been eagerly counting the days until the holiday recess, when they will go home, carrying many dainty gifts of their deft handiwork to the loved ones there. Eager boys from college halls will go back to the fireside where anxious prayers have risen daily for their welfare since first they went away. Young men from the marts of commerce and the paths of trade will put the city, with its manifold temptations and cares, behind them to find rest and strength in the old country home.

Middle-aged men and women will go to the homes of their childhood to meet again brothers and sisters in family gatherings, and to cheer once more with their presence the belated pilgrims who still tarry below, divided between the children who have gone before and those who still meet once a year around the parental hearthstone.

What joy, what memories, what hopes, the Christmas time will awaken! And to some the merry season will bring new pangs of sorrow—griefs they never knew before. Since last Christmas dear old parents have gone home to God, and children who used to gather about them will not go to the old homestead this year, because so much of the home that was there has vanished into the heaven. Aged mothers will watch for sons who will come no more. Bereaved husbands will walk alone the rounds of the children's rooms, trying vainly to be both mother and father in preparing the surprises for the little ones on Christmas morning. And stricken wives will do their best to keep the little ones from feeling too keenly this first Christmas since the husband died, that "papa is dead." Thousands of little ones will know as they have not known before the losses which the year has brought them.

Good men and women will thank God for the homes behind them, and for the good home before; and wayfarers outcasts will stop to think of golden days gone by, and to wonder if somehow they will not one day find a resting place. And so, with all classes, the season should be one of tenderness and love and thankfulness.—Rev. W. A. Candler, D. D.

## LENNY'S CHRISTMAS MONEY

LENNY was counting his Christmas money and divided it into little piles on the corner of the piano. There were six piles, but somehow Lenny was not quite satisfied; and when Esther came in she saw a queer little scowl on the white forehead.

"Oh, what a lot of money," she said, smiling, "are you going to buy a reloaded?"

"That's my Christmas money," said Lenny; "the pennies for not being late to breakfast, and the dollar grandma gave me, and my five cents for bringing in wood. I suppose there's 'most four dollars." "Two dollars and fifty-four cents," said Esther counting it over.

"And it won't divide good," said Lenny. "This pile is for papa, and this for mamma; I'm going to buy papa a cap, and mamma a red necktie like yours, and this is for grandma, to buy a cap with roses in it; and this is the baby's. I'm going to get her a whole lot of chocolate creams and peanuts; and this is for you, Esther, only I shan't tell what I am going to buy." Lenny stopped, and Esther tried very hard not to laugh at the thoughts of papa with a ring and mamma in a red necktie. "But there's another pile, Lenny," she said. "Yes, that's just the trouble; seems to me I ought to have some of my money myself. I can tell you I worked hard for that money, Esther."

"Well, then, this pile is yours, is it?"

"Yes, I thought so," said Lenny, slowly, "only the minister said we should remember to save some of our gifts for the poor. I think poor folks and heathens are an awful bother, Esther."

And Lenny looked up defiantly, as if ready to endure all that Esther might say in answer to such a shocking sentiment. To his great surprise Esther said quietly, "So do I, Lenny; sometimes I feel about discouraged when I think what a bother they are."

Lenny's fat hand reached out and transferred the sixth pile to his pocket.

"There's lots of folks taking care of them, too, and giving them money and things," he said.

"Yes," said Esther, "there are people in the great cities who spend their whole time looking after these poor persons, visiting them at their homes, begging food to keep them from freezing, and food to keep them from starving, getting them into hospitals when they are sick, and teaching them to work. They don't do this for pay, but just for the dear Lord's sake, and they keep on at work until they are worn out and die, and then someone else takes it up. Oh, it is a dreadful bother."

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"And there are people who go out in the new countries, and live in miserable little cabins, and have scarcely enough to eat or to wear, and no money to buy books, or papers, or Christmas presents, or to send their children to school, all because they are trying to teach the poor people about Jesus, and keep them from growing as wicked and lawless as the heathen themselves. What a bother it must be to give up everything so!"

Lenny's hand crept into his pocket and laid out half the money back upon the piano; but Esther went on as if she had not seen him.

"And then there are the heathens; just think how many men and women have left their homes and their friends, and gone away to try to win those poor, ignorant creatures from worshipping idols, and murdering their children and their sick friends, and leaving their poor old parents to starve to death. Just think, Lenny, of the fathers and mothers who have seen their dear children dying in these unhealthy regions, or had to send them away from them to save their lives—of the martyrs that have given up their own lives, all for these heathens. I think they are a dreadful bother. And when, besides this, I remember how much trouble they have been to God, and how much they have cost Him, I am sure they must be precious or He never would have given His Son to save them. For if we would give all we have, our money and our lives, we never could give so much as God gave—for them, and us, Lenny." Lenny's lips quivered a little, but he laid the rest of the money down with a bang, as he said, "There, Esther, you needn't talk any more; that's God's money in this pile, and I guess I wouldn't be mean enough to touch it."

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## A CHRISTMAS BABY.

What Santa Claus Brought to Little Sissy Wallingford.

After an hour's waiting, Sissy Wallingford was admitted to the private office of Dr. Edmunds, her father's family physician; and when he had put her rosy cheeks and playfully kissed her little gloved hand, she said to him, with all the dignity she had gained in the six years of her life: "Doctor, I have come to see you on an important business."

"Oh, have you, Sissy?" said the doctor, with the greatest interest; "sit down and tell me all about it."

Sissy rested on the edge of a big chair and looked up into the face of the doctor, who beamed down upon her.

"Doctor," she said, with the greatest earnestness, "do you know anything about the way to get babies?"

The doctor put his hand up to his



face to hide a smile, not because the smile was unbecoming, for Dr. Edmunds is the handsomest as well as the most popular physician on the North Side, but because he wished to take his caller in all seriousness, looking down upon the girl with the most earnest expression of his command, he said: "Yes, Sissy; I can say, without bragging, I hope, that I know all about the way to get babies."

"Are you sure Dr. Edmunds?"

"Sissy, my little friend, I am quite sure; it is a subject I have studied very carefully."

"Well, then," resumed Sissy, "if I can trust you, have you really brought very many babies, doctor?"

"Very many, indeed; in fact, I bring most of the nice babies in this part of the city. Do you know that pretty little blue-eyed baby sister of Ethel Munroe?"

"Yes, sir."

"And the little black-eyed boy baby of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert's—the very first one they ever had?"

"Yes; I know them well."

"Well, I brought both of them."

"Oh-h!" exclaimed Sissy; "then I'm so glad I came to you, doctor, for they are the sweetest babies I ever saw. Do you think, doctor, you could get another like them?"

"Well, I don't know, Sissy, but I am willing to try. Do you want me to bring one to your house?"

"That's just what I came for, Dr. Edmunds," replied Sissy, in a tone of the most touching confidence; "the other day papa and I were talking about what we should get for a Christmas present for mamma, and he thought of all sorts of things, and so did I, but nothing we could think of was half good enough, doctor, and we just couldn't agree. But yesterday mamma said to me: 'Sissy, how would you like to have a little baby—brother or sister—to play with? And if just clapped my hands, because I thought it would be so nice, you know; and then we talked about a long time, till 'most dark, and mamma said she didn't know where in the world to get a baby, unless you would bring one. That set me to thinking. I thought 'most all night, and after a while I just determined to come to you and see if you couldn't get mamma a baby for a Christmas present. If you would do that, O, I would be so happy, and I'm sure papa would pay you just as much money as you would want for it."

"I'm-n," murmured the doctor, stroking his fine black beard thoughtfully; "did you say you wanted this baby on Christmas?"

"Yes, sir, on Christmas morning—in mamma's stocking."

"Well," the doctor replied, considerably. "I think there will be no trou-

ble here."

"Well," said Sissy, very slowly and very thoughtfully, "it was very good of you, but don't you really think it would have been better to bring the baby to my room? I'm sure you disturbed mamma, and she isn't a bit well."

But the question was more than the doctor could answer.

When he had bid the happy little family good morning and a merry Christmas, and had got half-way down stairs, a childish voice cried after him: "Oh, Dr. Edmunds?"

"Yes."

"Are you sure it will turn white?"

"Oh, yes, very sure, indeed."

"Well, then, good-by."

"Good-by."—C. L. H.



I Bring Most of the Nice Babies in This Part of the City.

carefully some data he had in his file in getting a baby for you some time between Christmas and New Year's day; but I don't think I could get it just on Christmas day; I might, but then, you know, I might not; I might not get here in time. Won't a few days after Christmas do?"

Sissy's hopes began to droop. "Oh, no, Dr. Edmunds, that wouldn't do at all. You see, I was a New Year's present to mamma and papa, and I want this baby to be a Christmas present—and oh, yes, it must be a boy!"

"A boy?" repeated the doctor, plunged into further doubt. "That is another difficulty; boys are hard to get just now."

"Hard to get?"

"Yes, very hard, indeed. It was only

last month that the czar of Russia wanted a boy, who would be czar when he's dead, but the doctor could get only a girl. And there is Mr. Cleveland, the president of the United States, who has wanted a boy ever so long, but the doctor could only get girls to bring him."

"Are there so many of us?" Sissy asked, in blank dismay.

"Sometimes," returned the doctor, "and then, again, there are more boys than girls."

"Well," said Sissy, with a sigh, after a long pause, "I'll just go now. Of course, you will keep it a secret. You know I didn't expect to see what you came for, and so I'm sure she's waiting in the kitchen." "Now, Dr. Edmunds," shaking her finger at him, "you do your very best to get mamma a baby, a nice little boy baby, on Christmas day."

"I'll do my best," the doctor answered, rising, as his guest arose. "It may be a girl, and it may be a day or two later, but if I can possibly do it, I'll bring your mamma on Christmas day, a nice little red boy baby."

"A red baby!" repeated Sissy, in evident disapproval. "Oh, no, not a red baby. I don't like red babies. I want a white one."

"But, Sissy, red ones are healthiest, and they soon turn white, you know."

"Oh, do they?"

"Yes, always."

"You are sure they are healthier?"

"Certainly."

"Well, then, a red baby that will turn white, and try your best, doctor, to have it a boy and to bring it on Christmas day."

And the little guest departed.

It was yet two weeks until Christmas, and Sissy went about during all that time with a burdensome secret in her little mind, so burdensome, in fact, that she could hardly help telling it to her mamma. "I know something I won't tell," she would say, and when her mamma would smile and ask her to be let into the secret she would say: "I know what Santa Claus is going to bring you; but I won't tell." Then she would laugh and dance in the greatest glee, at which Mrs. Wallingford would smile, for the doctor occasionally when Sissy was at school, and I suspect he had broken faith with our little friend; a very wicked thing for him to do. However, Sissy got her papa to help her keep the secret, and the burden became easier then.

To make a long story short, there was much excitement in the Wallingford house on the night before Christmas, caused by nothing less than the doctor's fulfillment of his promise. But Sissy knew nothing of it, for she was sound asleep, dream-land of Santa Claus and little red babies.

When she awoke in the morning she was for rushing to her mamma's room to see if the baby had been brought, but nurse told her that her mamma was asleep and mustn't be disturbed. For a while she tumbled her presents about, only half enjoying them, so excited was she over the expected arrival of the new baby. She was dressed and sent to eat breakfast with her papa, but every minute she rose and ran to the window to see if she could see the doctor coming, and at last she saw him turn the corner.

Before the doctor could reach the house she had opened the door to receive him. But when she saw that he did not have the expected bundle in his arms her face fell.

