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BIG BARGAIN: Plush Cap, former price, \$1, take it for 50c.

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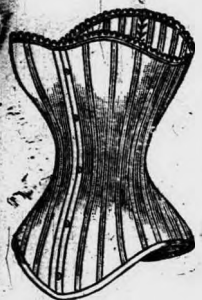
Holiday Handkerchiefs: A Christmas without handkerchiefs is like the play of Hamlet without the principal character. Profiting by former experiences we have bought what we believe to be the grand est collection of handkerchiefs ever brought to this section. There are handkerchiefs here of every known description white or fancy bordered, hem-stitched or scalloped, some daintily embroidered, some linen, some silk. For men, women and children and all so modestly priced that you can well afford to dip deep into this handkerchief matter.

Linens For Christmas.

Towels, Napkins, Table Cloths, these all cut a wide swath at this festive season. Think we can sell you these things to our entire satisfaction. There's a fascination about fine linens that is hard to resist. You'll find these items temptingly priced.

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We would strongly emphasize the merits of our different lines of men's furnishings. Our Xmas neckwear was all selected with the greatest care. Nothing flashy or loud about it, but just the sort of tie you would select for yourself. Neat, nobby affairs in satins and silks, tecks, band bows, four-in-hands, in fact all the newest shapes at bed-rock prices. As to shirts, half-hose, suspenders, collars, cuffs and what not, we can suit you to a T. We invite you to make this store your base of Xmas supplies in all things pertaining to men's furnishings.



The Cresco Corset.

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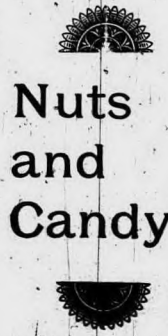
Kriss Kringle's Warehouse.

Haven't said a word to you about the Dolls, Toys, Games, Books, Perfumeries, Jewelry, Decorated China, Glittering Glassware

and the thousand and one dainty devices for holiday gifts. Can't begin to describe them to you; they are here though, and very much in evidence. You'd think the store was a sort of Santa Claus storehouse. Take a peep at all this brightness; you'll find it very helpful to you in making your holiday selections. Glad to have you make yourself at home with us; bring the little folks along too.



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CHOCOLATE
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and
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**STANDARD
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PRICES
5 TO 25 CTS.
FIT BEST.
MOST STYLISH
CATALOGUES, FREE.

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MOTHER GOOSE MARKET.

A Good Entertainment, Lots of Goods to Sell.

IN OUR last issue mention was made of the "Mother Goose Market," held last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and for the benefit of those of our readers who were unable to attend we will give a short description of it. The hall and booths were decorated with bunting and artistically arranged saleable articles. As you entered the hall, on the left was a room in which congealed lacteal was dispensed by the ladies in charge. The first booth after entering the main hall was the domestic booth, which contained many useful articles such as rugs, towels, etc. In the center of the hall was the fancy work booth, which was filled with an excellent assortment of doilies, etc. Then came the farmers' booth with its squashes, pumpkins, citrons, corn, canned fruit, etc., all tastily arranged. Near this was the large war vessel "Yantic," which was loaded down with dolls and toys. The bazaar came next with a conglomeration of nick-nacks. Then the confectionery booth with the usual amount of chewing gum, candies, etc. The fish pond, where men could fish without liquid bait, came next with an ample supply therein. After leaving the fish pond, you enter the fortune teller's booth, where your past, present and future is told without reserve. A stage was built at one end of the hall and an entertainment of more than ordinary merit was given each evening. The ladies were not as successful financially as they were last year, owing no doubt to the inclement weather.

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Allen for the use of the hall during the recent fair, also others who kindly assisted us by donations and work.

LADIES OF METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETIES.

Council Proceedings.

Dec. 6, 1897.

At a regular meeting of the common council of the village of Plymouth, Mich., held on the above date, present President Root, Trustees Allen, Baker, Lapham, Polley, Brems, Reinan.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Under head of claims and accounts the following bills were presented:

Wm. Mott	\$ 13 00
A. P. McIntyre	180 00
H. J. Baker	25 00
M. F. Gray	3 30
W. O. Allen	1 25
Schofield, Shurmer & Teagle	13 30
J. E. Knapp	6 50
Jas. Flower, Bro. & Co.	27 00
S. E. Thomas & Co.	3 00
Michigan Peninsular Car Co.	219 40
W. F. Markham	11 74
Elmer Willett	3 75
George Arthur	9 75
Chas. Cooper	16 50
Caleb Babcock	11 10
H. H. Merriman	19 50
S. W. Everett	2 50
C. G. Curtiss	1 00

The committee on claims and accounts reported favorably on all bills except that of H. H. Merriman for \$19.50, which was not allowed.

Motion by Trustee Brems, supported by Trustee Reinan that the bills be allowed and orders drawn on the proper funds to pay the same. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Allen, supported by Trustee Baker, that the chairman of the street committee superintend the placing of a lamp on Union street between Kinney's corner and Bennet's corner. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Brems, supported by Trustee Lapham, that the chairman of park committee be authorized to place trees in the park in north village according to his own judgment.

The council then adjourned.
H. J. BAKER, Clerk.

It Is Said.

That the Courier correspondents are original or nothing, and they come a long way from being original.

That there is talk of organizing a company of state militia here, and if such is the case we can say that there is no better training for a young man than the drill and exercise necessarily connected with a company of militia. Of course, the state encampment is not all that could be desired, but even then they would not have to follow the example that is usually set by the older companies.

That business has been double this month what it was last year the same length of time, notwithstanding the fact that both weather and roads have been unfavorable.

That the definition of a cipher is the average man who thinks he is one in a thousand.

That according to Darwin's theory it takes a monkey thousands of years to make a man of himself, but there are men who can make monkeys of themselves any minute.

That some women and even men in this town are so modest that they shun the naked truth.

That if clothes make a man, some men ought to change their clothes.

That after all this talk about women, she is but an after-thought. She was only a side issue.

Business Change.

ON WEDNESDAY last a deal was consummated by which W. F. Hoops retires from the firm of Hoops & Harris, the dispensers of meats. Mr. Harris assumes full control, and as he is an experienced man will conduct the business alone. May he meet with success. Mr. Hoops is undecided as to his future location, but expects in the near future to engage in the same business in some large town.

Wanted!

Hubbard Squash, Cabbage,

Onions.

Potatoes * Potatoes * Potatoes

Highest Market Price

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BEST SELECTED :: STOCK,

At all times.

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Christmas Presents of all kinds at GALE'S.
Come in and see them

Christmas Goods at

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Come in and see our new stock of Xmas Goods.

In Crockery and Glassware you will find a beautiful line of Lamps. Prices from 25c up to \$5. Dinner sets \$7, \$8, \$10 and \$12

Fancy cups and saucers, all priced bread and milk sets; 56-piece tea sets; sugar and cream sets; 4-piece tea sets; bread and outter plates, very pretty and very cheap; books, games, dominoes, checkers, music boxes,

Toys of all Kinds, Perfume

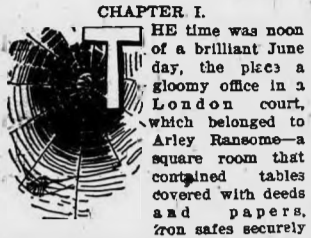
J. L. GALE.

FROM GLOOM TO SUNLIGHT

THE USURER'S DAUGHTER.

BY CHARLOTTE M. BRAEME.

INTERNATIONAL PRESS ASSOCIATION.



CHAPTER I.

HE time was noon of a brilliant June day, the piece a gloomy office in a London court, which belonged to Arley Ransome—a square room that contained tables covered with deeds and papers, iron safes securely fastened, shelves filled with works on the British law and constitution, bill files that could literally hold no more, maps of different estates lying carelessly open, large inkstands, pens and sheets of blotting paper.

Pen in hand, his keen, shrewd face full of deep thought, the owner and occupier, Arley Ransome, sat at the square table, a large parchment deed spread open before him. He read on, the lines of his face relaxing until a cold, satirical smile curled his lips. He started as though half alarmed when his clerk, opening the door of the room, suddenly announced:

"The Earl of Caraven, sir."

"I am ready to see him," was the reply. But before the earl entered the lawyer quickly folded up and put away the deed that had engrossed his attention.

"Am I too soon?" asked a mellow, indolent voice.

Arley Ransome looked up with a smile at the speaker.

"No, my lord; I was expecting you." "It is something after the fashion in which a spider expects a fly," said the young nobleman. "There is one thing to be said, I am a perfectly resigned fly. I know that evil hours await me, and I am prepared for them."

The clerk placed a chair, and, at a signal from his master, quitted the room, but the Earl of Caraven declined the proffered seat. He stood by the mantel piece leaning with careless grace upon it.

"It is not the thing to smoke in a lawyer's office," he said, "but I must ask permission to do so. I shall derive some kind of comfort from it."

Arley Ransome bowed, and the Earl of Caraven applied himself to the task of selecting and lighting a cigar.

"I suppose," he said, "that I should furnish an excellent moral as a lesson for all bad boys."

"You would form an excellent warning, my lord," was the grave reply. "It is the same thing. And now I am prepared for the worst. What is it?"

Arley Ransome looked at the speaker. There was something of admiration, of pity and of contempt in the long, lingering glance of those shrewd eyes; yet he could not have

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looked at a comelier face or figure than those of the young earl.

"Now, Mr. Ransome," he said, at least, with haughty impatience, "there is no need, figuratively speaking, to keep the ax suspended over my head; tell me the worst at once."

"The worst, my lord, is utter, irretrievable ruin—ruin so complete and so entire that I do not see a chance of saving even one shilling from the wreck."

The earl listened quite calmly; his lips, half hidden by the fair mustache, grew a trifle paler—but there was no flinching in the handsome, haggard face.

"Utter ruin," he repeated. "Well, as they say in bonny Scotland, 'you can not both eat your cake and have it.'"

"True, my lord," assented the lawyer. "I have eaten my cake," continued the young man, "and I do not deny that the taste of it is bitter enough if my mouth—it has turned to ashes, like Dead Sea fruit. Still, it is eaten, and there is an end of it."

"It is eaten, indeed," said the lawyer. "You see no loop-hole—you can suggest nothing," said the earl.

"Every loop-hole is closed, my lord," was the brief reply.

"And you are quite sure, Ransome, that there is nothing left on which I can borrow money—nothing more that I can mortgage?"

Arley Ransome, lawyer and money lender, the calm, inscrutable man of business, looked at the young earl—perhaps he wondered at his perfect calmness, then he glanced at a sheet of paper lying on the desk.

"It will not be pleasant to hear, Lord Caraven," he said, slowly; "but you ask for it. To begin. At the age of 21 you succeeded to the Ravensmere estates and title; the estates were clear of all debts and incumbrances; the rent roll was thirty thousand per annum; there was, besides, a sum of fifty thousand pounds in the Funds, the savings of the late earl—that is correct, I believe?"

"Quite so," was the curt reply. "You are now 28 years of age, my lord, and in seven years you have run through a fortune."

"Keep to facts; no comments—plain facts," said the earl.

"The 'plain facts' are these," continued the lawyer, "the fifty thousand went, I believe, to pay the first year's losses on the Derby."

"Yet my horse won," interrupted Lord Caraven.

"The winning of that Derby was your ruin, my lord. After that you continually forestalled your income by borrowing money; then your losses on the turf and the gaming table were so great that you were compelled to raise a heavy mortgage on the estate; then you borrowed money on the pictures, the plate and the furniture at Ravensmere. In fact, my lord, briefly told, your situation is this—you are homeless, helplessly ruined. You owe sixty thousand pounds mortgage money, and owe forty thousand pounds borrowed money—and you have nothing to pay it with. You received notice from me six months since that the mortgage money was called in. Unless it is paid in six weeks from now the estate—Ravensmere Castle, with all its belongings—passes from you; it will be seized with all its contents."

