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## Announcement!

Despite business depression and the scarcity of money, we have had a satisfactory trade and a prosperous year withal. We thank our patrons for favors during the past year and respectfully solicit a continuance of the same.

The Holiday trade nearly cleaned us out.

**BUT WE HAVE STOCKED UP**

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Cold weather and warm clothing go hand in hand

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### Curdy-Scott.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of the bride 1 1/2 miles south of Milford, on Friday, January 1st, 1897, when Mabelle C. Curdy gave her heart and hand to Winfred Scott, formerly of Plymouth.

The ceremony was performed by the Methodist pastor, Rev. E. E. Castor, at 5:30 p. m.

Claude B. Bennett and wife acted as groomsmen and bridesmaids respectively. The house was beautifully decorated with potted plants, bunting and myrtle.

After congratulations had been extended and the guests had partaken of an elegant supper, Mr. and Mrs. Scott took their departure. They left on the 7:30 train for a week's tour in Chicago and Milwaukee, after which they will be at home at 112 First St., Manistee, Mich.

The Mail wishes them an abundance of success.

### Council Proceedings.

A regular meeting of the common council of the village of Plymouth was held on Monday evening, with President Collier, Trustees Allen, Gale, Baker, Smitherman and Lapham present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Moved and supported that the chairman of the street committee be authorized to buy a half dozen street lamps. Carried.

The following bills were read and referred to the committee on claims and accounts:

J. E. Knapp.....	\$ 6 50
C. Chamber.....	13 00
L. L. Lewis.....	9 21
G. W. Hunter & Co.....	5 75
J. L. Gale.....	2 71
Standard Oil Co.....	18 33
A. P. McIntyre.....	180 00
Plymouth Saving Bank.....	1061 77
Fred Dunn.....	4 00
M. Conner & Son.....	12 22
H. D. Edwards & Co.....	7 50
Baker & Balch.....	7 55
E. P. Lombard.....	45 00
Fred Lamphere.....	1 65

The committee reported favorably. Moved and supported that the report be accepted, the bills allowed and orders drawn on the treasurer to pay the same. Carried.

Council adjourned.

### A New Year.

It is suggested by the *Scientific American* that on January 1, 1900, a new division of the year into 13 months be instituted. It is claimed that this is not so preposterous as most people would be likely to consider it at first thought. If such a division was made the first 12 months would have just 28 days or 4 weeks each, and the new month 29, to make 365, and 30 in leap year. After a few days' time there would be no need to refer to calendars, as the same day of the week would have the same date throughout the year. If January 1 were, say Monday, every Monday would be the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd, and so throughout the year, and many calculations, like interest, dates of maturing notes, Easter Sunday and many other important dates would be simplified.

### I. O. O. F. Installation.

Tonquish lodge, No. 32, I. O. O. F. held a public installation in Oddfellows' hall, Tuesday evening, January 5th.

About 200 invited guests were present. The program consisted of instrumental music by the mandolin club, solos by Mrs. E. Pelton, toasts by Mr. R. Beal, of Globe lodge, Northville, and J. G. Meiler, of Tonquish lodge, and remarks by Rev. Milne, Rev. Oliver and Dr. J. M. Collier. After the exercises supper was announced in the adjoining hall. This part of the entertainment was looked after by the W. C. T. U., and they did their part well.

The guests were unanimous in declaring the event a success.

### Luck Has Never Helped Any Person.

In replying to the query, "Does not luck sometimes play a goodly part in a man's success?" Edward W. Bok, in the *January Ladies' Home Journal*, writes: "Never, Henry Ward Beecher answered the question once for all when he said: 'No man prospers in this world by luck, unless it be the luck of getting up early, working hard, and maintaining honor and integrity.' What so often seems, to many young men, on the surface, as being luck in a man's career, is nothing more than hard work done at some special time. The idea that luck is a factor in a man's success has ruined thousands; it has never helped a single person. A fortunate chance comes to a young man sometimes just at the right moment. And that some people call luck. But that chance was given him because he had at some time demonstrated the fact that he was the right man for the chance. That is the only luck there is. Work hard, demonstrate your ability, and show to others that if an opportunity comes within your grasp you are able to use it."

Hood's Pills cure nausea, sick headache, indigestion, biliousness. All druggists 25c.

### Ladies' Literary Club.

The Ladies' Literary Club met on January 2nd, with Mrs. F. B. Adams. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Hartsough, at 2:30 p. m., with twelve members present. The minutes of the last meeting were omitted.

The first work on the program was a paper, "The Interregnum—Anarchy and Disrule," by Miss Ethel Allen, followed by Mrs. E. W. Chaffee with a paper on "The Great Hanseatic and Other Leagues." The table talk, "Crusades," led by Mrs. F. B. Adams, was well taken up by the ladies present.

The history reading was conducted by Mrs. T. C. Sherwood. Meeting adjourned to meet at Mrs. C. E. Bennett's on Jan. 8.

### William T. Johnson Dead.

Northville, Mich., Jan. 4.—William T. Johnson, a retired wealthy and respected farmer of this place, died yesterday, aged 74. About a year ago he was stricken with paralysis, and never recovered. In the last few weeks he has been helpless, unable to move hand or foot. His older brother, Clinton, died the fore part of the week from the same cause. Mr. Johnson has been a resident of this township for many years, and held various township offices. A widow and six children survive him.

### W. O. T. U.

Mrs. E. N. Law will commence her week's work in Plymouth, Jan. 23rd. She will give a course of four Parliamentary Drills and one Sunday evening address, in addition to other meetings to be announced later. Mrs. Law comes to us highly recommended as an interesting speaker and an earnest worker. Those who had the pleasure of listening to her when she spoke in the Baptist church, here, three years ago, will no doubt be anxious to hear her again, and those who have never heard her before, should not miss this chance.

### SUPT. OF PRESS.

### A Young Shoplifter.

For two or three weeks past A. A. Taft has been missing small articles from his store such as silk handkerchiefs, silk ties, table cloths, napkins, etc. He suspected a certain young girl who was in the habit of frequenting his store and so laid a trap for her in order to ascertain whether he was correct in his suspicions or not. He placed some articles within easy reach and awaited developments. The girl came in, waited around for awhile, and when she left, the articles also disappeared.

Mr. Taft, accompanied by Marshal Dunn, visited the house where the suspected girl lives, Thursday, and recovered about \$12 worth of handkerchiefs, ties, table cloths, dress goods, napkins, etc.

The girl is about twelve years of age, and is a daughter of Charles Rank, who lives about three miles from the village.

We have not learned what action Mr. Taft will take in the matter.

### 25th Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Norris, of Bell Branch, celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage at their home on Monday, January 4th. About sixty relatives and friends were present to participate in the festivities.

Mr. Ed. Whipple and two sons entertained the company with several selections of vocal and instrumental music after which a very nicely prepared supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris received a large number of useful and valuable presents.

Mrs. Mary A. Mayo, who conducts the women's section at our institute at Plymouth, Jan. 15, conducted some twenty-two or three of these meetings last winter with such success that the State Board of Agriculture has a women's section at practically every institute in the state this winter. Mrs. Mayo has the reputation of being a magnetic speaker, and reports from other meetings already held show that the people feel that they have had a rare treat in having Mrs. Mayo present with them. Mrs. Mayo is thoroughly a farm woman, having lived on a farm all her life and at the present time.

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



THE selection of  
good thrifty hens  
not over two years  
old that have ma-  
tured early or of  
early hatched pul-  
lets that have been  
kept growing until  
they are reason-  
ably well matured  
is one item in se-  
curing a good sup-  
ply of eggs in win-  
ter, writes N. J.  
Shepherd in Nebraska Farmer.

The supplying of dry, clean and  
comfortable quarters is another and  
fully as important as anything else  
in the feeding. The hens must be well  
fed if they lay well and this implies  
not only liberal feeding, but the supply-  
ing of a good variety. One of the best  
I have ever tried, one that gave us  
the most eggs, kept the fowls healthy  
and in good condition, was to give a  
good feed of whole corn just before the  
fowls went on the roosts at night and  
give them all that they will eat up  
clean. This is one of the best grains  
that can be given to maintain animal  
heat, and the whole grains keep the  
gizzard grinding for a longer time and  
the fowls will not get as hungry  
through the long nights. During the  
day the scraps from the table with the  
scraps from the kitchen, the potato  
parings, cabbage leaves and things of  
this kind can all be thrown into a  
vessel or pot and with sufficient water  
be kept cooking through the day. In  
the morning, if the quantity is not con-  
sidered sufficient, corn meal or wheat  
bran and milk can be added to make  
up a good ration. Feed warm, not hot,  
giving them what they will eat up  
clean. Being soft it will be easily di-  
gested and will satisfy the appetite  
quicker than whole grain. At noon give  
whole wheat, oats, barley, sorghum  
seed, Kaffir corn or buckwheat. Any  
of these will do, but a change from one  
to the other will be found beneficial.  
It is not best to depend upon any one  
entirely. Turnips, beets, carrots or  
cabbage can be given to take the place  
of green food. Supply plenty of coarse  
sand for grinding material. Supply a  
dust bath and supply pure, fresh water  
daily. Have the nests as warm as they  
can be made, and do not undertake to  
keep too many hens, so that when they  
are confined, as will be necessary dur-  
ing cold or stormy weather, they will  
not be too crowded. Any one can se-  
cure eggs in winter if they will only  
take the pains in good season to make  
the necessary preparation and then to  
properly care for the hens.

Dairying in Kansas and Iowa.

H. M. Brandt, president of the Kan-  
sas State Dairy association, in a re-  
port to the State Board of Agriculture,  
says:

In May, 1896, I had the pleasure of  
observing the conditions, advantages  
and facilities, both favorable and un-  
favorable, of the dairy industry of  
Iowa, Minnesota and Southern Dakota,  
through the courtesy and co-operation  
of some of the leading dairymen, who  
only are able to impart such knowl-  
edge. I learned with surprise the mu-  
tual interest that is being taken by the  
farmers and agriculturists in these  
states; the attention they have evident-  
ly given the improvement of their  
dairy cows; the manner of feeding;  
rearing of offspring, and in various  
ways continually seeking to raise the  
standard of their milk cows. The suc-  
cess that has attended such efforts I  
have noticed more prominently in Iowa  
and Minnesota, and it is astonishing  
to discover that there is a wide differ-  
ence in the quantity of milk and  
butter furnished by the Iowa and Kan-  
sas cow. I am safe in saying that, gen-  
erally speaking, Iowa's milk cow will  
return between a third and half more.  
All of this has been brought about by  
close study of the animal herself; the  
adaptation of the different feeds, etc.;  
the giving of less attention on the part  
of the farmer to the price paid by the  
creameries for the raw material and  
more attention to the development and  
care of the very machine that will raise  
both the price and the quantity. The  
cow will do more for the Kansas farmer  
than any animal he can have, if  
properly taken care of. This can be  
proved by a comparison of the sections  
in the state where dairying has and  
has not been carried on extensively,  
for several years, and where the results  
are most noticeable. The conditions  
for profitable dairying exist in Kansas  
on every hand; while there are some  
unfavorable, such as hot winds or ex-  
treme heat, making it difficult to main-  
tain pastures for a month or such a  
matter during midsummer, yet plenty  
of forage feed can be supplied in an  
early spring crop to tide over all  
such difficulties as these and satisfac-  
torily keep up the flow of milk. Iowa  
has more than 800 creameries; has  
them every five or six miles apart;  
and all, or nearly so, directing a very good  
business. States east and north of us  
are not realizing any more for their  
product than Kansas factories, al-  
though feed, stock and land there are  
much higher, yet they are extending  
their business in portions of those  
states continually and must be having  
a profitable business. The question  
comes to us, Why not Kansas, with  
her conditions similar for the cheap-  
raising of feed crops, engage in and  
oster an industry that promises such  
good results? We must pay more at-  
tention to the care-keeping of the cow  
if we would obtain satisfactory re-  
turns; instead of trying to dairy with  
one that returns but 150 to 200 pounds

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# A CHRISTMAS SISTER.



OUR great, strong boys, and not even one little girl!" exclaimed Aunt Becky Olmstead, who had come to spend a month with her favorite nephew's family.

"I had a little daughter—our first child—but she died before our eldest boy was born," said the mother of the "four great, strong boys" with a sigh. "She was a lovely child, and the most beautiful one I ever saw. I'll show you her picture, Aunt Becky."

She arose, and opening a small cabinet, brought forth a water-color painting of a year-old baby, whose sunny, laughing face captivated Aunt Becky at once. Short golden ringlets crowned the little head; the smiling face was dimpled and fair; the laughing eyes were blue as violets.

"The darling baby!" exclaimed Aunt Becky admiringly. "I'm thinking the Lord knew she was too beautiful for this world, and she's better off where she is—the sweet pet. But all the same it would be nice if there was one little girl in your home. You have five boys, Emily. I never saw better behaved ones, even if they are full of fun and noise from morning until night; and I'm sure I wouldn't have them otherwise. I never could bear girl boys—never. But I hope the Lord will send them a sister—I do so."

Emily Olmstead laughed softly. "No," said she, "I don't think he will. I did hope so, but I have given up that thought. Bertie will be ten years old on Christmas Day, and he is the youngest."

