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THE ORDINANCE

RELATIVE TO HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS IS O. K.

So Says Attorney General Maynard in a Letter to the Mail.—This is not a Case of "If You Find it in the Record, it is so."

In the Northville Record of Dec. 18, can be found a clipping which was intended for a little fatherly advice to our village fathers, but he didn't follow the advice of the old saying, "Be sure you are right then go ahead," as may be seen by the attorney general's letter. The Record's item is as follows:

"Plymouth's village council has passed a tariff act which will compel non-residents to pay from \$2 to \$5 for peddling on the streets any article not of their own manufacture or production. On the quiet the village authorities might be informed that such an ordinance isn't worth as much as a share in the Granite State Provident Association. In this free and independent dominion of Uncle Sam's, laws can't be made to permit one person to do a thing and prohibit or tax another for doing the same deed."

After the above item was printed, THE MAIL editor wrote to the attorney-general for an opinion on the matter enclosing a copy of the ordinance, the result of which can be more easily explained by publishing the letter in full, which will be found below and which will probably settle this question for all time to come."

LANSING, Dec. 28, 1896.

EDITOR MAIL: Your letter of recent date together with copy of ordinance enacted by the village of Plymouth, relative to the payment of a license by peddlers, hawkers, auctioneers and street vendors, duly received. You ask whether such ordinance is valid, or in other words, can a village pass such an ordinance that will stand? In answer thereto would say that, upon a careful examination of the law, it will be seen that there is an apparent difference between a local license and a specific (or State) tax: One being assessed for the benefit of the people at large, and for the purpose of raising state revenue, while the other is usually imposed as a matter of police regulation. It is clear that one is a tax, and the power of the legislature to impose it is governed by the constitutional limitations upon the taxing power only, while the other is limited, in determining whether or not it is reasonable, to the expense incurred in issuing the license and extra police regulations. The legislature has plenary power over the subject of taxation, while the other is imposed by local boards whose authority is prescribed by the charter of its particular village or city.

Act No. 3 of the Public Acts of 1895, chap. VII, sec. 1, subd. 9 (being "an act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan, and defining their powers and duties"), provides that villages shall have power "To license auctioneers, license and regulate hawkers and peddlers;" and in chap. VII, sec. 2, it provides that "The council may prescribe the terms and conditions upon which licenses may be granted, and may exact and require payment of such sum for any license as shall be reasonable and proper."

My conclusion, therefore, is that the provisions of Act No. 3, Laws of 1895, in regard to license are within the power of the legislature, and that villages have the authority to pass an ordinance such as you submit.

Yours respectfully,
FRED A. MAYNARD,
Attorney-General.

W. O. T. U.

In writing to our members to solicit provisions for the supper to be given for the I. O. O. F., a mistake was made about the date and we take this means of rectifying it. The supper will occur next Tuesday evening, Jan. 5, in the hall over the Savings Bank where all provisions should be brought.

Sisters, remember the time (next Tuesday eve), and remember also that this is a large undertaking and we need all the help you can give. It is seldom that we are obliged to call on each and all of our members for assistance in any project, as the faithful few who attend the meetings regularly, are usually able to meet any emergency that may arise, but this is one of the occasions when we need the help of every member and we feel sure of your co-operation.

SUPT. OF PRESS.

The Age of Inventions

In the fertile mind of A. S. Lyndon for many days has been lurking a brilliant idea which has finally culminated in his bringing to light a new apparatus for holding and keeping in shape pantaloons that are not in use. The article in question is something out of the ordinary in that line and will no doubt make the inventor a good investment. We will not attempt to describe it now, but will do so at a later date. Mr. Lyndon has applied for a patent.

Women's Section of Farmers' Institute.

It often happens in farmers' institutes that some of the subjects considered are at most, only indirectly of interest to women, so the "Women's Section" has been created to give the women an opportunity to hold one session of their own, (for the women's section is exclusively for women) where they may discuss subjects in which they are specially interested.

The women's section has become very popular throughout the state.

In the Wayne county institute, Friday p. m., Jan. 15, at the Presbyterian church, will occur the women's meeting, while the men at the village hall are discussing fertilization of soil.

Mrs. Perry Mayo, the conductor, will need no introduction to those who have in anyway been identified with the grange, as she has been a widely known and very popular worker in that organization for years. She is also well known as a public speaker outside the grange, and is sure to please all who hear her.

The local speakers, whose names appear on the program, would alone insure a pleasant and profitable afternoon.

The local committee, assisted by Mrs. Peiton, have worked faithfully to make the women's section a success, and deserve to be rewarded by having the pleasure of seeing a large audience of the mothers and daughters of Plymouth and vicinity, as well as from the different parts of the county, assembled to greet Mrs. Mayo on the above named afternoon.

J. H. HANFORD,
Sec. Institute Society of Wayne Co.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, The ruthless hand of death has removed from earth our brother, Sir Knight Frank D. Holloway, casting a pall of grief and sadness over the home circle where his aged parents miss the staff of their declining years, and his brothers a genial and loving companion, and

WHEREAS, We, as a fraternal society, feel that one of the most earnest and active of our members, has gone forever from this mortal jurisdiction, leaving us only the tenderest memories of his faithful fulfillment of every knightly duty. Be it

Resolved—That Clover Leaf Lodge, No. 114, of the Grand Domain of Michigan, Knights of Pythias, in regular convention assembled, do hereby express in some feeble degree, our sympathy for, and our deep sorrow with the family of our deceased brother, recommending them prayerfully to the tender mercies of "Him who doeth all things well."

Resolved—That a page in our lodge record be set apart for these resolutions, and that copies of same be sent to the bereaved friends, also to the Plymouth MAIL for publication.

FRED DUNN,
CHAS. MILLER,
ED. L. CROSSBY,
Committee.

Plymouth, Mich., Dec. 23, 1896.

MRS. PARVENU

Was in Her New Home, and Was Bound to Have Things in Style.

Detroit Free Press: Mrs. Parvenu received her lady caller with gush and bad grammar while dismissing the maid with an injunction to see that all the solid silver and jewels were placed in the safe.

"Now, set right down and make yourself to hum," as she made a capacious lap for the pet cat. "I'm terribly glad to see you, fur we've got settled now, and if there's anything under the blue canopy that I like it is to have company drop in and visit."

"You have a delightful home here, Mrs. Parvenu."

"Yes, and it cost us a pot of money. Ezry ain't much fur style, but I jist said to him, 'what's the use of gettin' rich if you don't enjoy it after,' and he gits in jist as he allers does. But it's been a botheration from the start. When the feller what was tryin' to sell us the house called, I heered him tell Ezry that there was a fine picture moldin' on the wall. I walked right in on 'em then and there and said if there was a picture moldin' on the wall the house was damp and we wouldnt have it. Ezry jist laughed, but I made him have the matter looked up."

The lady caller has tact and she pretended to recall something in her own household experience while having a good laugh.

"Then I had trouble with Ezry about his bed. The furnitor man told me that one of these here wire screen beds was jist the thing, so I ordered one for Ezry's boodwore. He occupied it one night and then he jist kicked over the dashboard. He vowed he'd jist 'sleaze sleep on a harrar, and I had to have a tick put on the screen bed."

Again the lady visitor had to quickly tell a story to excuse her laughter.

But when Mrs. Parvenu took her visitor upstairs, showed her a bathtub alive with gold fish, and called it an "an'iquarian," the tactful lady had to make her escape, and when she leaned against the fence around the corner for five minutes, passersby wondered what so dainty and so respectable looking a woman could have been celebrating.

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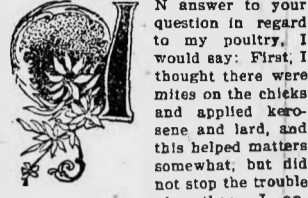
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DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR
OUR RURAL READERS.

How Successful Farmers Operate This
Department of the Farm—A Few
Hints as to the Care of Live Stock
and Poultry.



In answer to your
question in regard
to my poultry, I
would say: First, I
thought there were
mites on the chicks
and applied kero-
sene and lard, and
this helped matters
somewhat, but did
not stop the trouble
altogether. I ap-
plied the mixture to ears and neck. As
to feeding, I fed boiled potatoes and
corn meal, mixed together, or else I
fed corn meal and boiled cabbage. I
fed the cooked food morning and night
and fed wheat at noon. The chicks are
not big enough to eat corn, they are
only about two months old, and were
doing finely until they began to have
an attack of the malady I mentioned in
my last letter, published in the Farm-
ers' Review under the date of Nov. 18.
I did not notice the combs turning
yellow; they kept their natural color,
and the old fowls and little chickens
both are subjected to the malady, but
it has for some time been a problem
as to what it was. I have seen old
hens that were all right at night and in
the morning they would be found dead.
In view of the fact that everyone has
the same experience it cannot be the
lice in all cases. M. A. H.

