

BADLY INJURED!

H. WALKER ACCIDENTALLY SHOT WHILE HUNTING.

Yesterday Morning in Salem Township.—Charge of Shot Entered His Shoulder.

WEDNESDAY morning while hunting rabbits H. Walker, of Salem township, was seriously injured by the accidental discharge of his gun the charge entering his left shoulder.

He was with his step-son, Fred Truesdell, just a few moments before and went into the woods to talk with a neighbor, who was loading wood on a sleigh, and when he stopped he rested the butt of the gun on one of the runners. The gun slipped striking the hammer on the edge of the runner causing its discharge. Dr. Collier was immediately called and dressed the wound, and it is hoped no serious results will follow.

It Is Said.

That photographs are representations that flatter others and do ourselves an injustice.

That sleep is conducive to beauty. Even a silk hat looks worn when it loses its nap.

That some of the Record man's jokes should be printed on thin paper, so that the majority of his readers could see through them.

That time is money, but somehow your friends appreciate the money you spend with them more than the time.

That money talks, but quite frequently gets rattled and sometimes doesn't speak when spoken to.

That saying the right thing at the right time is equivalent to keeping your mouth shut when you have nothing to say.

That a dog can say more with his tail in a minute than the Record man can express with his pen in a month.

That even if the wind does whistle it is forbearing enough to avoid the popular air.

That want of principle is the principal want of a great many people.

The Exact Size of It.

AN EXCHANGE SAYS: This paper is like merchandise, it is for sale. If you desire to have your part of it stopped, come and say so. We don't look upon a man with undying hatred if he wants to stop his paper and does it like a gentleman, and we don't beg him to continue it either. It is a straight matter of business—you pay your money and take your paper. If you pay up all you owe on back subscription and order your paper discontinued, it will be stopped as cheerfully as it was begun. When you hear a man blowing about not being able to stop his paper, you bet your suspender buckles he owes back subscription.

The Last Option Closed.

THE DETROIT, Ypsilanti & Ann Arbor railway have closed out the last option to complete their line from Detroit to Ann Arbor. The Carney franchise through Nankin, Canton and Van Buren townships were assigned to the new company this week. They have a right of way through Ypsilanti, but are trying to secure another more advantageous. Every great progressive enterprise has met with obstructions and this seems to be no exception. The opposition has simply increased the labors of the managers without delaying progress. The rails are laid through the village of Dearborn and cars will be running by Christmas.

Notice.

On and after the first day of January, 1898, the Plymouth Savings Bank and the First National Exchange Bank of Plymouth, Michigan, will reduce the rate of interest on certificates and saving deposits to three per cent.

E. K. BENNET, Cashier.
O. A. FRASER, Cashier.

Followed Their Advice.

"I broke out with great blotches on my face, and friends told me my blood was out of order and that I ought to take a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla. I followed their advice and from that time to this I have not had any eruptions on my face. I know Hood's is a good medicine."
—Mrs. A. K. RAINSBY, St. Louis, Mich.

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CHRISTMAS DOINGS.

How the Churches Will Observe This Event.

BELOW IS a summary of the doings at the churches in observance of Christmas:

On Friday evening at the M. E. church will be prepared a Christmas boat artistically decorated and will be something very pretty, and as it is out of the ordinary it will no doubt be an attraction for many. All are invited to participate and enjoy the evening, as there will be literary exercises by the children.

At the Presbyterian church on Friday evening there will be one of the old-fashioned Christmas trees, which will be tastefully decorated, and with the exercises which will be given will make an evening well spent.

On Sunday evening at the M. E. church there will be a concert by old and young, and the talent that has been promised insures an entertainment well worth attending.

Notes From the School Room.

Tuesday afternoon Misses Corwin and Bentley visited school.

If a certain young gentleman in the high school doesn't keep his footing better than he did Wednesday, some broken bones may be the result.

Miss Ada Safford called at school Tuesday p. m.

The class in physics has begun the subject of electricity, and are spending a part of the time in doing laboratory work.

The tenth grade has completed the subject of physiology and will commence the study of civil government after the coming vacation.

The schools will close this afternoon for one week's intermission. Appropriate exercises will be held in some departments this afternoon.

The Oracle, published by the sophomores of the University of Michigan, has upon its board of editors two Plymouth people, Miss Safford and Mr. Corwin.

Free to Our Readers.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that the eminent physician and scientist, Dr. Kilmer, after years of research and study, has discovered and given to the world a most remarkable remedy, known as Swamp Root, for the cure of kidney and bladder troubles; the generous offer to send a bottle free that all may test its wonderful merits without expense, is in itself sufficient to give the public confidence and a desire to obtain it. Swamp Root has an established reputation as the most successful remedy, and is receiving the hearty endorsement of all up-to-date physicians, hospitals and homes. If our men and women readers are in need of a medicine of this kind no time should be lost in sending their name and address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and receive a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent absolutely free by mail. The regular sizes may be obtained at the drug stores. When writing please say you read this liberal offer in THE PLYMOUTH MAIL.

Shoes That Sell Shoes.

If your friends wear J. B. Lewis Company's Wear Registers you are apt to wear them. If you wear them your friends will. Why? They're the shoes that stand against time. They're sold by all shoe dealers.

W. C. T. U.

A Pair of Good Resolutions.

At a meeting of the fortieth annual session of the Tebo Association of Baptists, it was Resolved, First, that we reaffirm the resolution already upon our minutes, with the addition to that resolution of the word vote, so as to read, That as Christians, we do all we can for the suppression of this great evil (the liquor traffic) by both our influence and our votes, and that our pastors make special effort to enlighten the people on this subject and to influence them by their example to vote as they pray.

Resolved, Second, that so resolutions whatever be entered upon our minutes, unless our people conscientiously attempt to carry them out at the polls as well as in other ways.

This association is quite a strong one, embracing not only all the churches in Henry county, Mo., but many of the churches from the adjoining counties.

The Central Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran church resolved, That in our judgment as a synod domestic wines and so-called "hard cider" in the houses of our people are a menace to the moral welfare and sobriety of our young people.

Resolved, That in our judgment no communicant member of the church should ever sign a petition for license, as such an act is inconsistent with the baptismal confirmation promise to renounce "the devil and all his works."

Resolved, That the individual Christian should be a total abstainer from all intoxicating drinks, because of the influence of his example, and that the state should adopt absolute prohibition as the only consistent way for the state to deal with intoxicants as a beverage.

We have that there is rejoicing over the above.—Union Signal, Dec. 24.

IN FULL BLOOM.

D. N. Bloom is a Much Wanted Man in Michigan.

(Lexington News.)

DANIEL N. BLOOM, under arrest at Port Huron, is wanted in numerous places on the charge of jumping hotel bills and securing money on false pretenses. He pleaded not guilty to the charge of carrying concealed weapons. Bloom was cleverly captured by Chief of Police Pettit and Britain Clark, and attempted to pull a revolver on H. B. Buckeridge, the Star line agent.

Bloom, it is alleged, stole several baggage checks from the steamer Arundel and Hotel Benedict, Detroit, and wanted Buckeridge to pay \$27 for an alleged lost piece of baggage.

Telegrams were received today from Plymouth and Detroit to hold Bloom.

LATER—He was presented with 25 days in the House of Correction, or a \$15 fine. On account of the paucity times he accepted the former.

In Memoriam.

Written by M. D. McLaren in memory of George Broadfoot, who passed from this earth on Dec. 23.

Sleep, sweetly sleep,
Life's turmoil o'er, its sorrows past,
Safe cradled in the father's love,
Find peace and joy and rest at last.
Sleep, sweetly sleep.

Sleep, sweetly sleep,
The earth moves on and hearts will ache,
While green the grasses o'er the wave,
But thou to mourn no more shalt wake.
Sleep, sweetly sleep.

Sleep, sweetly sleep,
Farewell, but not for aye,
Time's circle meets a night lighter,
The circle of eternal day.
Sleep, sweetly sleep.

Low Rates to the South Via Ohio Central Lines.

Settlers' Tickets will be sold at cheap rates via Ohio Central Lines on Nov. 16 and Dec. 7th and 21st, 1897, to points in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. For rates and further particulars see agents of Ohio Central Lines, or address John Moore, T. P. A., Findlay, Ohio, or W. A. Peters, Mich. Pass. Agent, Detroit, Mich.

Household Gods.

The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. The household god of today is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds, and for all affections of Throat, Chest and Lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure, or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at J. L. Gale's, Drug Store. Regular size, 50c and \$1.00.

A man in North Carolina killed his wife. He was indicted, tried and convicted within thirty-seven hours after his crime was committed, and ordered hanged on Dec. 23. That kind of speedy justice deters criminals and will reduce the number of lynchings.

Notice.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on two 25-cent bottles of Baxter's Mandrake Bitters, if it fails to cure constipation, biliousness, sick headache, or any of the diseases for which it is recommended. Also will refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Down's Elixir, if it does not cure any cough, cold, croup, whooping cough, or throat or lung difficulty. We also guarantee one 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded.

DR. J. G. MIELER,
J. L. GALE,
G. W. HUNTER & CO.


Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Hoops & Harris is on this day dissolved by mutual consent. All moneys 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.

Certainly Doomed.

Fortune Teller—"The lines in your hand are very distinct. You will die just twenty years from the date of your birth." Victim—"But I'm past twenty now." Fortune Teller—"Ah! It was my mistake. I was reading the lines backward. You will die just twenty years before the date of your death."

A. PELHAM,



DENTIST.

OBSTINACY.

A California Widow Would Have a Road Paved With Gold.

Notwithstanding the fabulous wealth of the Klondike region it cannot boast of a road paved with gold, as can California. The Bear state has plenty of extravagant citizens, but it remained for a widow and widower of Sonoma county to commit the crowning act of folly, which furnished that locality with a public thoroughfare of the New Jerusalem style. It was a case of sheer obstinacy. John Johnson, a widower of Bloomfield, wished to improve the road from his home to the village of Valleyford. For this purpose he received permission from Widow Martha Jones to take rock from a hillside on her farm. While carting the rock he noticed what seemed to be specks of gold shining in the sunlight. Scouting for wealth, he sent samples to San Francisco to be assayed and learned that the stone he was building his road with was gold-bearing quartz worth from \$8 to \$10 a ton. Then he sought the widow and, pointing out the fortune which seemed to be hidden in the hill, proposed to share the cost and profit of development. But the widow was coy financially as well as sentimentally. She did not believe in Johnson or his gold-mine yarn, and in the language of the Bowery "trun 'em down hard." Her permission had been given to put the rock on the road, and that was all she cared to have done with it. Johnson was furious, but he saw his opportunity. The widow had given the rock for the road—on the road it should go even if it were worth \$100 a ton. So all summer long Johnson's wagons worked until four miles of road were built, but the widow didn't weaken.