About a month later, one bitterly cold December day, Aunt Becky was making a tour of the slums—that is, she was visiting a neighborhood from which had come to her tales of sorrow and suffering.

"If Jesus had been here he'd have gone to see the poor souls," she said to herself, "and that's enough to send me."

So she went—her heart full, her hands full, her purse full, to succor and to save. She did not return to lunch, finding too much to do for others to think of herself.

I could not tell you of all her loving ministrations that day of days, but she went about doing good. It mattered not to Aunt Becky that Christmas was near at hand, and that she had intended looking into the wonderful shop windows that very day. In fact, she forgot herself entirely while working for her Master. He had given his life for her, so she gave Him willing service.

She led a poor "lost" girl to the Rock, Christ Jesus. She smoothed the dying pillow of an aged man, to whom she had pointed the Way, the Truth, and the Life. She fed the starving children of a miserable drunkard, and the poor little things clung to her as if they could never let her go.

But these were only a few of her loving ministrations "in His name" that golden day. Emily Olmstead had begun to worry about Aunt Becky as the day—the short winter's day—was about closing. The three sturdy boys had just gone to a Christmas Eve party, and Richard Olmstead had come home to the six-o'clock dinner when Aunt Becky arrived on the scene. In her arms something like a ragman's treasures, but it quivered.

Aunt Becky sank into a chair, bundle and all.

"I'm about tuckered out," she said with a faint smile; "but I'm happy. Here, Emily and Dick," addressing her nephew and niece, "this is the little girl I've been looking for."

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killed by an accident. The mother died a month ago—died of a broken heart. She was a good woman—a Christian woman—trusting her father in heaven to the last. They told me there, over in the poverty-stricken place, that just before she died she prayed, 'O Lord, please find a home and a mother for my little one.'"

"Emily knelt before Aunt Becky, and threw her arms around the little stranger, who responded by smiling into her face.

"Well, then," she said, amidst tears and smiles, "the Lord willing and Dick willing, the poor mother's prayer is answered to-night."

"Tis I, who led thy steps aright; 'Tis I, who gave thy blind eyes sight; 'Tis I, thy Lord, thy Life, thy Light; 'Tis I, be not afraid."

It was Christmas morning—a bright but bitterly cold morning. The Olmstead boys, however, did not care how cold it was. They were all out of bed at early dawn to see what Christmas had brought them. Bertie, aged ten, did not wait to dress, but ran down stairs in his night clothes to see what he could find. Fred, aged twelve, and Edgar, not quite fourteen, managed to get their clothes before following their younger brother; Fred, meanwhile, singing as he danced about in frantic efforts to "beat Ed."

The shouts of the three boys awoke the rest of the household, and Bertie found it necessary to run back to his room to dress.

The boys had been well remembered. They found everything they had wished for, from balls to boxing gloves; but there was one present glowing gracefully under the chandelier that made them open their eyes wide in astonishment. It was a doll—a lovely flaxen-haired doll—with a sweet baby face, and dressed in long lace-trimmed baby clothes.

"Well, I declare," shouted Fred; "that must be for Bertie. He's the youngest, so he's our baby, and Aunt Becky has bought him a doll baby. Ha! ha! ha!"

They all laughed, even Bertie, who of course did not believe what Fred had asserted, but thought that the doll was one of papa's "jokes."

"One would think we had a sister to see that doll," he said. "I wish we had. I don't see why we don't have," regretfully.

"I've wished we had a sister a good many times," observed Fred, with longing in his tone. "I never see Carl Thorn's little sister but I want one. Why can't we have one, I'd like to know?"

"There was a little girl here once, a long time ago, before I was born," Edgar said; "you all know that. I wish she was here now. How pretty she must have been with that sweet dimpled face, all smiles!"

"Merry Christmas! my dear, dear boys!"

It was their mother's voice, and they all ran to her with their morning kisses and Christmas wishes and thanks.

"I have one more gift for you," she said. "Come, my boys!"

They followed her wonderingly into her sleeping room, and up to a white and gold crib, draped in white.

What did they see that kept them so still? What was it that stirred them so strangely? What made the tears start in their bright eyes? What made their hearts beat with a new, sweet tenderness? Only a little baby girl sleeping sweetly and softly in their mother's room. The tiny hands were clasped over the little head crowned with ringlets of reddish-brown that seemed like a crown of gold.

"Who is she? Where did she come from?" whispered Bertie softly.

"She is your little sister," was the gentle reply. "She came from the Lord—your Christmas gift; but Aunt Becky brought her."

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# MISCELLANEOUS.

The wife of Granville Cecil, a trotting horse owner of Danville, Ky., has sued for divorce, charging cruelty.

The strike at the shoe factory of F. B. Jenkins & Co., at Stoneham, Mass., has been settled and over 100 operatives returned to work. The strike was ordered because of a 10 per cent reduction in wages, and a compromise has been effected.

A cut of 25 per cent in wages is announced at the Morton works in Ashland, Ky., affecting about 200 employees in the nail, rolling and heating departments, together with the puddling department, employing, when in operation, a hundred more. The reduction will not be accepted.

Rev. George Bryant and wife of Palmyra, Wis., have entered upon their fifty-third year of married life. Mrs. Bryant, aged 79, has just completed quilts for twelve of her grandchildren.

Gen. G. W. Curtis Lee, president of Washington and Lee university at Lexington, Va., since the death of his father, Gen. Robert E. Lee, in 1870, resigned on account of continued ill health, and was at once elected president emeritus by the board.

Announcement is made that Alexander Smith & Sons' carpet mills at Yonkers, N. Y., will resume work early next month. They have been shut down two months. The mill employs 7,000 persons and has a pay roll of \$60,000 a week when working full time.

The following statement of bullion operated on at the Denver mint during 1896 was furnished by Chief Puckett: Gold, \$4,218,861; silver, \$27,373; total, \$4,246,234. Last year's total was \$4,280,226. The total furnished by Colorado this year is \$3,938,365, an increase of \$64,358 over last year.

Charles Dickerson of Trafalgar, Ind., found a notice posted on his door that he would be white-capped if he had any trouble further with Nichols, Cottle or Bill Wells. Dickerson says the only trouble he has had recently was over the purchase of a team of mules, on which he found there was a mortgage.

# NEWSY CONDENSATIONS.

The complete official canvass of the vote at the recent election gives McKinley 7,101,401 votes; Bryan 6,470,656.

Fifty-four families were driven out of their homes during zero weather and at night by the burning of two large apartment houses on West Fifteenth street, New York City.

Carnegie is to have strong opposition in the manufacture of armor plate in an immense new plant to be erected at Pittsburgh by the Fifth-Sterling Steel Co., composed of eastern and English capitalists.

An impenetrable fog settled upon New York for a whole day preventing the operation of the ferries and causing an almost total suspension of traffic in the harbor, and on the streets the situation was not much better.

Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, is taking a trip to Europe and it is asserted that he goes with President-elect McKinley's approval to confer with leading statesmen and diplomats upon the subject of an international bimetallic conference.

A Washington dispatch says Li Hung Chang's visit to England and the United States has already borne fruit in a decision of the Chinese government to establish schools for the teaching of the English language and western sciences in all of the principal cities of the country. It is said that the intention eventually is to substitute English for Chinese.

While Mrs. Daniel Myron, of Kalamazoo, was away from home, some one entered her house and completely demolished every piece of furniture, bedding, pictures, carpets, etc., doing damage to the amount of \$700. The intruder cut in the wall with a knife in large letters, the word "Revenge." There is no clue to the hoodlums and Mrs. Myron has not an enemy so far as known.

The prospects of the 1,000 people in burned-out town of Ontonagon are very blue. No manufactory seems inclined to locate there, notwithstanding it is one of the finest harbors on Lake Superior. Many of the burned-out families are still dependent upon the relief committee. The 12 business houses which have rebuilt are doing but little business, but the 13 saloons appear to be thriving.

Secretary of State Gardner reports that there are 366,779 families in Michigan, and the average number of persons belonging to each is 4.43. There are 23,094 more families than dwellings. The numbers of families increased 113,031 from 1890 to 1896. There are 182,409 families in incorporated cities. The average number to a family there is 4.50; in the country, 4.38. There are an average of 463 persons in each dwelling in Michigan.

The St. Joseph Valley railroad has had much trouble trying to fill up sink holes near Denton Harbor. Hundreds of carloads of dirt have quickly disappeared. Dozens of piles have been driven, one above the other, yet no bottom found. It is said that several piles, which were marked, were found floating in Lake Michigan soon afterwards, having evidently passed through a subterranean river.

The recent heavy failures of the Illinois National and the Atlas National banks, at Chicago, have caused several other disasters. Otto Wamsandorff, a well-known banker, grew despondent over his losses and suicided by shooting. The Dime Savings bank was reported to be heavily involved in the failures and experienced a very severe run. Wm. M. and J. S. Van Nortwick, of Batavia, Ill., have been forced to make an assignment owing to their losses.

Miss Francis E. Willard, president of the World's W. C. T. U., is recovering her health at her home at Castile, N. Y.

# FACIAL SYMPTOMS.

Indications That Tell a Doctor What You May Be Suffering From.

When a doctor looks at you in the street he may know your ailments, says the New York Journal. Facial expression can and does to a considerable extent indicate the character of disease from a diagnostic and prognostic point of view.

Pain is invariably clearly written on the face. Contraction of the brow indicates pain in the forehead. Sharpness and contraction about the nostrils indicate pain in the chest. A drawing of the upper lip indicates pain in the abdomen. The upper third of the face is modified in expression in affections of the brain, the middle third in diseases of the chest and the lower third in those of the abdominal organs. Heart disease is indicated by blue lips, high-colored, mottled cheeks, paleness about the nose and mouth and puffiness of the face generally. Kidney diseases are shown by puffiness of the lower eyelids and pale face. There is a drawing of the muscles of the mouth as if the patient were laughing in a sardonic way in tetanus or lockjaw, an intense expression of mingled fear and anxiety in hydrophobia and of deep anxiety in asphyxia. Then there are the flushed face and bright eye of typhus and pneumonia, the bright cheek and pale face of consumption and the dull, heavy, stupid expression in the faces of children suffering from swollen tonsils or growth at the back of the nose.

# Brooklyn Bridge Romance.

The romances of the business world, under the new order of woman's wide invasion of it, have not yet been written to any great extent. The novelist who attempts it will not find a better chance to study his types than the New York end of the bridge almost any-day toward 6 o'clock. There nightly Ruth Pinch meets John Westlock. Sometimes Ruth is first at the trysting place, but she waits in all patience for John's coming. She is often stylish, if in a cheap way; these is always a knot of ribbon or a coquettish feather to brighten the gown that has grown shabby in service, and when John comes there is a blush that is illuminating. Both have toiled all day in busy offices or skylight lofts, but fatigue and care are forgotten now, as they should be when love is by. Their greeting is in the presence of hundreds, but there is safety in a crowd and John sees what no one else does—the sudden lighting in the eyes that meet his, and Ruth feels as they are swept in the tramping homeward-bound procession that only one is with her—the man at her side.—New York Times.

# How to Find Out.

Fill a bottle with urine and let it stand 24 hours; a sediment or settling indicates a diseased condition of the kidneys. When your urine stains your linen it is evident you have kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate is convincing proof that your kidneys and bladder are out of order.

# What to Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and sealding pain in passing it, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up during the night to urinate. The mild and extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. Sold by druggists at fifty cents and one dollar. For a sample bottle and book free mention this paper and send to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. Six cents in stamps to cover cost of postage. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

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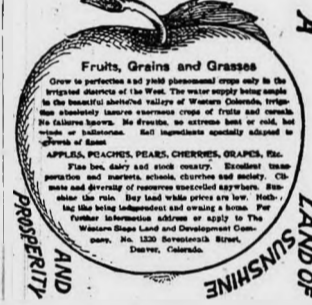
The electric street car men of Boston struck and almost every car was tied up for two days, when the strike collapsed; owing to differences among the men.

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Miss Abbie Smith says: "Mrs. E. J. B. for many years, my case was known for miles around, was helped by Doctor Walker's office; now am able to walk there. I have been under the Doctor's treatment two months and have gained twenty pounds. I feel well. My heart beats strongest, and I rest upon the Doctor for what he has done for me. I had female trouble, weak lungs and nervous prostration."

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Mr. Wm. Redman says, also, that he had been afflicted for ten years with Asthma and Hay Fever, the result of catarrh; has doctor with only temporary relief. He is now a well man, not a vestige of the dread disease remaining. He feels grateful to Dr. Walker.

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The name of the D. L. & N. road was changed last Friday to Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western.

Derstive Holland, of Oxford, now carries his nose in a sling. It was broken in an encounter with a stick of wood which he was trying to conquer.

Pontiac people will ask the legislature to amend their city charter so they can pay their taxes in June instead of December when the county and state taxes are paid.

A Banta doesn't stand agy show in this world anyhow," remarked Will Banta, of oakwood as he "winked the other eye," and proceeded to poltice the optic with which he bumped up against a nail, completely destroying the sight.