"Are you quite sure that I can borrow no more?" asked the earl.

"Quite sure, my lord, you have sold all the timber that you could sell, as I told you—the only thing left is yourself."

"Then, unless I repay the sixty thousand pounds in six weeks, Ravensmere becomes the property of the man who lent the money?"

"Precisely so," replied Arley Ransome.

"Then I hope he may live to enjoy it, for I have not sixty shillings. Hush," he continued, seeing that the lawyer was about to speak—"no comments! I am a ruined man, as you say; but I will not submit to criticism. I say frankly that I have been a wretched spendthrift—a prodigal; I say frankly that if I could begin life again, I would live differently. I have been worse than a fool—I have been a dupe. It is all over now, and I have the price of my folly to pay."

"It is a bitter price, too, my lord. May I ask what you think of doing?"

"You may ask—I know no answer. In six weeks I lose Ravensmere, and with it all sources of income, and besides that, I am forty thousand pounds in debt, and I have not forty shillings to pay it with. It seems to me there is but one thing to be done."

Arley Ransome looked up anxiously. "What is that?" he asked.

"I had better invest the trifle I have remaining in the purchase of a revolver—you can imagine for what purpose; it will be but a fitting end to such a career as mine. I really do not think, Ransome, that I have had a hundred thousand pounds' worth of pleasure. What comments the newspapers will make upon me! They will head their paragraphs, 'Suicide of a Spendthrift Earl'—they will draw excellent morals and warnings from my fate. Men of my age will read it and think what a dupe I must have been; it will not be a noble ending for the last of the Caravens."

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"I believe honestly that the only object belonging to the Ravensmere estates which remains unencumbered, my lord, is yourself," replied Arley Ransome.

"It is equally sure that no one will lend money on me," said Lord Caraven, indignantly. "Give me—not the details, but a resume; give me some faint idea of what I stand."

CHAPTER II.

E spoke calmly, as though he were arranging some plan of travel. Arley Ransome looked admiringly at him.

"How 'this blue blood' tells!" thought the lawyer. "Some men would have cried and moaned, would have asked for time and for pity. He faces ruin much as his ancestors faced death on the battlefield." Then, seeing the earl's eyes fixed on him, he said, "It is a sorry ending, my lord."

"Will you listen to me, Lord Caraven—listen in patience? I have something to say."

The earl laid down his cigar. The lawyer was so earnest, so intent, that he carried the other's weaker will with him.

"I have worked hard all my life," said Arley Ransome—"worked as few men have ever done before—from sunrise to sunset, and often through the long, silent night. I have worked because I love money—because I am ambitious; because I have had an end in view. You know, my lord, that, besides practicing as a lawyer, I have been, and am now, a money-lender; it is no news to you that I advanced the mortgage money on Ravensmere, and that, unless you can pay it, the estate becomes mine."

The earl's pale, handsome face flushed hotly. It was hard to picture his grand ancestral home in the plebeian hands of a money lender.

"There is, as Milton says, 'a lower depth,' and Ravensmere will fall into it," he said.

"It becomes mine," continued Arley Ransome. "The castle, the estate, the plate, 'the pictures'—they are all mine. Now listen, my lord. I have made a fortune—you inherited one, I have made one."

"You might well do so, lending money at a hundred per cent."

"Never mind how it has been made—I have made it," said the lawyer; "and my fortune amounts to two hundred thousand pounds."

"Heaven help those by whom you have made it."

"It has been honestly made. You have gambled, my lord; I have speculated—and my speculations have all turned out well. I have two hundred thousand pounds, and—I have a daughter."



"HEAVEN HELP THEM!"

ter." His voice sank, as though he were somewhat ashamed of his words; then he continued: "I have made money because I love it; I want to make a position because I am ambitious. Would to heaven that I had a son! I have spent my life toiling in these gloomy offices; hope has brightened them. Would to heaven that I had a son to carry out my dreams, my hopes, my plans. If I had a son to succeed me, my lord, I would foreclose at once and make him master of Ravensmere."

"Thank you," interposed Lord Caraven.

"I have a daughter, and she must take the place I would fain have given to my boy. My lord, I make you this offer. You are a ruined man—you tell me there remains for you no hope, nothing but death. Now, I will give you life, liberty, wealth. I will make you greater than any of the Earls of Caraven have been yet. I will give my daughter a dowry of two hundred thousand pounds if you will marry her."

Lord Caraven lost his self-possession for half a minute; then he proudly said: (To be continued.)

STAMPEDED AT THE ALTAR.

How a French Bridegroom was Round-ed Up by His Intended.

Paris exchanges tell of a French Captain Bunsby, who was recently led to the altar twice in one day by a Gallic Mrs. McStinger. The ludicrous affair took place at the little town of Issoudun. The Frenchman went to the mairie, in company with a widow, for the purpose of being married. When asked, however, whether he would take the woman for his wife, to everybody's surprise he said emphatically: "No, I was too unhappy in my first marriage to wish to begin again."

"Come, come," said the mayor, "you should have thought of all that before you came here! You must have known what you were doing." "It is never too late to avoid doing a foolish thing," said the bridegroom, and so saying he put on his hat and rushed out of the place. The whole wedding party, with the bride at their head, ran after him through the streets of the town, amidst the jeers of the passers-by. The fugitive was run to earth at last and brought back in triumph by the lady, who showed by her manner that she was not to be balked of her prey. The wretched man, now thoroughly cowed, went through the ceremony as meekly as a lamb. Loud cheers greeted the newly wedded couple as they reappeared on their way to the restaurant where the wedding breakfast was being prepared.

[A Clever Escape.]

"Yes, I always let people know that my wife is a Republican and I'm a Democrat. It saves me lots of explanations."

"In what way?"

"Why, when people hear us raising merry turmoil they think, of course, it is only a party dispute."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Then She Took Him In.

He (looking out of the window)—"It's so bright and cheerful within and so cold and gloomy without." She—"Without what?" He—"Why, without you, dearest."

HOW TO WASH WITH EASE.

Any Woman, With a Little Experience, Can Wash Garments Satisfactorily.

That the family washing cannot be satisfactorily done with a scant supply of hard water and inferior soap is a fact not always understood by housekeepers, yet these inconveniences are the cause of yellow clothes, and faded garments. Strong lye soap made in the home kitchens, may have answered for the use of our grandmothers, and the cheap laundry soap found in the village store half a century ago was thought good enough for women who had learned to make hard rubbing do the work which good soap should have done. But in this age of progress labor-saving appliances are used by intelligent women, and in no place do they count for more than in the laundry. After assorting the clothes, put the linen in a tub nearly full of hot water, and rub them with Ivory Soap, as each piece is washed, it should be wrung out, and placed in a clean tub. When all are washed pour boiling water over, and let stand until cool, then rinse, and starch the clothes. After the linens are washed, the white wearing clothes should be washed in the same way, then the colored garments taken through fresh sud, rinsed, starched, and hung on the line. When dry, each piece should be taken from the line, shaken out, sprinkled, folded and laid in a basket until morning, when they should be carefully ironed.

ENGLISH REPARTEE.

Each Story Is Worse than the Preceding One.

The following anecdotes are published by a London paper as fair samples of current English repartee, says the Washington Star: A country clergyman, meeting with some boys playing with mud in the lane, asked what they were busy about. "We have been making a church, sir." "Yes, I see you have a church here, but where is the clergyman?" "Oh, we hadn't enough mud left to make a parson, sir," was the smart reply. One hot summer's day a very stout gentleman attempted to find room in an already filled tram-car, when a thin occupant ventured to remark that it would be a bad job for the newcomer's pocket if they charged passengers by weight. "Well," was the retort, "if they did, they would not stop the car to take you up." An almost bald-headed man was being attended to by the hairdresser, when an individual possessed of golden locks—true Klondike—remarked that he could not have been about when they were distributing hair. "Oh, yes I was," said the bald-headed one, "but as they had nothing but red left I went without."

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One murder made a villain; millions a hero. Numbers sanctified the crime.

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Star Tobacco is the leading brand of the world, because it is the best.

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A NECKLACE OF PEARLS

Is a beautiful possession. If a woman owns one, and if a single pearl drops off the string, she makes haste to find and restore it.

Good health is a more valuable possession than a necklace of the most beautiful pearls, yet one by one the jewels of health slip away, and women seem indifferent until it is almost too late, and they cannot be restored.

To die before you are really old is to suffer premature death, and that is a sin. It is a sin because it is the result of repeated violations of nature's laws.

Pain, lassitude and weariness, inability to sleep, dreadful dreams, starting violently from sleep, are all symptoms of nerve trouble.

You cannot have nerve trouble and keep your health. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the womb, the ovaries and the bladder are affected. They are not vital organs, hence they give out soonest.

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For special symptoms Mrs. Pinkham has prepared a Sanative Wash, which will cure local troubles. Give these medicines a trial.

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Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c. per box. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

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March 8, 1897.

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Give us your order for Coal now. We handle the Best Grade of both Scranton and Pardee's Lehigh.

Our price for COAL is \$6.25 cash per ton delivered.

Don't forget that our price on Lumber, Lath and Shingles is the lowest possible and live.

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LADDERS!

We have just taken the agency for Ladders and can furnish any length from 10 to 24 feet at 11 cents per foot. Extension Ladders, 20 to 44 feet at 14 cents per foot. These are strictly No. 1 Ladders with hickory or elm rounds. We also have No. 2 Ladders at 8 cents per foot.

Respectfully,

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Best in the World.

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No Gripe

When you take Hood's Pills. The big, old-fashioned, sugar-coated pills, which tear you all pieces, are not in it with Hood's. Easy to take

Hood's Pills

and easy to operate, is true of Hood's Pills, which are up to date in every respect. Safe, certain and sure. All druggists. 25c. C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The first annual poultry show last week at Northville was an unbounded success in every particular. The exhibits were many and from all parts of the state.

South Lyon and Salem are now on speaking terms with Plymouth. The New State Telephone Co. completed their line to that place Wednesday.

Catarh, like scrofula, is a disease of the blood and may be cured by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Better Than Klondike Gold is health and strength gained by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier. It fortifies the whole system and gives you such strength that nervous troubles cease, and work which seemed treading and laborious, becomes easy and is cheerfully performed. It has done this for others, it will for you.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver tonic. Gentle, reliable, sure.

Was Forewarned.

MRS. CHAS. PRATT, the aged mother of Mrs. John Doty, of Asylum avenue; who was seriously injured in the trolley car catastrophe at Bloomfield, had a premonition of some kind of danger, as before starting on the fatal journey she gave her husband minute directions of what to do in case she should meet with an accident. After this she tore up two old pillow cases into bandages and put them into her satchel, along with a letter with her name and address and her daughter's address. The bandages came in handy, for it was with these that her shattered limb was bandaged to hold it in place as she continued her journey to Pontiac.

The Coming Woman

Who goes to the club while her husband tends the baby, as well as the good old-fashioned woman who looks after her home, will both at times get run down in health. They will be troubled with loss of appetite, headaches, sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thousands of sufferers from Lame Back and Weak Kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for women. Female complaints and Nervous troubles of all kinds are soon relieved by the use of Electric Bitters. Delicate women should keep this remedy on hand to build up the system. Only 50c per bottle. For sale by J. L. Gale.

A Fire Alarm System.

JAMES C. TYRON, of Detroit, has made a proposition to the common council to put in a fire alarm system in Ann Arbor at what may be a small cost to that city. He proposes on a 15 years plan to erect 20 fire alarm signal boxes in convenient places, equipped with electric poles and wires. In return for this Mr. Tyron wants the privilege of using the outside of these booths for advertising purposes. The scheme was brought up at the council meeting Monday evening and was referred to the fire committee.—A. A. Argus.