Causes of Gray Hair.

Gray hairs are honorable, no doubt, but their advent is not usually hailed with any exuberant joy by men, and certainly not by women, and it is curious to note in going through life at what varying ages people commence to show the passage of years by the change in the color of the hair. And yet the whitening of the hair does not always portend the approach of age, for the hair of some individuals laboring under certain passions has been known to become gray in a single night. Many reasons have been suggested for gray hair; some assert that the cause is a contraction of the skin about the roots of it, and from this cause suppose that Polar animals become white, the cold operating as the contracting power; but this theory is untenable, or we might all turn gray if we happened to be exposed to particularly hard frosts. As a matter of fact, there are fewer gray people in Russia than in sunny Italy or Arabia. The more likely reason is that the vital power is lessened in the extreme ramifications of those almost imperceptible vessels destined to supply the hair with coloring fluid. The vessels which secrete the fluid cease to act, or else the absorbent vessels take it away faster than it is furnished. This certainly appears to be feasible, for grief, debility, fright, fever and age all have the effect of lessening the power of the extreme vessels. Against this theory it may be urged that if the body be again invigorated, the vessels ought, according to our reasoning, to again secrete the coloring fluid, but to this it may be replied that the vessels which secrete this fluid are so very minute that upon their ceasing their functions they become obliterated and nothing can ever restore them.

Stopping and Starting Electric Cars.

It takes just as much electric power to start a car as it would animal power, and it requires less current to keep the car moving than to start it, so that a great number of starts and stops means a large consumption of energy. In the American Electrician there appears an article in which the actual figures for these two cases are given. It is shown that the cost of one stop on each trip of a car during a year on a fifteen-car line may amount to \$70, or to \$467 for a 100-car road; so that if these figures are multiplied by two stops at each crossing on a road operating long lines the large cost is evident. Careful handling of the controller will save over \$1,000 a year on a 25-car road and \$7,000 per year on a 100-car road. The difference between a careful motorman who has been well instructed and a careless one may amount to from 3 to 8 per cent of the total energy consumed. It is perfectly safe, according to this authority, to say that 10 per cent of the energy can be saved by more careful handling of the controller, while on most roads at least 15 per cent could be saved without doubt. The maxim of every motorman should be: "Use the brake as little as possible and drift as much as possible." The employment of skilled motormen capable of understanding the mechanism they handle would result in a saving to the trolley companies, even though a higher salary were paid the men, and at the same time add much comfort to the passengers.

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Hood's Pills cure constipation. 25 cents.

Road repairing is all right, but it should be preceded by road building. "Repairing" a mud hole will never make a road of it.

"I was run over by a lumber wagon. Did not expect to live. Was terribly bloated. My friends bathed me with Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, and I was cured. We have great faith in Thomas' Electric Oil." **Mrs. Wm. F. B. Brock, Norvell, Mich.**

The worst of the family tree is that it requires too much whitewashing to keep the insects off.

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There's nothin' like the weddin' for ter make a feller leery. For he thinks that she is his'n, but finds out that he is her'n.

What do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called **GRAIN-O**? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee.

The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems.

Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about 1/10 as much. All grocers sell it. 15c. and 25c.

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CHRISTMAS SONNETS.

By Christian Burka.

I.
This is that Holy Night!—O World, be still—
Surely, if we but listen we shall hear
That Song that all the luminous dark
doth fill,
The Choir of Angels chanting soft and clear,
"Glory to God and on the Earth Good will!"
Now with the eager Shepherds let us run
Across the starlit plains, 'mid shadows dim,
To that poor shelter where the Mother Maid
Ere break of day her first-born glorious Son
With a narrow crib adorning laid,
Because His people found no rest for Him.
O mighty Love, that we requite so ill,
How often wilt Thou deign to seek
Thine own,
Who gave Thee yon bare manger for
Thy throne!

II.
Come all ye Faithful!—let us watch a space;
Mary and Joseph will for us make room,
That we may look on Him Whose radiant face,
Like some fair flower in all its lovely bloom,
With light and glory fills this lowly place;
Lo! we have travelled from a country far,
Through years of failure, deserts sad and wild,
And, even as of old came Eastern Kings,
With costly treasures, led here by Thy Star.
We, too, would bring Thee our poor offerings,
O Word Incarnate! Bethlehem's Holy Child,
Accept our gifts and us of Thy great grace—
Myrrh of our Sorrows, Frankincense for Faith,
And Gold for Love that is more strong than Death!

NEW YEAR REVERIES.

Two rich men were sipping wine in the exclusive dining room of a New York clubhouse. Each had seen about forty years. Each had a private income of not far from that figure of thousands per year. Well kept, not profligate, were they, for they were too bright to throw away life.

"You would tire of Mexico," drawled one of them. "I have been wandering about down there, with my private car, for a year. How's Dresden?"

"My dear fellow, so did I get tired of Dresden. Five years, don't you know. You know how dull Europe is. I've been over the pond, too, frequently. I wish some chap would discover a brand-new Europe or some other new place."

"Ah, yes," sighed the first speaker; "there's nothing new. We have seen it all. But"—and his eye suddenly grew brighter and his hand held his champagne at a halt as he spoke—"I found a wine in an old refectory in a monastery of Mexico that was the most wonderful you ever tackled."

"Where?" exclaimed his friend.

"Give me the address!" And a few days later he started on a journey of over three thousand seven hundred and fifty miles for a new sensation in his worn-out world—a novel sip of wine.

There are thousands of men and women in old aristocratic countries and hundreds in young republican America to whom it seems almost that a real new year can come. Life is old in sensations. They have already seen and felt it all. But there is a way to renew life to them. It is to touch the heart with a new love for the poor, the country, the suffering times, the wants of a weary world. All that because it gives life, from within, a new purpose, unselfish and wishing to serve others, would transform the very existence of such men.

The seventeenth President began life as a tailor. It is an honorable calling. Let us suppose an honest tailor sitting at his ease on New Year's day. He hates the thought of the drudgery of tomorrow. He looks forward to his workroom, top floor, back, dingy windows looking on back yards and their garniture of hung out laundries. His companions the hot goose, the skeleton garments half finished hanging on the wall, hanks of thread that kinks and knots, broad bench on which he squats and crowds his lungs into his feeble heart. He wishes for a new year. How can he have it? Let him receive the love of God into his heart. Let him forget self. Then, let tomorrow his workroom is moved, as it were, to the front of the shop. Its windows look out on the flashing Hudson, the Palisades, and even to the gates of the eternal city by the sea of glass. His thread runs smoothly, his scissors are gold and his shears silver. The skeleton garments around the room seem to be finished for angels. He sings a new song, for his life is uncomplicated, thankful and unselfish. God knows, that this is the only way in which thousands of the bravest and best of the world can have a new year. They must renew their own spirits from within and above. And God knows that this is the best of all kinds of a new year possible to us all.

I can see the hardy milkman standing on his doorstep at two o'clock of the still dark new day of 1897. Cold stars are two o'clock-in-the-morning stars. There is a hard grind of the wheels over the echoing streets. Shivering on his perch, he notes the glow of the midwinter sunrise over acres of roofs where in palatial homes the rich are yet sleeping. The quiet is

gloom. The wind is gloom. The same old slavery is gloom. Suddenly the man thinks of it.

"I am not the servant of these rich customers. I serve my pretty baby boy whom I left in his cradle. He shall have a better start in life than I had. I serve his beautiful mother. It is not my own mouth, not my own back, not my own life, but theirs to which I minister. Ah, hal New Year! My master is unselfish love. My king is my sense of manly duty."

He breaks forth into a song. The cold stars hear him, the iron-bound wheels of his milk cart drum an echo as a king's chariot could not. He has entered into a new world. He has forgotten himself. Blessed work when work is for a holy love. Alas, for him who slaves it for his savings-bank account, with small earnings hoping to get rich and growing sick at heart by the long delay. The way for most of us to meet each new year is not to count how near—or, alas! how far—we are to "being independent," but by thinking thankfully how many loved ones are dependent on us and we are yet able to care for.

Why not look upon each new load that is added, year by year, as a new sign of manhood? Why not see in each fresh care one more mark of honor from our creator? Why do we, poor fools, dream of a time when we shall have money enough to be idle, and then be obliged to go to Mexico for a fresh sensation of a new wine? Is it not all a matter of heart, anyway? Do the opulent idlers escape? Can Europe renew itself to a man who has seen it all? What difference is there between the men who have played and danced till life is old and those who have stored and plodded till life is old? The springs of eternity are in the human breast. Alas! for him who has dried up those sweet waters, whether by over indulgence or under thankfulness.

The New Year comes in the invalid's bed, all caged and bedridden. If a bright and deathless spirit inhabits the pain-racked body. Do we not know of such bright chambers? Can we not each visit some heroic sufferer to whom the unconquerable soul within gives such mastery over time that years of sickness possess no powers to cloud? What is time to the aged who grow happier as they grow old? What is the date to some of our fathers and mothers whose ever-youthful love makes them seem as young as their children's children whom they dandle on their aged knees? Thank God for the good and unselfish heart that never grows old!

Christmas Day.

"Christmas is pre-eminently a church festival," writes Mrs. Lyman Abbott. "The Puritans, seeing only the superstitions and disorderliness with which Christmas had become encumbered, strove with all their ardor to destroy it, but happily did not succeed. The argument sometimes used against it, that the birthday of the Child Jesus is not known, and therefore cannot be observed, does not prevail against the almost universal longing to celebrate in some way this great event. So we are not surprised to learn that in the first centuries of the Christian era Christians, though generally celebrating the Nativity, were not unanimous in the time chosen for the festival. At least a part of the early church observed the sixth of January, not only to commemorate the Epiphany, or the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, but also the birth of Jesus, and it was not until the end of the fourth century, perhaps not until the beginning of the fifth, that the present date, December 25, was generally accepted. * * * The 'Christmas season' is sometimes used to designate the time between December 16 and February 1, more often the fortnight between December 24 and January 6. During all this period there was formerly, and still continues to be, a spirit of joy and festivity which entitles it to be called 'the holidays.' The vigil of the Nativity, or as we now call it, Christmas Eve, was observed from the first with exceptional devotion, perhaps because the birth of our Lord occurred in the night. Unlike other vigils it continued through the night, and made, with Christmas itself, one great solemnity."

A Queen's Christmas Gifts.