Arthur Lang, a prisoner at Pontiac awaiting sentence for stealing a bicycle, tried to search his way into that place where wicked searchers will be searched, by hanging himself with his razor strap. He was taken down before he got a good start.

A few years ago Stephen Ford, of Wyandotte, took unto himself a wife, for "better or worse," and judging from the Herald's report last week she has been getting the "or worse" part of the bargain, as she has had him arrested for assault and battery.

Not many towns can boast of having girls within their corporate limits as courageous as Holly girls. On Dec. 16, a Miss Adams, of that place, caught a Buzzard that measured 5 ft. 10 from tip to tip, in its stocking feet. Rev. Shepherd, of Pontiac, spoke the words that made them one.

There are published in Chicago seventy different religious papers—about two to every Christian in the place.—*Adrian Press.*

The Press editor has evidently been reading the book entitled, "If Christ came to Chicago." Why, just think of it, thirty-five Christians in a city of over a million inhabitants.

There were more idle men upon the streets of Northville today than were ever seen before. It's a result of the depression, which affects every manufacturing company in the place, and it will probably last till haying time.—*Detroit Journal, Jan. 5.*

"We are sorry to hear this report from our sister village. Plymouth's factories are still running a full force and working some overtime to keep up with their orders.

The South Lyon Excelsior tells of a case of desertion in that village last week. Charles Wilson took his departure for parts unknown, leaving a note intimating a final separation, also \$250 in money. Almost equal to a Morenci man, who during the World's Fair, after selling every salable article, even the baby carriage, gave his wife ten cents and told her to be saving of it and with the rest in his pocket started for the big city to see the sights.

It is indeed surprising to note in this enlarged survey the large number of people of the greatest state of Michigan, unable to read or write any language. With free schools and every inducement practicable held out to the general public, they hold back, and in so doing hinder others that try to avail themselves of these grand privileges. Is it any wonder that the truism, law was enacted? Out of 651,920 males of voting age in the state there are 34,545 that can neither read nor write, and in our own county there are 4,888. This includes only the male population over 21 years of age.

The Supreme Court of Missouri has decreed that telegraph companies are liable for errors in the transmission of unrepeatable messages.

A dead load of young people coasted into a yard engine at Ann Arbor Monday evening, and as a result, N. T. Burlingame and Mary Kearney lie at the university hospital in a dangerous condition. Both may die.

A stranger approached ex Governor Taylor, of Tennessee, recently with extended hand and said: "Your face is familiar; where in h—l did I meet you?" "I don't know," replied the ex Governor, what part of h—l are you from?"

We have all heard of the tricks of folding beds, when not properly constructed or judiciously managed, and now comes the unfortunate experience of a man near Chicago, who went out in a drizzling rain having put on a union suit of underwear. After drying it shrunk so that he could not get his feet to the ground.

Plymouth's night watch has quit his job, for lack of sufficient compensation. The business men argue that to pay him more would amount to as much as the thieves would steal, and the ex-watchman retorts that if any of them think it is fun to sleep out doors in this quincy weather, they have his leave to try it.—*Adrian Press.*

R. M. Kellogg, of Three Rivers, will be present at our institute at Plymouth, Jan. 14. His farm was formerly at Ionia. He is probably the best known small fruit grower in Michigan, and has made a great success in this line. We understand that last winter in institute work he was one of the most popular of the state speakers.

To call a girl a "duck" is regarded as a compliment, because some people so seldom see ducks that they forget that they would have ugly feet, big nose, like mud, and make the worst noise in the barn yard. You will offend a girl by calling her a hen though a hen is a neat, useful, modest fowl compared to duck. There is no accounting for compliments.

A Toledo man with commendations to General Manager Ashley jumped on a north bound Ann Arbor night train while in motion here Tuesday night and was kicked off by the conductor and received severe injuries, the bone above his left eye being stove in. The injury was attended to by Dr. Meiss, and the man returned to Toledo.—*Millan Leader.*

The Lansing Republican in its "Live Michigan Matters" says the clerk of the Bennett House of Galesburg jumped three feet from the floor and uttered words not to be printed here, the other day, when his eyes fell upon the following significant language on his register opposite the names of a man and his wife who had just reached the hostelry: "Heaven is our home, but we are far from home."

An exchange tells us how a young man, being a stranger in a neighboring town, stood on a corner one night wondering what he would do with himself to kill time, when he saw a crowd of thirty or more young people approaching with baskets on their arms. It was a surprise party, and when he fell in line and asked a pretty girl if he could carry her basket, she consented, thinking he was a guest whom she had not met. Everyone in the crowd seemed to think that someone else had invited him and someone finding out his name introduced him to all the others. He had the best time in his life. He had a good supper, kissed seventeen girls and escorted the prettiest girl in the crowd home and was invited to two parties to be given the next week. There is nothing like seizing an opportunity to be in the social swim.

One of the most remarkable cures of rheumatism on record is related by Mr. J. M. Thompson, postmaster at Decker's Point, Pa., as follows: "While out driving one day last winter I was caught in a cold rain. The next morning I was unable to move my head or arm, owing to an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. My clerk telephoned for a physician, but suggested that I use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, there being a bottle open on the counter. He rubbed the affected parts thoroughly with Pain Balm and built up a hot fire. I dozed off to sleep and when I awoke about half an hour later the pain had gone entirely, and I have not been troubled since. People come here from many miles around to buy Chamberlain's medicines." For sale by Dr. J. G. Meiler.

## Arborology.

"Now, Thomas," said the teacher, "write me a sentence in which the words pine and butternut are used." And Thomas wrote: The fellow felt almighty tough. When him his best girl cut. First he thought he'd pine away. And then he thought he'd butternut.—*Detroit Journal.*

## YOUR BOY WON'T LIVE A MONTH.

So, Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had Lung trouble, following Typhoid Malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy won't live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for Lung trouble. Trial bottle free at J. L. Gale's Drug Store.

# 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:

Cash and discounts	\$ 92,150 76
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	30 00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	13,500 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,375 00
Banking houses, furniture, and fixtures	7,888 46
Due from approved reserve banks	6,023 94
Notes of other National Banks	2,100 00
Fractional paper currency, notes, and coins	188 50
Special deposits	6,859 25
Legal tender notes	—
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer	500 00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund	37 80
Total	\$ 132,489 69

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	4,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,675 43
National Bank notes outstanding	10,870 00
Dividends unpaid	—
Individual deposits subject to check	21,598 69
Demand certificates of deposit	42,546 17
Total	\$ 132,489 69

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 sixteenth 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 JOHN GIBSON, deceased. George Gibson, the administrator with the will annexed of said estate having rendered to said court the final administration account, and on reading and filing the petition of said administrator praying that the said account be assigned to the probate court, it is ordered, that the said account be assigned to the probate court, and that the said account be audited and approved by said court.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published two successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the PLYMOUTH MAIL, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Wayne.

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

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 twenty-sixth 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 CATHERINE ANN STEVENS, deceased. A petition in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said decedent, having been admitted to this court for probate. It is ordered, that the twenty-sixth day of January, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for proving said instrument.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published two successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the PLYMOUTH MAIL, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Wayne.

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

Kremis, Mercer County, Pa. We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best remedy in use. We use it in our own families, and it is a favorite among our customers. Hecker Bros. & Co. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Dr. J. G. Meiler.

## CURE FOR HEADACHE.

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

## CYCLE REPAIRING

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

## W. N. WHERRY,

PLYMOUTH, MICH.

The Modern Old Maid. The splinter of the past was depicted as thin and scraggy, sour of temper and disgruntled with the world. Heaven knows she had just cause to be. She was foredoomed to live with some relative, no matter how uncongenial, because she was supposed to have perpetual need of a protector. She was expected to have no opinions or tastes, to prefer to ride backward and eat the drumsticks of the chicken and to have an insatiable passion for teaching children the catechism. That was under the happiest conditions. When the old maid was poor and dependent, then, indeed, her bread was bitter and her drink was tears. Happily, modern progress has changed this. The bachelor maid is no longer scrawny and sour. She has discarded the meek and self-abnegating black alpaca for frills and frivolous. She has a thousand interests. She teaches, she typewrites, she paints, she does a hundred things that are money-earning. She travels where she pleases and sees the sunny side of life, and the last thing she dreams of needing is the sympathy of preachers and laymen.—*New York Commercial Advertiser.*

# Biliousness

Is caused by torpid liver, which prevents digestion and permits food to ferment and putrify in the stomach. Then follow dizziness, headache, insomnia, nervousness, and, if not relieved, bilious fever or blood poisoning. Hood's Pills stimulate the stomach, rouse the liver, cure headache, dizziness, constipation, etc. Sold by all druggists. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

# Hood's Pills

# COAL. COAL.

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

# CASH.

The price is \$6.50 delivered. Don't forget we can sell you Lumber as Cheap as any retail yard in Michigan. Detroit not excepted. We also sell

Tile, Sewer Pipe, Sash, Doors and Lath, In fact Anything in our line. See our \$2.10 Pine Shingles.

# C. A. FRISBEE,

Plymouth

# A. PELHAM,



# DENTIST.

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CAPITAL, \$50,000.

A General Banking Business Transacted.

# 4 PER CENT.

Interest paid on Savings and Time Deposits

YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED.

# O. A. FRASER, CASHIER

# CHAS. BREMS

Is the place to buy

# A Good Buggy

AND IF YOU WANT

General Blacksmithing Done on

Shortest Notice, Call and See Him.

He keeps all kinds of

Farming Tools.

# CHAS. BREMS.

North Village, Plymouth.

# F. & P. M. R. R.

TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. 15 1896. Trains leave Plymouth as follows:

GOING SOUTH.		GOING NORTH.	
Train No. 4, 8:14 a. m.	Train 1, 8:30 a. m.	No. 8, 8:25 p. m.	No. 9, 8:10 a. m.
" No. 8, 8:56 p. m.	" 5, 2:00 p. m.	" No. 10, 6:38 a. m.	" 6, 6:05 p. m.

Trains Nos. 8 and 9 run through to Alpena. Train No. 8 connects at Ludington 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 East. For further information see Time Card of the company. ED. PELTON, Local Agent.

Big Trees. Of ninety-two redwood trees in Calaveras Grove, Cal., ten are over thirty feet in diameter, and eighty-two have a diameter of from fifteen to thirty feet. Their ages are estimated at from 1,000 to 3,000 years. Their height ranges from 150 to 237 feet.

Child Charged with Murder. Annie Isaac, 12 years of age, is in jail at Columbia, S. C., charged with murdering her 12-year-old cousin, Rosa Joseph. The deed was done with an axe.

Fatality at a Card Party. Mrs. George J. Snook overturned a lamp at a card party in Akron, Ohio. Her dress caught fire and she was burned to death.

# PLYMOUTH SAVINGS BANK

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

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE SOLD. E. K. BENNETT, Cashier.

Mrs. Dr. Oliver, DISEASES OF Women and Children A SPECIALTY. (469)

# DETROIT,

GOING EAST.		GOING WEST.	
Lv Grand Rapids	7:40	8:10	8:30
Ar Detroit	7:50	8:15	8:35
Lv Detroit	8:20	8:40	8:50
Ar Grand Rapids	8:30	8:50	9:00

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

Chicago and West Michigan By Trains Leave Grand Rapids. For South 8:20 a. m., 1:25 p. m., and 7:10 p. m. For Manistee, Traverse City, Charlevoix, and Petoskey, 7:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m.

For Mackinac 8:20 a. m., 1:25 p. m., 7:10 p. m. GEO. DE HAVEN, Agent, Plymouth.

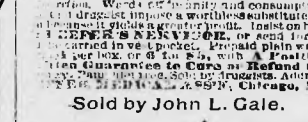
## ASPARAGUS WINE.

A recently discovered remedy for kidney disease. Dr. Yates, a physician of large experience, being convinced of the superlative value of asparagus in the cure of kidney troubles, instituted a series of experiments in which were tested the comparative value of the dry and green roots and stalks of the plant. The largest medicinal value was found in alkali extracted from the green roots, now known as Asparagus Wine. Its success in curing disease of the kidneys and blood, Rheumatism, Constipation, Female Weakness, etc., is marvelous. It can be had of druggists, or by express prepaid upon receipt of price, \$1.00 per bottle. A 20-page pamphlet, "A New Pair of Kidneys," free by mail. NATURE'S REMEDY CO., Boyce Bld'g, Chicago, Ill.

# Geo. W. Hunter & Co.,

DRUGGISTS, - Plymouth, Mich.

# PEAK MEN MADE VIGOROUS.



But PEPPER'S NERVIGOR did! It cured me of my nervousness, and gave me back my strength and vitality. I feel like a new man now. Words cannot describe the relief I feel. I had been suffering for years with nervousness, and had tried every remedy I could get. But PEPPER'S NERVIGOR cured me. I feel like a new man now. I have gained weight, and my appetite is good. I can do my work now, and I feel like a new man. I have gained weight, and my appetite is good. I can do my work now, and I feel like a new man. I have gained weight, and my appetite is good. I can do my work now, and I feel like a new man.

Sold by John L. Gale.

Eli drives the bus But says it is no fun. The horses cannot go you know Unless he gets the "mum."