"Didn't the baby come?" she asked, woefully.

"Hush!" said the doctor, softly, "and come with me."

Together they went up stairs, followed by the smiling Mr. Wallingford, and the door of Mrs. Wallingford's room opened for them. The doctor took Sissy to her own little crib, by the side of her mamma's bed, and said: "Look! There's the little red boy baby I promised to bring to you for your mamma's Christmas present."

Sissy gave a little screech, which made her papa and the doctor laugh and her mamma smile.

"I ordered it for you myself, mamma, and it's for a merry Christmas to you; and oh, I had an awfully hard time to get the doctor to have it a boy and to bring it on Christmas day." But then, remembering that she had not seen the baby brought, she continued, turning to Dr. Edmunds, "but did you bring it this morning?"

"Yes," replied the doctor, "I brought it very early this morning, soon after midnight, when you were asleep."

"And disturbed mamma?"

"I couldn't very well help it."

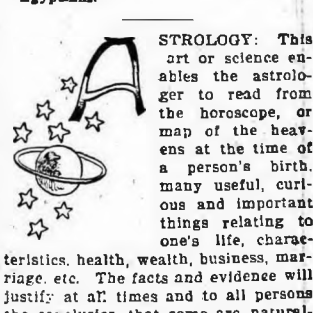
"Why didn't you wait until after breakfast?"

"Because it came at midnight, and I had nothing to feed the poor little thing, so I had to bring it here, for I knew I could find a bottle of milk

## TOLD BY THE PLANETS

FAMOUS ASTROLOGER GIVES SOME FREE READINGS.

How the Lives of Men and Women Are Influenced by the Signs of the Zodiac—Revival of the Ancient Art of the Egyptians.



ASTROLOGY: This art or science enables the astrologer to read from the horoscope, or map of the heavens at the time of a person's birth, many useful, curious and important things relating to one's life, characteristics, health, wealth, business, marriage, etc. The facts and evidence will justify at all times and to all persons the conclusion that some are naturally fortunate while others are just the opposite and some just an average. The astrologer always finds a marvelous sympathy existing between the indications of horoscope and the life of the person born at any particular time.

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Note.—The following readings are given according to data furnished. The description may vary slightly in some points in accordance with which sign the ruling planet may be found. It always partakes of the indications of the sign in which it is placed at birth, also the planets in configuration with it:

**Miss Mary, Detroit.**

You have the zodiacal sign Sagittarius, which Jupiter rules, rising at your birth, and therefore Jupiter is your ruling planet or significator. Sagittarius usually denotes a person above medium height; a well proportioned and commanding figure; the complexion clear and healthy; the hair near a chestnut color growing thin and forming a notch above the temples; the forehead is full and broad; the eyes expressive; the laugh is loud, merry and cheerful; you are jovial, happy, generous and charitable; you are kind to animals and fond of a fine horse; you are not as conservative as you should be and are liable to get into too large deals; you are a natural leader and have plenty of courage to carry any scheme through that you know is legitimate; you always have a certain kind of good luck that does not seem to come to others; you may apparently be on the brink of a financial precipice and just ready to tumble over, yet something will turn in your favor and pull you through all right.

**Paul G., Chicago.**

You have the zodiacal sign Taurus, which Venus rules, rising at your birth, and therefore Venus is your ruling planet or significator. The sign Taurus usually denotes a person with short, but full, strong and well-set stature; broad forehead; dark, curly hair; dark complexion; broad full chest and shoulders; short thick neck; wide nose; full, pouting lips; you will have a habit of shaking your head sideways when talking earnestly. You are very quiet, peaceable and patient in your disposition, have great love for the beautiful in art and nature; you are very fond of the fine arts, such as music, painting, drawing, sketching, etc. You are fond of good living and generally manage to get it; you are subject to attacks of the blues without any apparent good cause. You seldom lose control of your temper, yet when you do you become furious. You dislike to change your business or location and have great love for home and its pleasant surroundings.

**He Found Out.**

A good East Wintrop, Maine, deacon got into a discussion the other day with a newspaper man relative to the size of a hole a horse could go through. The solution came quicker than he anticipated. Going to his stable, he found that his horse, weighing over 1,000 pounds, had fallen through a scuttle into the cellar, ten feet below, without receiving a scratch, although the dimensions of the scuttle were fifty-four inches one way by 18 1/2 the other.—Ex.

**AN ODD COLLECTION.**

A letter was received recently at the Chicago postoffice addressed to "Lame Water." It was sent to Cripple Creek.

At Mycenae the number of silver coins discovered during the latest excavations amounts to 3,500; they belong to Sicyon, Corinth, Argos and other towns of Argolis.

Dr. A. B. Hamilton, of Laramie, Wyo., bled into a herd of wild cattle. They resented the insult and chased the doctor, who got off with a broken shoulder blade and a smashed wheel.

## Save Hood's Sarsaparilla

The expense of doctors' bills. Keep your blood pure, your digestion good and your system regular at this season by taking a course of Hood's Pills.

Furniture is now being manufactured of compressed paper. It possesses the advantages of lightness and can be molded into any desired shape. To give and graze is no better than not to give at all.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.**  
Take Lavative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

A scheme is on foot to have a general census of the whole world taken to mark the end of the century.

**A Superbly Appointed Train.**  
Undoubtedly the handsomest train between Chicago and St. Paul, Minneapolis, the Superiors and Duluth is the "North-Western Limited," which leaves Chicago at 6:30 p. m., daily via the North-Western Line (Chicago & North-Western Ry.). Its equipment, which is entirely new throughout, and comprises: (Compartment Sleeping Cars), Buffet, Smoking and Library Cars, standard Sleeping Cars, Dining Cars and ladies' coaches, has every luxury which imagination can conceive or mind invent for the comfort and convenience of passengers. All agents sell tickets via the Chicago & North-Western Ry. For full information apply to agents of connecting lines, or address W. R. Kaiskern, G. P. and T. A. Chicago, Ill.

We are sure to be bound in the devil's ropes if we fail to break his threads.  
Chicago has an electric elevated road.

**To the Delicate and Malicious.**  
The most incredulous are convinced of the virtues of Aunt Rachel's Malaria Bitters. Bark Bitters upon a trial of them. Their base is Speer's Port Wine, with herbs and roots so favorably known to the Medical Profession and the community at large as the best cure for Malaria. They are all that can be desired by the most feeble victims of Malaria. Physicians prescribe them.

The man who takes the Bible for his guide cannot live an aimless life.

**California.**  
If you will send your name and address we will send a representative to your home to explain all about the advantages of Phillips-Rock Island personally conducted Tourist Car Excursions to California. Address A. Phillips & Co., 91 Adams Street, Chicago. John Sebastian, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill.

If a man has no friends it generally means that he deserves none.

**For Sickness Get the Best.**  
Old Choice Wines from Speer's vineyards, Passaic, The Rich Port, Georgia, the Vin de France, the Burgundy and Unimproved are unexcelled for entertainments, family use and invalids. One bottle of Speer's is worth three of California wine.

**Tommy-Faw, was there any fireworks in the days of the bible? Mr. Figg—No—unless you count David. He was a pretty good giant crusher at one time.—Indianapolis Journal.**

"Hubby, what in the deuce did you mean by letting that note I indorsed for you go to protest?" "Why, man, there was no other way unless I paid the thing."—Detroit Free Press.

**Magistrate—Do you mean to say such a physical wreck as he is gave you that black eye? Complaining wife—Shure, yer honor, he wasn't a physical wreck till after he gave me th' black eye.—Puck.**

**BRAVE SPIRITS BROKEN.**

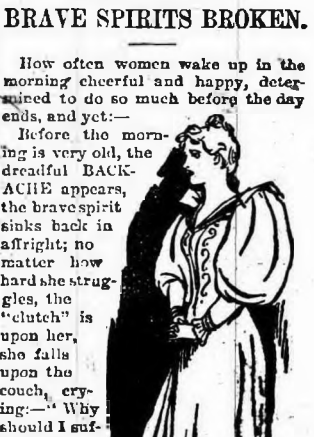
How often women wake up in the morning cheerful and happy, determined to do so much before the day ends, and yet—

If the morning is very old, the dreadful BACKACHE appears, the brave spirit sinks back in affliction; no matter how hard she struggles, the "clutch" is upon her, she falls upon the couch, crying—"Why should I suffer so? What can I do?"

Lydia E. Pinkham's "Vegetable Compound" will stop the torture and restore courage.

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## THE SOUTH AFRICAN LONDON.

Life in the Center of the Famous Gold-Mining Region.

Johannesburg, the London of South Africa, nine years ago a barren veldt and eight years ago a miners' camp, is now the center of some 100,000 inhabitants and increasing about as fast as brick and mortar can be obtained, says a writer in Chambers' Journal. It is situated directly on top of the gold, and on looking down from the high ground above it looks to an English eye like a huge drawn-out mass of tin sheds with their painted mine chimneys running in a straight line all along the quartz gold reef as far as you can see in either direction. The largest, or main reef, runs for thirty miles uninterruptedly, gold-bearing and honey-combed with mines throughout. This, even were it alone, could speak for the stability and continuous prosperity of the Transvaal gold trade. On a small steamer arriving only a few days ago from the cape was said to be between £300,000 and £400,000 worth of gold, and the newspapers show that usually about £100,000 worth is consigned by each mail boat.

As we enter the town we find fine and well-planned streets, crossed at places with deep gutters—gullies, rather—to carry off the water, which is often, in the heavy summer rains, deeper than your knees. Crossing these at a fast trot, the driver never drawing rein, the novice is shot about in his white-covered, two-wheeled cab, with its large springs, like a pea in a bladder. Indeed, one marvels at the daintily dressed habitues of the place being swung through similarly, quite unconcerned and without rumpling a frill. We pass fine public buildings, very high houses and shops, somewhat jerky-built, it is true, and goodness help them in case of a large street fire—but now being added to or replaced by larger and more solid buildings. Indeed, bricks cannot be made fast enough to supply the demand, both here and in some of the outlying Transvaal towns where the gold boom is on. There are lofty and handsome shops with most costly contents which can vie with London or Paris.

## Balzac on Color Influence.

Balzac's curious speculations suggest the extent to which color influences our human life. He had noticed that a woman who had a taste for orange or green gown was quarrelsome; one who wore a yellow or black apparel, without apparent cause, was not to be trusted; preference for white showed a coquette spirit; gentle and thoughtful women prefer pink; women who regard themselves as being unfortunate prefer pearl gray; lilac is the shade particularly affected by "overripe beauties"; wherefore, the great author held, lilac hats are mostly worn by mothers on their daughters' marriage day and by women more than 40 years old when they go visiting. These theories are founded upon the principles of color, as already laid down—namely, that red and yellow excite; green, tempered by blue, is bilious; orange is fiery; gray is cold and melancholy; lilac is a light shade of purple, the most retiring color of the scale.—Popular-Science Monthly.

## Scruplicity of Men.

"Jack paid the last night the compliment I have always coveted," remarked Maude, complacently, as she straightened her necktie. "He said my clothes always suited me and were chosen with exquisite taste; that they seemed a part of myself."

"How lovely! What did you say to him?"

"I told him it was not my fault if they did not suit me, for I had four sisters to borrow from and that I always worked hard enough in selecting from their closets something that should suit both myself and the occasion. He smiled, however, though

A Little One. Though "one and one are one," 'tis said, When he and she do marry, The paradox soon rights itself— Ere long there's one to carry.