"It is quite impossible to form any idea as to the value of the presents made by the queen or given to her," writes Lady Jeune in an article on "What Christmas Means to Queen Victoria," in the Ladies' Home Journal. "In some cases, when her gifts consist of India shawls, jewelry and the like, they are very valuable because they are unique, but in the present she gives to her family, or in turn receives from them, are not expensive. The royal purse is not an inexhaustible one, and the claims on it are enormous, so that the presents given by royal people must always be regarded in the light of souvenirs and not as costly gifts. The Queen's children are not rich, and as they are not able to afford expensive presents so we may consider the value of all royal gifts from the sentimental, not the commercial, point of view, and it is its pleasantest as well as most touching aspect, for it shows that simplicity and depth of the family affection, which is neither nourished nor fostered by any feeling of greed or expectation, but which is as simple and genuine as that of the poorest subject of our great Queen."

Sensible Japanese.

From the Baltimore American: The Japanese address letters the reverse of what we do, writing the country first, the state or province next, then the city, the street and number, and the name last of all.

Christmas Bells

ARE RINGING.

CHRISTMAS bells are ringing, Ringing glad and gay,
Voices sweet are singing Songs of Christmas Day.
Heart, what joyous music,
For thy part dost bring?

Hast thou filled sad places
With love's carolling?

Christmas bells are ringing,
Heart, what gift of thine
Marks the day's sweet meaning
Purposes divine?
How dost tell the story
Of the heavenly birth
With its streaming glory
Filling all the earth?

Christmas bells are ringing,
Ringling joyfully,
Heart, a holy helper
Thou thyself must be:
Thou must follow, follow
Him who is the way—
Be love's advent angel
Bringing Christmas Day.

LEGEND OF THE MAGI.

The legend of the Wise Men of the East, or as they are styled in the original Greek, "the three Magi," became, under monkish influence, one of the most popular during the middle ages. The Scripture nowhere informs us that these individuals were kings, or their number restricted to three. The legend converts the magi into kings, gives their names and a minute account of their stature and the nature of their gifts. Melchior, we are thus told, was king of Nubie, the smallest man of the triad, and he gave the Savior a gift of gold. Balthazar was king of Chaldea, and he offered incense; he was a man of ordinary stature. But the third, Jasper, king of Tarsus, was of high stature, "a black Ethiop," and he gave myrrh. All came with "many rich ornaments belonging to king's array, and with a multitude of people to do homage to the Savior, then a little child 13 days old."

The barbaric pomp involved in this legend made it a favorite with artists during the middle ages. The picture of "The Offering of the Magi," which we publish, is from a circular plate of silver chased in high relief and partly gilt, which is supposed to have formed the center of a morse or large brooch, used to fasten the decorated cope of an ecclesiastic in the latter part of the fourteenth century.

The Empress Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, found what she considered the burial place of the three kings, and their remains were removed to Constantinople and interred in the church of St. Sophia. Later they were removed to the Cathedral of Milan, and they still lie, in a magnificent reliquary, enriched with gems and enamels. These relics are enveloped in velvet and dec-

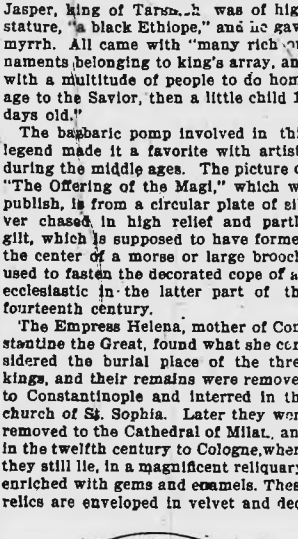
orated with embroidery and jewels, so that only the upper part of each skull is seen.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

One of the greatest blessings that Christmastide brings to us is the Christmas spirit—the fulfillment to the letter of the Christian law embodied in the Golden Rule.

This is not invariably the case, but it is fortunately the rule in a great number of cases. For a little while—a month—during the Christmas season, we are turned away from all spirit of avarice and selfishness. From the tiny toddler, who has for the first time begun to realize her responsibilities as a member of the family, to the grandmother in her snowy kerchief and cap, we are all plotting and planning for others. Going to the greatest pains to conceal all our doings in order that our gifts may be genuine surprises.

If we are members of Christian churches, we have the poor with us at this season, as at no other. We think out their needs. It has been the rule in Christian churches of late years to devote the offerings of the Christmas Eve to the mission school. Loving bands of King's Daughters go about and gather all manner of gifts for those who are less fortunate, for those to whom Christmas otherwise brings only empty larders and threadbare clothing. The most sordid among us, like Old Scrooge, is sure finally to have an awakening of his better nature, to find a drawing at his heart strings more powerful than the tight drawn strings of the money bag.



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MRS. LYNNESS ESCAPES

The Hospital and a Fearful Operation.

Hospitals in great cities are sad places to visit. Three-fourths of the patients lying on those snow-white beds are women and girls.

Why should this be the case? Because they have neglected themselves! Women as a rule attach too little importance to first symptoms of a certain kind. If they have toothache, they will try to save the tooth, though many leave even this too late. They comfort themselves with the thought that they can replace their teeth; but they cannot replace their internal organs!

Every one of those patients in the hospital beds had plenty of warnings in the form of bearing-down feelings, pain at the right or the left of the womb, nervous dyspepsia, pain in the small of the back, the "blues," or some other unnatural symptom, but they did not heed them.

Don't drag along at home or in the shop until you are finally obliged to go to the hospital and submit to horrible examinations and operations! Build up the female organs. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will save you from the hospital. It will put new life into you.

The following letter shows how Mrs. Lynness escaped the hospital and a fearful operation. Her experience should encourage other women to follow her example. She says to Mrs. Pinkham:

"I thank you very much for what you have done for me, for I had given up in despair. Last February, I had a miscarriage caused by overwork. It affected my heart, caused me to have sinking spells three to four a day, lasting sometimes half a day. I could not be left alone. I fainted constantly. The doctor called twice a day for a week, and once a day for four weeks, then three or four times a week for four months. Finally he said I would have to undergo an operation. Then I commenced taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and after one week I began to recover and steadily improved until I was cured completely. By taking the Pinkham medicine, I avoided an operation which the doctor said I would certainly have to undergo. I am gaining every day and will cheerfully tell anyone what you have done for me."—**Mrs. THOS. LYNNESS, 10 Frederick St., Rochester, N. Y.**

Plague Spread by Monkeys.

A private letter from a high medical official in India gives an amazing explanation of the perpetuation of the bubonic plague in that country. He says it has been contracted by the monkeys which infest sacred edifices in the principal cities of the Bengal presidency. These animals are held sacred by the natives and it is impossible for sanitary authorities to take any measures to deal with the plague among them. The only effectual plan would be to exterminate them, which could be easily done, as they are almost tame, but such a proceeding would probably provoke a massacre of Europeans in retaliation. At a recent conference of the principal native priests was summoned to consider with the medical authorities what should be done to stamp out the plague among the monkeys, but the priests getting wind of the object of the meeting declined to attend it. The mere suggestion of the British laying their profane hands on the sacred monkeys even in the way of kindness, aroused all the fanaticism of the Oriental character, and has further intensified the disaffection which is universal throughout the Indian empire.

We wish to call your especial attention to the advertisement in this issue of the National Correspondence Institute of Washington, D. C. This institution is thoroughly reliable and we cheerfully recommend them to our readers. A college education at home shows wonderful advancement in educational matters.

The Advertiser's Woman's Rights. Mrs. Sarah Whitney, of Waterloo, Iowa, was fined \$10 on a plea of guilty of placing on telephone poles bills advertising woman's rights lectures.

Leo Hirsch, supervisor of public printing, reports that the state's printing the past year cost \$27,140.

A Good Thing.

The Royal Publishing Company, of Richmond, Virginia, are offering exceptionally favorable contracts to live workers. They want men and women of good character, and allow liberal weekly salaries and expenses. A line addressed to them may lay before you a proposition that will be as surprising as it is gratifying.

Don't steal another man's good name even if your own is worn out.

Do You Dance To-Night? Shake into your Shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Chillsbains and Sweating Feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores. 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

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Lane's Family Medicine. Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c.

He who fights and runs away may live to run another day.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascara. Candy Cathartic cures constipation forever. 50c. 25c. U. S. C. C. fall druggists refund money.

A boy's idea of a hero's another boy who runs off.

For Lung and chest diseases, Piso's Cure is the best medicine we have used.—**Mrs. J. L. Northcott, Windsor, Ont., Canada.**

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION
OF THE
PLYMOUTH SAVINGS BANK,
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December 15, 1897.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$136,300 38
Stocks, Bonds, Mort's, etc.	43,900 79
Overdrafts	4,500 00
Banking house	3,922 96
Furniture and fixtures	7,132 98
Other real estate	8,560 00
Due from banks in reserve	
Exchange on clearing	30,369 10
Due from other banks and bankers	
Exchange on clearing	
house	
Checks and cash items	2,087 82
Nickels and cents	4 35
Gold coin	3,484 10
Silver coin	1,879 80
U. S. and Nat'l Bank Notes	1,286 00
Total	\$236,075 94

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less taxes, expenses and interest paid	5,863 99
Dividends unpaid	100 00
Commercial deposits	44,373 19
Certificates of deposit	36,163 64
Savings deposits	89,573 12
Total	\$236,075 94

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
County of Wayne,
I, E. K. BENNETT, Cashier of the above named
bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement
is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st
day of December 1897.