12 Bus Rides for \$1.00. If tickets are purchased in advance.

# H. C. ROBINSON,

Livery and Sale Stables.

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 thirty-first 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 LUTHER BRIGGS, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Eugene R. Briggs and Fannie M. Briggs, praying that the residue of said estate may be assigned to the persons entitled thereto and that partition thereof may be made among said persons.

It is ordered, that the second day of February next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said petition. And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the PLYMOUTH MAIL, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Wayne.

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

## BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

THE BEST SALVE IN THE WORLD FOR CUTS, BRUISES, SORES, ULCERS, SALT RHEUM, FEVER SORES, TETTER, CHAPPED HANDS, CHILBLAINS, CORNS, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to

# NEWS OF THE WEEK.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION

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

Bennett & Co. are having a quarter off sale.

Read the "For Sale" article in another column.

Elder Milne entertained his father and sister from Detroit last week.

Huston & Co. are closing out heating stoves at a great reduction this month. If

A. M. Potter has the agency for "The First Battle," by Wm. J. Bryan. Read his ad.

Laundryman Bert Rea has been confined to his home with illness most of this week.

The Daisy Mfg. Co. are sending out some very handsome calendars to their customers.

Dr. Dewey and wife will entertain the Plymouth Whist Club on Wednesday evening next.

The majority of our merchants report that their holiday trade exceeded their anticipations to a considerable extent.

Elder Milne will preach in the Baptist church every evening next week except Saturday evening. Everybody invited.

The Wayne County Farmers' Institute will be held next Thursday and Friday, January 14 and 15. Everybody invited.

The windmill shop was shut down last week. They are getting ready to commence work on 100,000 walnut gunstocks for the Daisy Co.

James Murdock has opened a barber shop in the Voorhies building on Main street. Four barbers won't get rich in a town of this size.

Do not forget the C. E. and E. L. literary meeting tonight at Mr. Frank Shattuck's. Teams will meet those who wish to go, at Miss Lina Durfee's.

Gordon W. Brayden, of Salem, and Miss Hattie Coldren, of Northville, were married by Rev. McE. Milne at the Baptist parsonage, Monday evening, January 4th.

W. N. Wherry is doing the steel work on F. A. Bogert's carpet stretcher, and its just the same as all the rest of Mr. Wherry's work—no fault can be found with it.

C. G. Draper is having a quarter off sale on all watch chains, charms, rings, studs, earrings, belt pins, stick pins, brooches, emblem pins, etc. This is a chance to get jewelry cheap.

Eddy Relief Corps initiated a new member at their last meeting and at the close of the meeting presented their installing officer, Mrs. Nancy Peterhans, with a gold recognition pin.

On Jan. 3, the Presbyterian Sunday school elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Superintendent, A. D. Stevens; Asst. Supt., T. S. Clark; Treas., Clay Hoyt; Sec., Hattie Huffman; Organist, Louva Millard.

A horse belonging to Henry Johnson, of Livonia, became frightened at something in the road near the crossing of the F. & P. M. and Main street and ran away. The buggy collided with an iron post in front of C. A. Roe's house. Mr. Johnson was thrown out and quite severely bruised about the face and neck.

Those who have the meeting of the Wayne County Farmers' Institute Society in charge say that everything has been done within their power to make it a success. All that is now necessary is good weather and a little liberality on the part of all well wishers of the society. At Wayne last year about 50 memberships were added to the roll.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Daisy Manufacturing Co., held Dec. 31st, the following officers were elected: H. W. Baker, president; T. C. Sherwood, vice president; L. C. Hough, treasurer and manager; C. J. Hamilton, superintendent; E. C. Hough, secretary. The company report a prosperous year and the business outlook for 1907 bright.

The expenses of carrying on a farmers' institute amount to quite a sum. We hope the citizens of Plymouth will do their share toward defraying the expenses of the same. It costs a mere trifle to become a member of the society—25 cents a year. This, to an individual, is a small matter, but when taken collectively, assists very materially in paying bills.

At a regular meeting held Dec. 9, Eddy Relief Corps elected the following officers: Pres., Mrs. Kate Stevens; Sr. Vice Pres., Mrs. Sarah Roe; Jr. Vice Pres., Mrs. Artemesia Hetzler; Chaplain, Mrs. Nancy Peterhans; Sec., Mrs. Emily Smitherman; Treas., Miss Tillie Peterhans; Conductor, Mrs. Elizabeth Terry; Asst. Conductor, Mrs. Nettie Wolf; Guard, Mrs. Mary Smith; Asst. Guard, Miss Jennie McHenry.

A southern editor talks thusly to his subscribers who are too backward in coming forward to settle up arrearages: "Wagons cannot run without wheels, boats without steam, frogs without legs, nor newspapers carried on without money, any more'n a dog can wag his tail when he has none. Our subscribers are all good, but what good does a man's good do when it don't do any good? He has no doubt but that every one has paid except him, and as it is a small matter it makes no difference."

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

# AS THEY COME AND GO!

## Purely Personal Paragraphs Promiscuously Picked.

Mrs. E. Pelton was in Detroit Monday. James R. Hoale, of Wayne, was in town Thursday.

Dewey Bardon, of Dakota, has been visiting in town.

Mr. Asa Joy, of Spring Lake, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Dwyer, of Detroit, visited Mrs. E. P. Baker this week.

Mrs. L. C. Hough has been spending this week in Detroit.

Minnie Fowler entertained a few friends on Thursday evening.

Miss Emilee Howlett, of Ypsilanti, visited in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Spicer entertained company Christmas week.

Maude Markham entertained friends from Detroit New Years.

Miss Nina Gaston, of Toledo, visited at Mrs. Pelton's on Saturday.

Mrs. Ed. Wilbur (nee Ladd), of Howell, visited friends in town this week.

Maud Vrooman and Mrs. M. A. Vrooman visited in Detroit this week.

Mrs. Ira A. Beddow is visiting relatives and friends in Ann Arbor this week.

Frank Chandler, of Toledo, visited his sister, Mrs. H. W. Baker, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, of Saginaw, visited with friends in town over Sunday.

Miss Nora Jacob, of Ypsilanti, has been visiting relatives here for a week or ten days.

Prof. McEwen, of Wayne, was the guest of Rev. J. B. Oliver on Thursday of last week.

Clarence Stevens, who is teaching school at Sheldon's, spent his holiday vacation with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hynes, of Detroit, spent New Years at the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. Pelton.

Mrs. A. D. Lapham spent New Years with her daughters, Mrs. Fred Ryder and Mrs. James Briers, of Detroit.

Miss Grace Dewey, who has been visiting her brother here, returned to her home in Hillsdale, Wednesday.

Mr. H. A. Spicer and family ate New Years' dinner at Sheldon's with Mr. Spicer's brother-in-law, J. W. Barker.

Mrs. L. and Mrs. A. Bower, of Lowell, and Mr. and Mrs. Goodell, of South Lyon, spent New Years at C. G. Draper's.

"Successful milk production" is the title of a talk by Mr. A. M. Welch, of Ionia, at our farmers' institute at Plymouth, Jan. 14. This will be an interesting topic to this community, and no farmer should miss the opportunity of hearing Mr. Welch.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church are to serve the meals for the Farmers' Institute, to be held here on January 14 and 15. Any contribution of eatables from the members of the church or congregation will be very thankfully received on the above dates.

J. B. Rauch has an announcement in this issue.

M. Conner & Son will commence a quarter-off sale on Monday next.

Our readers are not falling over each other in an effort to get to the Mail office to pay their subscriptions.

**Felt Through the Earth.**

Prof. John Milne, who studied earthquakes for many years in Japan, where they are very frequent, now has an "earthquake observatory" on the Isle of Wight. In describing his observations there during the past year, he recently remarked that his instruments enabled him to feel heavy earthquakes at great distances, even right through the earth. For example, on August 31 last a disturbance of the instruments led him to conclude that a violent earthquake had occurred about 6,000 miles away. Afterward it was learned that there had been an earthquake in Japan at that time, and the distance through the earth between the Isle of Wight and Japan is about 6,000 miles.

**Home Phrenology.**

Every horse carries an index to his temper and intelligence in his face. The teachable, tractable animal is broad and flat between the eyes; the bony ridge of his face dishes slightly toward the nostrils. His ears are well set, sensitive and far apart, with a well-defined ridge of bone extending across the top of the head between them. Always feel for this ridge in judging a horse. The eye should be large, clear and bright, with a prominent ridge of bone along the inner and upper edge of the socket.

**The Burning Tree.**

The leaves and stems of the "burning tree" of India are covered with stinging hairs, after the manner of the common nettle, but of a more virulent nature. When touched, the sensation felt is as of being burnt with red-hot iron, the pain extending over other parts of the body, and lasting several days.

**Missouri's Big Turnip.**

A turnip twenty-six inches in circumference and weighing eleven and one-quarter pounds, is on exhibition in Slater, Mo.

Forty persons were seriously poisoned by eating poison ham-sandwiches at a wedding in Hollidaysburg, Pa.

# MID-WINTER SALE!

Regardless of Cost. Everything in the Store.

## 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.

## Remember,

Regardless of Cost. We mean just what we advertise. It's not a matter of making money now, but to convert the goods into cash. It will pay you to trade with us now, for never have you been offered such values as we shall give through the month of January. Don't buy a dollar's worth of goods until you have looked us over.

Remember One Dollar almost takes the place of two.

## RIGGS' Plymouth Cash Outfitter.

### Clearing Sale!

1-4 OFF

### Leather Boots and Shoes.

Now is the time

To save money.

This includes our

ENTIRE STOCK

of Leather goods. Every pair goes at

25 Per Cent. Discount.

From Our Regular Low Prices:

All \$4.00 Shoes for	\$3.00
All 3.50 Shoes for	2.63
All 3.00 Shoes for	2.25
All 2.50 Shoes for	1.88
All 2.00 Shoes for	1.50
All 1.50 Shoes for	1.13
All 1.25 Shoes for	.94

Terms of Sale—SPOT CASH

All goods charged will be at regular prices.

Do not let the opportunity pass. Buy your

### BOOTS AND SHOES

At once and of

### BENNETT & CO.,

Leading Shoe House.

Gayde Block

### M. CONNER & SON

Will give their Annual

1/4 OFF SALE

On all shelf goods, commencing Monday, Jan. 11, for one week only to reduce stock before taking inventory!

REMEMBER, 1-4 OFF

### Don't Look Far!

Call at MAUD VROOMAN'S for your Hat and get something

STYLISH and BECOMING.

The Walking Hats in Rough Goods—colors, black, brown, navy and gray, cut one-half

Were \$1.50, Now 75c

At MAUD VROOMAN'S,

Main-st.,

PLYMOUTH.

## SUITS, PANTS, OVERCOATS.

I am now located in the Coleman Block, over A. H. Dibble's store and am ready to do all kinds of

## MERCHANT TAILORING

at Very Reasonable Prices. We have purchased our New Fall Stock and invite your inspection.

We can give you Latest Styles And a perfect Fit

J. TESSMAN,

Merchant Tailor.

J. L. Gale is offering reduced prices on Malaga grapes, sweet corn, succotash, peas, etc. Read his ad.

The best way to cure disease is to drive it from the system by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

At the annual meeting of the Masonic Building Association held Jan. 4, 1897, W. H. Hoyt, T. V. Quackenbush, E. C. Leach, P. B. Whitbeck, A. H. Dibble, J. M. Collier and E. K. Bennett were chosen directors. W. H. Hoyt was chosen president, J. M. Collier, secretary and E. C. Leach, treasurer.

### 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.

FOR SALE—House and two lots on Kellogg St. Inquire of Eugene Lombard. (tf)

# WITHIN OUR WALLS.

## MERE MENTION OF MICHIGAN MATTERS.

**Michigan Commercial Travelers Meet in Their Annual Convention at Detroit**  
—The Murderers of Farmer Brown, near Millington, Caught in Detroit.

**Millington Murderers Caught.**  
After the cold-blooded murder of Farmer James Brown, near Millington, on the night of Dec. 23, there seemed to be no clues of importance pointing to the murderers, other than that two men had inquired the way to Brown's, and two men had begged supper at the home of John Neaves two hours before the murder. The scene was suddenly changed to Detroit where James Lawson, an ex-convict, was arrested at Grace hospital while being treated for frozen feet. Lawson told so many stories about how his feet became frozen that suspicion was aroused and he was arrested. Mrs. Neaves was sent for and when she arrived she positively identified Lawson. Later on Thos. Stevens, a brother of Mrs. Brown was locked up on suspicion. He said he did know a murder had been committed, but in his pocketbook was found a newspaper account of the crime. The same day Howard Hawley aged 21, a mulatto, was found at Harper hospital with frozen feet. He had arrived the same day that Lawson was taken to Grace hospital, and was unable to tell a straight story. Mrs. Neaves had returned home before Hawley's arrest so she had no chance to identify him. There are several other matters which point to Lawson and Hawley as the murderers and to Stevens as the chief plotter.

Later—Lawson has confessed that he was one of the two men, but says that Hawley did the shooting. He says Stevens concocted the scheme, that robbery was the motive, and that murder had not been intended.