A Glorious Gibe. One little fly, One bald head, One big D— And the fly is dead.

In the Light.



She—"Don't, George—I don't like kissing in the light."  
He—"Then close your eyes, dearest."  
—Truth.

No Danger.

"I think we ought to do something to conciliate the bicycle vote," said the statesman. "It is likely to be a power."  
"Not much it ain't," said his manager. "Every fellow that has a wheel hates every other fellow that has some other kind of wheel so much that they won't organize in a thousand years."

To Get Rid of Her.

"Why did Gobang marry his cook?"  
"In order to obtain a divorce and equal separation from her."

## STEVENSON'S SAMOAN HOME.

A Tree Embowered House on a Large Plantation in Upolu.

The St. Nicholas publishes a number of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Letters to Young Friends." Mr. Lloyd Osbourne, Stevenson's stepson, describes the novelist's Samoan home as follows in the introduction to the letters: Mr. Stevenson knew as little as you do about Samoa and the remote south seas when, several years ago, he came to San Francisco and set sail in a beautiful schooner yacht, hoping the trade wind would blow him to some pleasant isle where he might get well and strong again. The "Shining Ship" (for that was what the natives called her) poked her sharp nose into many a sweet bay and dark blue lagoon and passed from island to island through surf-swept reefs, where the sharks played like minnows beneath her keel, but she came no nearer the haven for which she was in search. At last she reached an island called Oahu, which was so pleasant to look at and so agreeable to live in that Mr. Stevenson thought his voyage was over. The king of Oahu was a very agreeable man, too; and wished Mr. Stevenson never to go away, but to stay with him all his life and be his friend. So Mr. Stevenson stayed many months in Oahu and would have been very happy and contented had it not been for the trade wind, which was always telling him about the fine islands further on, until he was persuaded to say good-by to the king and set sail again. The trade wind took him a long road through many queer and dangerous places before he brought him within sight of Upolu in Samoa, and told him to pack up and go ashore, which Mr. Stevenson was very glad to do, for he quite agreed with the trade wind that Upolu was the finest island in the whole ocean. Here he bought a large tract of land, which he called "Valilima," and built a big house and planted bananas and breadfruit trees and cocoanuts and mangoes and other trees with strange names, in order to feed the brown people who gathered about him and made him the head of their tribe. They called him "Tusitala," or the "Writer of Tales," for his own name was too hard for them to say. In a short time Mr. Story-Teller grew well and strong, just as he hoped he would, and remained grateful all his days to the trade wind for bringing him to Upolu; and he always made it a point of speaking kindly about it in his books.

## TESTIMONIALS.

From Citizens of Pennsylvania Who Have Been Cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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| Toilet Sets,        | Brushes,               | Bracelets,      | Salt and Peppers,     |
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Mrs. Smashum—Hush, that's a made-over.  
"Dear me, but my eyes do trouble me so; of course it is; heastly, isn't it?"—Adams Freeman.

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The old lady will show you a full line of handkerchiefs from 2 for 5c to 75c each, silk neck scarfs, neckties, sideboard scarfs, towels, linen and cancellable table-spreads, made sheets and pillow cases, fancy table-spreads and other articles too numerous to mention.

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MISS RHODA'S MEASURE.

Miss Rhoda sat in the west doorway. Her face was turned toward the sweet golden light; it was nature's "withdrawing season." At Miss Rhoda's right was a field of stubble from which the wheat had been harvested. At her left the corn still stood, like Indian wigwams, all over the field, waiting for the husking time. At her feet the maple leaves, so gorgeous in their autumnal plaids, were falling. Here and there the note of a stray bird which had tarried later than its fellows fell upon her ear. There was a cry in the air, the cry was rising, and it stirred the locked silver hair which usually lay with such calm resolution about Miss Rhoda's face. It glided her black shawl closer about her shoulders, but still she listened.

has always been in some good work, and his had a kind word for everybody.

Aunt Martha did not like the spirit of criticism which her nephew had shown of late about reconciling statements of the Holy Scripture. She spoke up in a quick way and said, "Miss Rhoda hasn't gone to the town-house yet."

"No; but the finger on the signboard points that way," replied Arthur. "It is dreadful for old people to be obliged to give up their home and old associations and go where they would not," said Mrs. Bates. "Young folks can bear changes—many really enjoy them—but it is different with the aged."

Aunt Martha had not married—her acquaintances called her "a maiden lady." It was not because she never had opportunities to marry, she told her nephews and nieces, but because she loved them too well to break her home ties with them. It had long ago been settled that the Bates family could not do without Aunt Martha, and Aunt Martha could not get along without them. "How dreadful it must be," was her thought, "to have no love-light in one's life."

Then Miss Martha sat down and wrote a letter to her brother John, who lived in the city. She told him of Miss Rhoda's patient, faithful life here had been, and now, just as nearing the end of the journey, she must be forced to give up her home and go to the town-house. Then she added, "John, you and I must pay off that mortgage, and give Miss Rhoda the home for her life. We are able; let us be willing to do it. What a joyous Christmas we shall have if we do this! Miss Rhoda must have the measure moved out to her that she has meted out to others."

The result was that Brother John who was quite apt to act on sister Martha's suggestions, joined her in the labor of love for her neighbor. When Miss Martha went over to see Miss Rhoda a short time before the foreclosing of the mortgage, she found her looking over her things—she could not carry many with her; for the room was small she expected to occupy. But there was this little memento and that gift with sweet memories associated



"THE LORD STAYED HIS HAND."

about them which made it a hard matter to decide what to take and what to give up. There was the mother's old workbasket, once so full of the making and mending for the loved ones, and her copy of "Daily Food" lying in it, and father's well-thumbed Bible with here and there words of comfort and explanation written on the margins—those of course must go with her. Tear-marks were on Miss Rhoda's face as she offered the mother's rocker to her visitor.

"Yes, Miss Martha, I'm getting ready

to move—something I never did before, and it's sort of trying. But I'm thankful I don't feel so unrecalled and unhappy about it as I thought I should when I first made up my mind that there was nothing else I could do. My eye are so poor I can't see any more. I say with John Bunyan, 'Perhaps my way to heaven lies through this very valley. It is just as near the town-house, heaven is, as it is to my old home here, but then—well, I won't say one word against the Lord's dispensations. The Lord keepeth the feet of his children. If this is his way for me to walk, I hope he will give me strength to follow without faltering step.'

"But, dear Miss Rhoda, it is not going to be the Lord's will for you to leave your old home; you are to stay in it as long as you live."

When Miss Martha told her how her home had been secured to her, she exclaimed, "I never thought before how Abraham must have felt when he was ready to sacrifice Isaac and the Lord stayed his hand!"

It was Arthur who planned a house-warming for Miss Rhoda on Christmas eve. The young men and young women of the church and town filled her woodshed with wood and coal, and her cupboard-shelves with things needful for the necessities of the body. The fathers and mothers joined in the work of love, and there was never such a snug house-warming done in that locality before. A new light came into Miss Rhoda's face that Christmas tide. It was love-light—she was not alone in the world any longer; she belonged to her good neighbors, and they belonged to her.

When the Christmas bells rang in the church belfry on Christmas morning, the people heard them with gladness, and thanked the Lord that they had been enabled to help return Miss Rhoda's measure running over full.

CHRISTMAS RAPPINGS.

(By James Rolfs Haggood.)

If a friend should rap at your old home door On the Christmas morning fair, With a present for you and your little dears, Say, wouldn't you open, Claire?

If a boy should rap at your old home door On the Christmas morning fair— Your wandering boy, that you thought was lost— Say, wouldn't you open, Claire?

If a babe should rap at your old heart door On the Christmas morning fair, To give you a kiss or a hug or two, Say, wouldn't you open, Claire?

If a God should rap at your old heart door On the Christmas morning fair, To give you a Son with a heavenly home, Say, wouldn't you open, Claire?

Christmas Kindnesses.

At this season of the year, remember that it is your duty as children, and also your privilege, to glorify God, to promote peace, and to extend good will to those around you. You may promote the blessing of peace on earth by frankly forgiving those who may grieve or annoy you, by persuading enemies to be reconciled to each other, and by daily prayer to God to preserve the nations of the earth from the deadly horrors of war. And you may in a great many ways show good will to men. Are there not poor people within a short walk of your own door who will receive no Christmas cards, no nice presents of food or good clothing, whose children have no nice toys or picture books, of which some of you have such an abundance that you scarcely know where to find room for?—Christian Herald.

What Makes a Happy Christmas.

It does not require much money, nor indeed any money, to make a happy home circle on Christmas. The chief thing is a warm and merry heart. It will devise ways and means for filling the home with cheer, joy and gladness. A little invention, a little effort, and much love will give the day a halo brighter than tinsel and gold. God did not require extra material to paint every tree and bush in all this region a crystal whiteness the other night. He used only a little moisture and a little cold, and in the morning men exclaimed in wonder, "What beauty!" So the simple things beautify and glorify the home, and make holidays bright with joys beyond the purchase of money.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

Christmas gifts for thee, Fair and free! Precious things from the heavenly store Filling thy basket more and more; Golden love in divine chain, That never can be untwined again; Silvery carols of joy that swell Sweetest of all in the heart's lone cell.

Mabel's Christmas.

There is a good lesson in many and girls in the following Christmas story: "Christmas is now here." That's what Mabel was reading on a business card that she had picked up. "Christmas is now here." So it was, or nearly so—only one day more, and then Christmas eve! She absently counted off on her fingers the list of friends to whom she meant to present gifts. She was going to give a good many presents this year, and expected a good many in return. There was Cousin Tom, who had been so curious as to the exact size of her third finger, and her Sunday-school teacher, who always put such nice cards on the tree for her class, and mamma, mamma always gave her something good—and papa—she did hope that papa understood her when she remarked, the other evening, that she didn't expect anything this year, but if she did, and had her choice, she would rather have a certain black and gilt writing desk than anything else in the world. And then she fell to wondering if Belle, her deskmate, would give her anything. Belle knew that she was going to give her something. It was quite probable—quite probable, indeed—that Belle would remember her. And she slowly tore the bit of pasteboard in her hand in two, and then a thin slip fluttered to the pavement. As another was about to follow, her eye caught the bright, thicket lettering again; but this time it read, "Christ is now here"—the little slip thrown away bearing the second syllable.

"Oh, how strange!" she thought. "Christ is now here. And suppose he should be. And Christmas is his birthday!" she went on, now thoroughly aroused. "His birthday—and what am I going to give him? Why, we are all acting as though it were our birthdays, and our Christmas tree too. It is all, every bit, just for ourselves—not one thing for Jesus."

When her father came home she told him the thoughts that had been awakened by the torn card.

"But how can one, papa, give Jesus a Christmas present? And besides, it is too late now."

"No, dear," her father replied, "there are the poor, whom we have always with us, and there is the black and gilt writing desk," with a smile. "Now, how much do you suppose you could get out of that little desk?" he went on. "Let me see—one load of coal, one-half bushel of potatoes, one peck of apples, one sack of flour, and still have two dollars left."

"For a nice warm shawl," Mabel almost shouted. "Won't granny be surprised?"

But surprise did not at all express old, feeble, black Granny Brown's feelings when Christmas dawned and she could hardly pull open the little cabin door for the great basket of good things hanging to it. And when she stumbled against the coal that had been mysteriously heaped in the yard during the night, her gratitude overflowed, and with trembling hands raised, and quivering voice, she cried, "De good Lawd hisself done been hyar dis blessed night!"

Holiday Suggestions.