Free of Charge to Sufferers.

Cut this out and take it to your druggist and get a sample bottle free of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. They do not ask you to buy before trying. This will show you the great merits of this truly wonderful remedy, and show you what can be accomplished by the regular size bottle. This is no experiment, and would be disastrous to the proprietors did they not know it would invariably cure. Many of the best physicians are now using it in their practice with great results, and are relying on it in most severe cases. It is guaranteed. Trial bottles free at J. L. Gale's Drug Store. Regular size, 50c and \$1.00.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Union chapter, No. 55, R. A. M., Northville, elected officers as follows: R. M. Johnson, H. P.; A. B. McCullough, K.; M. A. Porter, S.; B. A. Wheeler, treas.; Wm. T. Gurr, sec.; E. K. Bennett, C. H.; H. A. Bovee, P. S.; Spencer Clark, R. A. C.; John C. Wilcox, M-3V; Jas. L. Hogle, M-2V; J. M. Simmons, M-1V; Jas. R. Nash, sentinel.

There has been some loud talk here in regard to an ice skating rink. The council was asked for the use of the park for that purpose, but refused. It was finally decided to make an artificial pond on the fair grounds, and to that effect have circulated a subscription paper, which has been extensively signed. Whether the project will be completed or not remains to be seen.

Nine members were taken into the Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon, two by letter and seven by confession. The following are the names of the new members: Thomas Oliver, Mrs. Kate Leach, Mrs. Jane Conner, Mrs. Carrie Ward, Mrs. Jennie Chaffee, Mrs. Ida Taff, Mrs. Mary Evans, Dr. Thomas Oliver, Prof. E. H. Ryder and Mrs. Georgia A. Ryder. The rite of baptism was administered to five on that day by Rev. Herbert.

Announcement!

I am now located in the building recently vacated by J. D. Murdock, with a full line of

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TIME TABLE.
In effect Nov. 14, 1897.
Trains leave Plymouth as follows:
STANDARD TIME.
GOING SOUTH.
Train No. 4, 10:05 a. m.
" No. 8, 8:25 p. m.
" No. 8, 8:45 p. m.
" No. 10, 6:38 a. m.
GOING NORTH.
Train No. 3, 9:10 a. m.
" No. 5, 9:10 a. m.
" No. 9, 2:00 p. m.
" No. 7, 7:05 p. m.
Trains Nos. 3 and 9 run through to Alpena.
Train No. 1 connects at Ludington with steamer for Manistowic and
Train No. 5 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.
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Busy? Yes, Why?

Executors Sale.

BY VIRTUE of a license granted to me by the Probate Court for the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on the fifth day of October, A. D. 1897, in the matter of the estate of Maria Seeley, late of the Village of Plymouth, in said county, deceased, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on Monday, the third day of January, 1898, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the late residence of said deceased in said Village of Plymouth all the personal property and effects of said deceased, not specifically bequeathed by said testatrix, Maria Seeley, or otherwise disposed of. Among the property and effects to be sold is a certain real estate mortgage and accompanying notes, bearing date May 16th, 1888, made and executed by William H. Hanks and Annette Hanks, his wife, to Maria Seeley, and recorded in the office of register of deeds for said Wayne County, in liber 245 of mortgages, on page 126, and upon which there remains due and unpaid the sum of four hundred and seventy-five (475) dollars and the interest thereon at seven per cent from and after the second day of February, 1894. The lands and premises described in and covered by said mortgage being lot four (4) and the north part of lot five (5), block seven (7), in the Village of Northville, in said Wayne County, for a more particular description of which reference is made to said mortgage and the said record thereof.

Terms of sale, spot cash. Abstract of title furnished.

GEORGE A. STARKWEATHER,
Executor of the will of Maria Seeley, deceased.
Dated December 1st, 1897.

The tall Masonic temple building in Chicago is slowly sinking. A fortune was spent to secure a firm foundation for this great 21-story structure, but it seems to have been a failure. The building has commenced to settle, and already at its roof it is 16 inches out of line. Excavations for the foundation were made fully 80 feet down, and then piles were driven into the ground and piles driven upon them. Then came innumerable layers of cement and concrete, interspersed with miles of railroad rails laid over the concrete. It is surmised that some of the piles are sinking into the swampy ground.

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\$5.50 Per Ton.

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At \$6.25 per ton delivered, while Minglewood Massillon Domestic Lump is the leader in soft coal.

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Get your light colored and faded goods dyed now for winter as we are agents for Brossy's dye house of Detroit. All work guaranteed.

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NOV. 21, 1897.

GOING EAST	a. m.	p. m.
Lv Grand Rapids	7:00	1:30
Toia	7:30	2:01
Lansing	8:54	3:20
Salem	10:35	7:4
PLYMOUTH	10:50	8:03
Ar Detroit	11:40	8:54
GOING WEST	a. m.	p. m.
Lv Detroit	8:00	1:30
PLYMOUTH	8:48	1:46
Salem	9:01	1:57
Lansing	10:25	4:34
Toia	12:17	4:56
Ar Grand Rapids	1:00	5:26

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A drummer boy in Napoleon's army on one occasion when the commanding officer felt the battle was lost, was commanded to beat a retreat, the boy replied, "I don't know how to beat a retreat, but I can beat a charge," and he did so and the battle was won. So our friends, who often in the face of adverse conditions feel that defeat is inevitable, should follow the example of the drummer boy, beat a charge, press forward until you shatter the breastworks of opposition and plant the banner of victory in the opponent's camp.—The Chronicler.

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Cuffs, Suspenders, Silk, Linen and Cotton Handkerchiefs, Table Linen, Napkins, Table Doilies, Fascinators, all colors, Ladies' Belts, Ladies' Boas, Ladies' White Aprons, Fine Underwear and Night Robes, Wool and Cotton Bed Blankets, Wool Horse Blankets, Bed Comforts, Ladies' and Gents' Kid Mittens, Fine Hosiery, Ladies' Fine Wrappers,

Wool Waists, Dress Skirts, Underskirts, Silks and Ribbons, Dress Patterns, Dress Goods of all descriptions, Fine Laces, Ladies' silk lined Mackintoshes, Gents' Mackintoshes, Fine Lace Curtains, Chenille Draperies, Tapestry Draperies, Handsome Carpets, All wool Sweaters, Trunks, Valises, Hand Bags, Rubbers of all kinds, Ladies' Gents' and Children's Pocket Books,

And hundred of articles too numerous to mention in our space. Do your Christmas trading with us and you will make no mistake. Come and look over our store, you're sure to find what you want.

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Continued to Spread and Discharge Until Blood Was Purified by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"My sister was afflicted with eruptions around her ears which kept getting worse and spreading until they became very painful. The sores would discharge and were exceedingly disagreeable. We made up our minds we must do something for her and we procured a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla. She continued taking it until she was entirely cured." NADIA DUBNING, Concord, Wisconsin.

"After having tumors removed I was very weak. I had a headache all the time and a dreadful tired feeling. My daughter urged me to take Hood's Sarsaparilla and I did so, and after taking three bottles I was relieved of these troubles." E. V. ASTLE, Merrimack, Wisconsin.

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Is the best - in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. \$1.75 for \$5.

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are prompt, efficient and easy in effect. 25 cents.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION

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

The gymnasium is now much in demand.

Mrs. W. H. Hoyt is still in a critical condition.

Quarterly meeting next Sunday at the Methodist church.

E. L. Riggs has a new adv. this week. You can't help but see it.

—Tissue, crepe and shelf paper at Potter's.

Born to M. F. Gray and wife on Friday last, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nevison were in Northville Tuesday.

Henry Lewis and wife have returned to Plymouth for the winter.

Mrs. T. C. Sherwood, of Detroit, attended the Mother Goose market last week.

Alderman Ashman, of Detroit, was in town Tuesday night in the interest of the K. O. T. M.

Many people are probably unaware of the fact that there is an ordinance against the use of fire-arms inside the village limits.

A. S. Lyndon expects to have a sample line of White bicycles on exhibition between Christmas and New Years, including a chainless.

Don't forget the free lecture at the Methodist church next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. W. H. W. Reese, a great orator of Cincinnati, O.

Dr. Pelham was in Hastings from Monday until Wednesday, settling up his mother's estate, he being the administrator. A. A. Taft accompanied him.

If you are going away for the holidays drop a line in the item box at the postoffice, telling where you are going, for how long, etc., or if you have company let us know.

Miss Anna Aah, of Livonia, and Mr. John Zarn, of this place, were united in marriage at the bride's home on Wednesday evening in the presence of a few invited guests. Both are prominent young people of this section, and Mrs. Aah, with their many friends extend congratulations. They will occupy the new house on Union-st. recently built by Mr. Zarn.

Calling cards and fine stationery at

JUST A WORD!



If you represent a church society, lodge or any movement requiring job printing you will make a good investment by patronizing THE MAIL job rooms. There is a certain publicity newspapers are always willing to extend for their patrons which cannot be extended by exclusive job printing offices. THE MAIL labors fifty-two weeks in the year in the interest of this village and doesn't usually complain, but when people take their printing elsewhere and expect the local newspaper to aid them it is not fair co operation. No person need be sorry for courtesies shown his home newspaper. He will reap a two-fold benefit in return,

—Fresh roasted peanuts at the Bakery.

—Fine stock of Christmas cards at Potter's.

Dan Bloom, who is wanted here for "jumping" his board bill and at several other places for similar offenses, was taken care of by Port Huron officials last week.

At the reunion of the 34th Michigan infantry held at Detroit last Tuesday 124 of the original regiment were present. R. L. Root, of this place was elected first vice president.

The following named persons were drawn for the January term of the Wayne circuit court: Jas. R. Nash, Plymouth; John Monroe, Canton; Lewis Mendt; Nankin; Chas. Berintz, Nankin.

Chisholm, the musical wonder, is giving exhibitions throughout Michigan. He plays a whole orchestra alone, viz.: First and second violin, bass viol, cornet and piano all at once.

Northville and Plymouth are trying to get their Record into THE MAIL. We don't think it will work, not even as third or fourth class matter. We suggest that they "bridge" their troubles.—Milan Leader. "Don't bother me. I've troubles of my own."—Northville Record.

—Draper's is headquarters for guitars, mandolins, harmonicas and musical goods.

Main street has been in a terrible condition this week, and it seems as though there ought to be some remedy for it without going to the expense of paving. Look at this street, then imagine how it would look at this time of year macadamized.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Metcalf returned the first of the week from Ladd, Ill., where they had been sojourning for a time. They are on their way to their home in Ashtabula, O., whither they will go after a short visit with their daughter, Mrs. E. O. Huston.

Brighton will now be lighted by electricity. Representatives of an electric company have made arrangements with the council for lighting the village at \$30 per light per annum, which is but little more than they are now paying for "lightning bugs." This is just one-half the price asked one year ago.

Sons of Veterans to the number of thirty-four met Wednesday evening and elected the following officers: E. J. Lyon, captain; Will Robinson, 1st lieutenant; Ben Sprague, 2nd lieutenant. The camp will be named after Dr. Abram Pelham, and will be mustered in July 3d at 7:30 p. m. Comrade Weeks presented the new camp with a full set of tactics.

The pupils of the high school have organized themselves into a lyceum for the purpose of public debating and speaking. The following officers were elected: President, Edward Springer; vice president, Wyman Bartlett; secretary, Miss Lela Brown. The first program will be given on Friday afternoon, Dec. 24th, at 2:30 o'clock. A very cordial invitation to attend is extended to everyone.