**Michigan Knights of the Grip.**  
Over 500 of the Michigan Knights of the Grip met in the eighth annual convention at Detroit. R. W. Jacklin, of Detroit, called the convention to order and then President S. E. Symons, of Saginaw, took charge, and delivered his annual address in which he referred to the business depression, and expressed a belief that "the rainbow of promise is appearing in the sky." He reported new posts organized at Port Huron, Flint and Owosso. Railroad mileage and fares received special attention and a strong plea was made for interchangeable mileage books of 2,500 miles; but he opposed a general reduction of railroad fares, arguing that it would have the effect of concentrating business in the larger places and would depress real estate and ruin the merchants in the smaller towns, at the same time robbing the country traveler of his position.

Secretary Owen reported that 200 active and 138 honorary members had been added during the year; 15 had died and 140 dropped out, leaving a net gain of 173. There are now 1,553 active and 138 honorary members in the order. During the year the secretary collected for the death benefit fund \$7,796, and for the general fund \$1,569, a total of \$9,365. Treasurer Frost reported expenditures for the year of \$1,818.20 from the general fund, and \$6,650 from the death benefit fund, leaving a balance of \$664.10 in the former and \$1,531.59 in the latter fund.

The annual banquet at the Light Infantry armory was the largest affair of the kind ever held by the Knights of the Grip. But the annual parade was not so greatly enjoyed owing to the muddy streets.

The last days' session was full of warm debates and contests. The most interesting confab was over a resolution declaring against 2-cent railroad fares, and the resolution was finally defeated. The election of officers resulted: President, James F. Hammell, of Lansing; a vice-president was named for each of the congressional districts; secretary, Chas. T. McNulty, of Jackson. A waltz party to Mt. Clemens, in the afternoon and a ball at Strassburg's in the evening completed the Knights' round of pleasure.

**Salooneer Killed by a Policeman.**  
"Bank" Treadwell, the Grand Rapids salooneer who was shot by Patrolman Viervier New Year's afternoon in his saloon, died from the wound. Before he died he made an ante-mortem deposition in which he admitted that he was violating the law by keeping open by the back door route on New Year's day. Patrolmen Viervier and Harrington, in citizens' clothes, passed the barkeeper who guarded the door, but Treadwell recognized them and accused them of being "spotters." He then proceeded to throw the cops out, assisted by the patrons of the saloon. Both officers pulled their guns and Viervier managed to fire the fatal shot before they were overpowered. Officer Harrington was badly hurt by the crowd. Viervier will be tried for murder.

Joe Hasford and Duncan Stuart were rowing in a canvas boat near Williamson when it overturned and Hasford was drowned. Stuart had a narrow escape.

**Michigan Pedagogues.**  
The attendance at the forty-sixth annual meeting of the Michigan State Teachers' association at Lansing was unusually large. The feature of the opening session was the address of the president, Prof. C. O. Hoyt, of Ypsilanti. It was an interesting and scholarly discussion of the subject of sociology and child study. Following this address a child study found table was conducted by Supt. W. J. McKone, of Mason, and then several relative topics were ably discussed. In the evening Dr. Arnold Tompkins, of Illinois university, addressed the teachers on the subject "The Beautiful as a Phase in Education."

The second day's session was opened by Mrs. Anna A. Schryer, of Ypsilanti, who read a paper on "Nature Study in the Rural Schools," making a plea for science teaching in such schools. The paper which called out the most discussion, however, was that of Commissioner R. D. Bailey, of Gaylord, on "The Remedy for the Weakness of the Small Rural School." He thought the principal correction to be made was to induce school commissioners not to give certificates to poor teachers. Supt. Pattengill was quite unanimously supported in his advocacy of the township unit system. Much opposition was developed from teachers in the southwestern counties to the institute fee system and many think the state should bear the expense instead of the teachers. In the afternoon the association divided into sections; and in the evening President Harper, of Chicago university, addressed the teachers on "The Spirit of Study." At the concluding session an entirely new constitution was adopted. Committees were appointed to propose a course of study of American history suitable for district school grades; to secure, if possible, an anti-cigarette law by the next legislature; to secure the reduced railroad rates for teachers such as are given students at holiday time. Officers were elected as follows: President, DeLos Fall, of Albion; vice-presidents, B. J. Miller, of Big Rapids, and Mrs. L. W. Treat, of Grand Rapids; secretary, E. A. Ferguson, of Sault Ste Marie.

**Detroit's Police Department Shaken Up.**  
The police commissioners of Detroit have made a number of big changes in the department. Supt. C. C. Starkweather was placed upon the retired list and will draw one-half of his former salary, \$4,000. Capt. Alphonso Baker, chief of detectives, was relieved of the command of the detective bureau and assigned to the command of the eastern or Gratiot avenue precinct, with a reduction in salary of \$500. The detective department was placed under the immediate command of Supt. Martin. Capt. Mack was transferred from the western precinct to central, and Capt. Bachmann from the eastern precinct to the western.

### THE TWO PENINSULAS.

Port Huron police are raiding pool rooms which are kept open on Sundays. Mt. Clemens is anxious to secure the permanent location of the state militia camp.

The St. Jose scale, a destructive disease which kills fruit trees very rapidly, has attacked the trees in Oakland county.

A run was started on the Savings bank of East Saginaw by idle rumors, but the institution paid all demands without trouble.

Lieut. Harold A. Smith, of Grand Rapids, will be assistant quartermaster-general instead of Capt. Ed. C. Bennett, who declined it owing to business engagements.

Will Langthorn was capping a gun at Blissfield when the weapon exploded and the charge struck Edna Swift, aged 16, in the leg. Amputation at the knee was necessary, but the girl died from the shock.

A wild man is frightening the farmers about Bridgeport half to death. The farmers who have seen him say he is eight feet tall, has a face like a gorilla and is covered with hair.

Bank Commissioner Ainger has shut the doors of the Whitehall state bank, owned by the Whitehall Lumber Co., of Cheboygan. This is the first bank ever closed by the state bank department.

Jos. Vallier and Eugene Buert were making a salve of gunpowder and lard at Menominee, but they got too near the store and an explosion occurred which probably fatally burned both men, and seriously injured Vallier's wife and three children.

Ex-Senator Emory Townsend, of Saginaw, declares that he will contest the seat of Henry H. Youmans in the state senate, alleging conspiracy in the election. Mr. Townsend, who was the Republican candidate, charges that there was an increase in votes at the last election wholly unjustified by the statistics.

## GREAT EDITOR DEAD.

**Brilliant Career of Joseph B. McCullagh Finished by Suicide.**  
Joseph B. McCullagh, editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and one of the best-known newspaper men in the country, is dead, as the result of a fall twenty-five feet from a second-story window of his apartments at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Kate Manion, 3837 West Pine Boulevard, St. Louis.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to whether Mr. McCullagh's death was due to accident or was the result of his own act. The latter theory is scouted by friends.

Joseph Burbridge McCullagh was born in Dublin in 1843. He came to the United States when only 11 years old and at once became an apprentice in a weekly paper published in New York City. In 1853 he went to St. Louis. From there he went in a few months to the Cincinnati Commercial, for which he soon went to Washington and afterward became war correspondent. His letters, signed "Mack," made him famous.

After the war Mr. McCullagh returned to Washington for a time, but between 1868 and 1870 was managing editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer. In the latter year he bought an interest in the old Chicago Republican, which was burned out during the great fire. Returning then to St. Louis, Mr. McCullagh became editor of the Democrat, but when the managers of that paper disagreed as to policy he founded and edited the Globe. In 1873 those papers were combined as the Globe-Democrat, of which Mr. McCullagh was made editor-in-chief, a position he occupied up to the time of his death.

Mr. McCullagh is credited with being the originator of the modern style of newspaper interviewing, nothing exactly like it having been employed before his time. Politically Mr. McCullagh was a strong Republican.

Services over the remains of Joseph B. McCullagh, editor of the Globe-Democrat, were held Sunday afternoon. The Rev. John Snyder, pastor of the Unitarian Church of the Messiah, conducted the services. The interment was in the McKee family lot at Bellefontaine cemetery. The coroner's jury

## FREIGHT TRAIN SINKS.

**Missouri Pacific Track Undermined by Recent Heavy Rains.**  
The most disastrous wreck that has occurred in Missouri for years has opened early Sunday morning near New Haven, a small station fifty-eight miles east of Jefferson City, Mo., on the Missouri Pacific railway. The track is built on the bank of the river most of the way from here to St. Louis. At the point where the wreck occurred the small streams from the bluffs had washed out the road, and when freight No. 128, east-bound, was passing this place the track gave way, the engine sinking in the river and eighteen cars following. The killed are: J. G. Evans, engineer; Fred Hanekap, fireman; James McGulre, head brakeman. A number of other trainmen are reported seriously injured.

## POPE LEO RAPIDLY FAILING.

**Private Letter Says the Pontiff Is Near to Death.**

Pope Leo is near to death, so near, according to a private letter received at Portland, Me., that he realizes the end is not far off, and the question of his successor is occupying much attention. The writer of the letter, who is in a position to know whereof he speaks, says that the pontiff's appearance is such as to make a person think he was looking at a corpse until the pope spoke. His voice is weak and his frame greatly emaciated. His mind, however, is perfectly clear. It is understood that the pope himself and those closest to him feel that the end is but a matter of only a short time.

## FAVORS UNION OF SILVER MEN.

**David Overmyer of Kansas Writes of the Future of His Party.**

David Overmyer of Topeka, who was in 1894 the Democratic candidate for governor of Kansas, advocates a complete union of the Democratic, Populist and free-silver Republican parties on one platform and under one party name, and recommends that the platform be enlarged to include, besides free silver, public control of corporations and public participation in their earnings; public ownership of the right

## FROM MANY POINTS.

### NEW ITEMS OF VARIOUS KINDS BRIEFLY RELATED.

**Spain Consents to Having the United States to Mediate to Settle the Cuban Trouble—Venezuela Holding Back the Boundary Settlement.**

The old saying that "where there is smoke there is sure to be fire" may be applied to a recent development in the Cuban matter. It has been strongly asserted that Spain has notified the United States of her acceptance of the proposal of President Cleveland to mediate between Spain and Cuba for a settlement of the war in Cuba. These reports have also been firmly denied by the governments of both countries, yet there seems to be good authority for the statement that Spain has unofficially, through Senor Dupuy DeLome, the Spanish minister, promised to accept the United States' mediation directly after Gen. Weyler has cleared Pinar del Rio province of rebels, and then to grant everything short of actual independence for Cuba. This feature of the matter is borne out by dispatches from Spain which say that negotiations toward home rule have proceeded for some time, and the last phases of these negotiations indicate an enlargement of the home rule provisions adopted by the Spanish cortes last year, but not put into execution. These enlargements embrace the election of the entire Cuban congress, instead of a mixed congress of 15 elected members and 45 appointed by the queen regent; and also a complete control by Cuba of her tariff.

It is quite clear that Spain is negotiating with the United States, but the Castilian pride compels the government to go to it in an underhand way. They cannot help trying to arrive at a private understanding with the United States, for the proceeds of the recent loan are nearly exhausted, and Capt. Gen. Weyler's apparent inaction has checked the buoyancy which followed

### Filibuster Three Friends in Trouble.

The sequel to the encounter between the filibuster steamer Three Friends and a Spanish warship off the coast of Cuba, accounts of which were published two weeks ago, is quite startling, and those who were aboard the Three Friends are badly frightened over the gravity of the situation in which they find themselves—of being considered as pirates in the eyes of international usage. In this phase of the case Spain may make requisition upon the United States for the persons who were aboard the Three Friends and this government has no alternative but to deliver them up.

In the meantime the Three Friends has been seized by the U. S. officials at Key West and taken to Jacksonville, under libel. The owners of the vessel put up a clever defense, contending that the statutes which they are charged with violating do not apply to the Cuban rebellion, because the United States has not recognized either the independence or belligerency of the Cubans, and that the courts cannot take cognizance of war until either the President or congress recognizes existence of war; that, therefore, it was impossible for the Three Friends to have been engaged in the "service of one political power against another political power with which the United States was at peace." Cuban insurgents not constituting a political power recognized by the United States, are therefore not a "province, state, colony, district or people," as designated in said statute of the United States. If the Three Friends wins the owners hold that the President will have to recognize Cuba or stop prosecuting filibusters.

Later—The Three Friends has been released by the U. S. authorities at Jacksonville, they apparently seeing no grounds upon which to hold her.

### Venezuelans in no Hurry.

Washington: Secretary Olney and Ambassador Paucote had a long secret conference on the Venezuela settlement and the treaty of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain. In general terms the officials say the prospect of an acceptance of the settlement by Venezuela is good, but there are important limitations which appear to make the cause less hopeful of an immediate conclusion. There appears also to be much question as to the nature of Venezuela's acceptance. President Crespo and the government authorities have expressed satisfaction with the general results of the settlement, as far as they secured arbitration, yet they have not yet expressed official approval of all the details of the settlement. On the contrary there seems to be a very earnest desire at Caracas for more exact information on the terms of the treaty between Venezuela and Great Britain.