At most stores where sweets and sweet-boxes are sold, you can get small drums, intended for holding sweets. Of these very pretty hanging pincushions can be made. Make a bag to fit in the drum and project a little from the top; fill with bran and then glue into the drum, covering the top with velvet or satin, and pushing the edges well in between the muslin bag and the drum.

This little drum pincushion slung by ribbons is most useful. We all know how often a pin is wanted in a drawing-room, and how seldom it is forthcoming, so that a pincushion which is ornamental should find a place more often than it usually does.

A very pretty and easily-made gift is a hanging wall-pocket, made in rather a novel manner. It is particularly suited as a present for invalids or infirm people, who like to have the implements of their work near them.

An oblong cardboard foundation is covered with any material—silk preferably—that you like. Make a pocket about a quarter the depth of the covered card by gathering in some of the material and sewing it firmly to the lower edges. Then after putting a running piece of elastic through the upper part of the silk, sew the sides to the sides of the cardboard.

A hanging pincushion should be suspended at one side, and at the other by a long ribbon a pair of useful sized scissors. The convenience of a hanging pocket of this kind is very great, and it can of course be made very pretty if artistic materials are chosen.

Make an upper pocket; in much the same way, and cover the opening at the top by four leaves, which overlap one another, but which graduate in size. These leaves should be made in flannel, and into them should be run needles of all sizes.

You can buy small remnants of silk or brocade, which answer capitally for an article of the kind. The pocket should be suspended by ribbon to match that upon which scissors and pincushion are hung. A small bow of the same is placed at each corner. By the way, although cardboard answers well enough as the foundation of this wall-pocket, millboard, or what is termed strawboard, answers very much better. In making fancy articles generally, either are very much better, unless the cardboard is very thick and not likely to bend. Of course you will not do anything so rash as to attempt to cut either of these boards with your scissors. Pencil carefully and accurately out the size and shape of the article you want to make of the board, and then cut it out with a very sharp penknife.

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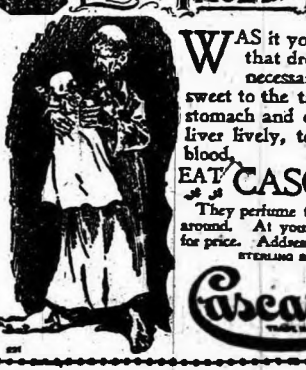
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Garden Spots of the South. The Passenger Department of the Louisville & Nashville E. R. has just issued a hundred page book with the above title. It is descriptive of the resources and capabilities of the soil of the counties lying along this line in the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Southern Mississippi and Western Florida. It also contains a county map of the above named states, and is well worthy of a perusal of any one interested in the South. A copy will be sent to any address upon receipt of 10 cents in silver or stamps, by C. F. Atmore, Gen. Pass. Agt., Louisville, Ky. Semi-monthly excursions South. Write for particulars.

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

### LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION

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

Spontaneously they've evaporated. Both bloomers and bicycle queen. They'll be seen no more. On this beautiful shore until the grass grows green.

Wood was at a premium in Plymouth the first of the week.

A table of contents of THE MAIL will be found on 1st page.

Rob Mimmack was laid up with the grip the fore part of the week.

A Christmas tree and exercises will be given at the M. E. church on Christmas eve.

The Universalist society netted about \$35 from their "Between the Acts," last week.

Many Plymouth people enjoyed the first sleighing of the season last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Bennett & Co. have an ad. on the opposite page. If you are in need of footwear of any description, read it over.

The young people's L. T. L. and Temperance Movement will meet at the M. E. church next Sunday at 3 p. m.

On account of Christmas, THE MAIL will be issued one day earlier next week. Advertisers and correspondents please take notice.

Coella Hamilton has engaged the services of Harry McClellan, a tool maker of Cleveland, to assist him for an indefinite time in his machine shop.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will meet in the chapel on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 23, at 2 o'clock. All are requested to be present.

Amos Ray, who was arrested on the charge of inciting a disturbance in the street, was acquitted of the charge in Justice Lombard's court Thursday.

"Yank" Robinson received an invitation from George Hall this week to attend a muskrat supper at Monroe. We did not learn whether the invitation was accepted or not.

Chas. Butterfield and Bert Clapper, the two operators at the D. L. & N. depot, have been on the sick list this week. Mr. Pelton, with the assistance of a Mr. Heaton, of Detroit, have been doing the operators' work.

Rev. E. E. Caster, of Milford, will preach in the Methodist church next Sunday morning and evening, and conduct quarterly meeting services. All who heard Mr. Caster's lecture three years ago on "Matrimony" will be glad to have an opportunity to hear him preach. Everybody invited.

The funeral of the late Mrs. C. A. Stevens, of Canton, took place at her late home, last Sunday afternoon. Burial at Cherry Hill. The services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Oliver, and one of the Plymouth choirs. Mrs. Stevens was held in high esteem by all who knew her as a neighbor and Christian. The large assembly seemed to vie with each other in their efforts to show their regard for her.

The Planet Venus is now visible in the southwest shortly after sunset. Those who wish to see this beautiful planet should scan the southwestern horizon about 5:00 o'clock. A silvery light, like that of an electric lamp, will soon be seen. It is interesting to note that the earth's nearest neighbors of the solar system are now visible in the evening, Mars in the east and Venus in the west.

Bro. Browne of the Sand Beach Times, having been asked by a dazed and half awake subscriber what kind of wood he wanted, breaks out in the following strain: "What kind of wood do we want? God bless you, we are willing to take any kind from a fence rail up, or a good load of sound wooden wood down; any length, from a half inch to a mile and a half. Bring it now! Bring it quick! And bring it often."

Take your shirts, collars and cuffs to Ber Laundry. The finest work done by experienced workmen. Goods called for and delivered. BURT REA, Prop.

Frank Chandler, of Toledo, was in town Saturday.

Chas. Shattuck and wife spent Sunday in Detroit.

John Streng and wife drove to Detroit today (Friday).

Mrs. May Durham, of Pontiac, visited in town this week.

Mary Rogers has resigned her school in the Ryder district.

George Hunter and Will Bassett were in Detroit Wednesday.

Miss Eleanor Truesdell, of Canton, visited at Mrs. Mead's this week.

Maud Markham entertained Miss Inez James, of Mt. Pleasant, this week.

Harry Robinson, Fred Dunn and M. R. Grainger were in Detroit, Thursday.

Chas. Berdan arrived in town Thursday and will remain until after the holidays.

Mrs. Harrison Peck visited her sister in Ann Arbor from Saturday until Tuesday.

Mrs. L. C. Hough and Mrs. E. C. Hough spent Friday of this week in Detroit.

Mr. Stringer and Mrs. Warner visited at Belleville and Ypsilanti Saturday and Sunday.

E. Pelton and wife attended Hoyt's "A Temperance Town," in Detroit Monday evening.

Elmer Chaffee, Ed Frisbee, E. L. Riggs, W. O. Allen, W. H. Hoyt and Clay Hoyt were Detroit visitors Thursday.

Mrs. C. W. Valentine will go to Grand Rapids tomorrow (Saturday) to visit with relatives until after the holidays.

John C. Noyes, who has been staying with his brother for a few weeks, returned to his home in West Superior, Wis., Monday.

Mrs. E. S. Rice, of Ellsworth, Kansas, daughter of the late A. D. Lapham, and who is stopping with her brother-in-law, C. Chilson, of Livonia, came in this week and renewed her subscription to the MAIL. Mr. and Mrs. Rice are very pleasantly situated near Ellis' orch, with 1,200 acres of land from which they harvested this year 12,000 bushels of corn and 2,000 bushels of wheat besides keeping 300 head of cattle and 200 hogs.

Ed Larkins and Miss Lizzie Williams were married on Wednesday evening.

J. R. Rauch & Son have a miniature steam engine and cars in their show window.

Santa Claus and the old lady are occupying A. A. Taff's show window this week.

George A. Kellogg has received his credentials as one of the incoming sheriff's office deputies.

Services at the village hall next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. Geo. S. McCollister.

The lecture given at the M. E. church Thursday evening by a native of Armenia — highly spoken of by those who attended.

As we go to press we learn that Roy Neal, who has been suffering with consumption for several months, can survive but a few hours.

At Plymouth stores you can find larger and more varied assortments of Christmas gifts than anywhere else in the county outside of Detroit.

A female traveling man was in town Wednesday selling shoe polish. She polished quite a number of shoes around town and got quite a "shine" on herself.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hueston, on Tuesday night, Dec. 15th, an eleven pound boy. Mother and son are doing well and the Dr. thinks he will pull Frank through all right.

The Plymouth Whist Club will not meet next Wednesday evening on account of it being Christmas week, but will meet one week from next Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Chaffee.

### What Might Be

Not long since THE MAIL made some suggestions in regard to the need of more dwelling houses in Plymouth, to which we wish to add a few more thoughts. There is, to our knowledge, but one empty house in town at the present time and at least a half-dozen families have been looking after that.

The fact that Plymouth has many people that have money upon which they would be glad to realize 6 or 7 per cent interest, encourages us to offer the suggestion that some of them erect dwelling houses to be sold on the installment plan. It is surely a safe investment, and there are a large number of people here who do not own a home, that could if one could be bought and paid for in monthly payments.

A man who rents a building takes no pride in keeping things up and looking neat around the premises, as it is of no material benefit to him, but let him once feel hold of it, so he can call it his own home, how things change. He takes pride in his surroundings and prosperity, keeps up the buildings and adds improvements year by year. Every dollar thus expended adds to the appearance, prosperity and general welfare of the village. Will some of the monied men look into the matter and see if there is any chance to make a safe investment in this line?



## Christmas Gifts!

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Silk Handkerchiefs,  
Linen Handkerchiefs,  
Fine Initial Handkerchiefs,  
Plush Caps,  
Cloth Caps,  
Fine Gloves,  
Fine Mittens,  
Hosiery,

Dress Patterns,  
Fine Towels,  
Underwear,  
Cloaks and Jackets,  
Overcoats,  
Suits,  
Fine Hats,  
Ladies' Kid Gloves,  
Mackintoshes,  
Bed Comforts,

And hundreds of other things too numerous to mention in our space. If you don't see what you want, ask for it. We are sure to have it. Low prices is the motto.

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#### Ladies' Literary Club.

The meeting was held Dec. 11, at Mrs. E. W. Chaffee's. Called to order at 2:30 p. m. by the Pres., Miss Hartsough, with eleven ladies present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected by adding Miss Hartsough's report of the "Federation of Clubs" to which she was a delegate.

A discussion of local events was followed by "The Venezuela Boundary Decision" given by Miss Hartsough.

Treasurer's report read. A paper by Mrs. Travis on "The House of Hohenzollern" was omitted from the literary work.

Mr. H. H. Safford read for Mrs. Valentine on "German Civilization."

A select reading by Mrs. C. L. Wilcox proved very interesting.

Baring Gould's "Story of the Nations" was read by the club leader, Maud Vrooman.

Meeting adjourned to January 2nd, at Mrs. F. B. Adams.

#### Gifts For Women and Men.

"Women's wants, if measured by their belongings, would seem to be almost innumerable, and of a kind which require constant renewing and replacing," writes Francis E. Langan telling of appropriate Christmas gifts for women and for men in the December *Ladies' Home Journal*. "Woman's interests and occupations require a greater number of small things for their equipment than do those of men, and Christmas gifts for them are, therefore more easily prepared. Women's belongings have the further advantage of being useful as well as beautiful. Men are always pleased with simple gifts, and are usually embarrassed when presented with expensive articles of any sort. The value to them of a gift is, as it should be with all persons, in proportion to its simplicity and usefulness and out of proportion to its cost."