Kingsley, Iowa.
Of course, we cannot, without seeing
the fowls and watching them some,
and perhaps performing an autopsy on
some of them, tell for a certainty just
what the matter is, because the mere
fact of a bird falling over dead does
not indicate the cause. There are
many kinds of diseases to which fowls
are subject, each having their pecu-
liar symptoms. As a doctor could not,
without taking the temperature of his
patient, locate some kinds of disease,
so a person trying to locate the disease
of fowls needs to be in a position to
take heed of the most trifling circum-
stances. From what our correspondent
has said we are strongly of the opinion
that indigestion has been one of the
leading causes, perhaps the main
cause. He had done well to feed cook-
ed food as a part of his ration, but
the food combination is very bad.
However, this should not kill the birds,
unless it made them more than un-
usually fat. We realize that it is
thought a common and proper policy
to feed corn and corn meal at every
opportunity, but we believe it is a
mistake. The cooked food had better
contain a large part of bran and oats
ground. Corn meal and corn contain,
in large quantities, fattening nutrients,
and wheat is of a somewhat similar
character, standing between oats and
corn. The ration fed has been very
poorly balanced. Indigestion usually
goes through two stages, the first be-
ing seldom noticed, though it kills a
good many fowls. The first stage is
constipation, and is caused by a too
heating and drying food, like corn and
corn meal. If watched, the fowls that
are afflicted this way will be seen to
mope and often droop the tail feathers.
They are evidently in a state of intense
suffering. Many die in this stage and
are found dead in the morning with
nothing apparently the matter. If
they come through this stage all right,
the indigestion is indicated by too great
looseness, and the feathers matted by
the thin droppings. It is possible that
some poultry disease is in the neigh-
borhood, perhaps cholera, but that
should be indicated by the loose green
droppings.

We have found putting kerosene on
little chicks a very bad plan, having
killed a good many that way, even
when the kerosene was mixed with
grease. We have long since discarded
the kerosene and find the grease does
the same work. Even grease will blister
bodies and kill the chicks when
applied too freely.

Co-operative Dairying in Australia.
R. T. Thorburn of New South Wales,
in an interview with a reporter in Chi-
cago said:

"New South Wales is divided into
three parts: the coast, the center, and
the west. Wheat is raised in the cen-
tral and western parts, and sheep in
the west. On the coast we raise corn
and butter; the soil is so rich and the
climate so moist that wheat rusts badly
with us. Our butter making is done
almost entirely on a co-operative plan.
The farmers in each section buy a
separator together; then they send the
cream to large creameries which are
in various parts of the country, where
there are appliances for making ice
and for storing the butter. Thence
the butter is all shipped to Sydney, the
capital, and there it is put on sale at
a fixed price—16 cents is the lowest it
ever gets at wholesale, in summer.
Whatever is not sold at the price put
upon it is put back into the ice chests
and at the end of a week or so shipped
to London, even if this is done at a
loss. In this way butter is kept up to
a fair price. Before the formation of
the Farmers' Co-operative society we
were at the mercy of the middlemen.
Butter, in summer, went down to 8
cents a pound; they bought it all up,
stored it, and then in cold weather
brought it out and undersold us to our
own customers. The business of this
co-operative society is quite large,
from a million and a half to two mil-
lion dollars a year; and by its help the
farmer gets a far fairer share of the
profits than he does with you. It was
an uphill fight at first. Now the farm-
ers are pretty generally seeing the
benefits of working together. In Vic-

toria, where they do not have any such
system, they are pretty badly off, and
have to take whatever the middlemen
choose to give, although they make
just as good butter as we do—butter
which sells just as well in the London
market. The cattle most popular are
called the South Coast breed, origin-
ally a cross between the Shorthorn and
the Ayrshire, which, through careful
selection, have now become a distinct
breed, having its own stud book. It is
good for both milk and beef. We do
not go in for Jerseys as much as you
do."

An Important Class of Foods.
In the present state of affairs, when
low prices prevail for almost all kinds
of farm products, and the prices realized
in many instances are but little if
any more than the cost of production,
it behooves the farmer, if he would not
be driven into bankruptcy, to devise
some means by which to improve his
condition. That relief is needed no
one will deny. What is to be done
under the circumstances? I think, to
use a general term, that a well-directed
economy should be the watch-word all
along the line, and perhaps to no de-
partment of farming industries does
this principle more justly apply than
that of dairying. Prices for butter
and cheese have been declining year by
year, until it has become a serious
question with many as to whether the
business can be profitably prosecuted
under the present adverse circum-
stances. Adulterations and imitations
of butter and cheese with ocomar-
garine, olive and such like compounds
in immense quantities of late years
have been placed upon our markets
and put on sale as genuine dairy pro-
ducts, and by these means dishonest
dealers have sought to enrich them-
selves at the expense of the honest and
industrious dairyman. That prices
should decline under these conditions
was inevitable. This is an evil that can
only be remedied by appropriate legis-
lation, and it is the duty of the farmer
to see that his rights in this matter are
fully protected. Several of the states
have passed laws looking to this end.
Congress not long since passed a law
levying an internal revenue tax on such
manufactures, and those who took
notice at the time will remember what
a howl of opposition was raised against
the measure by its opponents. Milk,
pure and unadulterated, perhaps more
nearly contains all the elements of a
perfect food than any article of food
consumption known to man, and might
very properly be termed nature's own
cooking, and is especially adapted to
the wants of the young. Milk and its
products are very largely consumed as
articles of food by a large majority of
our population, thus entering intimately
into the very life-blood of the peo-
ple; and I believe I might safely assert
that the food of a people most surely
leaves its impress upon the nation. We
sometimes hear the term "beef-eating
Englishmen" used. We might also add
butter and cheese-eating, for they are
large consumers of both, and are our
best customers for these articles; and
who will deny that to their diet is
largely due this national prestige?—
J. H. Brown.

Remedy for Poultry Disease.
Will you kindly allow me some
space in your paper? In your last
number I notice an item from M. A. H.,
Kingsley, Iowa, reporting an unknown
disease among his poultry. I was
troubled with apparently the same dis-
ease in my flocks, and after trying
several remedies, at last succeeded in
finding a cure. Am glad to submit it for
the benefit of your readers. Procure
equal proportions of resin, sulphur,
alum and cayenne pepper; would sug-
gest purchasing one pound of each.
These should be finely ground and
well incorporated with meal, about one
tablespoon to the quart. This makes
a hot ration, and chickens must be
hungry to relish it. I mix meal with
sour, or, if not obtainable, sweet milk,
in preference to water. This is be-
yond question the best thing I have
ever tried. It is also good in cases of
cholera. T. Edward Foley,
Livingston County, Ill.

Keep Up Gravel Supply.
Remember that in the winter time
the ground is frozen and often covered
with snow, and it is impossible for
the fowls to collect the gravel that is
needed for the work of the gizzard. Do
not therefore neglect to get a few bar-
rels of gravel now and then. If there
is a gravel bed near, a horse load of
the gravel may be hauled to the house
and delivered to the hens as they may
need. Doubtless some of the indigestion
that afflicts poultry in winter comes
from the lack of gravel. Kill a chicken
in winter, especially when they have
for a long time been deprived of
gravel, and you will find the crop
empty of the grit. It takes a little
work, but work must be done if the
fowls are to be kept healthy.

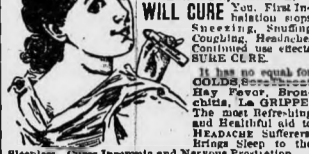
Distribution of Seeds.—It often hap-
pens that, on small islands in rivers,
trees and flowers are found that do not
grow on the neighboring banks. These
have come down the river, sometimes
from the mountains where it rises, in
the shape of fruits, and have found
lodging on the island, during high
water. Sometimes fruits are thus
borne quite out to sea, and then they
may be caught by an ocean current
and carried long distances. It has
been said that Columbus first formed
the notion that there might be land
beyond the western ocean on seeing
some strange nuts that had been
washed to the shores of the Azores
from far away America.—Ex.

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colds."

DR. J. M. SALISBURY, a distinguished
physician of New York, and "Reputed
Marshall is particularly descriptive in the life of the Infirmary."
DR. R. S. BROWN, Surgeon to the Illinois Charitable Eye and
Ear Infirmary, Chicago, says: "For relief of the nervous system,
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Wis.—Gentlemen: For forty years I used
tobacco in all its forms. For twenty-five
years of that time I was a great sufferer
from general debility and heart disease.
For fifteen years I tried to quit, but
couldn't. I took various remedies among
others "No-To-Bac," "The Indian Tobacco
Antidote," "Double Chloride of Gold," etc.,
etc., but none of them did me the least
bit of good. Finally, however, I pur-
chased a box of your "Baco-Curo" and it
has entirely cured me of the habit in all
its forms, and I have increased thirty
pounds in weight and am relieved from
all the numerous aches and pains of body
and mind. I could write a quire of paper
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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION.

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

When the price of coal carouses. How we all might scorn its lacks. Could we only heat our houses. By the warmth of our remarks.

1897.
A Happy New Year.

Five MATTS this month. Services on Sunday next as usual at the Baptist church.

Mr. L. E. Powell and Fred Tuedell captured 32 rabbits last Tuesday.

The store window displays for Christmas in this village were very attractive.

Both the F. & P. M. and D. L. & N. railways are doing an immense freight traffic these days.

Send THE MAIL to your absent friends as a New Year's gift. It will remind them of you 52 times.