As to the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain, Mr. Olney and Sir Julian have made their final drafts of the treaty and it is in the hands of Lord Salisbury awaiting his approval. No doubt exists of its approval and it is expected to come daily.

### Weyler May be Recalled.

A Madrid correspondent says: There is much animation in political and military circles where the tide is setting against Capt. Gen. Weyler who, it is expected, will be recalled unless he gains striking successes at once. It is highly probable that Gen. Martinez Campos may be returned to Cuba to succeed Weyler.

Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, had a long conference with President-elect McKinley, and says that Mr. McKinley is strongly in favor of bimetallic international agreement.

## Filibuster Commodore Sank.

The filibuster steamer Commodore, which cleared from Jacksonville, Fla., for Cienfuegos, Cuba, with a cargo of arms and ammunition, foundered off New Smyrna at 3 a. m. Twenty-eight men were on board of the steamer, and so far as known only 17 were saved. One of the survivors says that when the leak was discovered it was found that the pumps had been tampered with. It is suspected that some Spanish spy was the cause of the disaster. When it was seen that the Commodore would sink they took to the boats, two of which were capsized in the heavy sea. Capt. Murphy and four Americans, including two newspaper men, were the last to leave and they reached land after battling for 24 hours against the waves. Maj. Ricardo A. Delgado, one of the crew, reached Jacksonville on the train from New Smyrna, accompanied by 11 other survivors, all of whom were Cubans.

### Cyclone and Floods.

Southern Arkansas, northern Texas and northwestern Louisiana were swept by a terrible wind and rain storm causing the loss of a number of lives and the destruction of property. The greatest destruction occurred at Mooringsport, La., where almost the entire town was blown away and five people were killed, besides a score being badly injured. At Benton, Ark., 25 houses were destroyed and many people injured. Other towns suffered severely and at Cameron, Ark., one man was killed. At Little Rock, Ark., more than four inches of rain fell within a short time and the streets were turned into rivers, causing heavy loss to business houses.

### Defaulting Chicago Banker Succeeded.

William A. Hammond, late vice-president of the collapsed National Bank of Illinois, committed suicide at Chicago, by throwing himself into Lake Michigan. He left his home on Greenwood boulevard, Evanston, having previously kissed his 2-year-old boy good-bye, and he was not seen again alive. His body was discovered in the lake at the foot of Church street, Evanston, by two boys, who were playing on the beach.

### Filibusters Allowed to Clear.

For the first time since the present struggle in Cuba began the U. S. government has given permission to a customs official to clear for Cuba a vessel loaded, according to her manifest, with munitions of war and presumably intended for the insurgent army. The vessel in this case is the well known and alleged filibuster The Dauntless, which will sail from Jacksonville, Fla. The filibuster Commodore has applied for papers at the same port under similar circumstances.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, who is now 84 year of age, sustained a serious accident while visiting at the residence of her son-in-law, the Rev. Samuel Scoville, at Stamford, Ct. She was attacked with dizziness, and in falling broke her hip in such a manner that she probably will never walk again without the use of crutches.

## LIVE STOCK.

NEW YORK—CATTLE SHEEP LAMBS HOGS			
Best grades	Lower grades	Best grades	Lower grades
4.50	3.50	4.00	3.00
3.50	2.50	3.00	2.00
2.50	1.50	2.00	1.00
1.50	1.00	1.00	.50
1.00	.50	.50	.25

GRAIN, ETC.			
Wheat	Corn	Oats	Barley
92 @ 97	22 @ 23	18 @ 19	14 @ 15
91 @ 96	21 @ 22	17 @ 18	13 @ 14
90 @ 95	20 @ 21	16 @ 17	12 @ 13
89 @ 94	19 @ 20	15 @ 16	11 @ 12
88 @ 93	18 @ 19	14 @ 15	10 @ 11

## REVIEW OF TRADE.

General trade has been rather quiet, and the holiday week has proven one of the duller of the dull season which has followed the period of revived demand early in November. Unfavorable weather, the making of inventories and the customary absence of demand in wholesale lines have combined to produce more than the usual holiday dullness. The year closes with an epidemic of failures, mainly at the west and in banks loan and trust companies or concerns dependent on the stock market or clearing houses in various places. Indications of a general confidence and several banks which have failed will fall in full, but disclosure of unsoundness in a few widely known institutions in the abnormal state of popular feeling after an exciting contest on the monetary issue has caused distrust and suspicion where it is frequently undeserved. The total business failures in the United States in 1898, in which liabilities exceed assets, number 15,112, an increase of 16 per cent over 1897, when the total increased 20 per cent compared with 1895 when the total was 13,500, the largest on record. The total liabilities of those failing in 1898 amount to \$37,040,000, or 35 per cent more than last year and being exceeded only by total liabilities in 1893—\$42,000,000. The ratio of assets to liabilities among those failing in 1898 was 60 per cent, an evidence of an unusually high rate of commercial mortality, which is exceeded only by the corresponding exhibit for 1892.

A family of 10 persons and a number of cattle were swallowed up by the sinking of a bog, during an earthquake, near Castle island, county of Kerry, Ireland.

Because their parents thought them too young to marry, Nellie Uren, 19 years of age, and Obbie Heath, one year younger, decided to commit suicide at Chicago. The girl killed herself by drinking carbolic acid, but the nerve of the youth failed him at the last minute, and he stood by and watched his sweetheart die in great agony.

## MICHIGAN'S NEW GOVERNOR.



About the simplest inauguration ceremonies in the history of the state of Michigan were those which attended the entrance of Hazen S. Pingree upon his duties as chief executive of

the commonwealth Friday. The ceremony was held at precisely noon, and in less than two minutes it was completed. He then purchased a return ticket to Detroit.

decided that the death was the result of an accident.

## MRS. GOUGAR GETS OUT.

**Requested to Resign from the Nationalist Party and She Obeys.**

Silver is the cause of the temporary political downfall of Mrs. Helen M. Gougar of Indiana. She stepped down and out of the nationalist party yesterday by request. She was charged by her old colleagues in the cause of prohibition with having shown too much zeal in the interest of the money plank in the platform of a "whisky party." Mrs. Gougar declares she will continue to work for the principles of prohibition, free suffrage and bimetallicism. She also predicted that her action would be followed by thousands of nationalists and would eventually end in breaking up the party. Dr. Julia T. Green, Adrian, Mich., was elected a member of the executive committee of the party to succeed Mrs. Gougar.

## Refused to Pardon Koetting.

Gov. Upham of Wisconsin has refused to grant a pardon to John B. Koetting, cashier of the Milwaukee South Side Savings Bank, now serving sentence in the state's prison for embezzling in connection with the failure of the bank during the panic of 1893.

## Death of Admiral Skerritt.

Rear Admiral Joseph S. Skerritt, retired, died at Washington Friday. The admiral was in the 64th year of his age.

of way of railroads, with at least partial control; tax upon incomes and great estates; money controlled by the people, instead of by the banks, etc.

## Deficit Is Growing.

A high financial authority, thoroughly familiar with the workings of the treasury department, said: "The deficit for January will reach to pretty nearly \$20,000,000. That sum will push the deficit for the fiscal year up to about \$60,000,000, and I think it will amount to near \$70,000,000 within the following month or six weeks. I do not think it will grow much more during the rest of this fiscal year."

## Does Not Favor a Commission.

Senator John Sherman does not take a gloomy view of the bank failures in the west as indicating anything more than mismanagement of the individual banks concerned. Mr. Sherman does not believe in a tariff commission, as has been suggested, and which Senator Cullom's bill provides for.

## To Aid Bimetallicism.

The Republican caucus committee appointed to draft a measure providing for an international conference to secure international bimetallicism has agreed upon a bill to be presented to the Republican caucus, which will be held soon after the assembling of Congress next Tuesday.

## Gov. Black Inaugurated.

Frank S. Black, of Rensselaer county, was inaugurated governor of New York Friday.

# 100 Hood's Sarsaparilla

Does One Dollar is true only of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is economy to get Hood's when you need a blood purifier and nerve tonic because Hood's Pills cure liver ills; easy to take, easy to operate. Etc.

A new remedy was recently suggested for cold in the head. The treatment consisted of a few slight taps with a rubber hammer on the forehead, just above the root of the nose. The discoverer of this remedy claims that slight shocks upon terminal nerves have the effect of causing the blood vessels to contract.

A British army surgeon is authority for the statement that the cause of death is clearly shown in the expression of the face of a corpse on the field of battle. He states that those who have been killed by sword thrusts have a look of repose, while those killed by bullets usually have pain of an intense nature clearly depicted.

A fall of coal in the Millport mine killed Peter Reymark, of Canal Fulton.

**Nothing Succeeds Like Success.**  
The success of the Speer N. J. Wine Co. in producing an extra quality of Grape Brandy is marvelous. They rely alone on the grape for body and flavor, and hence there is a wide and growing demand for this Brandy which rivals the old brands of Cognac, France.

Nothing is finer or richer than Speer's Old Climax Brandy and his Old Port, etc. to fifteen years old. For table use their Claret, Sauternes, Burgundies and P. J. Sherry are unsurpassed. For the sick room, hospital and Sacramental purposes their Enfermented Grape Juice is recommended and used by both physicians and divines. Sold by druggists.

**What Did He Do Then?**  
He—If I should kiss you would you call your mother? She (naively)—Why, no! she wouldn't care to be kissed.

**Ant Racheal's Bitters.**  
The undeniable fact that these Bitters are composed in the main of Speer's Wine, with Peruvian Bark, Snake Root, etc., analyzed and recommended to invalids and the Medical Profession, by the best Chemists in the United States, cannot fail in inspiring confidence in the use of these Malarial Bitters.

**Revival Street Parade.**  
The big revival now going on in Philadelphia culminated the other day in a street parade of 300 church workers. In a way this suggests the religious processions of the middle ages in Europe. The houses along the route of the parade were decorated with flags and Chinese lanterns; red fire was burned, and skyrocketers were set off, while the paraders sang various gospel hymns as they marched.

**He Usually Is, Though.**  
Nobody has ever been able to explain why a tough man is always interesting to a good woman.

## HEB HAPPY DAY.

A CHARMING STORY OF MEDICINE AND MARRIAGE.

Two Open Letters From a Chicago Girl—How Happiness Came to Her.

Among the tens of thousands of women who apply to Mrs. Pinkham for advice and are cured, are many who wish the facts in their cases made public, but do not give permission to publish their names for reasons as obvious as in the following, and no name is ever published without the writer's authority; this is a bond of faith which Mrs. Pinkham has never broken.

Chicago, Jan. 27th, '95.  
My dear Mrs. Pinkham—  
A friend of mine, Mrs. —, wants me to write you, because she says: "You did her so much good. I am desperate. An nineteen years of age, tall, and weighed 136 pounds a year ago. I am now a mere skeleton. From your little book I think my trouble is profuse menstruation. My symptoms are —, etc.  
Our doctor (my uncle) tells father that I am in consumption, and wants to take me to Florida. Please help me! Tell me what to do, and tell me quickly. I am engaged to be married in September. Shall I live to see the day?"  
LUCY E. W.

Chicago, June 16th, '95.  
My dear Mrs. Pinkham—  
This is a happy day. I am well and gaining weight daily. I shall continue the treatment and Vegetable Compound during the summer, as you suggest. Uncle knows nothing about what you have done for me, because it would make things very unpleasant in the family. I would like to give you a testimonial to publish, but father would not allow it. I shall be married in September, and as we go to Boston, will call upon you. How can I prove my gratitude?  
LUCY E. W.

Just such cases as the above leak out in women's circles, and that is why the confidence of the women of America is bestowed upon Mrs. Pinkham.

Why are not physicians more candid with women when suffering from such ailments?

Women want the truth, and if they cannot get it from their doctor, will seek it elsewhere.

**PISO'S CURE FOR**  
ALL THE FALLS  
OF CONSUMPTION



VI. WHEN I asked Dick Fenton to relate his experiences, I did not mean him to do so at such length. But there, as he has written it, and as writing is not a labor of love with him, let it go.

When Madeline Rowan found the bed, by the side of which she had thrown herself in an ecstasy of grief, unattended, she knew in a moment that she was the victim of a deep laid plot. Being ignorant of Carriston's true position in the world, she could conceive no reason for the elaborate scheme which had been devised to lure her so many miles from her home and make a prisoner of her.

A prisoner she was. Not only was the door locked upon her, but a slip of paper lay on the bed. It bore these words: "No harm is meant you, and in due time you will be released. Ask no questions, make no foolish attempts at escape, and you will be well treated."

Upon reading this the girl's first thought was one of thankfulness. She saw at once that the reported accident to her lover was but an invention. The probabilities were that Carriston was alive, and in his usual health. Now that she felt certain of this, she could bear anything.

From the day on which she entered that room, to that on which we rescued her, Madeline was to all intents and purposes as close a prisoner in that lonely house on the hillside as she might have been in the deepest dungeon in the world. Threats, entreaties, promises of bribes availed nothing. She was not unkindly treated—that is, suffered no absolute ill-usage. Books, materials for needle work, and other little aids to while away time were supplied. But the only living creature she saw were the woman of the house who attended to her wants, and, on one or two occasions, the man whom Carriston asserted he had seen in his trance. She had suffered from the close confinement, but had always felt certain that sooner or later her lover would find her and effect her deliverance. Now that she knew he was alive she could not be unhappy.