Mr. Doh's new house will be occupied by Mr. Blakesley, of Saginaw.

A Christmas program will be rendered at the school-house Thursday afternoon next. Everybody invited.

A handsome souvenir given with every package at Star Laundry Christmas week.

BERT REA, Prop.

Headquarters for Holiday Goods at C. G. Draper's jewelry store. A Merry Christmas to all.

LOST—Pair of gold-bowed glasses somewhere in village. Finder please leave at Mrs. Benona Sherman's. (1w)

#### Christmas and New Year Holidays.

The F. & P. M. R. R. Co. will sell excursion tickets between all stations on its line, Dec. 24th, 25th and 31st, 1896, and January 1st, 1897, limited for return up to and including January 4th, 1897, at rate of one and one third fare for the round trip.

#### Watch For The Doctor.

Don't forget to read Dr. Walker's announcement to visit Plymouth at Berdan house, Wednesday, Dec. 23. The doctor will make regular monthly visits. The public press say he is one of the most skilled physicians and surgeons offering his services to the public. His visits are always attended by many marked cures. You should not fail to see him on the above date. (484)

E. P. Baker will be at his studio in Plymouth every weekday hereafter and will make photos at very reasonable rates for guaranteed work. A special feature is made in baby photos.

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Services held in Safford's Hall every Sunday morning at 10:30, and every Friday evening at 7:30. All are most cordially invited to attend.

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# THEN OUR WALLS.

## WERE MENTION OF MICHIGAN MATTERS.

The Farmers' Clubs of Michigan Meet in Convention at the State Capital—The State Grange Also Gathers at Lansing for an Annual Meeting.

### Farmers' Clubs Meet at Lansing.

The annual meeting of the State Association of Farmers' clubs was held at Lansing. Gov. Rich was one of the principal speakers, and he dwelt particularly upon the condition of the state institutions. He referred to the question of having relatives of insane patients pay for their keeping as far as they were able; also to the convict labor problem. The governor said he thought the University of Michigan should not ask for any more special appropriations from the state but should be content with the one mill tax. E. L. Lockwood, of Petersburg, spoke in response to the governor. A committee was appointed to confer with a like committee from the State Grange, to agree on legislative measures to be advocated.

### President A. N. Kimmis, of Oakland County, outlined the recommendations of the executive committee, which, if adopted, would save the tax payers at least \$500,000 a year. They are, in brief: All county officers, paid by salary instead of fees, and liable to prosecution if they accept any perquisites; all fees readjusted and turned into the county treasury; no new state institutions; weeding out of unprofitable institutions and doing away with unbusiness-like methods; prisons made self-supporting; insane to be treated, in full or in part at the expense of their estate or relatives; no special appropriations for the U. of M.; no changes to make road laws more burdensome than at present; more economical system for collection of taxes on non-residents; more equitable distribution of taxes upon personal and real property. Mr. Kimmis declared that the state had lost \$100,000 by departing from the constitutional plan of doing its own printing.

Robert Gibbons, of Detroit, roared the press and public generally for the abuse heaped upon legislators, saying they are, as a class, neither dishonest nor unpatriotic. Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, of Detroit, spoke of woman's influence in farmers' clubs. Prof. Bradley M. Thompson defended the U. of M. and said that it was the institution in which farmers' sons and daughters secured their higher education, yet the opposition came from the farmers. The U. of M. expenses are only \$300 per student while Harvard requires \$750. A. C. Bird, of Hillsdale, roasted Prof. Bradley. Col. Vic Deland pointed out the expense of running township government and showed how expenses could be reduced, and Patrick Hankerd, of Jackson, urged that juries be cut down from 12 to 6. Resolutions were passed urging local farmers' clubs to acquaint themselves with the details of supervisors reports and other county affairs; urging the formation of county farmers' clubs; recommending the establishment of a department for ladies' clubs in the Michigan Farmer.

### The following officers were elected: President, J. T. Daniels, of Clinton county; vice-president, Patrick Hankerd, of Jackson; secretary, F. D. Wells, of Monroe.

### The State Grange.

The annual meeting of the Michigan State Grange at Lansing was largely attended. Master Horton's address showed that there has been a slight falling off in membership, but the order is still strong in all parts of the state. Gov. elect Pingree was slated for an address on "The Farmer and the State," but he was not able to attend and sent his regrets. The Grangers were much disappointed. At a public meeting addresses were made by Gov. Rich, ex-Gov. Luce, J. J. Woodman, of Paw Paw, and others.

Secretary Buell reported the organization during the year of 19 new subordinate granges, and the revival of six dormant ones, and an aggregate increase in membership of 1,456. The secretary also reported receipts of \$3,000 and disbursements of \$1,000; the deficit being due to the losses of the Grange Visitor, the publication of which will be discontinued with the issue of Dec. 15. Hereafter the Grange will have a department in the Michigan Farmer, to be conducted by Kenyon L. Butterfield. During the past 13 years the Visitor has sunk \$10,000 for the Grange.

### No Inaugural Display for Gov. Pingree.

Gov. Rich, Justice Grant, Secretary of State Gardner and other prominent people at Lansing were arranging for a big time at the installation of the new state officers Jan. 1. Elaborate ceremonies had been planned and a big time was in prospect, but it is all off now. Gov. elect Pingree has written Gov. Rich thanking the committee for their good intentions, but declaring that he would much prefer that there be no display, but that he be merely sworn in without public ceremony other than receiving any of the people who might call.

### Miners employed by the Saginaw Coal Co. have struck.

The Michigan association at Washington has re-elected Gen. Orlando E. Wilcox as president.

### Ed Jones was struck by a falling limb while cutting wood near Cassopolis. His skull was crushed, and he died almost instantly.

### James Lampman, a Lowell veteran, was found dead in bed at the Soldiers' home at Grand Rapids. His room was filled with all sorts of patent medicines, and the coroner thinks he died from overdosing himself with them.

## ATTEMPTED MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Ernest L. Chase, son of Dr. Chase, the author of the famous recipe book, cut his wife's throat with a razor and then attempted to kill himself by the same means, at their home in Detroit. The physicians at the hospital to which they were taken report that both will recover unless blood poisoning sets in. The couple have two boys, aged 16 and 11, but both were away from home at the time of the tragedy. Chase has dissipated a considerable fortune and was in rather straightened circumstances.

## CRACKED PENSION EXAMINER CAPTURED.

J. A. Jordan, special U. S. pension examiner, has been arrested at Toronto, Can., on the charge of forgery. He was indicted by the grand jury at Grand Rapids over a year ago, for making false affidavits in pension cases and defrauding the government by a system of false reports. He was one of the oldest pension examiners in the country, having been in the service since the war closed. He had been stationed in the east for years, but was transferred to Grand Rapids where he stood high.

## THE TWO PENINSULAS.

Cheboygan has winter street cars on runners.

Iron ore has been found on the farm of Wm. Cameron, east of Niles.

New York capitalists talk of starting a glass factory at Grand Rapids to employ 300 men.

Port Huron has granted John B. Dyer, of Detroit, a franchise for an electric railway.

The soldiers' monument, which has been talked of at St. Johns for a long time, is about to be realized. Over \$1,100 have been raised.

It is estimated that \$150,000 worth of celery has been left in the ground to rot by Kalamazoo celery growers, owing to the low price it brings.

Daniel Henry was shot and dangerously wounded, near Niles, by Kenneth Turner, aged 14. Turner claims that he took Henry for a footpad.

Ephraim Detwiler, a prosperous farmer near Brown City, upon returning to his home after selling a load of logs dropped dead at his doorway.

Amos Zuelke, of Marlette township, is confined in the county jail at Sanilac Center. His head is completely turned and he preaches free coinage of silver incessantly.

Mike Martin and Chas. E. Rickson, fishermen, were drowned while returning from Charlevoix to their camp on Fisherman's island with a boat load of provisions.

Wm. James Carveth, aged 45, a trusty prisoner serving 18 years at Jackson for attempting to kill his wife, walked out of the prison and escaped. He was sentenced in 1886.

Joseph Parsons, convicted of attempted criminal assault upon Nettie Atwood, aged 9, at Port Huron, was sentenced by Judge Vance to eight years imprisonment at Ionia.

Miss Luey (Lil), daughter of Hon. Edwin F. Uhl, U. S. ambassador to Germany, formerly of Grand Rapids, was married in Berlin to Prof. Guy Thompson, of Yale university.

Grand Rapids' transient officers raided a bean-picking establishment and found 12 little girls under 16 years of age, and will compel them to go to school. None of them could read well.

Richard Eader, gateman at the Pine Grove avenue crossing of the Grand Trunk railway at Port Huron, was fatally injured by a passing train. He had been employed by the Grand Trunk for over 50 years.

Port Huron's council finds that the city cannot build an auditorium on market square without a special act of legislature. L. A. Sherman now offers to erect a \$12,000 building as a private enterprise.

Willie Monks, aged 17, charged with aiding his brother Richard in his extensive forgeries, escaped from the Bay county jail by springing open the shutters and letting himself down 30 feet by means of ropes made from blankets.

An old iron cannon taken from the wreck of an old Spanish warship, and which is supposed to have been used at the time of Spanish possession of Florida, has arrived at Port Huron. It was secured by Mayor Boynton during a southern trip last year, and will be mounted in the public square.

Representatives of eight granges and the principal fruit growers of Berrien county met at Benton Harbor for the purpose of formulating plans to dispose of their fruit in Chicago without the aid of the commission merchants, who, they claim, are a "set of thieves." They also propose to build a factory to manufacture their own fruit packages, and will arrange for cheaper transportation.

The output of iron ore shipped from the upper peninsula by water this season, was about 9,500,000 tons. This does not include the consumption of ore at local furnaces. The production exceeds that of any year previous to 1885, but does not quite come up to that season. The prices for Bessemer ore, however, have been more remunerative than during any year previous to 1893. Competition from Alabama was felt slightly.

The shoe store of John Jeffrey at Ithaca, was closed by the sheriff. Jeffrey put his affairs in the hands of an attorney, sold his stock of shoes to A. E. Barstow, and left the city, taking quite a sum of money. Barstow took possession, but Mrs. Jeffrey put an attachment on the stock and closed the store. Jeffrey is the man who recently claimed half of Mt. Pleasant. He was at one time worth \$50,000, left him by his father, but is said to have gone through most of it in a foolish manner. Jeffrey was a strong Cuban sympathizer and some think he has gone to Cuba fight with the Cubans.

## SULTAN IN NAME ONLY.

Powers Reduce the Turkish Monarch to a Mere Vassal.

London papers give assurance, to what has previously been but rumors so far as the press was concerned, that Great Britain, France and Russia have reached an agreement to combine and take charge of affairs in Turkey, with the consent of Germany, Austria and Italy. To this end British and French Mediterranean fleets will shortly be mobilized in contiguity to the Bosphorus and Dardanelles and the Russian fleet is ready on the Black sea, in order to enforce, if necessary, the reforms which the embassies of the three powers have to present to the sultan. The fleets will force a passage of the straits of the Dardanelles if the sultan makes any resistance.

By the details of the agreement the sultan is to be reduced to practical vassalage. It came about that British and other representatives brought home to Russia a realization that the policy of inaction for which Russia was chiefly responsible, had become intolerable. Russia yielded in principle, but the discussion of ways and means occupied nearly three months.