Rev. O. G. Colegrove, of Blanchester, Ohio, will preach at the village hall next Sunday, Jan. 2nd, at 7:30 p. m. A general attendance is solicited.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hood's Christmas present came a little late but it was none the less acceptable. It was an eight pound girl and came Sunday evening.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will meet in the chapel on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 6, 1897, at 2 o'clock. All are requested to be present.

John Scott, of this place, and Maybelle Curdy, of Milford, will be married at Milford today, Jan. 1st. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bennett will attend and stand up with them.

Programs have just been printed by THE MAIL, announcing a public installation of officers of Tompkins Lodge, No. 32, I. O. O. F., on Tuesday evening next at their hall.

It is reported that the Carleton Gazette is to be revived with Walter Felt, a former employe of this office, as manager. The plant was purchased by two Carleton merchants.

Last Thursday the employes of the Daisy shop presented Clarence Hamilton, the superintendent, with a handsome silver tea set as a token of their esteem and appreciation.

Mrs. M. Francisco died at her home here in this place and Ypsilanti, on Friday last. Funeral was held Sunday at the residence, Rev. Wood, of Doughtonville, officiating. The remains were placed in a vault at Ypsilanti.

Clinton H. Johnson, an old pioneer of this township and a resident of Northville, passed to his final rest on Tuesday evening, the cause of death being paralysis. He was nearly 79 years of age and leaves a wife and two children to mourn his demise.

"Aunt" Sally Yerkes, Northville, passed to her final rest on Tuesday night of last week after a long and severe illness. She had been a resident of that place all her life and was beloved by all who knew her. The funeral was held from the home last Thursday, Rev. Herbener officiating.

The home of R. C. Safford was the scene of much gaiety on Christmas day. In the evening, in addition to the home family, there gathered round a well laden Christmas tree the following guests from Ann Arbor: Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Sunderland, Mr. Edison S. and the Misses Gertrude and Florence Sunderland, and the Misses Della and Luella Read. On the following day, all returned home except the Misses Sunderland who remained until Monday.

Case Tent, No. 338, K. O. T. M. elected the following officers at their last regular meeting: Past Com., Wm. Rattenbury; Com., Wm. Bradner; Lieutenant Com., Myron Willetts; Record Keeper, E. G. Frisbee; Finance Keeper, A. A. Taft; Chaplain, A. N. Knyon; Physician, F. N. Dewey; Sergeant, Albert Eckles; Master at Arms, Wm. Robinson; 1st Master of Guards, Fred Gentz; 2nd Master of Guards, O. Penney; Sentinel, Ed Willetts; Picket, Luther Passage.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. of Newburg, gave Rev. J. B. Oliver a complete surprise on Wednesday of this week. After a sumptuous dinner provided by the ladies, and all were seated in the parlor, Mr. Davey, in a neat and pleasing speech, presented Mr. Oliver with a fine study chair. The gift was gracefully received and many thanks given for the same. After a short prayer for God's blessing upon all, the company dispersed, realizing how good it is to live among such friends and in such a country.

The local and personal items in a paper are a very desirable feature, and even big city dailies are beginning to devote considerable space to matters of this kind. Many readers are deeply interested in the movements of their friends, the coming and going of strangers visiting our town. In order that this class of news may be kept up to the proper standard, we solicit the aid of every citizen in getting such information. If a friend is visiting you, it is courtesy to him that he be noticed; if you are going away, are sick, or your friend or neighbor are sick; if you get married (and are not ashamed of it or your wife), or in fact, if you have an item of any kind, make it known to the printer and the service will be appreciated and esteemed a favor.

TO RENT—Rooms in the Dohmstreich block over Nevison's bakery. (tf)

AS THEY COME AND GO!

Purely Personal Paragraphs Promiscuously Picked.

S. H. Fairman is in town this week. M. R. Weeks was in town Saturday. Mrs. John Streng visited in Detroit this week.

Dr. Dewey is entertaining his sister from Hillsdale.

Mrs. Jay Briggs is spending the week at E. H. Briggs.

James McKeever and family visited in Wayne Christmas.

John Clark, of Bad Axe, has been visiting here this week.

Mrs. O. Miller entertained a pedro party Monday evening.

Hiram Roe and Chas. Fisher spent Christmas in Ypsilanti.

Claude and Jay Briggs visited their parents here over Sunday.

F. F. Pinckney and family, spent Christmas with Salem relatives.

Mrs. A. E. Bullock, of South Lyon, called at C. G. Draper's Wednesday.

Will Cooley, of Detroit, visited his sister, Helen Cooley, on Christmas.

Our merchants have engaged the services of Lee Nowland as night watch.

Mrs. L. B. Fonda, of Brighton, visited her niece, Mrs. C. L. Church, this week.

Harry Minthorne, Arthur Hood and Ernest Lane were in Wayne Christmas.

John Potter, who is attending school in Detroit, is spending the holidays at home.

A. A. Taft and wife entertained Walter Sumner, of Birmingham, Christmas week.

Mrs. Fred Ryder, of Detroit, visited her mother, Mrs. A. D. Lapham, on Tuesday.

Arthur Briggs is visiting his grandparents and other relatives in Bellevue, Eaton Co.

Harry Robinson and wife visited relatives in Detroit the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Hubbard Merritt, of Saginaw, is a guest of her brother, C. S. Merritt and family.

Miss Elizabeth Doan, of Cleveland, O., spent Christmas at the Fairman family reunion.

E. L. Riggs and wife entertained Miss Whitesides, of St. Louis, Mo., during the holidays.

Walter Cook, of Ann Arbor, is spending his holiday vacation with his sister, Mrs. Lee Nowland.

Mrs. Chas. Miller entertained a large company from Detroit, Wayne and Plymouth Christmas.

L. J. Root returned with his bride from Morrice in time for the Fairman family Christmas reunion.

Mrs. S. J. Stober, of Detroit, spent the holidays in Plymouth with Mrs. Charles and Mrs. O. Miller.

The Misses Jennie and Rose Barley and Vernie Glass, of Northville, visited in Plymouth Tuesday.

Nella Lee, who has been visiting in New York for the past eight weeks, returned home Sunday evening.

Since Tuesday morning last Chauncey Rauch has been enjoying the holiday season with Ann Arbor friends.

Mrs. Irland and daughter, of Ann Arbor, after a week's sojourn with friends here departed for their home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Platt, of Louisa, spent the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Platt and other relatives of this place.

Miss Mabel Hamilton has been home from Cleveland during the holidays. She will return to that place again Monday.

Wm. Sleaford and wife, of Brighton, attended the funeral of the latter's mother, Mrs. Francisco, last Sunday, near this village.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. French and son, Clayton, of Perry, are spending the holidays at Mrs. French's father's, Rev. C. L. Church.

Albert Chaffee and wife, of Wayne, and T. W. Chaffee and wife, of Pontiac, were guests of their brothers, E. W. and A. W. Chaffee, Christmas.

Miss Nettie Hart, of Detroit, made her parents a visit this week. Freda Harms, a little friend, came home with her and will stay for awhile.

Mrs. Gun, of Washington (State), Mrs. Riker and daughter, of Detroit, and Mr. Robert Caldwell, of Fremont, O., spent Sunday at O. A. Fraser's.

Mr. J. L. Steward, of Maple Rapids, and Miss Orpha Belle Kellogg, of Perrinton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Kellogg during the past week.

Lotta Davey went to Detroit Monday to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Clara Robinson, who died Sunday morning with pneumonia after a short illness.

Mrs. Ellsworth Packard, who is stopping with her sister, Mrs. Geo. A. Kellogg, before leaving for her new home in the north, has been quite ill with tonsillitis.

Rose Baxter left Thursday morning of last week for Jackson, where she expects to remain the greater part of the winter with her sister, Mrs. Wheeler Haynes, of that place.

With that same genial countenance, but which was partly hidden by a luxuriant hirsute appendage that the northern climate has caused to vegetate, appeared M. Fred Gray in our midst last Monday. He is hale and hearty, and reports an excellent business in his new field of labor.

Additional local on last page.

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Suits, Overcoats, Capes and Jackets

Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Gloves, Mittens, Underwear, Dress Goods, Flannels, Linings, Quilts, Blankets, Carpets, Rugs, Shades, Draperies, Cottons, Prints, Gingham, Outing Flannels, Corsets, and ladies' and gents' Furnishings of all descriptions.

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All 2.00 Shoes for	1.50
All 1.50 Shoes for	1.13
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We can give you Latest Styles And a perfect Fit

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Be careful how you date your letters. The Plymouth whist club will be entertained at Mrs. W. O. Allen's next Wednesday evening.

The Markham Air Rifle Co. in accordance with their usual custom, gave each of their employes a big fat turkey for Christmas.

Christmas in Plymouth passed very quietly. The business places were closed a portion of the day and but few people were on the streets. The day was spent in quiet home gatherings or with friends out of town. The entertainments at the several churches were well attended and greatly enjoyed by old and young.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Services held in Safford's Hall every Sunday morning at 10:30, and every Friday evening at 7:00. All are most cordially invited to attend.

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.

A fire got started in the dust blower in Markham's shop in some manner last Tuesday morning but was extinguished before any great amount of damage was done. \$100 will cover the loss.

WITHIN OUR WALLS.

MERE MENTION OF MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Tramps Attempt a Double Murder and Robbery near Millington—Bad Fire at Eagle Village—The 1897 State Fair May be Held at Detroit.