Christmas presents are being bought by the wholesale.

The roads the first of the week were in bad shape—mud.

—Combs, brushes, paper knives and pocketbooks at Potter's.

Fred Gentz is acting as temporary flagman at the F. & P. M. crossing.

—Nice, fresh, home-made Christmas candles at the Bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Miller, of Detroit, spent Sunday with their parents.

The Daisy Co. is still running over time on account of increased orders.

E. P. Baker's new photograph gallery is being rapidly pushed to completion.

Mark Kinyon, of Sage Lake, is in town renewing old acquaintances and visiting long relatives.

Louie Steele is home again from the north where he has been working the past two weeks.

Geo. W. Hunter has bought a large number of potatoes, etc., at Wayne the past few weeks.

Eugene Riggs, of Oxford, visited his brothers, E. L. and Walter, and families a part of last week.

W. L. Smith is now authorized agent of THE MAIL. When you see him coming give him your subscription.

The Markham Air Rifle Co. will shut down the day before Christmas and give the employees a week's vacation.

A team of colts belonging to R. C. Safford took a lively little run on Ann Arbor street last Saturday. No damage.

—Charms and trinkets, in great variety at Draper's.

Miss Belle Downey, of Detroit, has been a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. James McKeeyer, the past two weeks.

—Checkers, dominoes, whist and playing cards at Potter's.

A car loaded with potatoes broke an axle near the bridge just east of the Union depot last Wednesday. The regular trains were delayed for some little time.

Neat invitations from THE MAIL job rooms announce a New Year's party at Penniman hall on New Year's eve, to be given by Clover Leaf lodge, K. of P., of this place.

Several good correspondents have been added to THE MAIL's list and in the future we will aim to make this paper one of the best in the county. Our correspondents are requested to give us only clean, wholesome news.

Bassett & Son shipped some furniture to parties in Edmore this week. Edmore is in the western part of the state, and when you consider the fact that the parties got prices in Detroit before buying, it is indeed worthy of mention.

Mrs. Milton Lipman visited her mother, Mrs. Dr. Knight, a part of last week. She is now visiting in Chicago and Milwaukee where she will join her husband, and return here for the holidays.

A book containing a short history of the village, together with a write-up of the business men, will be published as a souvenir on New Year's day. W. A. Jacobs will make the write-up, and the book will be published from THE MAIL job rooms.

It behooves the officers and citizens to take every precaution the coming winter against burglars. All of the larger places are doubling up their police forces. The gentry who do looting between two days are according to paper reports, working in small inland towns, where police protection is inadequate to look after them.

The Library social Tuesday evening held at Safford's hall was a complete success both socially and financially. This plan furnishes an unlimited supply of characters and many of those represented at this social were unique and caused much merriment. The successful ones in guessing the largest number were Mrs. E. L. Riggs and Mrs. Walter Riggs, and they each had fourteen correct names on their lists, making it a tie.

Plymouth Markets.

The following is the market report for Plymouth as corrected every Thursday:

Wheat, No. 2 red,	88
Wheat, No. 3, red,	21
Wheat, No. 1 white,	85
Oats, No. 2,	21
Rye, No. 2,	40
Butter,	18
Eggs,	17
Potatoes,	52
Beans, according to sample,	50-70

—Only a few more \$1.00 clocks for 89c left at Draper's.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

For Christmas and New Year holidays, C. & W. M. & D. G. R. & W. Ry. agents will sell tickets at one and one-third fare to stations in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Selling dates, Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan. 1st. Return limit, Jan. 4th. GEO. DEHAVEN, G. P. A.

—A large assortment of books for the Christmas trade at Potter's.

—For useful Christmas goods, such as carving sets, knives, spoons, razors, etc. Huston & Co. have a new stock and prices to suit you.

—FOR SALE—Dry stove wood, DWIGHT BERDAN.

—HOUSE TO RENT—On Bowery street Good house, good location. Inquire at this office.

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

—FOR SALE—Good two-story business block in central part of town. Requires \$1,500 cash, balance on time. Pays 10 per cent on investment. Inquire at this office.

—Now is the time to get bargains in heating stoves at Huston & Co's.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Services held in Safford's Hall every Sunday morning at 10:30, and every Friday evening at 7:15. All are most cordially invited to attend.

For Sale.

One Jersey heifer calf, one week old; also quantity boiled cider and jelly.

L. DEAN, Plymouth, Mich.

For Sale.

Base burner coal stove in perfect order.

H. WILLS.

—Six thorough-bred Shropshire down ewes for sale. DWIGHT BERDAN.

—FOR SALE—Acorn heating stove, nearly new. Inquire of J. Summers.

—Guns to rent at Huston & Co's.

—Box paper and envelopes at Potter's.

The card party at Mrs. Adolph Kerh's, four miles west of Northville, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 9th, was attended by about 80 people. Miss Nellie Long, of Northville, received first prizes, while Miss Emma Stoeber, of Plymouth, and John Sump, of Salem, carried off the booby prizes. A very pleasant evening was passed by those present.

Furniture Bargains

For The Holiday Trade.

We are in better shape to meet your wants this season than any past year. We have the most complete assortment consisting of

Bedroom Suites, Parlor Suites, Divans, Fancy Rockers of all kinds, Couches, Sideboards, Dining Tables, 20 different Styles of Dining Chairs, Combination Book Cases, Fancy Stands in oak and Mahogany, Music Cabinets, Book Racks, Easels, 200 different styles of Picture Mouldings, Metal Beds, Grand Rapids Carpet Sweepers, Elegant line children's Beds, The Celebrated Victor Dining Table, ask to see it, Shade Goods 10 per cent above cost.

An early call will convince you that we are in line to meet your wants and will save you money besides. Low Prices and Courteous Treatment to all, is our motto.

BASSETT & SON,

Masonic Block, PLYMOUTH.

For Holiday Presents go to

A. A. TAFFT.

My line of stamped goods consists of table scarfs, centerpieces and spreads, lunch cloths, napkins, fancy towels and other articles too numerous to mention.

I have just received, in addition to my other stock, a fine lot of silverware novelties, such as ink wells, calendars, thermometers, children's sets, mirrors, jewel cases and many other articles too numerous to mention.

In handkerchiefs I can not be outdone from 3 cents to \$1.00

In neck scarfs I have a choice lot.

Gents' ties, hats, caps, gloves, mittens and fine shirts; chenille spreads and a great many other articles.

Watch my windows for displays.

A. A. TAFFT, Plymouth.

A. PELHAM,



DENTIST.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Hoops & Harris is on this day dissolved by mutual consent. All monies due the firm are payable to H. Harris and all debts contracted by said firm are payable, by him. H. HARRIS, W. F. HOOPS.

December 15, 1897.

National Exchange Bank

CAPITAL, \$50,000.

A General Banking Business Transacted.

4 PER CENT

Interest paid on Savings and Time Deposits

YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED.

O. A. FRASER, CASHIER.

PENINSULA MATTERS

RELATED IN A BRIEF, CONCISE MANNER.

Large Sums of Uncle Sam's Money to be Spent for Improvements in Michigan—Poor Prospects for Late Wheat—Blame Fixed for the Tunnel Horror

Uncle Sam's Improvements.

Among the estimates of expenditures sent to congress by Secretary of the Treasury Gage are the following for harbor improvements in Michigan: Cheboygan, \$10,000; Frankfort, \$65,000; Grand Haven, \$30,000; Grand Marais, \$100,000; Marquette, \$100,000; Monroe, \$11,000; Muskegon, \$110,000; Pentwater, \$40,000; Petoskey, \$55,000; Portage lake, \$160,000; Presque Isle point, Marquette, \$30,000; St. Joseph, \$100,000; Sand Beach, \$250,000; Saugatuck, \$10,000; South Haven, \$45,000; White Lake, \$48,000; Menominee, \$5,500.

For lights, ranges, channel improvements, etc., the following amounts are asked: For laundry and new wing to the Detroit Marine hospital, \$13,000; light and fog signal, Pointe Aux Barques, \$32,000; Escanaba light, \$5,000; Portage lake light, \$4,500; lighthouse depot, upper end Lake Michigan, \$15,000; tender ninth lighthouse district, \$85,000; Grassy Island range, \$5,000; Grosse Isle light, north channel, \$3,500; Grosse Isle light, south channel, \$5,000; 20-foot channel light, Lake, St. Clair, \$30,000; Cheboygan river light, \$1,750; Middle Island light, Lake Huron, \$25,000; Mud Lake light, Soo river, \$3,500; Soo river range, \$1,000; Cripp's Point light, Lake Superior, \$18,000; Rock of Ages, Isle Royale, light, \$50,000; Eagle River light, \$30,000; Lightship Mackinac straits, \$15,000; Martin's reef, \$15,000; lighthouse depot at Soo, \$15,000; Portage lake canal, \$450,000; Belle river, \$10,000; mouth Black river, \$10,000; Black river, \$32,000; Detroit river, \$91,267; Grand river, \$250,000; Hay Lake channel, \$494,115; Kalamazoo river, \$145,000; Pine river, \$5,500; Saginaw river, \$20,000; St. Joe river, \$1,000; Sebawaing river, \$10,000; Menominee river, \$5,000.

Wheat Sows Late is in Bad Condition.

The December crop report says: The average condition of wheat in the state is 88 per cent of condition in average years. The figures for the southern counties are 84, central 91, northern 101. From the statements of correspondents in the southern counties it is clear that the fields in that section are unusually spotted, the plant has made small growth and does not cover the ground as in average years. Wheat sowed early on thoroughly cultivated ground is in nearly average condition. But a large percentage of Michigan wheat was sowed late, on ground that it was impossible to properly fit owing to its extremely dry condition. The warm, wet weather that prevailed in the early part of November was exceptionally favorable and of marked benefit, but it was then too late for wheat to make its usual fall growth. Fifty-one correspondents report hog cholera, 43 being from southern counties.

A Blow at Sunday Theaters.

In the circuit court at Grand Rapids Judge Grove took a fall out of the Sunday theater people. It was in the case of C. Sumner Burroughs, manager of the Grand opera house, convicted in the police court of violating the law by running his theater on Sunday night. The defense contended that as they gave a portion of the receipts to charity, they were exempt from prosecution under the law. After hearing the testimony Judge Grove took the case away from the jury, said that the charity claim was simply a bold attempt to evade the law, and he ordered a verdict of guilty. A notice of appeal was at once given and the case will be carried to the supreme court immediately.

The Tunnel Co. Responsible.

The coroner's inquest on the terrible catastrophe in the St. Clair tunnel at Port Huron, whereby Engineer Courtney, Conductor Dunn and brakeman Dalton, of a tunnel train crew, lost their lives, and brakeman Potter and Fireman Duncan sustained shattered minds, the latter's condition being precarious, resulted in a verdict holding the Tunnel Co. responsible for the awful results of the accident and censuring the authorities of the company for the weight of the train, and also for the long delay in rescuing the unfortunate, and recommends that some means should be provided whereby an alarm can be given if anything goes wrong in the tunnel.

A Costly Fire, and One Life Lost.

The Owosso Casket works, owned by S. E. Woodward, at Owosso, the second largest factory in the country, has burned, entailing a loss of \$60,000; insurance \$30,000. Frank Wilcox, aged 37, employed as night watchman, was found on the first floor, burned to death, with a fire extinguisher in his hands. He leaves a widowed mother in Detroit. The fire is supposed to have been of spontaneous origin, and started in the finishing room. The plant will be rebuilt at once.

First Beet Sugar Factory in the State.

The first beet sugar company in the state has been organized at Bay City. Of the capital stock of \$300,000 over \$200,000 has been subscribed and the remainder will be obtained by additional subscriptions and by the issue of bonds. It is proposed to have a factory ready for the next crop. Factories are preparing to raise beets in Saginaw, Midland, Bay, Lapeer, Arenac, Shiawassee, Huron, Gratiot and Isabella counties.