E. K. BENNETT, Cashier.
E. C. LEACH, Notary Public.
L. H. BENNETT,
L. C. HOUGH, Directors

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
OF THE
First National Exchange Bank.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$23,564 24
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,163 21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Profits on U. S. Bonds	1,373 00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	7,383 44
Due from approved reserve agents	15,482 72
Notes of other National Banks	1,003 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	214 38
Specie	6,223 85
Legal-tender notes	
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, 5 per cent of circulation	562 50
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund	37 50
Total	\$144,538 02

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
County of Wayne,
I, O. A. FRASER, Cashier of the above named bank,
do solemnly swear that the above statement is
true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day
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TIME TABLE
In effect Nov. 14, 1897.
Trains leave Plymouth as follows:
WEEK-DAY TRAINS.
Going South. Train No. 4, 10:05 a. m.
" No. 6, 2:23 p. m.
" No. 8, 8:46 p. m.
" No. 10, 6:38 a. m.
Going North. Train No. 1, 3:10 a. m.
" No. 3, 9:10 a. m.
" No. 5, 2:00 p. m.
" No. 7, 7:06 p. m.
Trains Nos. 3 and 9 run through to Alpena.
Train No. 1 connects at Ludington with steamer
for Manitowoc 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 com-
pany.
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STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne,
In a session of the Probate Court for the County
of Wayne, held at the Probate Office in the City
of Detroit, on the twenty-first day of December, in
the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-
seven.
Present, EDGAR O. DUFFEE, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of GEORGE
BROADFOOT, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition of Henry A.
Broadfoot praying that administration of said estate
may be granted to John W. Galy, or some other suit-
able person.
It is ordered, that the eighteenth day of January
next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Pro-
bate Office, be appointed for hearing said petition.
And it is further ordered, that a copy of this or-
der be published three successive weeks previous to
said day of hearing, in the PLYMOUTH MAIL, a
newspaper printed and circulating in said County
of Wayne.
EDGAR O. DUFFEE, Judge of Probate.
HENRY S. HUBBERT, Deputy Register.
(A true copy) 513-15

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE. In the matter of
the estate of FIDEL HERR, deceased.
We, the undersigned, having been appointed by
the Probate Court, for the County of Wayne, State
of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine,
and adjust all claims and demands of all persons
against said deceased, do hereby give notice that
we will meet at the late residence of said Fidel Herr,
located in the town of Stinking in said county,
on Tuesday, the twenty-second day of February,
A. D. 1898, and on Tuesday, the fourteenth day
of June A. D. 1898, at one o'clock p. m. of
each of said days, for the purpose of examining and
allowing said claims, and that six months from the
fourteenth day of December, A. D. 1897 were allowed
by said Court for creditors to present their claims to
us for examination and allowance.
THOMAS KERR,
LEANDER MELDRUM,
Commissioners.
(55-30)
Dated December 20, 1897.

Executor's 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 Seelye,
late of the Village of Plymouth, in said county, de-
ceased, 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 Seelye, or otherwise disposed of.
Among the property and effects to be sold is a cer-
tain real estate mortgage and accompanying note,
bearing date May 18th, 1888, made and executed by
William H. Hanks and Annette Hanks, his wife, to
Maria Seelye, 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 re-
mains 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 Coun-
ty, for a more particular description of which refer-
ence is made to said mortgage and the said rec-
ord thereof.

Terms of sale, spot cash. Abstract of title fur-
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GEORGE A. STARKWATER,
Executor of the will of Maria Seelye, deceased.
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DETROIT, Grand Rapids & Western
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GOING EAST		GOING WEST	
St.	Time	St.	Time
Grand Rapids	7:10	Detroit	6:10
Lansing	7:30	Plymouth	6:30
Salem	8:00	Salem	7:07
PLYMOUTH	10:35	Lansing	10:55
Detroit	11:40	Lansing	12:15
		Grand Rapids	1:00
			p. m. p. m.

Chicago and West Michigan P. M.
Trains leave Grand Rapids:
For South 8:35 a. m., 1:25 p. m., and 7:10 p. m.
For North 7:00 a. m., 5:30 p. m.,
For Muskegon 8:35 a. m., 1:25 p. m., 6:25 p. m.
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An shall put the knife deep into the entire stock. We shall give our patrons the benefit of the greatest bargain sale ever put on in Plymouth. We shall pay no regard to cost, the goods must go. Again wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year,

I am your business friend, **E. L. RIGGS.**

Found the Right Kind

Severe Pains in the Stomach—Indigestion and Constipation—Health and Strength Restored—How it was Accomplished.

"I have been troubled very much with indigestion and constipation for the last ten years. Five years ago I was confined to my bed and suffered severe pains in my stomach. These spells would occur four or five times a day and were almost unendurable. I was weak and nervous and could not eat anything but the simplest food. I read about so many wonderful cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla that I determined to try it. The first bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills were enough to convince me that I had at last found the right kind of medicine. I continued taking them until I was well. Last spring after my baby was born I did not regain my strength. I resorted to Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills and they restored me to health." MRS. LOUISA EMMSON, Fosston, Minnesota.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Be sure to get Hood's and only Hood's.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION.

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

—New lot of 5c tablets at Potter's.

It doesn't look much like a green Christmas.

For the first time this winter sleighs were out last Sunday.

Christmas presents began to arrive at the postoffice last week.

Nickel-in-the-slot machines have disappeared by order of Mayor Root.

Wm. Haubennestel, the tailor, is again working for J. Teseman & Son.

M. Conner & Son received an invoice of three and a half tons of nails last Tuesday.

We would like to have the editors of the school column report every week, if possible.

J. O. Whiteford, of Detroit, was a pleasant caller at THE MAIL sanctum on Friday last.

Orrin Gully, of Dearborn, succeeds John E. Wilcox as county superintendent of the poor.

Last week the item in reference to the S. of V. being mustered in should have read Jan. 3d.

W. J. Bradner has partitioned off an office in his implement building on corner Sutton and Union-sts.

Bert Rea and George Weeks, who some time ago went to Deshler, Ohio, to run a laundry, report a good business.

Jay Chilson is learning the laundry business at the Star laundry. He took the first degree Monday by scalding his fingers.

The Independent Whist Club will hereafter be controlled and owned by a stock company. The rooms and gymnasium will be fitted up in first-class shape.

The G. A. R. Post of Newburg and G. A. R. Post of this place are requested to be present on the night of Jan. 3d at I. O. O. F. hall to see the S. of V. mustered in.

The Michigan Bulletin for December is at hand, and it is a fair representative of the association it represents. It is full of information for the publishers of Michigan.

Plymouth: If the editors of THE MAIL and the Northville Record will stop quarreling and promise to be good boys they may get some Christmas presents yet.—Daily Times.

The second joint debate with the Northville high school will be held at this place on Friday evening, Jan. 7. The question, Resolved, "That the United States should annex the Sandwich Islands," will be discussed. Northville will be represented by Ada Wolfe, Will Dolph and Bruce Bebeck and Plymouth by Don Hedford, Max Fisher and Lena Vrooc.

Music by both schools, recitations by Virgil McNitt.

Buy your tablets at Potter's. Good

select from.

The skating park seems to be a quantity.

The schools will close Friday for a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McKeever were Detroit visitors Saturday last.

AFTER CHRISTMAS commences the forming of new resolves to take effect January 1st.

The annual meeting of the Daisy Manufacturing Co. was held yesterday.

Why can't we organize and have a hitting match some day next week to break the monotony?

MANY NEW YEAR resolves will be made and broken before the end of the coming month.

EVERY DAY chronicles one or more accidents by skating. It is more boy's carelessness than anything else.

RAILROADS ARE reaping a rich harvest these days. Many have been waiting for low fares to visit absent friends.

REGARDLESS OF THE various prognosticators of the country, the weather man is giving us some beautiful Christmas weather.

YOU CAN DO NO better act for yourself and town than to buy your Christmas presents of your home merchants. You can save money.

Mrs. E. C. Leach departed Wednesday for Toledo to attend the funeral of her niece, Mrs. Herbert Ketcham.

According to his usual custom W. F. Markham presents each of his employes with a turkey on Christmas day.

CHRISTMAS TRADE requires extra help at J. R. Rauch & Son's and Louie Steele has been assisting them. Don Safford is assisting J. L. Gale.

HOTEL PLYMOUTH will serve a Christmas dinner and invites the public through these columns to partake thereof. Landlord Streng knows how to please.

REMEMBER IT is more blessed to give than to receive, but we are always willing to let the other fellow have the blessing.—Northville Record, relative to township affairs.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH their usual custom, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bradner, of this place, will eat Christmas dinner at the home of their son, Harry, in Lansing. They will remain over Sunday.

SQUIRE LOMBARD will probably give more Christmas presents this year than any one in town, and will do it with the least expense. He is the express agent, also J. P. Marriage ceremonies performed at holiday rates.

THE BANKS HAVE made a reduction on their rate of per cent. on deposits. The usual four per cent. will be paid until January 1st, after which they will pay but three per cent. See notice elsewhere in this paper.

MISS MARY GOTTSCHALK and George Gebhardt were united in marriage by Rev. Ehnis on Wednesday evening at the Lutheran church. Both are highly respected young people and have the best wishes of many friends.

ACCEPTED BY THE council and paid for is the Phoenix Hose Co.'s tower house in Upper Plymouth. The work was done by Albert Hall and the only thing we wish to say is that it should have been given some of our home people, people who spend their money here and help support the town instead of giving it to outside parties.

SOME PEOPLE ARE superstitious all the time, but there are two places in a newspaper where all men are superstitious about having their names appear—obituary column and police court record, as records are immortal things. You cannot break one without making a new one, and you cannot make a new one without breaking one.

Miss Ethel Andrews is down, with the chickenpox.

Willis Mosher, of Northville, is visiting friends here.

Dr. Dewey will entertain his sister from Ypsilanti on Christmas.

Born on Saturday, Dec. 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shattuck, a boy.

Geo. W. Hunter has been confined to his home by sickness since last Friday.

Services at village hall next Sunday evening, Dec. 28th, at 7:30 o'clock. Preaching by Rev. Lee S. McCollister.

The township peddlers' license law has been declared unconstitutional. Any one can now peddle throughout the township.

Chas. Holloway and family, of Elkhart, Ind., arrived Tuesday afternoon to spend the holidays with his father, A. Holloway, of this place.

Politicians in congress will try to secure the repeal of the civil service law, to make more jobs with which to pay political debts.

Mrs. Chas. Miller spent Sunday with Wayne friends.

Tonsillitis is quite prevalent throughout the neighborhood.

Fred Cole, Canton, has been under the doctor's care the past week.

E. Hudson will put in an advertising writing desk in Hotel Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Bradner visited Lansing and attended the State Grange while there.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Dean will spend the holidays with friends in St. Johns and Grand Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tuttle, of this village, were sent as delegates from Wayne Co. to the State Grange.

Work is being rapidly pushed on the booklet containing a write up of the village. It will be a very neat book and one of the merchants should fail to be represented in it.

The reunion of the Dean family will take place this Christmas at the residence of Mrs. O. W. Robinson in St. Johns. The oldest of the Dean children is 86 and the youngest 60 years.

Sam. Spicer and sister, Miss Fannie, were in Detroit Saturday. They visited the main office of the New State Telephone while there. The company employs 150 girls in the main office.

A telegram was received here on Tuesday from Broadway Center hotel, New York, announcing the serious illness of C. H. Bennett, who is traveling for the Daisy Manufacturing Co. Mrs. Bennett departed for that place the same evening.