## Cuban War Incidents.

Continued fighting in the towns surrounding Havana is reported.

A Washington dispatch says that information has been received to the effect that Spain is formulating a plan of home rule for Cuba, such as was suggested in President Cleveland's last message to congress.

The Paris agent of the Cuban junta says that not only the Cubans but the French people, after hearing of the assassination of Maceo, are collecting all they can to send an expedition, to be called the "expedition of Gen. Maceo," to Cuba. From San Domingo and Mexico also come assurances of contributions to the cause. Senor Quesada, at the head of the Cuban delegation at Washington says that dozens of letters have been received from all parts of the country offering men and money for the cause. Mr. Quesada says they have plenty of men, but supplies are needed.

Sixty-seven men left Tampa, Fla., on the regular Florida-Central & Peninsula train in two private coaches for a point near Jacksonville, where they will embark for Cuba. They form one of three combined expeditions now en route to Cuba on the Commodore, the Three Friends and the Bermuda. Gen. Carlos Roloff sailed from a northern port in the Bermuda and was met by the other two expeditions as he went south. It is said that in all three expeditions will be about 300 men. The Bermuda also carries 6,000 rifles; 4,000,000 cartridges; four Hotchkiss guns; two dynamite guns; 600 hand bombs; projectiles for the cannon and medicines. Gen. Roloff is directed to go to the province of Sancti Spiritus and to take command in place of Gen. Serafin Sanchez, lately killed in battle.

## Venezuela May not Accept the Treaty.

New York: A special from Caracas says Senor Andrade, Venezuelan minister to the United States, who was to leave for Washington at once with the cabinet's approval of the Guiana boundary agreement, has been delayed. It is said Venezuela will withhold her consent to the arrangement entered into between Secretary Olney and Lord Salisbury for the settlement of the dispute.

Washington: The unofficial reports from Venezuela that a serious agitation has sprung up against the boundary settlement agreed on between the United States and Great Britain causes much surprise and no little concern in official quarters. Mr. Andrade had previously called the time of his leaving, also stating that President Crespo approved the agreement and would call an extra session of congress to ratify it. For this reason the reports that Mr. Andrade and Mr. Storow will not return at present, owing to expected developments growing out of the agitation against the settlement is felt to be embarrassing and possibly imperil the final adjustment, which had been confidently expected at an early day. The Venezuelan papers which reached Washington on the last steamer are very guarded on the matter and appear to be under some government advisement on the subject.

## Queen-Lil Comes to Visit Grover.

The unexpected arrival of San Francisco of ex-Queen Liliuokalani from Honolulu has given rise to no little speculation as to the object of her trip. Her only attendants were a man and a woman servant. Liliuokalani declines to be interviewed and will give no information regarding her plans. Her fellow passengers on the steamer gathered the idea that she will go to Washington and call upon President Cleveland in the hope that the United States will take some steps looking to the restoration of the Hawaiian monarchy. It is intimated by Col. MacFarlane, the ex-queen's former Chamberlain who now resides in San Francisco, that the ex-queen will represent to the President that the Hawaiian republic has been a failure and that the great majority of the Hawaiian people would welcome a return to the former monarchical institutions.

The North German Lloyd steamer Salier, bound from Bremen to Buenos Ayres, foundered off Coruña's Corredo on the rocks on the Spanish coast during a heavy gale. The ship went down in a very short time and all on board were lost. Salier carried a crew of 65 men and had nearly 500 passengers aboard. They consisted of Russians, Galicians, Spaniards and Germans, and were mostly in the steerage. The Corredo rocks, on which the Salier was lost, are situated off the southwest coast of Coruña and should have been given a wide berth, but a heavy fog prevailed.

## CONGRESS AT WORK.

### NATIONAL LAWMAKERS MEET AT WASHINGTON.

Opening Session Very Quiet—Several Red Hot Cuban Resolutions Introduced.

—The Dingley Tariff Bill in the Senate—The Pension Bill Passed.

SENATE—Second day—About 25 minutes was the length of the session and about the only matter of interest was the notice given by Senator Cullom that he would open the Cuban discussion two days later. The Senate adjourned as a mark of respect to Ex-Speaker Crisp. HOUSE—The pension bill was passed, carrying \$141,263,880, about \$75,000 less than for the present year. Three other bills of considerable importance were passed: One provided for the use of private mailing cards of general size and character as the present postal cards, when one cent stamps are affixed; another provided for a limited indemnity of \$10 for the loss of registered mail matter, and the third provided for a private carrier service in towns and villages where no free delivery exists. The latter provides that on the application of 20 persons receiving their mail at the same office the postmaster shall appoint such persons as are willing to undertake the collection and delivery of mails; that the charge not to exceed one cent for each letter and that the charge shall be paid by the beneficiaries.

SENATE—Third day—The Dingley tariff bill was brought up by a vote of the Senate, but, to the disappointment of its friends, was immediately hung up by a motion to recommit it to the finance committee, and the motion was being debated when the hour of adjournment arrived. Three vigorous Cuban measures were introduced, as follows: By Senator Cameron, of Pennsylvania, "Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives that the independence of the republic of Cuba be and the same is hereby acknowledged by the United States of America. Resolved, that the United States should use its friendly offices with the government of Spain to bring to a close the war between Spain and Cuba." By Senator Mills, of Texas, "Resolved, that the President of the United States is hereby directed to take possession of the island of Cuba with the military and naval forces of the United States and hold the same until the people of Cuba can organize a government deriving its powers from the consent of the governed and arm and equip such military and naval forces as may be necessary to secure them against foreign invasion." Both of these resolutions were referred to the foreign relations committee, and then Senator Call, of Florida, offered the following: "Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives, that the United States of America recognizes the republic of Cuba as a free and independent government, and accord to the people of Cuba all the rights of a sovereign and independent government in the ports and within the jurisdiction of the United States." After this came a flood of bills covering every phase of legislation, including an anti-trust bill and a measure to withdraw small notes from circulation, also one for the "temporary reduction of salaries of United States officers." HOUSE—About a dozen bills were passed, all being of only local importance and referring principally to land matters in the west.

SENATE—Fourth day—The principal event of the session was a red hot speech by Senator Cullom, of Illinois, upon the Cuban question. Mr. Call, of Florida, also spoke for the suffering "gem of the Antilles." Both were listened to very attentively by the senators and the crowded galleries. The immigration bill was taken up and discussed. HOUSE—Several minor bills were passed, among them one to prohibit the sale of liquor in the capitol building. Fifth day—No session of the Senate. HOUSE—Private bills occupied the most of the day and war claims aggregating \$18,407 were favorably acted upon.

SENATE—Sixth day—Senator Teller, of Colorado, made his first appearance and was cordially greeted. The vice-president named Senators Sherman, of Ohio; Elkins, of West Virginia, and Mitchell, of Wisconsin, as a committee on the presidential inauguration ceremonies. Mr. Allen, Populist, of Nebraska, defended the Populists and said that the east need not fear the violation of contracts at their hands. He also took opportunity to praise Wm. J. Bryan. Mr. Hear, of Massachusetts, rebuked Mr. Allen for attempting to speak for the whole Populist party and said it was something new for senators to represent parties in the chamber instead of representing their states. Mr. Call, of Florida, renewed attention to the Cuban question by three resolutions, one being a bitter denunciation of the manner in which it is alleged Gen. Antonio Maceo had been killed while under a flag of truce. The other resolutions requested the President to demand the release of United States prisoners at the Spanish penal settlement on the island of Centa, and also asked the secretary of state for a list of Americans held in Spanish prisons. The resolutions went to the committee on foreign relations.

Senators Chandler and Mitchell had a tilt over the resolution for the election of the President by popular vote. The immigration bill was taken up, but not acted upon. HOUSE—About the only important measure passed was a bill for more stringent restriction of the liquor business in the District of Columbia.

The entire plant of the Michigan Pipe Co., at Bay City, was destroyed by a fire which originated in the dry kiln. The plant covered four acres and employed 114 men. The loss is fully \$100,000, with \$35,000 insurance. The company will not rebuild.

## MACEO KILLED BY TREACHERY.

Asked to a Peace Conference and Foully Assassinated.

Later dispatches from Cuba by way of various points confirm the reports of the killing of Gen. Antonio Maceo. Dr. Maximo Zertucha, who was the personal physician of Maceo, has surrendered to the Spanish and San Felipe and says that Maceo was shot in the chin, the bullet breaking his jaw and passing out near the shoulders. A second bullet wounded him in the abdomen. But this does not tell the whole of the story. Positive information, corroborated by circumstances, show that Maceo and his staff were murdered in cold blood while under a flag of truce.

It is very apparent that Capt. Gen. Weyler had become convinced that he could not defeat the Cubans by warfare in Pinar del Rio so he resolved upon the cowardly assassination. This was made possible by the secret relations between Dr. Zertucha, the physician of Maceo's staff, and marquis of Ahumada, the acting captain-general at Havana during Weyler's absence in the field. And this is how the hellish scheme was carried out. Ahumada, as acting captain-general, proposed through Zertucha a conference with Maceo to take place at a certain point in the province of Havana, with the view of arranging plans for the cessation of hostilities. The basis was to be Cuba's independence and a monetary indemnity to Spain together with certain advantages that should be agreed upon for Spanish commerce and Spanish capital invested there. To carry out the plan the agreement was made that orders should be given to the detachments of troops stationed on the trocha in the section between Mariel and Guanajay to allow Maceo with his staff to pass the military line safely. The conditions and place of the meeting having been agreed on, Maceo crossed the trocha over the road to Guanajay, without being molested by the sentinels, who in fact recognized him and presented arms in his honor. But as soon as he arrived at the place decided upon Maceo and his staff, numbering 35 men and officers, were greeted by a tremendous volley from the troops under Maj. Cirujeda, who lay conveniently in ambush. Most of the officers on his staff fell with Gen. Maceo. Zertucha is alive because he was aware of the scheme and remained in the rear. The bodies of Maceo and young Gomez were then tied to the tails of the soldier's horses, and dragged over the field so as to disgrace them, as the Spaniards did not wish to have them discovered and identified at first. It is now known that Zertucha receives \$50,000 for his part in the tragedy.

### Cubans Not Discouraged.

Senor Estrada Palma, president of the Cuban junta at New York, says: "I have news confirming the reports that Gen. Maceo and his staff came into conflict with Ahumada, Weyler's lieutenant, and were murdered, and Dr. Zertucha was present. I was at first inclined to believe that the news of Gen. Maceo's death was false, but it now seems that he has been foully murdered. This very act of the Spanish government proves the strength of the revolution. They cannot crush it by open warfare. They must resort to the assassin's knife. They dared not face Maceo so they had to stab him in the back. Dr. Zertucha had the fullest confidence of Maceo and pretended to be an ardent revolutionist. For over a year, it is known, Zertucha has been persuading Maceo to break through the trocha and had often offered to show him how easily it could be done. As a result of listening to him Maceo and his devoted staff met assassination. "Discouraged!" exclaimed the Cuban in reply to a question. "No sir; never. The blow, though great, will bear fruit profitable to the cause. It will arouse public sentiment. It will show up the Spanish method of warfare. When the truth is spread among the soldiers in the field they will be spurred on by the spirit of revenge and fight with redoubled fury."