Large quantities of counterfeit nickels are circulating at Charlotte.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Experts are examining the books of the Bay county treasurer.

Saginaw is talking of building a big auditorium to cost \$30,000.

Ypsilanti authorities have closed all nickel-in-the-slot machines.

Charles Ewald, a farmer near Daggett, fell under a car and was killed.

It cost John Bethune, of Port Huron, \$50 for selling liquor without a license.

Lewis Ward's back was broken by being run into by a street car at Benton Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Lord celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at Grass Lake.

Nickel Plate is the name of a new postoffice in Ionia county with Julia A. Jones as postmaster.

The discovery of a large bed of pure shell marl has caused considerable excitement about St. Ignace.

It is said that tax titles on three Lansing churches have been gobbled up by sharks for unpaid taxes.

Five Marquette saloonkeepers were fined \$50 each for selling out of legal hours, and five more await trial.

John Dasef, the clerk of Montcalm county, issued a license to himself to wed Miss Mary Jones, of Greenville.

New Michigan postmasters: At Canton, Wayne county, Wm. A. Moore; Lake Ann, Benzie county, Samuel S. Burnett.

The supreme court has decided that municipal ordinances requiring house to house peddlers to pay a license are constitutional.

The supreme court has decided that minors cannot be employed as bartenders in saloons, even if they are sons of the proprietors.

Wm. Eames, the Grand Blanc pioneer who passed the century mark last month, and who has been very sick, is now convalescent.

Miss Sarah Reeves ran up Dr. Hull's stairs at Lansing and was stricken with apoplexy as a result, and she died in a few moments.

Miss Jennie Knapp, a school teacher, aged 23, living near Dowagiac, tried to kill herself with carbolic acid on account of a love affair.

Minden City school teachers visited scholars sick with diphtheria and as a consequence the schools are closed and all public meetings suspended.

A contract has been signed by R. & W. E. Swisher, of Columbus, O., for the services of 190 convicts in Marquette prison to manufacture cigars.

Gov. Pingree has granted Col. H. M. Loud, aide-de-camp on his staff, a leave of absence for four months. Col. Loud is about to start on a tour around the world.

Carl Schroeder, aged 54, a farmer of Zilwaukee, threshed some grain with an old-fashioned flail and the unusual exertion burst a blood vessel, causing instant death.

Thirteen of the 17 "blind tiger" proprietors arrested for violating the local option law of Van Buren county, were fined a total of \$718.

Miss Lillian Arnold, killed herself with morphine at Jonesville because she was despondent over the loss of her mother, who died about a year ago from the same cause.

Wm. Duncan, the freeman who narrowly escaped death in the recent tunnel horror at Port Huron, has not yet recovered his reason and has been taken to Chicago for treatment.

Charles Duncan, a young attorney, was fined at Ann Arbor for riding his bicycle on the sidewalk. Before he got home he was caught at it again, brought back and paid another fine.

Fire starting in the furniture store of Wm. Guileman, at Middleville, caused damage to Spangemacher & Johnson's hardware store, Masonic hall, opera hall and Middleville Sun office.

Druggist F. H. Hartman, of Muskegon, charges Harber E. L. Ward with plating pennies and giving them to boys to pass for 10-cent pieces. The U. S. authorities have the case in charge.

The Michigan Beef & Provision Co.'s entire plant, near the Michigan Central yards at Detroit, is in ashes, the result, it is alleged, of an incendiary's work. The loss, which is total, is placed at \$40,000.

Mrs. Hedry Bailey horsewhipped Grant Roebach, a waiter in the Richmond restaurant at Kalamazoo, because he circulated reports about her which resulted in her husband leaving her.

Albert Knapp, age 39, a German cigarmaker of 210 Elizabeth street east, Detroit, attempted to kill his aged mother with a hammer and then suicided by cutting his throat. He was constantly afraid of being robbed.

The Grand Rapids pastors' conference adopted a resolution recommending that funerals be not held on Sunday; that black mourning be discarded; that sermons be short, that there be more privacy and less display; and less expense.

Railroad Commissioner Wessellus announces that Mechanical Engineer Moore is at work on a train-dispatching system for suburban trolley roads. As soon as it is completed, the commissioner will require all roads to adopt and maintain it.

Gov. Pingree's appointment of ex-U. S. Senator John Patton, Jr., to succeed the late Dwight S. Smith on the Blair monument commission is regarded by some politicians as an indication that Patton will be the Pingree candidate for U. S. senator in opposition to Senator Burrows.

Railroad Commissioner Wessellus says the mechanical engineer of the state department is investigating the trolley collision near Birmingham. He says the legislature gave the department a equal right to supervise those roads but made no provision for employing an expert electrician to help.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND CURRENCY HAS ALREADY BEGUN THE CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL LEGISLATION IN LINE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, AND HAS INVITED SECRETARY GAGE TO EMBODY HIS VIEWS IN A BILL.

Mint Pell keeps a small grocery at Grand Rapids, and also has an ice box containing beer. When a customer wants a drink he leaves the pay on the counter and helps himself. Pell was arrested for selling beer without a United States license.

Gov. Pingree has paroled Hiram Wheeler, sent from Charlotte to Jackson in November, 1896, three years for assault with intent to do great bodily harm; also William Bellamy, sent from Grand Rapids to Jackson in June, 1896, two years for larceny.

The U. S. cruiser Yantic, which is to be a training ship for the Michigan Naval reserves at Detroit, has at last arrived at Detroit, after a most eventful voyage from Boston. She was at once put in the Detroit drydock to be placed in proper style.

The big steel steamer City of Bangor, from Duluth to Chicago with wheat, struck a bowlder between the piers of the Canadian canal, at the "Soo," breaking a hole in two compartments of her water bottom. She sank to the bottom just below the canal piers.

John Markle, living 10 miles north of Cass City, discovered his 6-year-old daughter in a nude condition lying in the snow unconscious, her clothing being entirely consumed by fire and the body burned to a crisp. The little one died in a short time in terrible agony. How the child's dress caught on fire is a mystery.

Railroad Commissioner Wessellus has sent a letter to A. G. Blair, Canadian minister of railways, suggested the necessity for joint action on the part of Michigan and Canada relative to the establishment of safety devices and police regulations for the St. Clair tunnel at Port Huron, so that the repetition of the recent fatal accident may be avoided.

The Michigan Sugar Co., of Bay City, with a capital stock of \$200,000, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. Thomas Cranage is president, Hon. S. O. Fisher vice-president, and other prominent capitalists are interested in the enterprise. The company is organized to manufacture beet sugar on which the state now offers a bounty.

Wm. J. Makeley has been arrested at Mason charged with soliciting insurance for "graveyard" companies, which have no permission to do business in the state. Makeley signed his father's name as president and his own as secretary and it is said they have been doing a land office business. Insurance Commissioner Campbell says more arrests will follow.

Work on Grand river improvement have stopped for the season. The channel thus far has been dredged for a distance of 10 miles, and 14 miles yet remain to work on. The amount expended has been \$19,875, and about \$30,000 still remains to complete the work. When the present appropriation is expended it is proposed to ask for another of \$250,000.

Fire broke out in the basement of Kellogg's drug store in the Shearer block, Bay City, destroying a large stock of drugs and Christmas goods and damaging the stock above by smoke and water. The loss on the block is about \$8,000, and to the block, \$1,500; covered by insurance. Chief Harding fell and was hurt about the back while going to the fire.

Attorney-General Maynard, who is assisting in the trial of the case commenced by Pingree to compel the Michigan Central railroad company to sell family 1,000-mile tickets for \$20, required by the law of 1891, believes he will be able to show that the Michigan Central company has forfeited its rights under its special charter by consolidating with other companies.

Adj. Gen. Irish says: "The state military board has not permanently sidetracked the new Ionia company as is generally believed. The fact is there was a vacancy in the Second, caused by the mustering out of the old Ionia company, and a majority of the board gave the White Guards of Grand Rapids the first chance. When another vacancy occurs the petition of the present Ionia company will be considered."

N. W. Phillips, of Saginaw, has written to Gov. Pingree, stating that a stringent law is needed if the spread of the black gnat pest among fruit trees is to be restricted. Plum and cherry trees are rapidly being made unproductive. The remedy is to cut out and burn the affected trees. Gov. Pingree has called the attention of the state board of agriculture and Rep. E. D. Graham, of Grand Rapids, who is a prominent horticulturist, to the matter.

Insurance Commissioner Campbell is now after the mutual fire insurance companies organized under Michigan laws. He says that many are issuing a misleading policy, and that these collect cash premiums leading policy holders to believe that it covers every possible liability. As a matter of fact such policy holders are liable for an assessment although it is not so stated. Campbell says he shall insist upon a straightforward policy. Liability of members must be plainly stated.

The Ann Arbor railroad is preparing to run its car ferries across Lake Michigan to Manistique, where a connection will be formed between the east and the Lake Superior country. The Chicago Lumber Co. owns and operates about 30 miles of railroad north to Munising, which is now connected with the Northwestern main line and the South Shore road. This the Ann Arbor will have an outlet to the west and the whole upper peninsula country north of its present western terminus in Menominee. The boats will run to Manistique the entire year.

AFFAIRS IN GENERAL.

BRIEF MENTION OF EVENTS OF INTEREST.

British Officials Find Much to Worry Them in Their Foreign Affairs—The President's Mother is Dead—Cuba's Prospects are Bright.

British Have Troubles of Their Own. Comment is made in London over the fact that four cabinet meetings were held the past week. With France trying to flinch slices of African territory which Great Britain is in the habit of calling her own, and Germany loosening the "clinch" which England has always claimed to have in China, while Great Britain herself is trying to grab a little more country at various other points, and with the preparation of the legislative program, the ministry has no lack of worries. France is deliberately pursuing the task of seizing the upper waters of the Nile above Khartoum, thus cutting the British line of communication between Cape Town and Suez.

All the British forces under Gen. Sir Wm. Lockhart, on the Indian frontier, have been withdrawn to the Bara valley for the winter. Thus the largest and best equipped force ever assembled in India has failed and the whole work will have to be repeated in the spring. About 1,400 officers and men killed or wounded, 35,000,000 of rupees spent in loss and British prestige weakened on the frontier are the debits against which a few mud huts and Sangars blown up and probably several thousand natives killed are the only apparent credits.

Mrs. McKinley Dead.

Mrs. McKinley, mother of the President, died at Canton. She passed away quietly, surrounded by her family.

President McKinley continued his vigil all day and up to the last moment, much as he had the preceding days. He sat almost constantly in the sick room and there secured about all the rest he had. His attention has been almost wholly given to the patient, watching intently for the slightest change. He had the newspapers at his side, and when the mother rested peacefully he glanced over the columns for the news of the day. He said his wife took a few turns on the porch for exercise and a little fresh air, and a little later he and his brother Abner took a walk through the back streets. Aside from this he was scarcely out of the room.

China Yields All Germany Asks.

Dispatches from Shanghai say: It is reported that China is willing to pay an indemnity of 1,000,000 taels, about \$781,250, and to grant all the German demands, including the temporary cessation of Kiao-Chau bay and adjoining territory.

Dr. Steubel, the German consul at Shanghai, has been ordered to Kiao-Chau to establish a regular German administration. Investigation shows that the coal deposits in the province of Shan Tung, which will become available to Germany, with railway and mining concessions are most valuable.

"Cuba is Lost," Says a High Spaniard.