Mrs. M. P. Sprout and son, Harry, of Muncie, Pa., visited her brother, A. M. Potter, and family last week. They are now at Fenton visiting another brother and from there will go to Allegan to visit a sister. Mrs. Sprout was formerly a teacher in the reform school at Lansing.

Following are the officers elected in the L. O. T. M. lodge on Thursday evening, Dec. 17th: Lady commander, Esther Vickery; lieutenant, Edith Burch; past commander, Alma Pinckney; record keeper, Clara Murdock; finance keeper, Kate Lauffer; chaplain, Alletia Bradner; sergeant, Fannie Gale; mistress-at-arms, Jennie Park; sentinel, Mary Conner; picket, Emma Shafer; organist, Clara Riggs.

The Northville Record very truly says that the fool killer can find work in Wayne and Oakland counties, among newspaper offices that offer to print tax receipts and bid them for 30 or 40 cents a hundred. It's worth 75 cents a hundred if they are bound and 40 cents loose.—Adrian Press.

And the Record office printed and padded them last year for 25 cents a hundred. Where should the fool killer commence?

The lecture by Mrs. Eliza R. Sunderland on Egypt, its arts, sciences, etc., which was postponed Dec. 10th to accommodate the church fair, will be given January 14th at the Presbyterian church. Admission, only ten cents. The price of admission is placed so low that it is within the reach of all, and everybody should avail themselves of the opportunity to hear this talented lady tell what she saw during her travels in the eastern continent.

The lecture at the M. E. church on Tuesday evening by Rev. W. H. W. Rees, of Cincinnati, was not largely attended, although it was well worth the time spent if but to hear him tell a story. He is an exceptionally pleasant speaker and thoroughly understands the business to which he has been assigned by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational society, of which he is secretary. He explained their method of doing work in the educational line, showed some of the results, and asked for aid in the work.

The annual convention of the State Grange was held in the representative hall of the capitol building at Lansing, beginning on the 14th and closing on the 17th of December, and was addressed by the following speakers: Col. Brigham, master of the National Grange; Gov. Pingree, Ex-Gov. Luze, Mrs. Mary S. Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Woodman and others. Great interest was manifested, and there has been an increase of membership throughout the state. The number of delegates attending last year was one hundred; this year it was one hundred and thirty.

—Twenty new styles of 5c tablets at Potter's.

Plymouth Markets.

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

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

Election of Officers.

THE FOLLOWING officers were elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders of Plymouth Savings Bank:

President—E. C. Leach.
Vice President—L. H. Bennett.
Cashier—E. K. Bennett.
Assistant Cashier—C. A. Fisher.
Directors—E. C. Leach, L. H. Bennett, L. C. Hough, I. N. Starkweather, J. B. Tillotson, T. V. Quackenbush, G. S. Van Sickle, W. O. Allen, E. K. Bennett.

J. D. Murdock is home for Christmas. He is organizing a lodge of the Columbian League at Chelsea.

James O'Donnell, of Jackson, has again announced his candidacy for governor.

Permit to wed was granted Charles N. Dingman and Melissa D. Fox, both of Northville, on Tuesday last.

Wednesday morning the early train on the F. & P. M. ran into a D. G. R. & W. freight train, badly damaging a couple of the freight cars and the passenger engine. No one was injured, but it was a narrow escape for Engineer Bartlett. Who was to blame for the accident is a question as yet unanswered.

We are pleased to learn that the Chelsea Gold Mining Company is meeting with great success in securing the number desired to go to the gold field in the spring. We understand they have secured nine of the fifteen wanted with \$1,000 each, besides several applications for stock from small investors who can not go. With a boat equipped with all the necessary machinery, tools, clothing and provisions, together with the steam pumps, 2,000 feet of fire hose, two sand pumps for prospecting and working the beds of the streams, and the portable sawing rigging which the company propose taking, we cannot see much chance for a failure and we think those who are fortunate enough to be able to join this company are right in it.—Chelsea Standard.

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.

—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 made 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 7:30. All are most cordially invited to attend.

—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.

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, Slideboards, 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 Sleds, 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, ce pieces and spreads, lunch cloths, napkins, fancy towels 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; chemise spreads and a great many other articles.

Watch my windows for displays.

A. A. TAFFT, Plymouth.

Hotel Plymouth

PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN.

First-class Accommodations.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

BILL OF FARE.

- Raw Oysters
- Consomme of Chicken aux crouton
- Coiled Capcn, Egg Sauce,
- Boiled Beef Tongue, tomato sauce,
- Young Chicken with jelly Turkey Stuffed cranberry sauce
- Domestic Duck, apple sauce
- Christmas Roast of beef
- Celery Olives Lettuce
- Salmie of Rabbit a la franchise
- Apple Fritters glace au cognac
- Apple Pie Fig Pie Vanilla Cream Pie
- Plum Pudding, brandy sauce
- Mixed Nuts Candies Assorted Cakes
- Oranges Apples Bananas
- Tea Cheese Coffee

J. G. STRENG, Prop'r.

WITHIN OUR WALLS.

MENTION OF MICHIGAN MATTERS.

The State Grange and Farmers' Clubs of the State held interesting sessions in the Capitol at Lansing-Electrical Works Burned at Port Huron.

Grangers and Farmers.

The State Grange and the State Association of Farmers' Clubs held their annual meetings simultaneously in the Capitol at Lansing. At the Grange meeting Grand Master Horton endorsed the protest of the national Grange in protesting against the practical nullification of the "long and short haul" provision of the interstate commerce law...

Speeches were made by ex-Gov. Luce, State Lecturer Woodman, of Paw Paw, and Col. J. H. Brigham, of Ohio, assistant secretary of agriculture.

When Gov. Pingree arrived he held an informal reception, all of the delegates calling. It was a very enthusiastic crowd, and showed the governor to be in high favor.

Secretary Buell reported that the receipts of the year were \$4,039.39, an increase of \$397.22 over last year. The disbursements were \$3,911.54. The balance in the treasury including invested funds is \$5,100.

The report of Mrs. Mary A. Mayo, of Battle Creek, chairman of the committee on woman's work, reported that the "fresh air" work of the Grange had given 202 poor girls and mothers of babies in the cities an outing of three weeks each in the homes of Grangers of Michigan.

President J. T. Daniels, of Union Home, had charge of the Farmer's Club meeting. A cordial address of welcome by Justice Moore of the supreme court was responded to by Col. L. H. Ives, of Mason. The secretary, F. D. Wells, of Rochester, reported a most prosperous year, there now being 100 clubs affiliated with the state association...

F. W. Redfern, of Clinton; E. A. Holden, of Ingham, and R. K. Devine, of Oakland, were elected as members of the executive committee. No other officers were elected this year.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Brigham spoke at length on the general topic of "Agriculture." An excellent paper on "The Farmers' Club: Why?" was read by Mrs. E. L. Lockwood, of Peterburg.

N. B. Hayes, of Ionia, stirred up the delegates by denouncing certain state senators for their action last winter, and especially for refusing to confirm ex-Gov. Luce as a member of the Ionia prison board. He stated that these legislators were marked and were likely to hear of these matters in the future.

Papers were also read by Mrs. J. L. K. Haer, of the M. A. C., and Rev. John Russell, of Armada. Gov. Pingree Addresses a Joint Session. The delegates to the Grange and to the Farmers' Clubs met in Representative hall in joint session the principal feature of which was an address by Gov. Pingree, which was enthusiastically received.

Iron ore in large quantities have been discovered near Munising. A bonus of \$3,000 is being raised at Marquette to secure a flax and excelsior mill.

The fifth annual meeting of the association of the judges of Michigan will be held at Lansing commencing Dec. 28. The postoffice at Laurium will be moved to the presidential class on Jan. 2, the salary of the postmaster to be \$1,000 per annum.

Mrs. Thomas Hamilton, a bride of six weeks and only 18 years old, was killed by a train while crossing the railroad at Richmond. Demand will vote on the question of bonding for \$1,500 to enlarge the lighting plant, which is made necessary by the growth of the village.

Shot His Wife Four Times.

Maurice E. Casey went to the home of his wife's mother, Mrs. Sheridan, at Alpena, and shot his wife, four bullets taking effect. The first shot struck her just under the right eye, going back into the head. The woman turned and ran, but Casey fired again, breaking her left arm. She fell and crawled under a table, and he fired two more shots, both of which struck her in the hips. The murderer then went to his own home, left his overcoat, kissed his little boy and went toward the river, and it is believed he has committed suicide. Mrs. Casey cannot recover.

Casey was about 40 years of age and his wife 30. He is a teacher of boxing and formerly kept a saloon. The couple have not lived happily for years, and Mrs. Casey recently secured a legal separation, each being given the custody of one child. Casey seemed to think a good deal of his wife and has brooded over the separation, and it is thought, was out of his mind.

Later, Casey was caught at the farm of Coon Bibble, five miles from Alpena. After Casey had been there all night he told Bibble what he had done. The latter would not believe the story, but he induced Casey to give up his revolver and then went to Alpena and told the officers where Casey was hiding and he was easily captured. He claims not to remember the incidents of the tragedy and raves about his poor wife, asks 'how she is; if she is dead, etc. He raves, cries, and is morose by turns.

Mrs. Casey is still alive and the doctors have some hope for her recovery.

Electrical Works Burn at Port Huron.

The Excelsior electric works at Port Huron, burned at an estimated loss of \$150,000. The fire started in the boiler room, and a heavy draught swept through the structure, causing the flames spread with such rapidity that the building was totally destroyed before the firemen could gain control. The city electric railway is paralyzed, as its motive power was furnished by the electric light plant. The four generators belonging to the street car company were ruined. Many business places using electricity generated by the Excelsior works will have to burn gas.

W. F. Davidson, manager of the Excelsior Electric Light Co., had started for Detroit, and at Lenox was notified by telegraph of the burning of the plant. He at once telegraphed from Lenox to Chicago for steel for a new building. He also ordered brick for a new building, by telegraph, and closed a contract for its erection. This feat was accomplished before Mr. Davidson had seen the ruins and before the flames were extinguished.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Caro has a co-operative butter factory. The 10-year-old son of Ernest Wilken, of Saginaw, was run over by a wagon and fatally crushed.

Grand Rapids' library has outgrown its quarters in the city hall and will have a new building.

Rasmus Christianson, a farmer near Muskegon, accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting.

James E. Nicholls, of Michigan, has been promoted to a \$1,400 clerkship in the treasury department.

A number of residents of Arenac county are making preparations to go the Klondike in the spring.

Wm. Peters, a farmer near Utica, fell from the loft in his barn and received internal injuries which may prove fatal.

Saginaw and Bay City are receiving many inquiries from factories seeking locations, since the recent discovery of coal in that district.