Probable Double Murder Near Millington

Tramps are held responsible for a bold crime, that resulted in the death of James Brown, an aged farmer, living two miles west of Millington. About 8 p. m. Mr. Brown was called to the door by two men who claimed they wanted to buy a horse. Mr. Brown said he had no horse, whereupon one of the strangers became very angry and followed Mr. Brown inside, asking for a drink of water, but scarcely was the farmer's back turned, when he pulled a revolver and fired, making an ugly wound in the left kidney. He then bound Mr. Brown with a cloth-line and left him bleeding on a lounge. Mrs. Brown began to scream. She was knocked senseless with the butt of a revolver. One man then watched the couple while the other ransacked the house, but found no money. During their search a son of the old man appeared at the back door, but a shot, which missed its mark, frightened him away, and he ran to a neighbor's. The robbers then disappeared. Mrs. Brown is in a critical condition.

For a New County.

A strong effort will be made to provide for a new county this winter by the legislature from portions of Ontonagon and Gogebic counties. The towns of Ewen, Matchwood, Port, Trout Creek and Choate are desirous of being set off from Ontonagon county, and if possible, securing the townships of Marenisco and Watersmeet from Gogebic county, and of Laird and Duncan from Houghton county, the latter townships including the important towns of Kenton, Kitchi and Sidnaw. These communities are all interested in the same pursuits, but the lumbering towns of Duncan and Laird are tied to Houghton county, which is interested in copper mining, and are 100 miles away from the county seat.

State Fair May Go to Detroit.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the State Fair association in Lansing A. H. Zenner, member from Detroit, submitted a proposition to take the fair to Highland Park, and offered a \$5,000 guarantee, signed by Hudson, the Russell house and three others. The matter will be decided at the annual meeting next month. The fair lost money at Grand Rapids this year, and merchants who guaranteed \$5,000 were assessed 40 per cent of the guarantee. It seems probable now that the Detroit offer will be accepted.

Boy Burned to Death.

Mrs. John Seymour, a widow living in the outskirts of Grand Rapids, left her 4-year-old boy Charley to care for the baby for a few minutes while she went to a grocery, and when she returned Charley was dead and the house afire. It is believed that he played with matches. The blaze was rapidly approaching the baby when she threw a blanket around it and carried it out. Mrs. Seymour recently lost her husband by an accidental death.

Dyar Got His Franchise.

The Port Huron common council, after much wrangling and numerous amendments, passed the ordinance granting J. B. Dyar a 30-year franchise for his proposed electric railway from Detroit to Port Huron. Many further amendments to protect the interests of the city were tacked on the ordinance and at one time it seemed as though its passage would be entirely blocked.

Bay City Blase.

The Norrington block, on Water street, Bay City, occupied by the McDonnell Hardware Co., and Emil Flues, gunsmith, was badly wrecked by a fire. The roof of the building and part of the second floor were burned away. The losses are estimated as follows: H. H. Norrington on building, \$10,000; McDonnell Hardware Co., \$25,000; Emil Flues, \$800.

Business Portion of Eagle Village Burned

The entire business section of Eagle village, on the D. L. & N. railroad, was wiped out by fire and one dwelling was burned. The fire started from a chimney in McCrum's hardware store. All the burned buildings were huddled close together, and as Eagle has no fire protection it was impossible to save them. Eagle has 300 inhabitants.

P. H. Taylor, of Ionia, is the oldest

shiner in the state, his age being 75.

The Vicksburg postmaster's commission does not expire till Nov. 1, 1897, yet six republicans are already candidates.

Lee Kelly, brakeman on the Pontiac, Oxford & Northern railroad, fell from a car at Wilnot station and died of his injuries.

The Michigan state beekeepers will hold their annual convention Jan. 1 and 2, at the Donovan house, at Mt. Pleasant.

A well-known St. Johns citizen, of bibulous tendencies, found out that his wife was very fond of cranstrawberries, and to square himself he often brings her a big bunch. She says he need not order any more unless he can pronounce the name when he reaches home.

Patrolman Frank L. Kirby, of Grand Rapids, went to the saloon of John Manz and helped himself. The proprietor objected and a row took place, in which Kirby pounded the saloonist over the head. The latter brought a suit for personal damages, and a jury brought in a verdict for \$300.

THE TWO PENINSULAS.

Gen. R. A. Alger has returned from his European trip.

C. F. Rice, of Williamston, was badly injured by his horse running away.

Erastus Thatcher, the first mayor of Pontiac, died at his home in that city at the age of 75.

The Greenville Implement works, which have been closed several months, have started up again.

Five miles east of Birmingham, a Polish family have lost three children with virulent diphtheria.

Frederick Wright, of Brady, was bitten by a squirrel and nearly lost his life from blood poisoning.

H. J. Lobdell has been appointed postmaster at Munising, Alger county, vice A. S. Nester, removed.

The Anti-saloon league at Kalamazoo is pushing an ordinance to restrict saloons to a district five blocks square.

Delos J. Holden, of Jackson, aged 78, is dead. He was a pioneer and member of the first class in the state normal.

Corrigan, McKinney & Co., of Cleveland, have purchased the Blue iron mine at Negaunee. The consideration is \$50,000.

While the family was absent the residence and shoe shop of Wm. Orr, at Caseville were totally consumed by fire. No insurance.

The game warden is after the hunters who kill deer out of season, and four arrests have already taken place at Kilinauagh.

A Cuban junta agent is said to have obtained the names of 50 Little Creek young men who are willing to bleed and die for liberty.

Banking Commissioner Ainger has called on state banks for a report of their condition at the close of business on Thursday, Dec. 17.

The Saginaw Valley Medical college at Saginaw, started six months ago in the old Unitarian church, already has 35 students and is booming.

The new Y. M. C. A. hall, at Coldwater, the gift of the widow of H. H. Lewis, is completed and is one of the best of its class in the state.

Joseph T. Wellman, aged 70, a tailor, has been arrested at Grand Ledge, charged with assaulting the 8-year-old daughter of Martha Leudemann.

The legislature will be petitioned to improve the bed of the Kalamazoo river. Every spring the lowlands are flooded and much property damaged.

Although fodder is plentiful at Sand Hill, horses are too numerous. Perrin Burgess gave away a good working team to escape feeding them all winter.

It is understood that the Republican state central committee will open headquarters at Lansing and conduct the spring campaign for supreme justice from there.

The public buildings committee of the national house of representatives has reported favorably the bills for new government buildings at Grand Haven and Owosso.

Dr. John Bell has bought all low land separating Benton Harbor and St. Joseph for the St. Joseph Valley railroad, which will cut slips for shipping purposes.

Victor Mason, alias Charles E. Steele, who escaped from the prison at Ionia, Sept. 15, by scaling the walls with ladders, is in jail at Laporte, Ind., on the charge of horse stealing.

Hite Gallagher did a brave deed at Alpena. His friend, Roy Pierson, broke through the thin ice while skating. Gallagher dove eight feet into the cold water and rescued him.

Harry Cole, aged 17, lies at St. Mary's hospital, Saginaw, in a very critical condition, as the result of his left leg being shattered by his gun being accidentally discharged while hunting.

The enemies of Sheriff Mallory, of St. Clair county, have petitioned Gov. Rich to remove that officer, alleging inhuman treatment of insane persons confined in the jail at various times.

It is said that owing to threatened radical railroad legislation at the coming session, the C. M. & St. P. railroad has announced that it will not build its extension from Ontonagon, next spring.

Frank Ashley was convicted at Detroit of the murder of James Magee. Immediately after the jury had rendered a verdict of guilty Judge Chapin sentenced Ashley to Jackson prison for life.

H. H. Cook, furniture dealer, of Allegan, has filed chattel mortgages for some \$8,000 or \$10,000. The mortgages are in favor of his wife and his father. Business will undoubtedly be continued.

Horman Huss, of Zilwaukee, a war veteran, aged 68, tried to commit suicide by jumping into the river, but was rescued by friends. Last week his wife had him arrested for non-support.

Frank Liverance, aged 14, of Williamston, shot himself in the right side with a target gun, and the bullet came out near the left side, inflicting a probably fatal wound. He didn't know it was loaded.

Hector McKinnon, aged 38, of Saginaw, fell from a load of logs at Bliss & Van Arcken's camp, at Bear Lake, and struck on a sharp stump. His ribs were driven through his body and he died instantly.

Rev. S. W. Bird, and Evangelist H. O. Willis, of Detroit, have succeeded in turning 50 men of Dansville from the paths of unrighteousness. As a result the town's two saloons have gone out of existence because of lack of support. Many of the converts were their most valuable patrons.

George Washington, of Bay City, member of the Democratic state central committee, has been hauled over the coals by the grand jury for articles published in his weekly paper, derogatory to the police force and prosecuting attorney. Mr. Washington won't say who wrote the articles.

Bruce Cushman, a Benton Harbor lineman, slipped and fell down a pole, catching his chin on a tin sign and cutting a deep gash. He managed to break his fall, or his head would probably have been cut off.

In an interview Gen. R. A. Alger, of Detroit, who has just returned from Europe, said that he was opposed to the recognition of the independence by the United States, but he favored the annexation of Hawaii.