I did not choose to ask her why she had felt so certain on the above points. I wish to add no more puzzles to the one which, to tell the truth, exercised, even annoyed me, more than I care to say. But I did ask her if, during her incarceration, her jailor had ever laid his hand upon her.

She told me that some short time after her arrival a stranger had gained admittance to the house. While he was there the man had entered her room, held her arm, and threatened her with violence if she made an outcry. After hearing this, I did not pursue the subject.

Carriston and Madeline were married at the earliest possible moment, and left England immediately after the ceremony. A week after their departure, by Carriston's request, I forwarded the envelope found upon our prisoner to Mr. Ralph Carriston. With it I sent a few lines stating where and under what peculiar circumstances he had become possessed of it. I never received any reply to my communication, so, wild and improbable as it seems, I am bound to believe that Charles Carriston's surmise was right—that Madeline was deceived away and concealed; not from any ill-will toward herself, but with a view to the possible baneful effect which her mysterious disappearance might work upon her lover's strange and excitable organization; and I firmly believe that had he not in some inexplicable way been firmly convinced that she was alive and faithful to him, the plot would have been a thorough success, and Charles Carriston would have spent the rest of his days in an asylum.

Both Sir Charles—he succeeded to his title shortly after his marriage—and Lady Carriston are now dead, or I should not have ventured to relate these things concerning them. They had twelve years of happiness. If measured by time the period was but a short one, but I feel sure that in it they enjoyed more true happiness than many others find in the course of a protracted life. In word, thought and deed they were as one. She died in Rome, of fever, and her husband, without, so far as I know, any particular complaint, simply followed her.

I was always honored with their sincerest friendship, and Sir Charles left me sole trustee and guardian of his three sons, so there are plenty of lives between Ralph Carriston and his desire. I am pleased to say that the boys, who are as dear to me as my own children, as yet show no evidence of possessing any gifts beyond nature.

I know that my having made this story public will cause two sets of objectors to fall equally foul of me—the matter-of-fact prosaic man who will say that the abduction and subsequent imprisonment of Madeline was an absurd impossibility, and the scientific man, like myself, who cannot, dare not believe that Charles Carriston, from neither memory nor imagination, could draw a face, and describe peculiarities, by which a certain man could be identified. I am far from saying there may not be a simple natural explanation of the puzzle, but I, for one,

have failed to find it, so close this tale as I began it, by saying I am a narrator, and nothing more.  
(THE END.)

## A Tale of Three Lions

BY H. RIDER HAGGARD

CHAPTER I.

Most of you boys will have heard of Allan Quatermain, who was one of the party who discovered King Solomon's mines some little time ago, and afterward came to live in England near his friend Sir Henry Curtis. He had gone back to the wilderness now, as these hunters almost invariably do, on one pretext or another. They cannot endure civilization for very long. Its noise and racket and the omnipresence of broadclothed humanity proving more trying to their nerves than the dangers of the desert. I think that they feel lonely here, for it is a fact that is too little understood, though it has often been stated, that there is no loneliness like the loneliness of crowds, especially to those who are unaccustomed to them. "What is there in the world," old Quatermain would say, "so desolate as to stand in the streets of a great city and listen to the footsteps falling, falling multitudinous as the rain, and watch the white line of faces as they hurry past, you know not whence, you know not whither. They come and go, their eyes meet yours with a cold stare, for a moment their features are written on your mind, and then they are gone forever. You will never see them again, they will never see you again; they come up out of the blackness, and presently they once more vanish into the blackness, taking their secrets with them. Yes, that is loneliness pure and undefiled; but to one who knows and loves it, the wilderness is not lonely, because the spirit of nature is ever there, to keep the wanderer company. He finds companionship in the rushing winds—the sunny streams babble like Nature's children at his feet high above him, in the purple sunset, are domes and minarets and palaces, such as no mortal man hath built, in and out of whose flaming doors the glorious angels of the sun do move continually. And then there is the wild game, following its feeding grounds in great armies, with the spring-buck thrown out before them for skirmishes; then rank upon rank of long-faced bleibuck, marching and wheeling like infantry; and last the shining troops of quagga and the fierce-eyed shaggy vilderbeeste to take the place of the great cossack host that hangs upon an army's flanks.

"Oh, no," he would say, "the wilderness is not lonely, for, my boy, remember that the farther you get from man, the nearer you grow to God," and though this is a saying that might well be disputed, it is one I am sure that anybody who has watched the sun rise and set on the limitless deserted plains, and seen the thunder chariots roll in majesty across the depths of unfathomable sky, will easily understand.

Well, at any rate he went back again, and now for many months I have heard nothing of him, and to be frank, I greatly doubt if anybody will ever hear of him again. I fear that the wilderness, that has for so many years been a mother to him, will now also prove his monument and the monument of those who accompanied him, for the quest upon which he and they have started is a wild one indeed.

But while he was in England for those three years or so between his return from the successful discovery of the wise king's buried treasures, and the death of his only son, I saw a great deal of old Allan Quatermain. I had known him years before in Africa, and after he came home, whenever I had nothing better to do, I used to run up to Yorkshire and stay with him, and in this way I at one time and another heard many of the incidents of his past life, and most curious some of them were. No man can pass all those years following the rough existence of an elephant hunter without meeting with many strange adventures, and one way and another old Quatermain has certainly seen his share. Well, the story that I am going to tell you in the following short pages is one of the later of these adventures; indeed, if I remember right, it happened in the year 1875. At any rate I know that it was the only one of his trips upon which he took his son Harry (who is since dead) with him, and that Harry was then fourteen. And now for the story, which I will repeat, as nearly as I can in the words in which hunter Quatermain told it to me one night in the oak-paneled vestibule of his house in Yorkshire. We were talking about gold-mining—

"Gold-mining," he broke in, "ah, yes, I once went gold-mining at Pilgrims' Rest in the Transvaal, and it was after that that we had the turn up about Jim-Jim and the lions. Do you know it? Well, it is, or was, one of the queerest little places you ever saw. The town itself was pitched in a sort of stony valley, with mountains all about it, and in the middle of such scenery as one does not often get the chance of seeing.

"Well, for some months I dug away gayly at my claim, but at length the very sight of a pick or of a washing-

trough became hateful to me. A hundred times a day I cursed my own folly for having invested eight hundred pounds, which was about all that I was worth at the time, in this gold-mining. But like other better people before me, I had been bitten by the gold bug, and now had to take the consequences. I had bought a claim out of which a man had made a fortune—five or six thousand pounds at least—as I thought, very cheap; that is, I had given him five hundred pounds for it. It was all that I had made by a very rough year's elephant hunting beyond the Zambesi. I sighed deeply and prophetically when I saw my successful friend, who was a Yankee, sweep up the roll of the Standard Bank notes with the lordly air of the man who has made his fortune, and cram them into his breeches pockets. "Well," I said to him—the unhappy vender—"it is a magnificent property, and I only hope that my luck will be as good as yours has been." He smiled; to my excited nerves it seemed that he smiled ominously, as he answered me in a peculiar Yankee drawl: "I guess, stranger, as I ain't the man to want to turn a dog's stomach against his dinner, more especial when there ain't no more going on the rounds; as far as that there claim, well, she's been a good nigger to me; but between you and me, stranger, speaking man to man now that there ain't any filthy lucre between us to obscure the features of the truth, I guess she's about worked out."

"I gasped; the fellow's effrontery took the breath out of me. Only five minutes before he had been swearing by all his gods, and they appeared to be numerous and mixed, that there were half a dozen fortunes left in the claim and that he was only giving it up because he was down-right weary of shoveling the gold out.

"Don't look so vexed, stranger," went on the tormentor, "perhaps there is some shine in the old girl yet; anyway, you are a downright good fellow, you are, therefore you will, I guess, have a real A1, plate-glass opportunity of working on the feelings of Dame Fortune. Anyway, it will bring the muscle up upon your arm if the stuff is uncommon still, and what is more, you will in the course of a year earn a sight more than two thousand dollars in value of experience."

"And he went, just in time, for in another minute I should have gone for him, and I saw his face no more.

"Well, I set to work on the old claim with my boy Harry and a half a dozen Kafirs to help me, which, seeing that I had put nearly all my worldly wealth into it, was the least I could do. And we worked, my word, we did work—early and late we went at it—but never a bit of gold did we see; no, not even a nugget large enough to make a scarf pin out of. The American gentleman had mopped up the whole lot and left us the sweepings.

"For three months this game went on till at last I had paid away all or very near all that was left of our little capital in wages and food for the Kafirs and ourselves. When I tell you that Boer meal was sometimes as high as four pounds a bag, you will understand that it did not take long to run through our banking account.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

### WHAT OUR FAIR DID.

Taught the People the Lesson of Enthusiasm and Appreciation.

It is a but a couple of years since the vision of the White City of Chicago ended in flame and smoke or vanished before the rains of winter, and yet already the dream is materializing, the phoenix has risen from the ashes by Lake Michigan to fly from city to city, wherein the plaster and stucco of the Columbian palaces are becoming enduring stone, says Scribner's. The great educational institutions have opened the way, not only with plan, but also with realization, with colleges in New York, and the beautiful library of Boston, and with the huge and magnificent pile which has arisen beside the national capitol. But although some of these buildings were projected and designed before the World's Fair grew into being, the latter has taught to the people that shall visit them the lesson of enthusiasm and appreciation; above all, of that enthusiasm which results in a common direction, of that interappreciation which results in harmony. Harmony was the great lesson of the Columbian city; the architects joined hands, and in the court of honor each of the great buildings assumed greater beauty and significance from the fellowship of the charming palaces that surrounded it.

### Trains Without Rails.

Experiments which are described as satisfactory have recently been made in the suburbs of Paris, with a train, drawn by a steam locomotive, running not on rails but on an ordinary road. The train used at present consists of only two cars, one of which contains the locomotive machinery, together with seats for fourteen passengers, while the other has twenty-four seats. The engine is of sixteen horsepower and the average speed is about seven miles an hour. The train is able to turn in a circle only twenty-three feet in diameter. Another train has been constructed for the conveyance of freight. It is hoped by the inventors that trains of this kind will be extensively employed in and near cities.

French peasants have a belief that if a fire with much smoke is made in the stove on the approach of a storm, safety from lightning will be insured. Schuster shows that the custom is based on reason, as the smoke serves as a very good conductor for carrying away the electricity slowly and safely. In one thousand cases of damage by lightning, 6.3 churches and 8.5 mills have been struck, but the number of factory chimneys was only 0.3.

### NATURAL HISTORY.

Another Kind of Cattle.

Driving the cows home is sometimes an exciting business down in Maine, to judge from a story found in our exchanges. Such things are very pleasant—afterward.

"Jack" Clark is a stout boy of fourteen years, living at Sherman, Maine. He goes after the cows every night, and drives them home to the tie-up, always in the greatest safety, but the other night he had an adventure which has led to the substitution of his elder brother in the gathering of the kine. Last Saturday night Jack went down after the cattle. The animals were in the pasture and it was almost dark before he got to them. He started them homeward with some speed, but one lagged in the shadow under the trees. Jack threw a stone at the supposed cow and got a very large surpise in return. He heard the stone strike the animal with a hollow thump on its ribs, and expected to see the cow come from under the trees on a swinging run. Instead a big moose bounded out into the opening and made for the youngster. Jack knew the animal at once. Boys and girls when they get big enough to walk the streets of Sherman in boots and stockings know wild animals when they see them. So Jack knew the moose. He made for the nearest tree and got into it without delay. The moose was close at the boy's heels when he climbed into the lower branches and snorted around the foot of the trunk in a way that made the boy shiver and grab the limbs nervously. After about an hour the big brute went off in rod-long jumps. Jack came down, ran home and told the story.

### The Smallest Dog in the World.

The English papers record the death of a celebrity, in the person, so to speak, of the toy terrier, Tiny, who was reputed to be the smallest dog in the world. Though Tiny was the property of a general, Sir Archibald McLaine, he was scarcely a war dog.

Tiny was four inches long and could easily curl up and lie down on the hand of a young boy. He had, however, reached adult years. Like most "toy" dogs, which are really a perversion of nature, Tiny was a very weak and unpleasant specimen of doghood. He had no appetite and could hardly eat enough to keep himself alive. He died at last of a cold, though he was always scrupulously blanketed when he went out and his master, following a custom which is quite general in England, had his little body skinned and stuffed and presented it to the Zoological museum in London. Tiny, like almost all the very smallest of pigmy dogs, was of the black-and-tan terrier breed. His small size was not the result, as some people suppose in such cases, of dwarfing the creature's growth by feeding it on whiskey, but of selection in breeding.

A Goat's Abnormal Appetite.