Havana: Senor Enrique Capriles, governor of the province of Santiago de Cuba, in a conversation with the foreign consuls, told them that the island of Cuba is lost. Many residents of towns in the provinces of Pinar del Rio and Havana have joined the ranks of the insurgents. Col. Rafael de Cardenas, of the insurgent forces, has been promoted to the rank of brigadier-general.

The Great Six-Day Bicycle Race.

The greatest six-day bicycle race ever held was the one just finished in the Madison Square Garden, New York City. C. W. Miller, of Chicago, won first money by making 2,093 miles and the finish was witnessed by thousands of people and over 100,000 people were present during the progress of the contest.

The entire ministry of Hayti has resigned owing to the outcome of the recent trouble with Germany.

Baron von Buelow, the German foreign minister, is showing an iron hand in the management of affairs, and the emperor, it is said, is not informed of any important foreign move until after it has been made, when he officially approves of it instead of directing it as heretofore. It is understood that it was on this condition Baron von Buelow accepted the portfolio of foreign affairs, and his policy seems to please the populace.

Francis Kossuth, leader of the party advocating the cessation of the agreement between Hungary and Austria, and the independence of Hungary, has declared that this party wishes economic separation from Austria as a lever to obtain political independence. "We want," he said, "a separate army and separate finances. The king of Hungary would be emperor of Austria as a sort of supplementary occupation. Vienna is already a suburb of Budapest, and in time Austria will become a conglomeration of provinces attached to Hungary."

Ex-Senator Dubois, of Idaho, who has just reached home after an extended visit to Japan, China and Hawaii, says the United States will not annex these islands except against the bitter opposition of the natives. He says there are no less than 1,200 male Americans on the island and nearly half of them are opposed to annexation, while nearly all the balance of the population are against it. Nothing but the support of the U. S. government keeps the present oligarchy, misnamed a republic, in power. They could not sustain themselves a day if the U. S. should withdraw its support.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

The Senate received 108 new bills in its second day's session. Mr. H. De S. Money, of Mississippi, was introduced and the oath of office was administered to him. A motion to take up the Lodge immigration bill was contested by friends of proposed legislation to confer authority upon the President to act for the protection of the government's interest at the sale of the Kansas Pacific railway and was pending at the close of the session. The House became embroiled in a lively skirmish over the distribution of the various parts of President's message to the committees. The conflict of authority came between the ways and means committee and the banking and currency committee. During the debate Gen. Grosvenor, of Ohio, fired the first gun against the civil service law, and Mr. Johnson, of Indiana, in a ringing warning, declared that if a bill to emasculate the civil service law were passed it would meet the presidential veto. Eventually Mr. Dingley, of the ways and means, in deference to the opposition of the members of the banking and currency committee, agreed to a modification of the order of distribution so as to send to the ways and means committee all matters relating "revenues, bonded debt of the country and the treaties affecting the revenues." The resolution was then adopted.

SENATE.—Third day.—A short session, chiefly consumed by the members in the presentation of memorials, resolutions and bills. A resolution presented by Mr. Allen, Populist, of Nebraska, declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that the United States should recognize the political independence of Cuba, was made the subject of some remarks by the Nebraska senator, in course of which he criticized the President for not carrying into effect the pledge of the Republican party made in its last national platform to recognize the independence of the Cuban republic. Mr. Allen said he would not be content with the recognition of belligerence, but would insist upon the acknowledgment of their political liberty. If necessary, this recognition should be backed by a fleet of American vessels in Cuban waters. A bill was favorably reported by the committee on foreign relations prohibiting pelagic sealing by people of the United States. It is believed that this measure will settle the differences with Great Britain and Canada. A like bill was introduced in the House also. The only other business of importance before the House was the pension appropriation bill which was reported from committee. The House session lasted but 15 minutes.

SENATE.—Fourth day.—A large amount of minor business occupied the day. Senator Gallinger, chairman of the committee on pensions, called attention to the increasing demand for private pension legislation and requested senators to be careful in the future to see that their bills for private pensions were meritorious before they were introduced. An attempt to secure an appropriation for the relief of the Klondike miners resulted in a resolution calling on the secretary of war for information on the subject. An hour was spent on private pension bills and 45 were passed. HOUSE.—The pension appropriation bill stirred up a debate which promises to be extended to considerable length.

Fifth day.—No session of the Senate. HOUSE.—The pension appropriation bill passed without amendment—carrying \$141,263,880. The amendments offered by the Democrats to correct alleged existing abuses were all ruled out on the point of order that they were new legislation. The debate touched not only the question of our pension policy, but that of civil service reform and the receipts and expenditures of the treasury under the Dingley law. On the latter question Mr. Dingley made an important statement in which he expressed the opinion that the receipts would equal expenditures before the close of the present fiscal year, and predicted a surplus of \$10,000,000 for the following year. The civil service law was savagely attacked by Messrs. Grosvenor and Brown, of Ohio, and Mr. Linney, of North Carolina, and was warmly defended by Mr. Johnson, of Indiana, who won warm applause for the sentiments he expressed.

Secretary of the Treasury Gage in his annual report gives the total receipts of the government from all sources as \$430,387,167 and expenditures \$448,439,622, showing a deficiency of \$18,052,454, as compared with the fiscal year of 1896; the receipts for 1897 increased \$20,911,759, the increase of the expenditures during the same period being \$13,594,713. The present tariff act, the secretary says, has not been in force long enough to determine fully its merits, but it is believed that when in full operation it will afford ample revenue.

Boston is shipping over 2,000,000 bu of grain abroad each month.

It is reported that Russia has determined that Germany's occupation of Kiao-Chau shall not be permanent, and is now making preparations to that effect.

The Spanish press is apparently pleased with the President's message as it is believed to strengthen the cause of Spain in Cuba and shows the there is no cause for intervention by the United States.

The movement of printers to secure a nine-hour work day has succeeded in New York City, after a threat had been made to call out the 5,000 book and job printers of the city. The matter will be settled throughout the country the first of next year.

Gen. Luis Rivera, of the Cuban insurgent army, and Col. Bacallao, his second in command, who are in a Spanish prison at Havana, were both pardoned by royal decree of the queen regent of Spain. Both absolutely refused to give their word not to fight against Spain and now Gen. Blanco refuses to release them.

Weak Stomach

Feels Perfectly Well Since Taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"I have been troubled for over two years with a weak stomach. I concluded to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. After taking a few bottles I felt perfectly well, and I cannot speak too highly of Hood's." Mrs. M. H. WRIGHT, Akron, Ohio.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills are the favorite cathartic.

Sand holds the heat for a long time, which makes the sandbag valuable in a sick room. Dry some clean sand thoroughly in a kettle on the stove. Make a bag about a quarter of a yard square of flannel, fill it with dry sand, sew the openings together and cover with cotton or linen. This will prevent the sand sifting out and will also enable you to heat the bag quickly by placing it in the oven or even on the top of the stove. After using this you will never again warm the hands or feet of a sick person with hot water or brick. The bag can be placed close up to the back without hurting the invalid.

Making Money Now.

Critic—You are not maintaining the high standard which you set at your theater when the season opened. Manager—No; I've stopped encouraging art to give the people what they want.—Philadelphia North American.

No Use.

Mudge—Which is proper to say, "Lend me \$10," or "Loan me \$10"? Wickwidge—It won't do you any good to say either.—Indianapolis Journal.

Beauty is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 2c, 50c.

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Chickoot Pass.
President Wallace says that with the completion of the rail and tram-way over the Chickoot Pass, February first next, passengers and freight from Dyea can be landed at Lake Lindeman in twelve hours, which means via St. Paul and Northern Pacific Ry. to Lake Lindeman, from Chicago eight days. Send two cents postage to Chas. S. Fee, General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minn., for the latest and best map folder on the Klondike and Alaskan mining country. The Northern Pacific is the pioneer line in Alaska passenger business, and runs solid vestibuled, steam-heated passenger trains to Tacoma, Seattle and Portland, with dining cars, Standard and Pullman, the most comfortable and sleeping cars. Berth reservations can be made through any district passenger agent.

Mrs. Hojack—They say that our minister is one of the most eloquent after-dinner speakers in the country. Mr. Hojack—If that is true I wish he would eat his dinner just before the morning service.

YOU CAN'T STOP 'EM.

The Fury of an Unfettered Element Falls to Crush Them—The Fire Frenzied.

The news comes from Attica, Ind., of the destruction, by fire, of the big laboratory and office building of the Sterling Remedy company, makers of Cascarets Candy Cathartic and No-To-Bac, the original guaranteed tobacco habit cure. The preparations made by this big corporation are known throughout the world.

The fire broke out in one of the packing rooms on the third floor during the noon hour, and had made considerable headway before it was discovered.

The Sterling Remedy company is the principal industry of the beautiful little city of Attica, employing several hundred people, besides being affiliated with the interests at the Indiana Mineral Springs, the famous Magna-Mud Cure. The entire population was worked up to a frenzy of excitement.

Meanwhile the almost proverbial energy and presence of mind of "Hustling" Harry Kramer, the general manager of the Sterling Remedy company, was displayed. He was the coolest man at the scene. He quietly walked away, and secured a big carriage shop room near by, and had all office furniture, charred and delapidated as it was, taken there. Several shipments were made the same evening from goods saved, and on Friday morning, all departments were at work in various rooms about town, while a gang of men were cleaning away the wreckage preliminary to rebuilding.

The actual damage amounts to many thousands of dollars; the loss due to interruption of business and confusion of detail is inestimable, but pluck and energy of one man will turn defeat into victory and move the wheels of business to ever-increasing speed. Nothing can stop the success of Cascarets and No-To-Bac with such characteristic force behind them.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Could Not Weaken Such Testimony As This.

(From the Kalamazoo Telegraph.)

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

"My name is John A. Wallace. I am a member of the firm of J. A. Wallace & Co., doing business as tinners, etc., at 108 Eleanor Street, Kalamazoo, in which city I reside. For the past nine or ten months I have been having attacks of kidney complaint, the pain in my back over my hips was very severe at times; my urinary system was also in a bad state of derangement, sometimes the urine was scanty and then again the amount would be excessive, and a difficulty of passage always existed. I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills at a time when I felt that I was going to be sick, but their use warded off an attack, and I am now feeling very much better; the urinary organism has regained a normal condition, and the terrific pain in my back is much reduced in severity, while it is now fast going away altogether. I am continuing the use of Doan's Kidney Pills, with positive feeling that they will effect on me a permanent and speedy cure. I have unbounded confidence in Doan's Kidney Pills as a remedy for all kidney ailments; have good reason to be, as they have done so much for me."

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

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CAUSE FOR ALARM.

How baldness begins.

How to prevent it.

Every person, male or female, shrinks from baldness. It adds to the appearance of age and is a serious discomfiter. The cases are rare when the falling out of the hair may not be stopped, and a new and healthy growth of the hair promoted. The hair grows in the scalp like a plant in the soil. If a plant flourishes, it must have constant attention; it must be watered regularly and find its food in the soil where it is rooted. It is so with the hair. Baldness is usually the beginning of baldness. Dandruff is allowed to thicken on the scalp. The hair begins to loosen. The scalp loses its vitality, the hair, instead of being nourished, begins to fade and fall. The instant cure in such a case is some practical preparation which, supplying the needed nourishment to the scalp, will feed the hair, give it strength, and produce a strong and healthy growth. All this is done by Dr. Ayer's Hair Vigor. It is a simple and pleasant preparation for the hair that can be used. It tones up the scalp, does away with dandruff, stops the hair from falling, and restores the original color to gray or faded

SOME EVILS OF AUCTIONS.

Unpleasant Experiences Frequently Encountered by Innocent Bidders.