The "new woman" in the shape of Mrs. Ella Green, of St. Louis, appeared at Grand Rapids recently. She was a traveling saleswoman for a big wholesale drug house. She says she hustles out quite a handsome living.

At a recent entertainment at the opera house at Portland, the ladies present were paralyzed by receiving a request to remove their head gear. Gentleman in the audience applauded vociferously and off they came.

Shang Clark, of Bay City, who was sent up 30 years for robbing Mrs. Hoggie's toll house on the Tuscola road and subjecting her to indignities, in order to make her reveal her money, is now trying hard to get a pardon.

Two small children of Mrs. Christina Carlisle, at Wakefield, O., aged 2 and 4 years, were burned to death. The mother had locked them in the house and gone to a neighbor's to visit, and the house caught fire in her absence.

Maj. Newell J. Kelsey, present register-of-deeds of Calhoun county; George L. Hauser, of Charlotte, and Charles H. Whittum, of Brookfield, Eaton county, are among those who will be given clerkships by Auditor-General Dix.

There are only about 60 or 65 men lumbering on the Au Sable river this winter. Two crews cutting cedar for the Loud company and another crew for eastern parties. In former years these woods were full of lumber camps.

During a surprise party at the home of John Garboline, in the rear of his saloon, 516 Rivard street, in the Italian quarter of Detroit, a quarrel ended in the murder of Philomena Fandackia by Frank St. Angelo, who shot him three times.

Joseph Broughton, unmarried, of Grand Rapids, was instantly killed by a Michigan Central train at Jackson, while attempting to cross the tracks in a cutter. His head was crushed and the body badly mangled. A companion escaped by jumping.

Anglers for carp at Benton Harbor do not have to use any bait, they are so thick and greedy. One fisherman lets down five bare hooks through the ice and then yanks it up quickly. As a general rule five carp are attached, being caught in all parts of the fish anatomy except the mouth. The fish bring 2 cents a pound in the market.

The great plant of the Collins Manufacturing Co., at Jackson, was sold at public auction by Trustee Wilson for \$75,000. It cost nearly \$200,000 three years ago, and was bid in by the first mortgage holders. An effort is being made to reorganize the company and continue the manufacture of carriages.

Mrs. Ida Rippleman, of Battle Creek, some time ago made complaint against her husband and his father, charging assault with intent to do great bodily harm. She was confined in bed for some time. Later on she shot her husband, but not dangerously. Mrs. Rippleman has now become violently insane from her troubles.

The elaborate new stone residence of Bradley Dulamater nearly completed on West Main street, at Jackson, was totally ruined by fire, which broke out in the basement. The interior finish was said to be the finest in Jackson, and costs upwards of \$25,000. The cause, it is alleged, was spontaneous combustion of waste or varnishes.

Owing to the very low taxes on vacant property at Pontiac real estate speculators have been able to hold the property for many years and profit by the increase in value. But the new assessor has raised these assessments, in some cases six times as high as before, and now much of that property is being placed on the market or is being improved.

A Cuban mass meeting at Jackson was addressed by Hon. E. W. Barber, Hon. Eugene Pringle, Hon. T. E. Barkworth, Hon. James O'Donnell, Jas. A. Parkinson and Chas. E. Townsend. Sentiment was divided among the speakers on the advisability of the recognition of Cuba, but the audience was strongly in favor of the Cameron resolution declaring for Cuban independence.

An official of the D. S. S. & A. railroad announces that the line will be extended from Houghton to Calumet early in the spring. Although Calumet and its environs has 25,000 people, and is the metropolis of the upper peninsula, the only railroad communication with the outside world for over 20 years has been the Mineral Range narrow gauge. Freight rates have been enormous and the competition will be greatly appreciated.

U. S. Consul Fitzhugh Lee and family have arrived at Havana.

President-elect McKinley and wife have returned to Canton from their Chicago visit.

The First Baptist church of Bay City has deposited Rev. F. Nelson Grover under charges of gross immorality.

St. Stephen's Episcopal church and the Westmoreland club were burned at Wilkesbarre, Pa. Loss \$200,000.

While playing with a revolver at Chillicothe, O., Ralph Ritter, aged 21, shot and instantly killed his sister, Minnie, aged 18. The ball entered her neck and passed upwards into her brain, causing instant death.

An explosion at the Elyria, O., gas works shut off the supply and left the city in darkness. Ralph Barnes was burned frightfully and cannot recover; Albert Young was severely burned and three children were also injured.

FROM MANY POINTS.

NEW ITEMS OF VARIOUS KINDS BRIEFLY RELATED.

The Powers are About Ready to Move Upon the Sultan of Turkey with Their Reforms—Home Rule for Cuba is the Administration Idea.

Sultan's Time is Short.

Constantinople: All the ambassadors of the powers have now received instructions to concert fresh proposals with a view of improving the condition in the Ottoman empire. All the powers, including Russia, as repeatedly announced, have agreed in principle to the expediency of employing some form of coercion should the sultan be reluctant.

London: The powers have finally become convinced that the sultan's promises amount to nothing and they are determined to begin a policy of coercion. There is reason to believe that unless the sultan, within the next 10 days, shows a deference of which he is at present little suspected, very decisive steps will be undertaken in the name of the joint powers. In this connection the Novor Vremya, of St. Petersburg, says that it is probable that within a few days the Russian Black sea fleet will appear in the Bosphorus, where it will be joined by the squadrons of the other powers from the Dardanelles.

Another Constantinople dispatch says that the sultan incited the newly elected Armenian patriarch, Monsignor Ormanian, to sign a document admitting that the Armenians were solely responsible for the recent troubles, thanking the sultan for his clemency, declaring on behalf of the Armenians that they are completely satisfied with the reforms instituted, and that they are not desirous of foreign interference. The correspondent says: "The patriarch refused to sign this statement, and quitted the patriarchate and sent his resignation to the porte. It has not yet been accepted."

Uncle Sam Suggests Home Rule for Cuba

Washington: Whatever course congress may finally take with respect to the Cameron resolution, the insistent effort of the present administration at least will continue to be exerted in behalf of an autonomous government for the Cubans. During the correspondence between this government and Spain, the Canadian system has repeatedly been referred to as a model which Spain might do well to follow in granting home rule to her Cuban colonists.

Should Spain consent to allow Cuba to legislate as to her own internal affairs, the United States would consent to become responsible to Spain for the faithful observance of the conditions of the treaty between the two countries. The idea of the government is that this agreement could be made a part of a new treaty between the United States and Spain, the necessity for which is admitted by both governments.

Boys Killed by Drinking Alcohol.

Two boys have died at Mattoon, Ill., as the result of alcohol poisoning. Several other young men are under the care of physicians and more deaths may follow. A number of young men ranging from 17 to 23 years of age, organized a club and started in on a holiday celebration. One young man supplied the crowd with crude alcohol and the youths compounded a mixed drink of alcohol, water and cinnamon drops. About half a gallon of alcohol was used and several gallons of the mixture were consumed. Some of the partakers became intoxicated, and John Madison and Bert Wellman died in convulsions.

The Green-Eyed Monster.

James Preston, aged 40, of New Richmond, O., shot his wife, Amanda, aged 37, and the latter's son, William Bryant, aged 19, in the residence of Mrs. Preston and son, at Cincinnati, O. His wife left him some time ago and went to Cincinnati, taking quarters with her son and making a living at dress making. He called and a quarrel followed. Preston and his wife will die. Preston was jealous, as he had in his possession a letter written to his wife by another man.

National Bank of Illinois Failed.

The National Bank of Illinois, one of the oldest and best known banking institutions in Chicago, and with assets of between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000, has closed its doors. The National Bank of Illinois was organized in August, 1871, with a capital stock of \$300,000, which was subsequently increased to \$1,000,000. It was regarded as one of the soundest financial institutions in the city.

Explosion of Gas in a Mine.

A terrific explosion of gas occurred in Baltimore shaft No. 2 of the Delaware & Hudson Co., at Wilkesbarre, Pa. Over 20 miners were imprisoned, but at a late hour fourteen had been rescued alive, and there was still hope of reaching the others before the deadly after-damp claimed them as victims.

David Livengood has fenced in 20

acres of an abandoned quarry near Sandusky, O., and started a skunk farm for the furs and oil.

Wm. J. Bryan says he made a mistake in attempting to give a series of unpartisan lectures and has asked to be relieved of his future engagements.

Senator Burrows, of Michigan, says that the resolutions introduced to recognize the independence of the republic of Cuba will be talked to death by its opponents, of whom he is one, if enough votes cannot be mustered to kill it.

HOW MACEO DIED.

Dr. Zertucha Describes Maceo's Fall as He Saw It.

The Chicago Times-Herald's dispatches from Havana include an interview with Dr. Zertucha, charged with betraying Maceo to the Spaniards. He had just returned to Havana. His manner is described as "furtive," and when told of the stories concerning him, he denied them, but without any show of indignation. In describing the affair he said:

"I was sitting on my horse. Maceo had just put his hand on my shoulder and remarked: 'Things are going well, when a ball struck him in the jaw and he fell. The carotid artery was pierced and he was choking with blood. In a few moments he was dead.'"

"How do you explain not being shot yourself?"

"That was pure good fortune."

"And where was young Gomez all this time?"