Rene Clayton, a cigar dealer of Philadelphia, owns a nanny goat of which he feels proud. She is not an especially ornamental animal, but has proved herself to be useful. One peculiar thing about her is that she has an abnormal appetite for rats, and is almost as good as a terrier in keeping the premises free of these pests. She enjoys going into the cellars in the neighborhood, and soon comes forth with prey in her teeth. Various complaints have been made to Mr. Clayton about his troublesome pet. A family living a few doors below Clayton's store were eating supper a few evenings ago, when suddenly a large rat darted through the room and after it in hot pursuit came the goat. As the rat had a good lead it escaped, while nanny got mixed up in one of the dining-room chairs, and in its desperate attempt to get free demolished that piece of furniture, which Mr. Clayton had to pay for. The animal is now rusticated in the country.

### FORTIFYING POINTS.

England Strengthening Places Along the Line of the Canadian Pacific.

Having made Victoria and Esquimaux harbors impregnable the British war office is now taking another step in making Esquimaux one of the strongest strategic points in the empire, says an exchange. In a letter from Admiral Stephenson, it was stated that the ships in the north Pacific squadron would be soon replaced by modern warships, among them being at least one of the first class, like the Powerful or Terrible. Not only that, but it is intended to fortify every pregame point along the line of the Canadian Pacific railroad. The north Atlantic fleet is also to be greatly strengthened and the object of fortifying the railroad is to render co-operation between the two seaboard practically certain in case of war. The Atlantic fleet has been accustomed to summer at Halifax and winter in the West Indies and the Pacific fleet spends the summer at either Celloa or Honolulu, staying the rest of the time at Esquimaux. Now there will be two fleets in the Atlantic, one at both Jamaica and Halifax, and the Pacific squadron will remain all the year round at Esquimaux. When the changes are complete 5,000 men will be in service at Victoria. Just what this move portends no one here knows.

### Tanked.

While "Court House" Sam was in the tan yard tank last week, cleaning it out, the lid accidentally fell and Sam was twice a prisoner. After he got out he informed us that that was the first time he had been "tanked" for over four years.—Exchange.

### SIGNS OF THE PLANETS

INDICATIONS THAT AFFECT EVERY HUMAN LIFE.

Prof. Cunningham's Free Readings for Our Readers Have Become Very Popular—Some Instructions for the Guidance of Applicants for Horoscopes.

THE astrologer is receiving many requests for free readings through these columns. Each request is numbered when received and every one will be answered in its turn.

The astrologer again calls attention to the fact that each request must state the date, place and hour of birth, also sex and color, with full name and address of sender. The initials only and place of residence will be used in the reading.

Be exact about the hour of birth. If applicants do not know the date or hour they should send two two-cent stamps for special instructions. Persons wishing their horoscopes made immediately and forwarded by mail must send twelve two-cent stamp to cover expenses. Name and address must be plainly written. Address all communications to Prof. G. W. Cunningham, Dept. 4, 194, So. Clinton street, Chicago.

This weeks readings are as follows:

**Betsy; Monroe, Mich.**  
According to data, you are a mixture of the signs of Taurus and Gemini, and therefore Venus and Mercury are your ruling planets or signifiers. You are medium height or above, and medium to dark hair, complexion and eyes; the eyes have a peculiar sparkle and sharp light; you are energetic and ambitious and will make a great effort to rise in the world, yet you will find many obstacles to overcome and will not be appreciated or paid in accordance with what your ability should command, yet you will succeed far better than the average of people. You are a natural born orator and if you take ordinary care of the money you get into your possession you will become wealthy.

**C. A. J., Webster City, Iowa.**  
According to data, the sign Leo, which the Sun rules, was rising at your birth, with Mercury and Venus on the ascendant, and therefore the Sun, Venus and Mercury are your ruling planets or signifiers.

You are medium height or above; medium to light complexion, hair and eyes; you will be disposed to baldness early in life; you will be active, ambitious, energetic, and will hold a good position in any locality; you will always be regarded as a leading man not so much from your wealth as from your ability. You will also be noted as having a great gift of language and as an orator you would make a great success. You are very popular with the ladies.

**W. A. W., Dubuque, Iowa.**

You have the zodiacal sign Virgo rising, and therefore Mercury is your ruling planet. You are medium height or slightly above with a well proportioned figure; the complexion, hair and eyes from medium to dark; you are rather reserved in your manner until you get well acquainted. When young you were quite bashful, modest and avoided strangers. You are active, energetic, ambitious and industrious; you are very humane in your nature, kind to all, make many friends, and will be very popular with the ladies; you are gifted in one of the fine arts and very fond of any kind of art work; you have good command of language. You will rise to a high position in life, and if you avoid hazardous speculation and take good care of the money that comes into your possession you will become quite wealthy. It will be hard for you to keep money after you make it.

**Gertrude, St. Joseph, Mo.**

You have the zodiacal sign Cancer rising, therefore the moon is your ruling planet; you are medium height or above, with rather well proportioned figure; the shoulders good width, the complexion fair; eyes light; hair medium; you are fond of making changes in certain ways, and will be rather of an emotional nature, and will sometimes change your mind very quickly and apparently without any good reasons for it. Your constitution is not of a robust kind, and you are subject to feverish ailments and especially severe headaches when these attacks come on. You are fond of having your own way and are liable to rebel if opposed strongly. You are endowed by nature with strong intuitions, and might easily develop some mediumistic powers if you would make some effort in that direction.

**Remarkable Confidence.**

She: "It is remarkable what confidence that Mrs. Storms has in her husband! Believes everything he says." He: "Well, why shouldn't she?" "Why, man! he's a clerk in the weather bureau."—Yonkers Statesman.

### JOSH BILLINGS' PHILOSOPHY.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

### Newburg.

George Granger is at home.  
Harry Armstrong is suffering from a fever.  
Miss Pearl Passage spent New Years at home.

John Patterson spent the holidays visiting relatives at Muskegon.

E. P. LeVan, of Stark, has moved to Frank Millard's to spend the winter.

Miss Jessie Geney was organist at the Christmas exercises instead of Carrie Rutter, as was stated last week.

The memorial services of Ray Peters were held at the church last Sunday. Ray was born in Canton township, in the year 1879. When he was about 8 months old his parents removed to Livonia, where he has lived ever since. He died at the home of his parents on Nov. 8, 1896.

The Relief Corps, of Newburg, gave a party to Miss Eva Jackson on her 21st birthday, Jan. 5th. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander was filled to overflowing, and a dinner given in which the W. R. C. of this place particularly excels, after which a neat literary program, attended by good music was followed out, and an easy chair presented in behalf of the society as a token of esteem. About 85 guests enjoyed this entertainment and each went away wishing her many returns of the pleasant occasion.

### UNCLE RASTUS.

#### Stark.

Will Johnson is suffering from tonsillitis.  
Mrs. Wm. Coates, who has been ill, is recovering.

We hear that Chas. Millard has received the appointment of deputy-sheriff for this township.

The W. R. C. of Newburg, met at the home of Miss Eva Ostrander last Tuesday, it being the occasion of her birthday and presented her with a beautiful rocking chair as a token of their esteem.

#### South Salem.

Mrs. Calvin Bussey is on the sick list.  
Wm. Bussey and family have moved to Ypsilanti.

Mrs. A. C. Curtis and daughter, of Ann Arbor, spent Christmas at home.

Miss Lillie Digby, of South Lyon, spent several days with Lydia Woodworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Talt entertained a party of friends on New Year's day.

Mrs. G. Warn and son, Elmer, are visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. T. Kane.

About 140 were in attendance at the Christmas supper for the Sunday school at J. L. Woodworth's.

Mrs. Susan Smith, who has been spending the holidays with her sons here, returned home Monday.

Misses Lillian Bailey and Tena Packard returned Wednesday to resume their studies at the State Normal after spending their holiday vacation with their parents and friends here.

Too late for last week.

The family of Mrs. Mary Quackenbush spent Christmas at her home.

A. B. VanAken, F. L. Packard, M. H. Withee and families, of Detroit, spent Christmas at Salem.

Married, on Thursday, Dec. 1st, at the home of the bride at Ann Arbor, Miss Milley to Ruben Ovenshire, of Salem.

The annual election of officers at the Lapham Sabbath school last Sunday resulted as follows: Supt., J. H. Smith; sec., Mrs. Lillie Jarvis; organist, Alice Quack-

enbush; chorister, Mr. F. Lovelace; teachers, Louie Rich, Alice Quackenbush, Ira Savery, Burt Nelson, Mrs. L. Packard, H. C. Packard, M. F. Bailey and C. Cole.

The Epworth League reading circle held its monthly meeting at the home of Miss Clara McCormick on New Year's eve and then watched the old year out and the new year in.

The young friends of Miss Louie Rich gave her a pleasant surprise on Monday evening last. Games and music constituted the entertainment and pop corn and candy the bill of fare.

The home of H. C. Packard was the scene of a pleasant gathering on Christmas day. His children and grandchildren gathered around the family board and later around the Christmas tree.

### Livonia.

A small blizzard struck the Center Wednesday morning.

Emory Millard, of Redford, called on his brother, R. Z. Millard, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Whitaker, of Howell, spent Monday and Tuesday with C. L. Ferguson and family.

Mrs. Wm. Kinler, of Detroit, is staying a short time with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Smith, who is sick, but on the gain at present writing.

Mrs. August Helm died at her residence west of the Center Sunday morning. She had been sick some time but was considered better that morning, but got worse and died in a short time, with paralysis of the heart. She leaves an aged husband and a family of grown up children to mourn their loss. The funeral was held at the Union church Tuesday afternoon.

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### He Ventured to Object.

There was some little excitement at a marriage in Gwinnett county recently. The couple were standing at the altar and when the preacher came to that part of the ceremony where he said: "If anybody can show cause why these parties should not be joined together, let him now speak or forever hold his peace," a brother of the groom stood up and when all eyes were upon him he said:

"I reckon it won't do any good for me to object. I have told John about it two or three times, but he's such a fool he won't pay any attention to me!"—Atlanta Constitution.

### Got There Just the Same.

The Arkansas Traveler says that one of the ballots taken out of the box down there had written across the face of it: "I don't know how to vote this ballot, but I want to vote the straight republican ticket. Fix it up yourselves." After long discussion the judges counted the ballot on the theory that it came within the meaning of the law which provided for the counting of ballots, "which clearly showed the intention of the voter."

### Spirit of the Times.

A—"These are times that try financial souls. I'm suffering loss after loss." B—"How much did you lose this week?" A—"Eighty thousand marks, and the worst of it is that 100 of them were my own."—Flegende Blaetter.

### Naturally.

Mrs. Q. Riosity—Do you know those two children, Ebenezer and Florence, next door? Mrs. C. Coast—Oh, yes, Ebb and Flo have been running in and out here for some time.—Washington Times.

### Calendars and Coupons

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### BRIGHAM YOUNG.

Discriminating Estimate of the Founder of a Great System.

In studying Brigham Young I have not sought to know the man as he lives in Mormon literature, with a glowing religious halo about his eminently business-like brow, writes William E. Smyth in the November Atlantic. I have sought rather to find him through conversations with some of his favorite captains and through the letters he wrote them when they were engaged in perilous missions to wild districts in the unexplored west. These were the men who lived near to him and knew the thoughts that throbbled in his active brain. None of these men has told me of any striking religious thought which he uttered from the pulpit, but all have said that he insisted that it paid to plow deep and plant alfalfa. They have related with especial pride their talks with "the president" at evening camp-fires, when he would plan, with wonderful accuracy, irrigation canals and village sites to be made in connection with the conquest of some new valley they had explored. The plans which he traced on the ground with his cane by the firelight generally anticipated very closely the later results of surveys. His letters to these captains were full of instructions about provisions, coming emigrant parties and the treatment of the Indians. They always closed with a devout reference to div. Providence, but the underlying spirit was that of the sturdy industrial chieftain aiming at the conquest of the waste places.

This man's dreams were of empire. In every fiber of his body, in every beat of his brain and heart, he was a materialist. All his buildings, like all his philosophies, were fashioned on strong and simple lines. They were made not to look beautiful but to serve useful purposes and to last long. That he used the power of the church relentlessly to accomplish his ends cannot be denied. But the church, however much it may have meant to others, was with him only one of the means and not the great object of his ambition. His first act in Utah was to raise the American flag and proclaim himself governor of "the state of Deseret"—land of the working bee.

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### Longfellow's Gentleness.

He was reluctant to make any criticism of other poets: "I do not remember ever to have heard him make one and his writings show no trace of the literary dislikes or contempts which we so often mistake in ourselves for righteous judgment. No doubt he had his resentments, but he hushed them in his heart, which he did not suffer them to embitter. While Poe was writing of 'Longfellow and other plagiarists,' Longfellow was helping to keep Poe alive by the loans which always made themselves gifts in Poe's case. He very rarely spoke of himself at all and almost never of the grievances which he did not fall to share with all who live.—W. D. Howells in Harper's.

### The English Sparrow.

The English sparrow was brought to the United States in 1850, but it was not until 1870 that the species can be said to have firmly established itself. Since then it has taken possession of the country. Its fecundity is amazing. In the latitude of New York and southward it hatches, as a rule, five or six broods in a season, with from five to six young in a brood. Assuming the average annual product of a pair to be twenty-four young, of which half are females and half males, and assuming, further, for the sake of computation, that all live, together with their offspring, it will be seen that in ten years the progeny of a single pair would be 275,716,983,698.

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