Fire at Buchanan damaged the residence of Prof. J. W. Cupples, superintendent of public schools, about \$500. Cause, defective chimney.

Judge Buck, of Van Buren county, has called a grand jury Jan. 24, to consider local option law violations. This is the first grand jury there in 40 years.

J. H. Makeley, of Mason, the "graveyard" insurance operator rounded up by Commissioner Campbell, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$100 and costs, the full penalty.

Prof. Walter S. Perry, who had been for nearly 27 years superintendent of the Ann Arbor public schools, is dead. He was one of the best known educators in the state.

Mrs. Michael Haltmann, a farmer's wife near Saginaw, was trying out lard, when her clothes caught fire. She rolled in the wet grass, but was so badly burned she will probably die.

C. H. Clarke, of Chicago, has just concluded the lease of the mammoth Oakland Hotel property at St. Clair for five years. Mr. Clarke was of the firm of Clarke & Rathbone who managed this hotel in 1894.

The fruit growers in the vicinity of St. Louis are profiting by the apple famine in other parts of the state. The apple crop was very abundant about St. Louis and nearly 15,000 bushels have been shipped from there.

John Cope, a Lake City farmer, was probably fatally injured by a train at Cedar Springs, while on his way home from the funeral of his father, Daniel Cope, of Fruitport, who was killed at Muskegon Heights in a similar way.

Wm. Morose, aged 85, of Lisbon, has married his adopted daughter, aged 16, who is pretty. She was born in his housekeeper and he adopted the girl after her mother's death. He seems to be very much in love with his girl wife, and she apparently returns this affection.

James Walsh, sent to Ionia prison for 15 years from Mecosta county for burglary, has completed his sentence and was discharged. He was the oldest convict there and made a model prisoner. He says he will start for the Klondike next spring and try and make up for his lost years.

The Saginaw division, Michigan Naval Reserves has been notified that they will take their annual cruise on the Yantic with the Detroit division.

Everything now seems favorable to the proposed electric road from Hesperia, Newaygo county, to the lake shore in Oceana county. Hesperia has raised \$12,000, Ferry \$7,000, and Hart is rapidly raising the sum asked for.

Herman Ringel, aged 35, who resides south of Manistee, went to town and becoming intoxicated laid down on the street on track. A car came along and crushed off one foot and inflicted other injuries, from which he died. He leaves a widow and several children.

On Jan. 8, 1896, A. Singer, of Howell, fell from his wagon, struck on his head and was fatally injured. His widow brought suit against Wm. Neendorf and Frank Smock for damages for selling him liquor and has just been awarded a verdict for \$800.

What came near being a disastrous explosion happened in Strassburg's meat market at Mt. Morris. Mr. Strassburg had just put a stick of wood in the stove when it was blown to pieces. A serious fire was narrowly averted. It is thought there was powder in the wood.

President L. R. Fiske completes his work of directing Albion college Jan. 1, after 20 years of highly successful service. He was made professor of philosophy emeritus by the trustees at their recent meeting. Rev. J. P. Ashley, the new president, is to arrive January 4. The faculty will tender him a reception.

Theron F. Giddings, of Kalamazoo county, is slated for the U. S. marshalship of the western district of Michigan if he wants it, so it is said. There are four other candidates for this important office, including Frank Watkins, of Hopkins; Wm. Mears, of Boyne Falls; J. D. S. Hanson, of Hart, and Frank Wait, of Sturgis.

Maj. Seymour Howell, of Adrian, is being boomed for one of the paymasterships in the U. S. army. The endorsements for Maj. Howell presented to Secretary Alger are as fine as could be collected in the state. They include all the congressmen, both senators and practically all the state officials, and very many prominent citizens.

Essexville, a suburb of Bay City, was visited by a destructive fire which originated in the general store of John Tennant and spread rapidly. The residences of Mrs. Margaret Wynn and Malcolm Doubles and the town clerk's office were also destroyed. The loss will reach \$10,000. A strong wind prevailed and the residents were terror-stricken for fear the whole town would be burned.

Hon. Spencer O. Fisher is in dead earnest in his efforts to secure the new government armor plate plant for Bay City. He says: "The site I intend to offer to give to the government is at the mouth of the Saginaw river. It is connected with all the railroads and the city electric road, and contains 360 acres. I intend interesting F. W. Wheeler & Co., in bidding for the erection of the buildings."

Wm. Hall, of Ludington, has confessed to being the husband of three wives. His double life has for some time been suspected, and has caused a scandal. He married No. 1 17 years ago, and shortly afterwards she ran away with his brother. No. 2 is now residing at Pentwater, and No. 3 is under arrest at Ludington. The latter has lived with him for two years, part of the time before marriage.

Dr. Wm. Miller, for years a well-to-do citizen of Lansing, a prominent prohibitionist and temperance worker, is in jail there suffering with such a severe attack of delirium tremens that he has to be strapped to his bed. In recent years Dr. Miller has lost his property and family and took to drink as a solace. He went down hill rapidly and for some time has been living in abject squalor with a colored man.

A big sensation has been created at the U. of M. by the discovery that "Honey" Stuart, the clever half-back of this year's football team, was a ringer, never having been registered as a student. It has been the aim of the U. of M. athletic board to make their athletics free from professionalism and the bringing of Stuart into the team and his sudden disappearance at the close of the season will be investigated thoroughly.

After several years' discussion Grand Rapids decided by popular vote last spring to issue bonds to the amount of \$130,000 to build a municipal lighting plant. The bonds were issued and the money is now in the city treasury available for the purpose. The city charter, however, conflicts as to who shall have charge of the work, the aldermen or the board of public works, and there is sure to be a pretty contest before the work is begun.

Miss Pearl Eaton, aged 16, of Battle Creek, learned that the young man to whom she was engaged had died in South Bend, and the dispatch asked her to come to the funeral. She went to the house of an acquaintance and asked for lodging for the night, and the next morning she was discovered unconscious with an open bottle of chloroform at her nose. The doctor by hard work saved her life. Miss Eaton is a homeless girl and works as a domestic.

Gov. Pingree has granted the following paroles. Rev. William O. Lowden, sent from Hastings, Dec. 1895, to Jackson for six years for forgery; Edward Bigford, sent from Lansing, June, 1894, to Detroit house of correction for three years for larceny; Thursey Mason, sent from Manistee, Sept., 1896, to Detroit house of correction for two years for adultery. Lowden was once prosecuting attorney of Barry county and was an ordained Baptist minister.

Will Leaf, while hunting near Coldwater, was accidentally shot by a friend and his leg shattered.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

IMPORTANT AND INTERESTING MATTERS IN BRIEF.

Samuel Gompers Again Chosen President of the American Federation of Labor - Senator McMillan Wants a Gunboat on the Great Lakes.

American Federation of Labor.

The American Federation of Labor held its seventeenth annual session at Nashville with an attendance of more than 100 delegates. President Gompers in his annual address says that all affiliated unions' report increases in membership aggregating 34,000. Strikes during the year were mainly successful. He urges keeping up the fight for shorter hours, favors the postal saving bank system and thinks that compulsory arbitration in disputes under certain circumstances might be a good thing.

The report of Secretary Morrison showed an increase in receipts of \$2,349 over the previous year. An extra amount had been expended in organization, and 34,280 new members were enrolled. Expenses for the year were \$19,113. During the year the report states, 276 strikes had been officially noticed, involving 165,407 workers. Of these 184 were won; 31 compromised and 33 lost. The secretary recommends that the per capita tax be increased to 6 cents per member.

The American Federation of Labor in convention at Nashville, Tenn., elected Samuel Gompers as president. Kansas City was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Extensive Prospecting for Coal.

The J. H. Somers Fuel Co., of Cleveland, has secured coal leases on an additional 1,000 acres of land in Kawkwaw township, Bay Co., Mich., and are sinking test holes in search of coal. Zazelmeier Bros. have also closed an agreement with the owners of 1,000 acres in the same township for the right to prospect for coal for the United Alkali Co., of Liverpool, Eng. The terms of the contract require the Zazelmeiers to make tests to their satisfaction within two years, and to sink a shaft for mining before three years. The owners to receive seven cents a ton royalty. There are half a dozen parties owning the land, and they have formed a pool by which they all receive their share for the coal taken out, no matter on whose land mining is started.

Munising Waterworks Reservoir Burnt.

The waterworks reservoir at Munising, Mich., gave way with a noise like the roar of Niagara. It had just been completed by the Shaw-Kimball Engineering Co., of Toledo, and the council had appointed a committee to inspect the job. The reservoir is 317 feet above the level of the streets and supplied the water mains of the village. The break was caused by frost cracking the cement and the water working a way through the loose dirt. The amount of damage has not been estimated. The village is not without fire protection, however, for the mains can be fed by direct pressure from the bay by means of the new water works power house.

Only 68 Lives Lost on the Lakes in '97.

In navigating the Great lakes during the season just closed only 68 sailors lost their lives. The only disaster was the loss of the Idaho on Lake Erie, when 10 lives were sacrificed. The remainder of the 68 were lost one at a time, either from falling overboard or from accidents on shipboard. Not a single passenger was lost during the season on lake steamers, but one jumped overboard. The season was chiefly remarkable for the large number of narrow escapes of crews from wrecked vessels. In this respect the work of the life-saving service was extremely good.

A New Gun Boat for the Lakes.

Senator McMillan's bill to place a modern gunboat on the Great lakes instead of the antiquated Michigan, has been referred by the Senate committee on naval affairs to the senator himself to draft a favorable report. This report will be speedily prepared, and the measure will then be reported to the Senate and placed on the calendar. There it will remain until the naval appropriation bill comes over from the House when it will be offered as an amendment, and undoubtedly adopted. The navy department is heartily in favor of the new gunboat.

Germany to Devour China "Bit by Bit."

Germany's designs on China are outlined by a significant utterance of Emperor William while at Hamburg. When dining with Admiral Von Knorr he said that "China is like an artichoke—it has to be eaten bit by bit." Speaking of the party, he said he hoped the time was not far distant when Germany would have fine warships afloat in every sea.

Mormons are invading southern Michigan in force. Twenty elders have begun missionary work in Van Buren, Kent, Cass, St. Joseph, Calhoun and other southern counties. Permanent headquarters will be established in Grand Rapids. The crusade which will be conducted will be similar in character to that of the Salvation Army.