"While I was bending over the body Gomez rode up with his right arm shattered. 'My God! Is that Maceo's body?' he cried, leaping from his horse. He helped me to throw the corpse over the saddle of Maceo's horse, but the Spaniards made another charge and a ball pierced Gomez' side, breaking his other arm. I sprang on Maceo's horse and tried to lift Gomez up. 'No, I will stay with Maceo,' he replied, sinking back. Argument was useless, and putting spurs to Maceo's horse I fled."

"You have heard nothing about the Spanish government having paid you a draft of \$50,000?"

"Such a question is an insult," said Zertucha, but with little spirit.

Zertucha says he has his passport, and is going to Spain. He says there are at least 10,000 insurgents in Pinar del Rio, well armed.

DAILY DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE—Eleventh day—The most important matter before the Senate was the report made by Senator Cameron from the committee of foreign relations relative to Cuba. This report and accompanying resolutions call upon the President to recognize the belligerent rights of the insurgents.

SENATE—Twelfth day—Cuban matters gave way to Pacific railroads and a savage attack was made upon the latter by Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota and Mr. Morgan of Alabama. The former charged that a combination of private interests was seeking to absorb the roads and close out the government. He said that it was imperative that an appropriation of \$10,000,000 be made to take up the trust notes of the Union Pacific. The deficiency bill was reported and passed, with minor amendments. It carries \$884,886, the larger part of which is for the continuation of the work of the navy department. The House passed the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill—carrying \$21,669,369—and then adjourned for the holiday recess.

NEWSY CONDENSATIONS.

An enormous mass meeting to express sympathy with Cubans was held at Topeka, Kas.

The Baltimore board of trade passed resolutions protesting against recognizing the independence of Cuba.

The island of Juan Fernandez, known as the home of Robinson Crusoe, has been utterly destroyed by volcanoes.

Over 3,500 barrels of sugar were destroyed in the burning of Mrs. J. Supple's sugar house at Whitecastle, La. Loss \$150,000.

A movement is on foot at Troy, N. Y., to organize a company of artillery and one of sharpshooters for Cuban service.

The wood pulp manufacturers of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana met at Indianapolis and formed a combine to maintain prices.

Harry Adams and George Pocock were blown to atoms through an explosion of a nitro-glycerine magazine at Portland, Ind.

John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, has become tired of the senatorial contest and has withdrawn from the race in Pennsylvania.

The aged widow of the late Judge Geo. H. Hilton, once a prominent Cincinnati lawyer, was found dying in poverty at Cleveland.

Three children of Mrs. McKim, near Franklin, Pa., were burned to death at their home. The mother had gone to visit a neighbor and locked them in.

It is reported in Chicago that Gov.-elect Tanner will support Alderman Martin B. Madden, of Chicago, to succeed Senator Palmer in the U. S. senate.

The St. Louis Cotton Exchange passed resolutions protesting against Cuban recognition as unwise and hasty and detrimental to business interests.

The electric street car men of Boston struck and almost every car was tied up for two days, when the strike collapsed, owing to differences among the men.

The body of Miss Kate Field arrived in San Francisco from Honolulu. The remains will be cremated and the ashes will be sent for final interment to Mount Auburn.

Through the carelessness of oyster-men the mouth of the Mississippi will soon become impassable. For their convenience they cut a passage to the ocean with a shut-off gate which they left open one night. The river soon cut its way through and a crevasse was formed that soon depleted the waters of the basin. It has reduced the current in the long south passage, and the latter is being filled with deposit and is likely to be entirely closed. The south passage cost millions to construct, and if closed to commerce the loss will be incalculable.

Begin your morning meal with fruit.

PLANETARY POINTS.

SOME HOROSCOPES MADE BY PROF. CUNNINGHAM.

Readers Are Invited to Send in Data and Have Their Indications Printed Free—Planets Indicate Events, but Do Not Cause Them.



HE horoscope of William McKinley made by Prof. Cunningham a year ago indicated that he would become president of the United States March 4, 1897. The astrologer visited the McKinley home at Canton for the purpose of obtaining exact data. He was cordially received by Major Meley, Mrs. McKinley and the president-elect's aged mother. Prof. Cunningham is at present making a horoscope of the McKinley administration, beginning at noon March 4. It will be printed in March. Persons wishing to have horoscopes made should remember to give Christian name, place of birth and residence, date and year of birth, hour and minute if possible. If you do not know the hour, send two two-cent stamps for particulars. Correspondents should also bear in mind that the astrologer wishes it distinctly understood that he treats the position of the planets at time of birth merely as indications and not causes. A planet may signify an event, like the star of Bethlehem for instance, but of itself it has no other connection with it. Correspondents are answered free in these columns. Address Prof. G. W. Cunningham, Dept. 4, 194 Clinton street, Chicago, Ill.

Answers printed in order as received. Here are some for this week:

Frank, Notre Dame, Ind.

You have the zodiacal sign Scorpio rising, with Sagittarius intercepted on the ascendant, and Mercury, Venus and the Sun also there, consequently you have Mars, Jupiter, Mercury, Venus and the Sun for ruling planets. You are above medium height, and well proportioned body; medium to dark complexion, hair and eyes; the eyes have a peculiar sparkle and sharp sight. You are stirring and energetic, and will always have an ambition for a large business, with plenty of rush to it. You are fond of anything that has a mystery connected with it, and are very original and inventive in your ideas. You are also fond of anything pertaining to chemistry and pharmacy. You have good command of language, and you are also a deep thinker, and do not always tell everything you know. You have strong intuitions, and have a good knowledge of many things without ever having had to study to learn about them.

Miss Mary K. Galva, Ill.

You have the zodiacal sign Scorpio, which Mars rules, rising at your birth and therefore Mars is your ruling planet or signifier. Scorpio usually denotes a person of medium height; well set and compact figure; rather short limbs; the complexion not very clear and oftentimes freckled; the hair dark and of luxuriant growth; you are reserved and secretive in your nature and keep your business secrets to yourself; you are ambitious, stirring and energetic and inclined to take the lead in anything in which you become interested; you are not very yielding in your disposition and when opposed are liable to lose control of your temper; you are fond of anything that is of a mystical character and easily become interested in anything relating to chemistry; you are a great admirer of surgeons, soldiers, firemen, etc., when they perform any operation that requires skill or any act of bravery, soldiers on dress parade, etc.; you also take quite an interest in war and navy news and all kinds of military affairs.

John M. Brooklyn.

You have the zodiacal sign Leo, which the sun rules, rising at birth and therefore the Sun is your ruling planet or signifier. The sign Leo usually denotes a wiry, muscular, slender figure, with wide shoulders in proportion to the rest of the body; the complexion fair and ruddy; the hair and eyes light; the eyes are large and in some cases they would be called "popeyes." You are of a sunny, cheerful temperament; you are charitable and generous, too much so for your own good; you are very restless when not busy at something; you are very apt to borrow trouble in some way or cross bridges before you get to them; you are apparently quick tempered yet seldom get your deep anger aroused; yet when you do you become very fierce like the lion; when your anger is once aroused you will give somebody that was the cause of it the full benefit of your opinion regardless of their position or rank. You have more than average pride and ambition and have a natural gift of language.

A Towel of Blotting Paper.

Paper has been put to a variety of uses, but its most curious employment is foreshadowed in the recent patenting of a blotting-paper towel. The idea is that a person on stepping out of his morning bath, instead of rubbing himself dry in the orthodox manner, should envelop his body in a towel of blotting-paper, which will, without trouble, and in a few seconds, absorb all the moisture upon his skin. The idea is ingenious, but it does away with that wholesome friction which many believe to be so beneficial to the skin.

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In misery to thousands of people who have the taint of scrofula in their blood. For this terrible affliction there is no remedy equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The Best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

We wear away two inches of shoe leather in a year. A pair of boots that "would last a lifetime" would, consequently, have to be fitted with soles from ten to eleven feet thick.

In Tartary, onions, leeks and garlic are regarded as perfume. A Tartar lady will make herself agreeable by rubbing pieces of freshly-cut onion on her hands and over her countenance.

The British empire has upward of 846,000,000 of inhabitants, of whom only 28,000,000 live in the United Kingdom; its revenues amount to \$1,160,000,000, of which \$555,000,000 are raised at home.

The ostrich is believed to see objects behind him as well as those in front. Persons standing directly behind an ostrich can see the pupils of his eyes, and, of course, are thus easily seen by the animal.

A GREAT EXPENSE To Carry on an Almost Helpless Fight. —At Last the Fight is Over.

(From the Battle Creek Moon.)

Our representative called at 26 Battle Creek Avenue, the residence of S. I. Robbins, and in an interview with him brought out the following facts. Mr. Robbins tells of his wife's experience in a manner that carries conviction with his words. He says: "I am sorry my wife is not at home this P. M., but no one knows better than I how she has suffered during past years. For twenty years she has been afflicted with the various forms of kidney complaint and an enlargement of the liver. She was often confined to her bed for more than two weeks at a time suffering untold agony. She has doctored constantly, and I have paid out in doctors' bills for her alone as much as \$900.00, and then her relief was only such that she would be able to be around for a spell. Some time ago she felt the symptoms of another attack coming on, such as a pain in through the kidneys and back. I hardly know what induced me to get a box of Doan's Kidney Pills, instead of sending for the family physician; however, I got some and she commenced their use. It was a surprise to us both to see their action; the attack was warded off, and she continued taking them with marked improvement each day of their use. She is better now than she has been in years, the pain in the back and others in the kidneys have entirely gone. Hardly a day goes by that we do not mention the great good Doan's Kidney Pills have done her. I was always opposed to patent medicines, but confess that my wife's experience with Doan's Kidney Pills has done much to change my opinions. If it were not for those pills she would not have been able to be out this afternoon.