Now that the shopping season is at hand, when the housewife, the bargain-hunter and the connoisseur are in quest of places where they may spend their money to the best advantage, deliberation over the things to be avoided is suggested by the annoying experience of casual patrons of a certain class of auctions; says the New York Times. It is conceded by those who have had experience that the best grades are the cheapest and that the cheapest places to purchase them are at the reliable stores, where one can inspect the article at leisure, consult the advice of friends and primarily where there is assurance of proper and honest treatment should the purchase prove unsatisfactory through unavoidable causes, which often occurs. This is the advantage of dealing with a first-class house, and the consciousness of knowing that one will be fairly dealt with is a personal satisfaction and safe-guard. The ordeal usually encountered at auctions is, without doubt, unsatisfactory and repulsive, especially to the refined and delicate feelings of a woman. To be compelled to sit, often for hours, in the motley crowd which usually frequents these shops, and then to make one's self conspicuous by bidding and competing with strangers of all classes and being compelled to hurriedly accept the article, which has been displayed in a false light, only for a moment, only enhancing its appearance, are all decidedly unpleasant experiences. The purchaser, under such circumstances, gradually recognizes the inconvenience to which she has been subjected. She is kept waiting in a shop where the honest light of day is not permitted to penetrate, but where the heat and unhealthy atmosphere are so oppressive that she becomes desirous of obtaining some bargain, in compensation for this experience. In the excitement of the moment she is misled by the extravagant remarks of the auctioneer, and in her haste purchases some useless article on which she is required to pay a large deposit. The innocent bidder does not for the moment suspect that the woman near her, extolling her purchases, and also others who were competing against her, are employed by the auctioneer or owner for the particular purpose of increasing the bids, but such is often the case. Nor does the innocent bidder imagine that the "late distinguished citizen" whose effects are ostensibly being sold never saw the article attributed to have been his, and which was the prime reason of her extravagant purchase. There are, however, many who know that some auctioneers grasp at any opportunity to obtain some single trifle which was once in the possession of a prominent citizen, in order to falsely impress the public that all the articles catalogued came from the same source. The auctioneer, knowing the vanity of the eager bidders in this direction, will often cause them to pay ridiculous prices for some desired memento. There are many subterfuges resorted to by the modern faker in the auction room, which the public seems more and more disposed to steer clear of.

Rechristening London Streets.

London streets are being rechristened by the Italians who make their living in them. Regent street they call the "Stradone del Campanile Aguzzo," the street of the pointed steeple; Kensington gardens is "Il Pardo del Palazzi alte," the park of high palaces; Trafalgar square, "La Piazza delle Fontane," the square of fountains; the streets around Notting Hill gate are called "Il paese delle Lavandaje," the washerwomen's country, while Hyde Park corner and the Wellington statue is "Cavallinton," a corruption for "cavalla alto Wellington," high horse Wellington. Pimlico has a French name, "Il Faubourg."

A Female Conductor.

Mrs. Caroline Morse runs the custom house elevator in San Francisco, Cal. She is the widow of a sailor, and she cares for and educates her family by means of her work. She was appointed under ex-President Harrison's administration, and was deposed during Cleveland's first term, but San Francisco demanded her reinstatement.

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REGINA COELI.

AY, did his sisters wonder what could Joseph see In a mild, silent little maid like thee? And was it awful in that narrow house, With God for babe and spouse?

Nay, like thy simple, female sort, each one Apt to find Him in Husband and in Son, Nothing to thee came strange in this, Thy wonder was but wondrous bliss; Wondrous, for though True Virgin lives not but does know (Howbeit none ever yet confessed) That God lies really in her breast, Of thine he made his special nest And so, All mothers worship little feet And kiss the very ground they've trod, But, ah, thy little Baby Sweet, Who was indeed thy God! —Coventry Patmore.

THE GOLDEN LOUIS.

HEN Lucien de Hem had seen his last 100-franc note raked in by the banker and had risen from the roulette table where he had just lost the remains of his small fortune he experienced a sort of vertigo and almost fell.

With reeling brain and failing limbs he tottered over to the leather bench that encircled the room and threw himself on it. For some minutes he gazed vaguely about this private gambling hell in which he had wasted the best years of his youth, recognizing one by one the plundered heads of the three great green shades. He heard the soft friction of the gold on the felt and realized his loss, his ruin; but he remembered that at home, in a bureau drawer, there were two army pistols which had been bravely used by his father, General De Hem, in the attack of Zaatcha. Then utterly worn out, he slept profoundly.

He awoke with parched throat and glancing at the clock saw that he had barely slept a half hour.

An imperative need to breathe the night air came over him. The hands marked a quarter to midnight, and on rising and stretching his arms, Lucien recollected that it was Christmas eve, and by an ironical freak of memory he saw himself a little child again putting his shoes in front of the chimney at bedtime.

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street, a central one, walled in by high houses, was all white. Multitudes of old stars shone in the blue-black purged sky.

The ruined man walked rapidly, receiving desperate thoughts in his mind, and was more than ever drawn to the pistol box in his dressing case drawer.

Suddenly he stopped. He was confronted by a heart-breaking scene.

On a stone bench, placed according to the old-time custom beside the monumental door of a palace, a little girl of 6 or 7, barely covered by a ragged black frock, was sitting in the snow. She had gone to sleep there, in spite of the cold, in a painful attitude of utter weariness, with her poor little head and shoulder propped in an angle of the icy stone.

One of her old shoes had fallen from the foot which hung over and lay in the snow.

Lucien de Hem felt mechanically for his vest pocket, and was suddenly reminded that a moment before he had not even found a forgotten franc, nor a pouboule for the valet.

However, stirred by an instinctive pity, he approached the little girl, and would perhaps have carried her in his arms to give her a night shelter, had he not seen something shining in the old shoe as it lay in the snow.

He bent over. It was a gold louis.

Some charitable person, a woman, doubtless, in passing by this Christmas eve had seen the shoe in front of the sleeping child, and had remembered the touching legend. This generous aim had been given so that the little one might believe in the gifts of the holy child, and in spite of her distress retain some hope in the goodness of Providence.

A louis! It meant many days of plenty for the beggar, and Lucien was about to waken and tell her so, when he heard a voice in his ear, a drawing, thick voice, mumbling:

"Here are two days since I have been out of the club. You can cut off my fat if I do not come out when the clock strikes midnight."

Then the young man of 23, coming of honest stock with a magnificent military record, never falling in honor, this young man suddenly conceived a dreadful thought, fell prey to a wild, hysterical, monstrous desire. Assuring himself with one glance that the street was deserted, he swiftly stooped, advanced a trembling hand, and stole the louis from the old shoe. With a wild rush he reached the club again, cleared the stairs in one impetuous rush, flung open the door of the reeking hall, and threw the gold piece on the green, just as the clock chimed the first stroke of midnight.

"All on 17!"

Seventeen won.

With a turn of his hand he shovled the 36 louis on red.

Red won.

He left 72 louis on the same color. Again it appeared. Three times he put up the doubled stakes with the same luck. There was now a great heap of gold and bank notes in front of him, and he began frantically to sow them broadcast over the table. Every combination favored him. The little ivory ball jumping about the divisions of the roulette seemed to be magnetized by the gambler's gaze, and obeyed it. In 10 plays he had recovered the few thousand francs, his last resource, that he had lost early in the evening. By punting 200 or 300 louis at once he would soon have far more than his heritage he had fooled away.

In his haste to play he had kept on his heavy coat, and the great pockets were already crammed with rolls of bank notes and gold pieces. He now had to stuff them into his inside pockets, his vest and trouser pockets, his cigar case, his handkerchief, and everything that could hold them. He still played. He still won; like a lunatic, like a drunken man! He threw the gold anywhere on the table with disdainful certainty.

In his heart a red-hot iron was burning; he thought only of the child asleep in the snow; of the little beggar he had robbed.

"She is still there, of course; certainly, she must be there! In a minute, when it strikes 1—I swear it—I

will leave here and carry her home sleeping in my arms. I will bring her up, love her as my own child, and care for her always, always."

The clock struck 1, the quarter, the half, the three-quarters, and Lucien still sat at the table. A minute before 2 the banker rose abruptly and said in a sharp voice:

"Enough for the day, gentlemen; the bank is closed."

Lucien leaped to his feet. Roughly he pushed the players aside as they lingered about, eyeing him with envious admiration; hurriedly he cleared the stairs and ran to the stone bench.

"Thank God!" he cried; "she is still there!" He seized her hand.

"Ah! how cold she is, poor little one!"

As he lifted her in his arms the child's head fell back limp, and she did not waken. How children sleep, he thought, pressing her to his breast for warmth; and, vaguely anxious, he was about to kiss her lids to draw her from this heavy slumber, when he saw with terror that the child's eyes were half open, showing glassy pupils, extinguished and motionless. With terrible suspicion Lucien brushed her little lips with his own, and no breath came from them. While Lucien had been winning a fortune with the louis stolen from her, this little beggar had died of cold. His throat contracted in awful agony, he tried to cry out . . . and in the effort—he awoke from a nightmare on the bench at the club, where he had fallen asleep before midnight, and had been left undisturbed by the kindness of the old valet, who had gone off last of all at 5 o'clock. His heart had been touched by the poor bankrupt.

A noisy December dawn was peering through the panes. Lucien went out, pawed his watch, bathed, breakfasted, then went to the recruiting office, where he enlisted in the First African Chasseurs.

Lucien de Hem is now a lieutenant; he lives on his small pay and never touches a card.

It appears that he saves something, too, for not long ago, in Algiers, he was seen by a brother officer who was walking behind him in a winding street of the Kasha giving aims to a little Span-



HE APPROACHED THE LITTLE GIRL.

ish beggar asleep under a doorway. The officer had the indiscretion to look at the money which Lucien had given to poverty.

He had put a gold louis in the child's hand.

In excelsis Gloria.
(A hymn dating from the 13th century.)

Christ is born of maiden fair; Hark! the heralds in the air! Thus adoring hear them there, In excelsis gloria!

Shepherds saw those angels bright, Carolling in glorious light; God, His Son, is born tonight, In excelsis gloria!

Christ is come to save mankind, As in holy page we find, Therefore sing with reverent mind, In excelsis gloria!

A Prince an Electrician.

Prince Victor Emmanuel of Naples is said to be an expert electrician. His experiments on all its applications to light, sound, motive power, and photography, and was one of the first persons in Italy to investigate the Roentgen rays.

DIDN'T LIKE TENNYSON'S HAT

Foot's Headgear Cutted Gladstone to Imitate About a Coronet.

From the London News: Did Mr. Gladstone seriously hesitate to offer a coronet to Tennyson because the poet wore a wideawake instead of a tall hat? That he did so is the gravely made statement of Tennyson's biographer, who prints the journal he kept in the Pembroke castle, where the offer was made: "The only difficulty in Gladstone's mind was that my father might insist on wearing a wideawake in the house of lords." A correspondent who called Mr. Gladstone's attention to this statement has received the following judicious reply, which the Academy is permitted to print, in settlement of the curious point of social etiquette: "The wideawake," Mr. Gladstone writes, "is, I think, made to play a part more grave than history warrants. But I do not doubt there may have been some half-jesting reference to it. Costume," Mr. Gladstone adds, "is a matter not without importance, and has given trouble to speakers of the house of commons." Perhaps Mr. Gladstone may have in his mind among other incidents the following: In January, 1871, John Martin was elected for the county of Meath, a constituency for which he sat till his death in 1875, when he was succeeded by Mr. Parnell. Mr. Martin, who had been a leader in the young Ireland movement of 1848, and had undergone a lengthened term of imprisonment and subsequently of exile, had in his wanderings got into the habit of wearing a slouch hat, to which he was determined to adhere at St. Stephen's. On taking the oath he walked up the floor of the house with this musical headgear in his hand, and was subsequently observed at the side of their chair in close converse with Speaker Denison. Mr. Martin sought the speaker's counsel to know whether he might wear in the house the slouch hat to which he had been so long accustomed. To this the speaker saw no objection, although he pointedly observed that it was the usual practice to wear a tall silk hat. Mr. Martin then said that perhaps Mr. Speaker's views would be met by his appearance in the house of commons uncovered.