The success of Gen. Calixto Garcia to the lieutenant-generalship of the Cuban insurgents, and of Maj. Gen. Rios Rivera to the command of the forces in Pinar del Rio, both of which positions were held by Maceo, are fixed upon practically as certainties by the Cuban delegation at Washington. Both men are noted campaigners and have made strong records. Garcia is 50 years of age and his achievements in the revolution are history. Rivera, like Maceo, is a pupil of the veteran commander-in-chief, Gomez, and was with him in the 10 years' war. Rivera is now in command in Pinar del Rio.

Gen. Weyler has returned to Havana and says that he will at once clear Havana provinces of the insurgents and will then pacify Pinar del Rio province in three weeks.

The steamships San Francisco, Montserrat, Buenos Ayres and Sartrougevi have arrived in Havana with reinforcements of 6,000 troops. Among the passengers was the son of Gen. Weyler. These troops look like mere boys.

Reports say that scores of young Americans are enlisting to go to Cuba to fight the Spaniards. Columbus O. has sent 25; Springfield, O., 25; Fayetteville, Ark., 25; Larned, Kas., 25; Kanikakee, Ill., 25; and many other points similar numbers.

President Cleveland has been called to account by the sultan of Turkey. An emphatic protest has been made against the language used in the President's message to congress regarding the massacre of the Armenians in that empire. It is said that Mustapha Bey, the Turkish minister, has threatened to withdraw his passports and sever diplomatic relations with the United States unless the President makes some amends for his harsh language. The minister's interview with Secretary Olney was very exciting.

## MACEO KILLED.

The Insurgent General Killed in the Battlefield—Gomez' Son also Dead.

Official Spanish dispatches from Havana say that Gen. Antonio Maceo, the second in command to Commander-in-Chief Gomez, of the insurgent army, has been killed in Havana province after having effected the passage of the western trocha near Mariel, at its northern extremity. With the Cuban leader died the youth, Francisco Gomez, son of Gen. Gomez, who accompanied Maceo on his passage of the trocha. Maj. Cirujeda's report of a battle with the Cubans gives the information. He says that Maceo with 2,000 men attacked the trocha and that a fight lasting several hours ensued, resulting in the insurgents crossing the trocha and retreating into Havana province, leaving 40 dead on the field. Among the dead were found two corpses lying together, and, indeed, almost locked in an embrace of death. The one body was that of a mulatto, a stout man with gray, curly hair, and the other, that of a slender, dark haired youth. Both men wore white linen duck suits, but underneath these were other garments bearing their respective initials.

Several documents were found on them bearing out their identification as Gen. Maceo and young Gomez. Among the documents was Maceo's war diary and a note signed by the younger man saying that he committed suicide rather than abandon the body of his general.

The news of the death of Maceo created great excitement in Havana and the loyalists are jubilant believing that a blow has been struck at the rebellion that will result in its speedy suppression. The rebel sympathizers feel very despondent over the loss of the rebel leader, though a considerable number of them placed little reliance on the truth of the news. Many of the Cubans profess to believe that the finding of the letters and the diary was due to a trick of the insurgents to delude the Spanish into the belief that Maceo was killed, while he pursues his plan of reaching Gomez.

Antonio Maceo was without question the most brilliant figure of the present revolt in Cuba, as he was in the 10 years' war—1895 to 1898. In the great raid across the island led by Maximo Gomez in 1895, Maceo was his chief lieutenant, and when Capt. Gen. Camacho had finally receded with his headquarters to the city of Havana, Maceo led a daring raid into the fertile province of Pinar del Rio, where he devastated the great Vuelta Abajo tobacco district and raised the whole province in revolt against Spain. There he has been ever since, with the Spanish authorities in the province practically overturned. Time and again reports have been received of his defeat and rout, his death in action, or his suicide, always to be refuted by his later activities.

### Pearl Bryan's Murderers Must Hang.

The Kentucky court of appeals has refused a new trial to Scott Jackson. The opinion covers also the appeal of the attorneys for Alonzo Walling. It now devolves on Gov. Bradley, after receiving notice of the judgment of the court of appeals, to fix the day and hour for the execution of the two men.

## THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.			
New York—Cattle Sheep Lambs Hogs			
Best grades	\$10.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
Lower grades	2.25	1.50	1.00
Chicago			
Best grades	4.25	3.00	2.50
Lower grades	3.00	2.00	1.50
Detroit			
Best grades	3.00	2.50	2.00
Lower grades	2.00	1.50	1.00
Cincinnati			
Best grades	4.00	3.00	2.50
Lower grades	2.50	2.00	1.50
Cleveland			
Best grades	3.00	2.50	2.00
Lower grades	2.00	1.50	1.00
Pittsburgh			
Best grades	4.00	3.00	2.50
Lower grades	2.50	2.00	1.50

GRAIN, ETC.			
Wheat			
No. 1 red	92	No. 2 mix	88
No. 3	85	No. 4	80
Chicago	88	St. Louis	85
Cincinnati	90	St. Paul	88
Toledo	88	St. Louis	85
Cincinnati	90	St. Paul	88
Cleveland	88	St. Louis	85
Pittsburgh	88	St. Louis	85

## REVIEW OF TRADE.

The approach of holidays and doubt about the action of congress put off further improvement until the new year. While industries have gained in working force, they are waiting for commensurate gain in demand, and meanwhile are trying to clear away embarrassments which restrict them. The wheat market has weakened with less timely news from other countries and larger western receipts. Disappointment about the break in prices may help to increase receipts. The tendency of prices is more conspicuously downward, notably for Bessemer pig iron, steel billets, rails, hiles, leather, flour, wheat, corn, oats, lard, cotton and petroleum. Comparatively steady quotations are reported for raw wool, print cloths, lumber, pork and sugar. Coffee is higher. Many who have been extremely bullish as to wheat prices regard a reaction as likely, notwithstanding the outlook for greater firmness and higher quotations during the latter part of the first half of the current cereal year. The collapse or impending dissolution of iron and steel pools or combinations encourages a belief that prices for these metals will range lower. This causes buyers to withhold orders. Dry goods are depressed by the large stocks of print cloths in the hands of manufacturers, and although some New England woollen mills are well supplied with orders, there is no revival in woollen manufacturing.

Chester Carrol, of Dorr, paid a \$17 fine for his second violation of the local option law.

It is learned at Tampa, Fla., from passengers from Havana that an engagement has been fought between a vanguard of Weyler's army and Maceo's men. Hundreds of wounded soldiers were sent in to Havana and it is believed Maceo gained a victory. Guerrilla bands of insurgents are hovering around Havana and almost daily fight occur between them and the Spanish troops. Two trains carrying Spanish supplies and ammunition have been totally destroyed with dynamite.

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Dr. C. W. Smith, of Owosso, has gone insane over the study of the X rays. He imagines that some one is laying electric wires to kill him.

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Little Dog—Well, I'll be dog-gone—Up-to-Date.



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With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a congested condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

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Every one knows that "5 Drops" is a quick and permanent cure for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Catarrhs, Headaches, Nervousness, La Grippe, and Kidney Diseases. 50¢ per bottle. Sample, prepaid, by mail, 25 cents. Send Rheumatism Card, 167 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

## WOMANHOOD

In order to tend suffering women, who guard their precious organs, surgical operations and quiet treatment the American Association of Physicians passed a resolution to distribute a little book on female diseases. "Womanhood" explains all diseases and irregularities peculiar to woman and gives the best methods of home treatment. Sent free for stamp to pay postage. Address: Eleanor Kendall, 419 N. 5th St., South Omaha, Neb.

## SWAMP ROOT

Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.



PART II. Told by Richard Fenton, of Frenchay, Gloucestershire, Esquire.

I. My old friend Phil Brand has asked me to do this, I suppose I must—Brand is a right good fellow and a clever fellow, but has plenty of crochets of his own. The worst I know of him is that he insists upon having his own way with people. With those who differ from him he is as obstinate as a mule. Anyhow, he has always had his own way with me. This custom, so far as I am concerned, commenced years ago, when we were boys at school together, and I have never been able to shake off the bad habit of giving it to him. He has promised to see that my Queen's English is presentable; for, to tell the truth, I am more at home across country than across foolscap, and my fingers know the feel of the reins or the trigger better than that of the pen.

All the same, I hope he won't take too many liberties with my style, but though it may be, for old Brand at times is apt to get—well, a bit prosy. To hear him on the subject of hard work, and the sanctity thereof, approaches the sublime!

What freak took me to the little God-forsaken village of Midcombe in the depth of winter, is entirely between myself and my conscience. The cause, having no bearing upon the matters I am asked to tell you about, is no one's business but mine. I will only say that now I would not stay in such a place, at such a time of the year, for the sake of the prettiest girl in the world, let alone the bare chance of meeting her once or twice. But one's ideas change. I am now a good bit older, ride some two stone heavier, and have been married ever so many years. Perhaps, after all, as I look back, I can find some excuse for being such an ass as to endure, for more than a fortnight, all the discomforts heaped upon me in that little village inn.

A man who sojourns in such a hole as Midcombe must give some reason for doing so. My ostensible reason was hunting. I had a dog with me, and a second-rate subscription pack of slow-going mongrels did meet somewhere in the neighborhood, so no one could gainsay my explanation. But, if hunting was my object, I got precious little of it. A few days after my arrival, a bitter, biting frost set in—a frost as black as your hat and as hard as nails. Yet still I stayed on.

From private information received—no matter how, when, or where—I knew that some people in the neighborhood had organized a party to go skating on a certain day at Llymhere, a fine sheet of water some distance from Midcombe. I guessed that someone whom I particularly desired to meet would be there, and as the skating was free to anyone who chose to take the trouble of getting to such an out of the way place, I hired a horse and an apology for a dog-cart, and at ten in the morning started to drive the twelve miles to the pond. I took no one with me. I had been to Llymhere once before, in the bright summer weather, so fancied I knew the way well enough.

The sky when I started was cloudy; the wind was chopping around in a way which made the effete rustic old hostler predict a change of weather. He was right. Before I had driven two miles light snow began to fall, and by the time I reached a wretched little wayside inn, about a mile from the Mere, a film of white covered the whole country. I stabled my horse as well as I could, then, taking my skates with me, walked down to the pond.

Now, whether I had mistaken the day, or whether the threatening fall of snow had made certain people change their minds, I don't know; but, to my annoyance and vexation, no skaters were to be seen, and, moreover, the uncut, white surface told me that none had been on the pond that morning. Still, hoping they might come in spite of the weather, I put on my skates and went outside-edging and skate-vining all over the place. But as there was no person in particular—in fact, no one at all—to note my powers, I soon got tired. It was, indeed, dreary, dreary work. But I waited and hoped until the snow came down so fast and furiously, that I felt sure that waiting was in vain, and that I had driven to Llymhere for nothing.

Back I went to the little inn, utterly disgusted with things in general, and feeling that to break someone's head would be a relief to me in my present state of mind. Of course, a sensible man would at once have got his horse between the shafts and driven home. But, whatever I may be now, in those days I was not a sensible man—Brand will, I know, cordially endorse this remark—the accommodation of the inn was not such as to induce one to linger within its precincts; but the fire was a right good one, and a drink, which I skillfully manufactured out of some hot beer, not to be despised, and proved warming to the body and soothing to the ruffled temper. So I lingered over the big fire until I began to feel hungry, and upon the landlady assuring me that she could cook a rasher, decided it would be wiser to stay where I was

until the violence of the snow-storm was over; for coming down it was now, and no mistake!

And it kept on coming down. About half-past three, when I sorrowfully decided I was bound to make a move. It was snowing faster than ever. I harnessed my horse, and laughing at the old woman's diabolical prophecy that I should never get to Midcombe in such weather, gathered up the reins, and away I went along the white road.