Clinton D. Butterfield and De Vere Miller, the young men arrested on the charge of looting the safe of the Michigan Agricultural college and the post-office there last April, were arraigned before Judge Swan in the U. S. circuit court at Detroit, and were released on suspended sentence, their stealings having been made good and it being deemed that they had been punished sufficiently already. Butterfield is the son of the secretary of the college, and Miller, who was a student, is the son of a leading physician of Cadillac. Bay Kimball, of Whitehall, lost his foot as the result of a hunting accident.

NEWSY CONDENSATIONS.

Fire destroyed the general merchandise store of Price & Gillette, at New York. Loss, \$100,000.

Alphonse Daudet, the famous French author, died very suddenly while dining with his family at Paris.

Seven carloads of fine lumber has been shipped to Argentine Republic by the Saginaw Salt & Lumber Co.

Theodore Durrant was sentenced at San Francisco to be hanged on Jan. 7 for the murder of Blanche Lamont.

The date of the national encampment of the G. A. R. at Cincinnati has been fixed for the week beginning September 5, 1898.

Washington Hising, ex-postmaster of Chicago, and one of the most popular Democrats of the west, died suddenly at his home at Chicago.

In the count of the silver dollars in the U. S. treasury at Washington over 600 lead dollars have been found and the count is not half finished.

One of the interesting items in the agricultural appropriation bill before congress is a provision for \$10,000 for an agricultural experiment station in Alaska.

Notice was posted in the majority of the 40 lamp chimney factories that instead of the usual two weeks' shut down there would be only one day of idleness for the holidays this year.

According to a special dispatch from Shanghai the German government contemplates colonizing the province of Shan-Tung with German families and making Kiao-Chau an open port.

A special dispatch from Hamburg says: Prince Bismarck has relapsed into a state of weakness, despondency and persistent insomnia. Mentally and physically Prince Bismarck is rapidly declining.

The first definite announcement of the progress of the big drainage canal to connect Lake Michigan and the Illinois river states that it will be completed in the fall of 1899. So far it has cost \$25,000,000.

Prominent American women at Washington held a meeting and planned to raise \$250,000 for a George Washington memorial building to be devoted to the administrative offices of the proposed University of the United States.

Capt. Gen. Blanco reports to Madrid that negotiations with several influential Cuban insurgent chiefs are progressing so favorably that he hopes to detach from the rebellion important forces, which are willing to accept autonomy.

The convention of business men which met in Indianapolis last January and authorized the appointment of the monetary commission, will be called together again at Indianapolis, Jan. 25, for the purpose of considering the commission's report.

The residence of Patrick Leahy at Ottawa, Ont., burned at an early hour and Leahy and five of his children, Thomas, Marie, Katie, Maggie and Patrick, the eldest but 9 years of age, perished. Mrs. Leahy and one boy, Frank, aged 5, escaped.

Patrolman Russell caught a pair of footpads holding up a citizen at Chicago. The crooks started to run when Russell shot one dead. He was identified as Chas. Casier, of Buffalo, N. Y. The chief of police promoted Russell within an hour after the shooting.

Two or three attempts are alleged to have been made to blow up the U. S. consulate at Havana, the latest occurring last week when an infernal machine filled with explosives was found in the building. The consulate is now guarded by Spanish soldiers and police.

A dispatch from Christiania, Norway, says the political situation since the failure of the united committee on foreign affairs has become critical, and it is feared that Sweden will seek an occasion for armed intervention in Norway. The Swedish press hopes for assistance from Germany.

While piloting a heavy train up the Merchants' bridge incline at St. Louis, Mo., an engine of the Terminal railroad jumped the track and plunged to the ground below. Fireman Al Pensing was crushed to a pulp, and Engineer McCullough and another railroad man were seriously injured.

The British ship Roby arrived at San Diego, Cal., with five sailors and the captain of the sloop Ranger, who had been drifting about for seven days in an open boat without food, drink or shelter, their vessel having been wrecked in a storm. They were nearly dead when the Roby picked them up.

A force of river men dug into a sandbar in the Missouri river near Parkville, Mo., and unearthed the steamboat Arabia which sank 40 years ago with a cargo of 165 barrels of whiskey and a large quantity of crockery. The whiskey is now of great value and the finders will have to pay Uncle Sam \$7,000 revenue tax on it. The barrels are well preserved.

It is reported that Lieut.-Col. Ruiz, who was sent by Capt. Gen. Blanco to urge the insurgent chiefs of Cuba to surrender and accept autonomy, has been executed in consequence of the orders Gen. Gomez. Col. Ruiz had been warned by the insurgents of the orders of Gomez, but he persisted in making his way into the insurgents' camps.

A loss of nearly a million dollars was caused by fire, at Grand Forks, N. D. The Hotel Dakota, that cost \$250,000, was completely destroyed, as were the two large wholesale stores adjoining. A. C. Howe and wife were burned to death in the hotel. They formerly resided in Hillsdale county, Mich. The following day another fire occurred in the department store of Benner & Begg and that and two adjoining stores burned with a loss \$60,000.

On the Bear creek logging road, near Repton, Cal., a locomotive exploded, killing the engineer, John O'Connor, and the firemen and two brakemen.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

A Paragraphical Chronicle of the Acts of the Nation's Lawmakers.

The bill to prohibit American citizens engaging in the Bering sea seal fisheries industry was passed by the Senate, after Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, had criticized it sharply as another instance of truckling to Great Britain, and offered an amendment providing for extermination of the seals if Great Britain did not, by June 1, agree to a suspension of pelagic sealing. The amendment was defeated.

When the bill reached the House it met with a warm antagonism there from Mr. Johnson, of North Dakota, Mr. Loud, of California, and others, and in the course of the debate there were some caustic criticisms of the course of our Bering sea negotiations past and present. It was passed, however, and then there was discovered a provision in a closing section which will prohibit the importation of seal skins into the United States. This will be a severe measure against British and Canadian industries which take and cure the skins and then dispose of them largely in the United States.

Secretary of War Alger was directed by the Senate to send relief to the Klondike miners. The same bill passed the House, also. It appropriates \$175,000 for the purpose.

A number of important nominations have been sent to the Senate by President McKinley, including the following: The present attorney-general, Joseph McKenna, of California, to be an associate justice of the U. S. supreme court; Charles G. Dawes, of Illinois, to be comptroller of the currency; Hamilton King, of Michigan, to be minister resident and consul-general to Siam; Wm. W. Thomas, Jr., of Maine, to be envoy extraordinary to Sweden and Norway; Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, to be commissioner of internal revenue.

At a hearing before the interstate commerce committee of the Senate Geo. M. McKenzie, representing the ticket brokers of the country, protested against the passage of the anti-scalping bill. He stated that 95 per cent of the tickets sold by brokers came from the railroads themselves and that it is estimated that the brokers save the traveling public nearly \$6,000,000 annually.

Senator Wolcott, chairman of the international monetary commission, stated in the Senate that it is uncertain when a report would be made by the commission, as negotiations are still pending, but there was no intention of prolonging effort beyond the point where reasonable hope for success should exist.

The Democratic members of the House held a caucus attended by 101 of the 125 Democratic members. The caucus decided to resist all efforts to retire the greenbacks and treasury notes and to extend the privileges of national banks or to reduce the taxes which they now pay, also to favor the passage of the Senate resolution recognizing that a condition of war exists in Cuba, and the enactment of a just and wise bankruptcy law.

Congress adjourned from Dec. 18, to Jan. 5.

Marquis de Rudini has reconstructed the Italian ministry without as much trouble as was expected when the crisis occurred.

Mrs. Jennie June Croly, famous throughout the country as a worker and writer for women's clubs, has been appointed an inspector of public schools in Greater New York.

The prison board has decided to discontinue the manufacture of bedroom suits at Ionia prison and to increase the output of wood novelties. This will reduce the competition with outside labor to a minimum.

Congressman Mesick has been assured by Postmaster-General Gary that the appointment of three Michigan postmasters—A. E. Wheeler, at St. Louis; C. R. Brown, at Alma, and Mr. Roff, at Traverse City—would be made the last of January, to go into effect Feb. 1.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

Table with columns: New York—Cattle, Sheep, Lamb, Hogs. Best grades, Lower grades, Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh.

GRAIN, ETC.

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats. No 2 red, No 2 white, No 2 yellow, No 2 white, No 2 yellow, No 2 white.

The dreaded San Jose scale has surely secured a foothold in the western Michigan fruit belt. Clinton D. Smith of the Michigan Agricultural college, visited the orchard of a young farmer in Jamestown, Ottawa county, and found his apple trees so badly infected by the scale that the young man was ordered to cut down and burn 1,200 trees. The farmer had mowed his farm to put out the scale, which was only five years old, and just came into the bearing stage. East Tawas is trying to salt industry.

"MY WIFE'S LIFE."

How I was the means of saving it.

When the lungs are attacked and the symptoms of consumption appear, then begins the struggle between affection and that destroying disease which slays its thousands annually. It is a happy issue to the struggle when disease is conquered and health restored. Such an issue does not always end the struggle, but it did in the case of Mr. K. Morris, Memphis, Tenn., who saw his wife wasting and weakening and physicians helpless, and then suggested the simple remedy that wrought the cure. He tells the story thus:

"Seven years ago, my wife had a severe attack of lung trouble which the physicians pronounced consumption. The cough was extremely distressing, especially at night, and was frequently attended with the spitting of blood. The doctors being unable to help her, I induced her to try Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and was surprised at the great relief it gave. Before using one whole bottle she was cured, so that now she is strong and quite healthy. That this medicine saved my wife's life I have not the least doubt. I always keep Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in the house. Whenever any of my family have a cold or cough we use it, and are promptly cured."—K. MORRIS, Memphis, Tenn.

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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 system. Begin today with Cascarets, pills, blotches, blackheads, and that sallow bilious complexion by taking Cascarets, duty for ten cents. All druggists, saluta. Lion guaranteed, 1/2c. 2c, 50c.

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FROM GLOOM TO SUNLIGHT

THE USURER'S DAUGHTER.

BY CHARLOTTE M. BRAEME.

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CHAPTER II.—(Continued.)

"I have been a spendthrift and a prodigal, but I have not fallen so low as that, Mr. Ransome, I do not think that I shall purchase my life, my safety, my fortune, with a woman's gold."

"It is not a woman's gold; it is mine, my lord," said the lawyer. "Marry my daughter, and you will not have another care in the world. She will be happy; you will be free and wealthy, I shall be content."

"I have known the time," remarked Lord Caraven, "when I should have horsewhipped any man who dared to make such a proposition to me. I imagine all fine feeling has become extinct in me. Can you not manage all this for me without asking me to marry your daughter?"

"No," replied the lawyer, quietly. "As I have told you, if I had a son, he should have been master of Ravensmere; falling that, my daughter must be his mistress."