LOCHINVAR IN A BUGGY.

Girl Elopes with Another Man on Her Wedding Night.

From Oakman, Walker county, Alabama, comes the story of a marriage which did not take place in the usual way. James Willingham, a prominent young farmer residing near Berry, was to have been married a few nights ago to a Miss Brown, one of the belles of Oakman. All preparations were made for the affair, which was expected to be the swell society event of the season. Willingham and four friends drove over from Berry to Oakman in buggies. They reached the home of the prospective bride's parents but a short time before the hour set for the marriage. The guests were rapidly gathering and the kitchen and dining-room presented a scene of great activity, where preparations were in progress for an elaborate wedding supper. Just before the arrival of the happy hour it was found that the bride was missing. Investigation brought to light the fact that a short time before she had quietly left the house and, having met another lover, had eloped with him. The pair drove rapidly across the country to Jasper and were married. Willingham took the matter good naturedly, but the assembled guests and the parents of the young lady were greatly shocked. However, at Willingham's suggestion the supper was served and all partook of it, none more heartily than the disappointed young man whose intended bride at that hour was hurrying to Jasper with a young farmer named J. T. Echols.

PUZZLED OVER THE HORSE.

Honor of a Scotchman While in an Unpleasant Predicament.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch: Sandy McFadyen, a Forfarshire farmer, had been spending an hour or two in the evening with a friend a couple of miles away. It was a moonlight night, and Sandy, after partaking freely of his friend's hospitality, was riding quietly home across the sheep pastures on his "guld auld mare," when they came to an open ditch which the mare refused to cross. "Hoot, awa, Maggie," said the rider, "this winna dae. Ye maun just gang ower." He turned back about a hundred yards, wheeled round and gave the mare a touch of his whip. On she went at a brisk canter, but just as they reached the edge of the ditch she stopped dead and shot Sandy clear over to the other side, gathering himself up, Sandy looked his mare straight in the face and said: "Very weel pitched, indeed, ma lass. But hoo are ye gaein' to get ower yersel', eh?"

Women Criminals Outnumber Men.

Russia's penal statistics show that in the dominion of the czar the women criminals outnumber the men by nearly 50 per cent, just the contrary being the case in other countries. Most of the women criminals are unmarried, and the majority come from the laboring classes in the cities.

A Long-Felt Want.

Strikins—I've got a palatable idea the: I expect to make a fortune out of it. Tinkins—What is it? Strikins—A smart pin shield that will prevent a man from getting tangled up in his best girl's hair.

Writing on the Wall.

Policeman—"Here, you can't sleep on this corner." Mr. Lushington—"Shay, come off! Plenty room here fr both of ush."

Wake Up

To the fact of your opportunities to get bargains at a wide-awake store.

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ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from care less local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much, is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for 24 hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the same at once to Mrs. LeVan, president of the L. A. S., or E. J. Norris, chairman of the trustees, that they may be sure you are willing to build.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Salem.

Clayton Deak and wife, Herbert Smith and wife, and Mrs. Louisa Packard were in attendance at the Interdenominational Sunday school convention at Ypsilanti.

Revival meetings still continue at the Baptist church with a growing interest. Evangelist Hatch is a thorough worker and a fine singer. Come and hear him.

One of our heedless youths is seriously contemplating the purchase of a horse, and in consequence much speculation is being indulged in as to who the lucky maid will be if his contemplations materialize.

Mud! Mud! Mud! Where is our cold winter which we have heard so much about?

Mrs. Anna Sager is no better.

Colds are as plenty as mud puddles hereabout.

Our South Salem correspondent seems to hear the faintest sound of "wedding bells" soon to resound on the wintry air, and our defunct West Plymouth correspondent seems to be the one who will assist in setting them ringing, judging from last week's items. We extend congratulations.

Newburg-Nankin P. O.

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Rev. Oliver preached a very eloquent sermon last Sunday, which was listened to with close attention by a large congregation, among whom we saw a number of strangers. Come again. We are always glad to meet all who take an interest in the good work. Our congregations are steadily increasing in numbers and an interest manifested.

Jaas Joy is in Detroit, where he will stay if he finds a job that will pay him.

Every one who enters our hall remarks what a fine job Willard Baine, plasterer, and Wm. Toles, painter, did. It looks so nice we hardly know where we are.

The Epworth League had a very interesting meeting last Sunday evening. A large number were present and a lively discussion was had on "Amusements." The subject for discussion next Sunday evening is "Influence," led by John Patterson. Miss Stella Bennett is to lead the meeting. We are sorry to learn that our sister town, Perrinsville, has lost her Epworth League, as this is one of the best educators for young people we now have.

What might have proved a very serious matter turned out without any loss of life. W. J. Smith sold to a Plymouth buyer a bovine of the male persuasion. When he tried to drive him he struck Mr. S.,

but having no horns he only mugged him around. He then proved himself monarch of all he surveyed, treed Roy Norris, started for Jas. Norris, who just reached the limb of a tree as the enraged animal passed under him. They didn't succeed in subduing him until the next day and then only by firing seven bullets into him.

Mrs. R. Richards is slowly improving. Mrs. E. C. Rutter and Mrs. C. E. Ryder are both getting along nicely, also the boy and girl.

Mrs. A. Pickett visited her son, Matt, and family this week at Northville. She reports Matt as quite unwell, being able to work only part of the time.

The Christmas entertainment is progressing finely and will surely prove a success. Of course everyone is invited to put their presents on the tree.

C. E. Ryder is our new school assessor in place of D. G. Genney.

There is talk of organizing a literary and debating society here and it should be done soon, as it would be a benefit this winter. Our sister town, Perrinsville, has a good one, where your correspondent spent a pleasant evening last Tuesday. They would be pleased to visit a club here or to receive a visit from us.

We would propose that all who wish a shed at our church should report the same at once to Mrs. LeVan, president of the L. A. S., or E. J. Norris, chairman of the trustees, that they may be sure you are willing to build.

East Livonia.

J. F. Creiger, dealer in first-class fruit trees, flower bulbs, etc. Local agent for THE MAIL.

The roads in this locality are almost impassable. As Wm. Crum was sawing wood for Leroy Naylor the other day and while endeavoring to move his engine, it got stalled in the mud in such a manner that it took him two hours to move it one rod.

On Friday of last week Mortimer Peck, of this place became violently insane and with a butcher knife attempted to kill his daughter, a young lady of some sixteen years, but she made good her escape. He then turned on his father and said he would give him twenty-four hours to prepare his business in and then he would kill him, whereupon his father went to procure a warrant for his arrest. Then Mort took the opportunity and left the house and went to Stark, and on Saturday he told Deputy Sheriff Millard what he had done. So Millard arrested him and he was tried before Justice Coats. As he was unable to secure the necessary bondsmen to keep the peace, he was sentenced to the county jail for six months.

Fred Milroy, of this place, has purchased all the sawing timber on what is known as the Luther Waite farm on west side of Redford.

Whitney Smith, of Newburg, called on ye scribe Monday. He is a hustler for business, you bet.

There was a progressive euchre party at Charley Bentley's last Saturday afternoon and a dance at night. All enjoyed themselves.

Esq. Wolfom, of this place, went to Detroit last Saturday to spend a few days visiting friends and relatives.

Stark.

Mrs. O. E. Chilson spent last Thursday and Friday with relatives in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lemley were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Dean Sunday.

Robt. Rutter made a business trip to Detroit Tuesday.

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Elm.

While on our preambulations for THE MAIL we visited the blacksmith and wagon shop of A. Rohring, who has business which makes it necessary for him to have not only a wagon maker but an assistant blacksmith. We also visited the store of Shaw Bros., dealers in dry goods, groceries, notions, hardware, glass ware, crockery and almost everything to use, eat or wear.

We have been a long time in coming, but here we are at last to contribute to the columns of THE MAIL.

A great deal of dissatisfaction exists among the people here who have ditch orders drawn on the county treasurer, but

are not payable until there is sufficient money in the ditch fund of the county treasury to pay them. The farmers in the meantime have got to hustle to raise the cash to pay their heavy drain tax and carry their ditch orders in their pockets, the township treasurer declining to receive them for taxes.

Treasurer Chilson received taxes at this place last Wednesday. Horger was on hand to rake in the taxes for farmers' insurance company.

The smiling countenance of W. I. Smith cast a ray of light on the gloomy atmosphere of our burg one day this week.

Miss Florence Dougherty, of Mt. Pleasant, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Rohring.

Chas. Barnes, the weighmaster at the local milk depot, was in Detroit last Wednesday, and made preparations for colder weather in the way of heavy clothing.

Livonia Center.

Dan McEachran has moved his family into Will Smith's tenement house on the Leuca farm.

Ed. Warren, of Detroit, who has been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. W. O. Minkley, has returned home taking his mother with him, thinking a change would do her good after her long illness.

Mrs. E. L. Norton, of Pikes Peak, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Ferguson.

C. L. Ferguson, first-class blacksmith. Local agent for THE MAIL.

Stringer & Co., dealers in dry goods, groceries, notions, etc.

George Flint, of Detroit, spent a few days here this week.

Mrs. C. Turnbull is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. C. Garfield.

Preaching every Sunday at the Union church at 2 o'clock p. m.

There is somewhat of a diphtheria scare around here now. A young son of John Holtz, who lives south of the Center, is sick with it, but we are in hopes he will be better soon and that there will be no new cases.

John Base has added to his comforts by building a large wood shed.

Will Helm wears a smiling face over the arrival of another son at his house.

Perrinsville-Pikes Peak P. O.

"Hello," the New State Telephone Co. will extend the line to our hamlet.

A literary meeting will be held at P. of I. hall next Tuesday evening.

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Alex. Lyle, justice of the peace, auctioneer, dealer in all kinds of farm machinery.

A big crowd attended the debate Tuesday night at the P. of I. hall, the subject being "Resolved, that the present jury system be abolished," and the decision was a tie. On the affirmative the speakers were Lyle and S. A. Spicer, Misses Herr and Wurts; on the negative were L. D. Wurts, W. D. Smith, C. J. Nolleit and M. M. Ableson.

Pikes Peak.

Mr. Frank Harris has gone to Hardland to spend the winter.

Good meat always to be had at T. P. Sherman's market. Local agent for THE MAIL.

Mrs. Hodge, of Grand Rapids, has returned home after a three weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Maryles.

Mr. Cummings, of Flint, spent a week with his brother.

The Sherman slaughter house along side of the highway has been moved away by legal authority.

The farmers in this vicinity are still plowing for spring crops.

Livonia Township.

We wish the editor, staff and readers of this medium of information and interest a merry Christmas, and, by the way, Harry Jolliffe, with his privileges, can do much toward preparing you for such a Christmas with your acceptance of his offers in the outfitting clothing line.

We note that Livonia is not mentioned in the list of jurors for the January term. Is this because Livonia's yeomanry is too invaluable in the line of honest judgment to sit upon the corrupt panel of the present jury call? It must be.

It is a little out of season for repairing the highways of the township, but we greet the effort with applause and trust the temporary anatomical over-action caused will soon be lost sight of by the home-stretch highway that will take its place.

F. & P. M. Reduced Rates for Christmas between all stations on its line, Dec. 24 25 and 31, 1897, and Jan. 1, 1898. Excursion tickets good for return until Jan. 4 1898, inclusive. Apply to ticket agents for detailed information as to rates, time of trains, etc.

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