I thought I knew the way well enough. In fact, I had always prided myself upon remembering any road once driven over by me; but does anyone who has not tried it really know how a heavy fall of snow changes the aspect of the country, and makes landmarks squares and delusions? I learnt all about it then, once and for all. I found, also, that the snow lay much deeper than I thought could possibly be in so short a time, and it still fell in a manner almost nuding. Yet I went on bravely and manfully for some miles. Then came a bit of uncertainty—

II. WHICH of these two roads was the right one? This one, of course—was the other. There was no house near; no one was likely to be passing in such weather, so I was left to exercise my free, unhindered choice, a privilege I would willingly have dispensed with. However, I made the best selection I could, and followed it for some two miles. Then I began to grow doubtful, and soon persuading myself that I was on the wrong track, retraced my steps. I was by this time something like a huge white plaster-of-paris figure, and the snow which had accumulated on the old dog-cart made it run heavier by half-a-ton, more or less. By the time I came to that unlucky junction of roads at which my misfortune began, it was almost dark; the sky as black as tarpaulin, yet sending down the white feathery flakes thicker and faster than ever. I felt inclined to curse my folly in attempting such a drive, at any rate I bemoaned myself for not having started two or three hours earlier. I'll warrant that steady-going old Brand never had to accuse himself of such foolishness as mine.

Well, I took the other road, went on some way; came to a turning which I seemed to remember; and, not without misgivings, followed it. My misgivings increased when, after a little while, I found the road grew full of ruts, which the snow and the darkness quite concealed from me until the wheels got into them. Evidently I was wrong again. I was just thinking of making the best of my way out of this rough and unfrequented road, when—there, I don't know how it happened, and such things seldom occur to me—a stumble, a fall on the part of my tired horse sent me flying over the dashboard, with the only consoling thought that the reins were still in my hand.

Crater Lake, in Oregon, is the deepest body of fresh water in America. Only one lake in the world is deeper—namely, Baikal, in Siberia, which exceeds it in depth by 400 feet. Until recently it was asserted that Crater Lake was bottomless, but soundings have proved that its greatest depth is 2,000 feet. It is five miles in diameter, nearly circular and occupies the crater of an extinct volcano. No fish have ever been known to exist in Crater Lake. Not long ago a request that it be stocked with trout was sent to Washington by the Mazamas, who are a club of mountain climbers, having headquarters at Portland. Mazama is the Indian name for mountain goat. The climbers are anxious to angle in the extinct crater, and the government experts are going to find out whether such a thing is practicable. It is easy enough to put trout into the water, but that would be of no use unless there is food for them there. Trials will be made by an expedition for the purpose of ascertaining how much food there is and whether or not it is of a kind suitable for "speckled beauties" to feed upon. This will be accomplished by towing small nets of gauze along the surface of the water. The water will flow through the gauze, which will catch all the animalcules that come in its way. The quantity of the latter secured in a given number of minutes or hours will be an accurate measure of the amount of fish food present. They will be bottled and preserved for subsequent examination by a specialist, who will determine the species represented.

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"My good people," I said, "you are behaving in the most unheard-of manner. Can't you understand that I mean to pay you well for any trouble I give you? But whether you like it or not, here I stay to-night. To turn me out would be sheer murder."

So saying I pulled off my overcoat, and began shaking the snow out of my whiskers.

I dare say my determined attitude, my respectable, as well as my muscular appearance, impressed my unwilling hosts. Any way, they gave in without any more ado. Whilst the woman shut the door through which the snowflakes were whirling, the man said suddenly:

"Well, you'll have to spend the night on a chair. We've no beds here for strangers. Specially those as ain't wanted."

"Very well, my friend. Having settled the matter you may as well make yourself pleasant. Go out and put my horse under cover, and give him a feed of some sort—make a mash if you can."

After giving the woman a quick glance as of warning, my scowling host lit a horn lantern, and went on the errand I suggested. I gladly sunk into a chair, and warmed myself before a cheerful fire. The prospect of spending the night amid such discomfort was not alluring, but I had, at least, a roof over my head.

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SO-CALLED CATARRH CURES FAILED TO CURE

The True Way is to Take the One True Blood Purifier.

Catarrh is caused by impure blood. The best physicians say so. The only way to cure catarrh is to purify the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures catarrh when all other medicines fail, because Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier. This is logical, and that it is true is proven by thousands of testimonials like this:

"I was troubled with nasal catarrh for many years. I doctored for it, and at one time took a dozen bottles of a so-called catarrh cure, but without beneficial effect. I had read of cases where others

Had Been Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I determined to try it. I took five bottles last year, and was highly pleased with the relief obtained. I have had no particular trouble from catarrh since that time except a slight inflammation when I catch cold. I have never in my own case, that Hood's Sarsaparilla will cure catarrh, and I also derived benefit in a general way from its use. It is an excellent remedy, and I am glad to give my experience with it for the benefit of those who may be similarly afflicted." Mrs. JOHN LEBMAN, 101 Wilkinson St., Gosben, Indiana.

The babe of A. W. Thompson, of Portsmouth, O., was left in a chair with a handkerchief tied around its neck while the mother was absent. The child tipped out of its chair, the handkerchief caught on a projection, and the little one strangled to death.

The Crop Outlook in South Dakota for 1897. It requires but a small amount of rain-fall in South Dakota to mature the crop. During 1896 South Dakota had, up to September 30th, three and seven-tenths inches more of rain-fall than for any of the previous sixteen years. Since September 30th there has been added at least three or four inches to the excess, making a gain of nearly eight inches more than the average. Early in November there were heavy rains depositing over two inches, and since then there have been heavy snows, and about a foot of snow covered the ground on November 25th. Dakota farmers have abundance of hay and great supplies of oats, barley and corn. Wheat has advanced to about seventy cents a bushel in the local markets, and prospects for further advance are good. The ground will come out in the spring better soaked than ever before. The prospect for better prices next year is good. There are thousands of people in the East who would do no better than to go to South Dakota now and buy their seed and feed for next year, and move out in the spring. First-class farming land in South Dakota, along the lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, can now be bought at from \$10 to \$15 an acre. The creamery industry and stock-raising in South Dakota will greatly increase during 1897. For further information address W. E. Powell, General Immigration Agent, 410 Old Colony Building, Chicago, or H. F. Hunter, Immigration Agent for South Dakota, 295 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

No station gives immunity from heart-aches and disappointments to the man who is not putting his trust in God.

FARMER WANTED. In every township, 3 days a week, during winter, to distribute samples, collect names of sick people and work up trade for their druggists on the great family remedies, Dr. Kay's (Inventor, Dr. Kay's Lung Balm, and Kidney-Kura. Good pay to man or woman. Sent for booklet and terms. Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., western office, Omaha, Neb.

In everything, from praying in public to getting a bath pulled, she wants to obtain a little distinction for herself.

"I was troubled with quinsy for five years. Thomas' Electric Oil cured me. My wife and child had diphtheria. Thomas' Electric Oil cured them. I would not be without it in the house for any consideration." Rev. E. F. Crane, Dunkirk, N. Y.

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A cough is a danger signal of worse troubles to come. Cure the cough and prevent its results by using Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

A wedding ceremony is never a success unless there is a hitch in it somewhere.

Pure blood and a good digestion are an insurance against disease and suffering. Burdock Blood Bitters keeps the blood pure, the digestion perfect.

It isn't always the brightest girl that casts the most reflections.

Itching Piles, night's horrid plague, is instantly relieved and permanently cured by Doan's Ointment. Your dealer ought to keep it.

Character building is bigger work than building railroads.

FITS stopped free and permanently cured. No fee after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Free 24 trial bottle and treatise. Send to Dr. J. C. Kline, 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

## CROSS-EXAMINATION

Could Not Weaken Such Testimony As This.

(From the Kalamazoo Telegraph.) The following statement is one of great interest to many a citizen of Kalamazoo, and a man as well known as Mr. Wallace should carry more than ordinary weight with our readers. Here it is as taken down by our representative:

"My name is John A. Wallace. I am a member of the firm of J. A. Wallace & Co., doing business as tinners, etc., at 106 Eleanor Street, Kalamazoo, in which city I also reside. For the past nine or ten months I have been having attacks of kidney complaint, the pain in my back over my hips was very severe at times; my urinary system was also in a bad state of derangement, sometimes the urine was scanty and then again the amount would be excessive, and a difficulty of passage always existed. I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills at a time when I felt that I was going to be sick, but their use warded off an attack, and I am now feeling very much better; the urinary organism has regained a normal condition, and the terrific pain in my back is much reduced in severity, while it is now just going away altogether. I am continuing the use of Doan's Kidney Pills, with positive feeling that they will effect on me a permanent and speedy cure. I have unbounded confidence in Doan's Kidney Pills as a remedy for all kidney ailments; have good reason to be, as they have done so much for me."

Can you ask any more than this? Doan's Kidney Pills are relieving more backs of the burdens they have been forced to bear through the kidneys than all other means devised, and, better still, they are doing this right here in Michigan. Ask any one who has ever taken them and see what they will say.

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers, price, 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no other.



Willie (crying)—For goodness sake, papa, don't go in the house. Mamma's just thrashed me, and you'll be next!

## TIRED SALESWOMEN.

Employers Should Be More Considerate of Their Health.

Interesting Statement by a Young Lady in Brooklyn.

In the vast retail establishments of large cities, many women are employed as saleswomen. Men formerly held the positions that



women now hold, and while women's organization is less strong than men's they are expected to do the same work. Their duties compel them to be on their feet from morning to night, and many of them, in a short time, contract these distressing complaints called "female diseases."

Then occur irregularities, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, indigestion, leucorrhoea, general debility and nervous prostration. They are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gones" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues and hopelessness.

In such cases there is one tried and true remedy. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles. The following is a sample:

"My dear Mrs. Pinkham:—After writing you, and before your answer came, I was too-miserable to go to the store, and so lost my position. That was five weeks ago. I am now back again in my old place, and never felt so well in all my life. The bearing-down pains and whites have left me, and I am not a bit nervous or blue. Life looks brighter to me. I don't get tired, my temper is real sweet, and I could scream right out sometimes for joy. Your Vegetable Compound is my standby. You don't know how thankful I am to you for saving me from suffering. Every woman in my position should know of your wonderful remedy. I never saw you, but I love you for being so good to me."—EDITH—W 6th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.



United States have 63,000 Earbers.

## SPRAINS AND PAINS

St. Jacobs Oil the foil. Use it and promptly feel the cure. That's all, but that is something sure.

**HER LIFE TRULY SAVED.**

**Dr. Miles' Heart Cure Does It.**

Mrs. Chas. La Point, a well-known resident of Denver, praises this wonderful remedy. Her testimony should convince all as to the worth of the New Heart Cure and Restorative Nerve. Her letter dated Sept. 11th, 1904, reads as follows:



Mrs. La Point, 2137 Humboldt St.

Typoid fever left me with heart trouble of the most serious nature. Nothing the doctors gave had any effect. I had severe pain in the heart, and was unable to lie on my left side for more than three minutes at a time. My heart seemed to miss beats, and I had smothering spells, in which it seemed every breath would be my last. We accidentally saw an advertisement of

**Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure** and Restorative Nerve, and purchased a bottle of each. After taking the remedies a week, I could be lifted in a chair and sit up an hour, and in a short time I was able to do light housework. I shall be ever grateful to you for your wonderful medicines. Truly they saved my life.

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