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.

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.

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



Gladness Comes

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 constipated 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 remedied, where 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.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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PART II. CHAPTER IV.—(CONTINUED.)

"Now, Richard, think very carefully. You speak of the missing finger joint. We doctors know how many people persuade themselves into all sorts of things. Tell me, did you notice the likeness before you saw the mutilated finger, or did the fact of the finger's being mutilated bring the likeness to your mind?"

"Bless the man," I said. "One would think I had no eyes. I tell you there is no doubt about this man being the original of the photo."

"Never mind—answer my question."

"Well, then, I am ashamed to confess it, but I put the photo in my pocket, and forgot all about it until I had recognized the man, and pulled out the likeness to make sure. I didn't even know there was a printed description at the foot, nor that any member was wanting. Contound it, Brand! I'm not such a duffer as you think."

Brand did not retaliate. He turned to his friend and said gravely, "To me the matter is inexplicable. Take your own course, as I promised you should."

Then he sat down, looking deliciously crestfallen, and wearing the disconcerted expression always natural to him when worsted in argument.

It was now Carriston's turn. He piled me with many questions. In fact, I gave him the whole history of my adventure. "What kind of house is it?" he asked.

"Better than a cottage—scarcely a farm-house. A place, I should think, with a few miserable acres of bad land belonging to it. One of those wretched little holdings which are simply curses to the country."

He made lots of other inquiries, the purport of which I could not then divine. He seemed greatly impressed when I told him that the man had never for a moment left me alone. He shot a second glance of triumph at Brand, who still kept silent, and looked as if all the wind had been taken out of his sails.

"How far is the place?" asked Carriston. "Could you drive me there after dark?"

At this question the doctor returned to life. "What do you mean to do?" he asked his friend. "Let us have no nonsense. Even now I feel sure that Fenton is misled by some chance resemblance."

"Deuce a bit, old chap," I said.

"Well, whether or not, we needn't do foolish things. We must go and swear information and get a search warrant, and the assistance of the police. The truth is, Richard," he continued, turning to me, "we have reason to believe, or I should say Carriston persists in fancying that a friend of his has for some time been kept in durance by the man whom you say you recognized."

"Likely enough," I said. "He looked villain enough for anything up to murder."

"Anyway," said Brand, "we must do everything according to law."

"Law! I want no law," answered Carriston. "I have found her as I knew I should find her. I shall simply fetch her, and at once. You can come with me or stay here, as you like, doctor, but I am afraid I must trouble your friend to drive me somewhere near the place he speaks of."

Foreseeing an adventure and great fun—moreover, not unmoved by thoughts of revenge—I placed myself entirely at Carriston's disposal. He expressed his gratitude and suggested that we should start at once. In a few minutes we were ready and mounted the dog cart. Brand, after grumbling loudly at the whole proceeding, finished up by following us, and installing himself in the back seat. Carriston placed a parcel he carried inside the cart, and away we went.

It was now nearly dark, and raining very heavily. I had my lamps lighted, so we got along without much difficulty. The roads were deep with mud; but by this time the snow had been pretty nearly washed away from everywhere. I don't make a mistake in a road twice, so in due course we reached the scene of my upset. Here I drew up.

"The house lies about five hundred yards up the lane," I told Carriston; "we had better get out here."

"What about the horse?" asked Brand.

"No chance of any one passing this way on such a night as this, so let us put out the lamps and tie him up somewhere."

We did so, then struggled on afoot until we saw the gleam of light which had been so welcome to me two nights before.

It was about as dark as pitch; but, guided by the light, we went on until we stood in front of the house, where a turf bank and a dry hedge hid us from sight, although on such a night we had little fear of our presence being discovered.

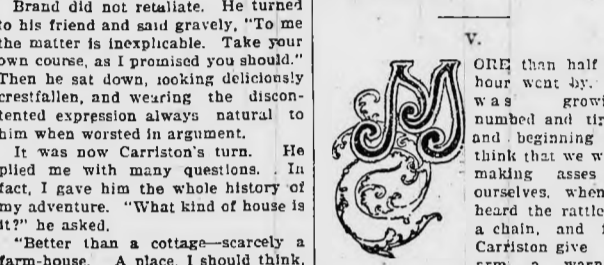
"What do you mean to do now?" asked Brand, in a disconcerted whisper. "You can't break into the house."

Carriston said nothing for a minute, then I felt him place his hand on my shoulder.

"Are there any horses, any cows about the place?" he asked.

I told him I thought that my surly friend rejoiced in the possession of a horse and cow.

"Very well. Then we must wait. He'll come out to see them before he goes to bed," said Carriston, as de-



More than half an hour went by. I was growing numb and tired, and beginning to think that we were making asses of ourselves, when I heard the rattle of a chain, and felt Carriston give my arm a warning touch. No doubt my late host had made sure that his new door fastenings were equal to a stronger test than that to which I had subjected the former ones, so we were wise in not attempting to carry his castle by force.

The door opened and closed again. I saw the feeble glimmer of a lantern moving toward the outhouse in which my horse had been stabled. I heard a slight rustling in the hedge, and, stretching out my arm, found that Carriston had left my side. In the absence of any command from him I did not follow, but resumed the old occupation—waiting.

In a few minutes the light of the lantern reappeared; the bearer stood on the threshold of the house, while I wondered what Carriston was doing. Just as the door was opened for the boor's readmittance, a dark figure sprang upon him. I heard a fierce oath and a cry of surprise; then the lantern flew out of the man's hand, and he and his assailant tumbled struggling through the narrow doorway.

"Hurrah! the door is won, anyway!" I shouted as, followed closely by the doctor, I jumped over the hedge and rushed to the scene of the fray.

Although Carriston's well conceived attack was so vigorous and unexpected that the man went down under it; although our leader utilized the advantage he had gained in a proper and laudable manner, by bumping that thick bullet head as violently as he could against the flags on which it lay, I doubt if, after all, he could have done his work alone. The countryman was a muscular brute and Carriston but a stripling. However, our arrival speedily settled the question.

"Bind him!" panted Carriston; "there is cord in my pocket." He appeared to have come quite prepared for contingencies. While Carriston still embraced his prostrate foe, and Brand, to facilitate matters, knelt on his shoulder, sat on his head, or did something else useful, I drew out from the first pocket I tried a nice length of half inch line, and had the immense satisfaction of trussing up my scowling friend in a most workmanlike manner. He must have felt those turns on his wrist for days afterward. Yet when we were at last at liberty to rise and leave him lying helpless on his kitchen floor, I considered I exercised great self-reliance in not bestowing a few kicks upon him, as he swore at us in his broadest vernacular in a way which under the circumstances, was no doubt a comfort to him.

We scarcely noticed the man's wife while we rendered her husband helpless. As we entered she attempted to fly out, but Brand, with the promptitude which, I am glad to record, intercepted her, closed the door, turned and pocketed the key. After that the woman sat on the floor and rocked herself to and fro.

For some moments, while recovering his breath, Carriston stood and positively glared at his prostrate foe. At last he found words.

"Where is she? Where is the key, you hound?" he thundered out, stooping over the fellow and shaking him with a violence which did my heart good. As he received no answer save the unrecordable expressions above mentioned, we unbuttoned the wretch's pockets and searched those greasy receptacles. Among the usual litter we did certainly find a key. Carriston snatched at it, and shouting "Madeline! Madeline! I come," rushed out of the room like a maniac, leaving Brand and me to keep guard over our prisoners.

I filled a pipe, lit it, and then came back to my fallen foe.

"I say, old chap," I said, stirring him gently with the toe of my boot, "this will be a lesson to you. Remember, I told you that civility costs nothing. If you had given me Christian bed accommodation instead of making me wear out my poor bones on that infernal chair, you could have jogged

along in your rascality comfortably, so far as I am concerned."

He was very ungrateful—so much so that my desire to kick him was intensified. I should not like to swear I did not to a slight degree yield to the temptation.

"Push a handkerchief in his mouth," cried Brand suddenly. "A lady is coming."

With right good will I did as the doctor suggested.

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Elementary chemistry teaches us that, as far as the nature of the substance composing them is concerned, there is almost no difference between a brilliant white diamond and the black graphite forming the core of a lead-pencil. Both are simply forms of carbon, and if we could readily turn one into the other, the diamond would cease to rank as the king of gems. In fact, very minute diamonds have recently been made in this way by Monsieur Moissan, the French chemist. Graphite can be dissolved in molten iron, and when the iron cools the graphite crystallizes. By performing this operation in a particular manner, which has heretofore been described in this column, Monsieur Moissan gets microscopic crystals, not of graphite, but of diamond. Curiously enough, now that we know how graphite can be turned into diamond, it has also been discovered that diamond can be changed into graphite. This is effected by placing a diamond in an exhausted Crookes tube. In such a tube it is believed that invisible molecules of matter are continually darting about, and these molecules produce a ceaseless bombardment on the surface of the diamond. After a time the effect becomes visible in a black stain; or, crust, covering the diamond. On examination this is found to be composed of graphite.

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Gentleman—"Has your horse good staying powers, cabby?" Cabby on rank (with grim humor)—"Staying powers? Well, I should say so, guv'nor. 'E ain't moved from this blessed spot for five hours."—Fun.

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A Prophetic Grand Vizier.

When the present sultan of Turkey ascended the throne Ruchdi Pacha, the grand vizier, resigned and refused to listen to any appeal from the sultan to remain in office. He gave to a confidant the following explanation: "It took me ten years to get to the bottom of the character of Abdul Aziz. Ten days have sufficed for the penetration of Abdul Hamid's. Since the foundation of the Turkish empire no man so atrociously dangerous has ever mounted the throne; the calamities which will overtake Turkey during this reign will far exceed all that are recorded in our country's history. Insist no longer on the withdrawal of my resignation. I will not have my name mixed up with the history of the demolition of the great empire."

The World's Gold Production.

The director of the United States mint estimates the production of gold for 1896 at \$220,000,000, which is seven million larger than last year. There has been a steady annual increase since 1890, when the output was only \$118,848,700. The United States alone expects to contribute \$50,000,000 worth of gold to the world's supply during the present year.

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Salem.

The Christmas tree at the Baptist church was a success.

The entertainment given by the Congregational society to their Sunday school was an enjoyable affair.

Judging from the disappointed looks of some of our townsmen, we would say fox hunting is good (?) in this vicinity.

Our fine steaks which was so greatly appreciated has become at this writing, a thing of the past, and we sigh, alas, and turn out our stock to eat the green grass.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Doane left for Forest Hill, Gratiot Co., on Thursday, the 31st, to be present at a reunion of the Doanes to be held at the home of a brother, John W. Doane, of that place.

We are glad to mention that plans are about perfected which will bring about a house to house visitation on the part of representatives from each of the five churches in our township. We welcome that day with gladness and bid the movement "God speed."

Dr. Otis Walker died on Tuesday week, of consumption, at the home of his parents, Drs. Walker, who reside three miles west of the village. Otis was a very promising young man and his early death is deplored by a large circle of friends and acquaintances who extend their sympathy to the bereaved family.

The funeral of little Clare VanSickle, whose illness we have mentioned in these items from time to time, occurred on Monday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. VanSickle. For many weary weeks the little fellow had been a great sufferer, but through all of it he had maintained a great amount of fortitude. Although not yet four years of age, he possessed a mind exceptionally clear and a comprehension far beyond his years. For months previous to his sickness he was never seen at church or Sabbath school without a little bible for which he evinced a remarkable reverence and love and which was clasped in his nerveless fingers as his remains rested in the casket. His parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

GUESS.

Bedford.

Oliver Millard is drawing material for a new house on his farm north of Du Boisville.

Mr. John Dornoff has sold his farm to Chas. Taubitz, and will leave soon to attend to business in Detroit.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Dorn on Sunday, the 25th, a son. Also a son to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lyon the same day.

Married, at the home of the bride's father, on Christmas eve, Maud, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Durham, and Mr. Emory Millard. Congratulations are in order.

The scholars of Dist. No. 5, celebrated Christmas with an entertainment and tree on Wednesday evening. Christmas entertainments were given at Du Boisville and Bell Branch Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Prindle after having spent a year on his father's farm, have moved to Detroit. Dewitt has accepted a deputyship under our new sheriff. Mr. John Greechover and family have occupied the house left vacant by Mr. Prindle.

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Livonia.

The Misses Gotchalk spent Wednesday with Miss Anna Base.

Miss Allie Smith, of Detroit, spent Christmas with her parents.

Tom Miller, of Plymouth, is spending a few days with B. J. McClure.

Mrs. Wm. Smith and John Base are quite sick at present writing.

Quite a number of children around the Center are having the whooping cough.

Mrs. Wm. Newton and son, Chas. of Flint, are visiting Nathan Kingsley and family.

John Stringer and mother spent Sunday at Farmington with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Adams.

Mrs. M. C. Ferguson, who has been visiting friends at Elm and Pikea Peak, has returned home.

There will be a dance at the hall Jan. 8. All are invited. Wm. Base and J. Wolgast, proprietors.

Chas. Wagenschutz, of Farmington, and Miss Hattie Franklin, of Livonia, were married Dec. 17, at the residence of the bride's parents.

The infant child of John Dewitt died with whooping cough, Sunday, and was buried Tuesday from the Catholic church at Clarenceville.

The Christmas tree at the Center was a success, all having a good time and a present. The scholars remembered their teacher with some nice presents.

Emery Millard, of Livonia, and Maud Durham, of Redford, were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Dec. 24. We wish them a long and prosperous life.

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Newburg.

Miss Carrie Rutter spent Christmas at home.

Miss Hattie Hoisington spent the holidays at home.

Choir practice at Jas. LeVan's next Saturday evening.

Jas. LeVan ate his Christmas dinner at Clarence Rutter's.

The League meets at the church next Sunday evening. All are invited to attend.

Scott Hodge, who is attending college at Ann Arbor, spent the holidays visiting his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Smith's father, Charlotte Cady, of Wayne.

The funeral services of Roy Peters, who died recently of diphtheria, will be held at the church next Sunday at 2 p. m.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. J. A. LeVan, on Friday, Jan. 8th, at 10 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall have just returned from a 9 months' cruise on the Great Lakes. While on the lakes they experienced one of the worst storms which had visited the lakes for over 15 years.

A package bearing the name of John Anderson was found on the Christmas tree last Thursday night, but no owner could be found for it. Any one, who can give any information, please call at the Nankin post-office, where the package can be found.

The Christmas entertainment which was held at the church last Thursday eve, was a grand success. The music which was under the direction of Jas. LeVan and Miss Carrie Rutter was very fine. The recitations were all well rendered. The audience was somewhat surprised by the appearance of a colored boy from Georgia, who told about how Christmas was spent down south. Santa Claus arrived in good season to distribute the many presents which had been placed on the tree.

Novi.

Mrs. Geo. Gilbert is very poorly. We are pleased to see the students among us again.

Geo. Taylor and sister Lizzie, were in Detroit Christmas.

The Methodist society gave a free supper Thursday evening.

Mr. Jas. Taylor, Sr., has been quite sick, but at present writing is much better.

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The St. Nicholas publishes a number of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Letters to Young Friends." Mr. Lippy 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 "Vailima," and built a big house and planted bananas and breadfruit trees and coconuts 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.

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FLASHES OF FUN.
He—My life without you will be a lonely one. The Heiress—But think how busy you will have to be.—Life.
He—Have you any reason for doubting what I say?—She Yes, I have. He—What is it?—She—I don't believe you.—Puck.
Tourist (presenting his opened Baedeker to the coachman)—Here, driver, I want to see the first four pages.—File-gentle-Blaetter.
"It's all over." As the woman uttered these words she dropped to the floor. The baby had spilled the ink.—West Union Gazette.
"Let's go shopping to-day, Tess." "I can't, Bess; I've lots of things to buy to-day. I've nothing to do to-morrow; I'll go then."—New York Sun.
"Is Miss Cahoots in?" inquired the caller. "That depends on you. Are yez Mister Jones?" said Bridget. "Yes." "She's gon' out."—Harper's Bazar.
Canny—Is Miss Wilbur at home? Norah—No, sorr. Canny—Well, go upstairs and ask her when she will be at home. Norah (going)—Yis, sorr.—Harper's Bazar.
Sunday School Teacher—What is the leading doctrine of Christianity? The Laundryman—Kid throw stone—smashee glass—no can catchee—forgivum.—Puck.
"What office are you after this time?" "None at all." "Then, what are you running for?" "Because I don't want to be conspicuous!"—Atlanta Constitution.
"Jockey is in hard luck?" "What's the matter?" "He has lost that last year's crop of football jokes which he intended working off on his editor."—Philadelphia North American.
"We girls are going to have a harvest-home festival." "What! to show big pumpkins and things?" "No such nonsense—engagement rings and photographs."—Chicago Record.
"What in thunder are you speakin' to the school children for?" asked the voter. "Just keep quiet," replied the candidate. "they'll all be old enough to vote before I'm elected."—Atlanta Constitution.
Wicke—I heard a pretty compliment to Hamlin, the actor, to-day. Squeezicks says he possesses the art which conceals art. Hicks—That's a fact. You'd never know he had any.—Boston Transcript.
"There doesn't seem to be much of a demand for seats to this performance," said the star. "No," said the manager as he ran over a bundle of dead-head applications: "nothing but requests."—Washington Star.
"Dearest!" He stopped reading his paper long enough to ask what his bestest little wife might want. "Where they mark the dollars down to 53 cents will it be every day or only on Fridays?"—Indianapolis Journal.
"Have you written your graduation essay?" asked Maud. "Yes," replied Mamie. "Wasn't it a lot of work?" "Just dreadful. First I had to hunt up words that were big enough and then I had to keep looking in the dictionary to see what they mean, and, honestly, I began to think I never would get it finished."—Exchange.

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