"Not with my consent," said the earl, haughtily.

"Your refusal to marry her makes her more certainly so. If you refuse—if you prefer ruin, disgrace, dishonor, shame, and death to marrying an innocent girl, whose fortune would set you straight in the world—it is at your own option. If you refuse to make my daughter Countess Caraven, in two months' time she will be known over the land as Miss Ransome of Ravensmere—you will have gained nothing by your refusal."

The earl saw it, and for the first time during the interview the calmness of his face and manner was broken.

"I have never seen the girl—I do not know if I could endure her. I tell you, Ransome, this affair of yours outrivals the bids in the slave markets."

"Nonsense, my lord; I have only copied a French custom. All that nonsense about love is but a relic of barbarism. The French are the most civilized of nations. How do they arrange their marriages? Just as I wish to arrange this. Who hears of love before marriage, with them? You want money—I offer you a certain sum, with a fair young wife."

"You must know that, although I am a ruined man, there is an immense difference between the Earl of Caraven and the daughter of a money-lender," said the young nobleman.

"There can be no happiness in marriage where there is so great an inequality."

"The advantages and the losses are equal," replied Arley. "There are men who, in my place, would not act as I am doing, who would think twice before offering a wife and fortune to one who—pardon me—is so little deserving them."

"You cannot care much for your daughter, to be willing to sacrifice her to a spendthrift," said the earl.

"My lord, each one amongst us has his price. I want title, rank and position for my daughter. You can give them to her. You want wealth—she will bring that to you. Will you give me an answer?"

"I should not purchase a picture without looking at it," said the earl. "I cannot promise to marry a lady whom I have never seen."

"You shall see her, my lord—at once, if you will."

The earl looked around him.

"Where?" he asked briefly.

The lawyer's face flushed.

"I do not keep my daughter here, Lord Caraven, amongst deeds and papers. She is a lady by education, and lives at her own home."

"Where is that?" asked the earl, carelessly.

"At the Hollies, near Kew, my lord. If you please, we will drive down there."

"I do not know—it is not right—I do not care to save myself in such a fashion. Even if I married your daughter, I am quite sure that I should not like her."

"Every one likes Hildred," said Mr. Ransome.

"Hildred! That is a pretty, quaint name," said the earl. "I do not mind going to the Hollies with you, but I make no promise. If I should not like your daughter, she would be very miserable."

"As you will, my lord; I shall urge no more. I am determined my daughter shall marry into the peerage; my whole heart is set upon it. You are not the only nobleman on my books. I will say no more about it. You will have the money ready for me or give up Ravensmere at the appointed time."

While the lawyer urged him Lord Caraven had been firm in his refusal. Now that he stood face to face with pitter, black ruin, shame and disgrace, with ignominy and death, now that the urgent pleadings ceased, he at once began to waver.

"I will go down to your place with you," he said.

"As you please, my lord," was the cautious answer.

Mr. Ransome began to perceive that the less he said the better it would be for his cause.

"My cab is at the door," continued the earl. "We can go in that."

Without another word they started, Lord Caraven feeling more decidedly ashamed of himself than he had felt

yet. It was one thing to be considered the "fastest" man, the greatest spendthrift of the day, and another to purchase his safety by such a marriage as this.

"A money lender's daughter! I cannot do it," he said to himself more than once. "She is sure to be vulgar; she will have red hair, and will be highly delighted at the idea of being a countess. What should I do with such a wife—I who have worshipped a hundred beautiful women?"

CHAPTER III.

THE Earl of Caraven was on the whole rather surprised when the cab stopped. The Hollies was of far greater extent than he had thought—a pretty villa standing in its own grounds, those same grounds beautiful.

ly laid out. On this bright June morning he saw flowers and trees, the silver spray of a fountain, the drooping branches of a grand old cedar; and he owned to himself that it was a far better style of place than he had expected to see. He said so to Mr. Ransome, who answered quietly that he might be as agreeably surprised about his daughter as he had been about his house.

Lord Caraven's face fell.

"Do you know, I had almost forgotten why I was here," he said. "I have the grace left to feel ashamed of myself."

Without another word the lawyer entered the house, the earl following him.

"Where is Miss Ransome?" asked the master of the place. "Say that I want her at once."

Again, when they entered the drawing room, Lord Caraven was agreeably surprised. Whatever else it might be, it was not a vulgar room; there was no new gilding, no tawdry coloring; it was all harmony—a room filled with soft rose-light and the odor of fragrant flowers—a room that gave one the impression that a lady used it; no vulgar woman, no would-be fine lady would have given so refined a character to a room.

He was pleased without knowing why. The day was warm and sultry; he was tired, and the fragrance, the silence, the pleasant shade of the room soothed him.

There was a sound of footsteps. Mr. Ransome rose hurriedly.

"Here is my daughter," he said.

Lord Caraven looked up with some faint gleam of curiosity. He had expected a vulgar school-girl, a pert affected "miss," who would smile and blush and exercise all the little arts of coquetry that she had learned at some third rate boarding school. He was quite wrong. He saw before him a tall, slender girl, with beautiful dark eyes and a pale face; a girl graceful and self-possessed, grave and earnest—not beautiful yet, although there was the promise of a magnificent womanhood. No, certainly, she was not beautiful; her figure was tall and slender, but it lacked roundness and grace. The hands were beautiful, but

INTRODUCED HIS CLIENT.

the arms were thin; there was something too much of the child without sufficient of the grace of the woman.

"She is not vulgar at least," he said to himself, as the grave, dark eyes met his own. "I should really have run away had she been what my fancy painted her—thank heaven she is not! Unformed, shy, inexperienced, half-frightened, what a wife for me—what a mistress for Ravensmere! I have no fault to find with her, but I shall never like her."

So he thought, as in few brief words the money lender introduced his client to his daughter. There was nothing awkward in her manner, but she was shy—frightened. She answered the few questions he asked—her voice was sweet and clear, with a true ring about it that he liked—and then relapsed into silence.

Her father asked her for a set of engravings, and, as she crossed the room, Lord Caraven saw that she had a queenly head, crowned with a profusion of beautiful dark hair; she also had a pleasant grace of movement that for an unformed schoolgirl was rare.

"Is it to be 'Yes' or 'No'?" asked Arley Ransome, as his daughter passed for a minute or two out of sight. "You

have seen Hildred now—you can judge for yourself; give me your answer."

With a sudden smile—and it was wonderful how that smile changed his face—Lord Caraven turned to his host.

"I really think," he said, "that she is emphatically a nice girl—too nice to be sacrificed."

"It is no sacrifice—she will be happy," replied her father. "Do you say 'Yes,' or 'No,' my lord? Time is money to me."

"You give me less time for consideration than you would give to a man buying a picture," he replied. "I see no hope in any other way; if I did, I should refuse. I tell you frankly that I shall never like your daughter; you thrust her upon me, you make her the only plank between my miserable self and the dark waters of death. I shall never like her—first of all, because she is your daughter; secondly, because she is not at all the style of girl that I do admire."

"You are very frank, my lord. Will you answer me one question? Do you love any one else?"

The young earl looked puzzled.

"The fact is," he said, "that I have loved so many, I really—"

"What I mean is, you are not betrothed—you have never made an offer of marriage to any one else?"

"I have not had time even to think of marriage—that is why I dislike the idea of it now."

"Then that settles the matter. You say 'Yes,' and I say 'Yes'; Hildred will be willing—girls love position, and she is very proud."

Something akin to pity stirred the earl's heart.

"What is Miss Ransome's age?" he asked.

"She will soon be eighteen," replied the lawyer.

"And," said Lord Caraven, "so young as that, do you feel no reluctance at giving her to a man who tells you honestly that he will never like her?"

"You will like her well enough in time," replied the lawyer. "Some of the happiest marriages in the world have begun with a little aversion."

"There might be more hope if mine were a little aversion," said Lord Caraven. "It is something worse. It is profound, fatal indifference! Your daughter may be Countess of Caraven, if that be your ambition, but she will never be loved wife of mine. She is not the style of girl that I admire. She is shy, unformed. I like a graceful, lovely, radiant woman; that she will never be."

"She has the clearest sense, the soundest judgment, and the best disposition of any one I know."

"Possibly," said the earl, carelessly. "Now you know the terms, it remains for you to say 'Yes.' Your daughter shall be Countess of Caraven; she shall go to court; she shall be the leading lady of the county; she shall have the family diamonds and all that vain women most desire—but I shall never love her, and, what is more, I shall never even pretend to do so."

Arley Ransome laughed.

"Hildred will do very well without that," he replied. "Then the bargain is struck, my lord. We will say nothing to my daughter today; tomorrow I will speak to her myself. Allow me to congratulate you; you are a free man now, Lord Caraven, and a wealthy one."

"I should have been a wiser one had I taken the revolver," he replied; and then Miss Ransome returned with the engravings.

After a few courteous words he went away, leaving Arley Ransome in a state of great delight and elation.

(To be continued.)

Treatment of Women in Former Times.

From the subversion of the Roman Empire to the fourteenth or fifteenth century women spent most of their time alone, almost entire strangers to the joys of social life; they seldom went abroad, but to be spectators of such public diversions and amusements as the fashions of the times countenanced. Francis I. was the first who introduced women on public days to court; before his time nothing was to be seen at any of the courts of Europe but gray-bearded politicians, plotting the destruction of the rights and liberties of mankind, and warriors clad in complete armor, ready to put their plots in execution. In the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries elegance had scarcely any existence, and even cleanliness was hardly considered as laudable.

The use of linen was not known, and the most delicate of the fair sex wore woolen shifts. In Paris they had meat only three times a week, and one hundred livres (about twenty-five dollars) was a large portion for a young lady. The better sort of citizens used splinters of wood and rags dipped in oil instead of candles, which, in those days, were hardly to be met with. Wine was only to be had at the shops of the apothecaries, where it was sold as a cordial; and to ride in a two-wheeled cart along the dirty, rugged streets was reckoned a grandeur of so enviable a nature that Philip the Fair prohibited the wives of citizens from enjoying it. In the time of Henry VIII. of England the peers of the realm carried their wives behind them on horseback when they went to London, and in the same manner took them back to their country seats, with hoods of waxed linen over their heads, and wrapped in mantles of cloth to secure them from the cold.

The Thing to Do.

Would-be Contributor—I have a poem here that I would like to read to you. (Reads it.) What would you advise me to do with it? Editor—Get Corbett to read it to Fitzsimmons. He claims that he wants to make the latter fight again.

DIPHTHERIA IN WISCONSIN.

Fifty-Three Deaths in One Small Town in Less Than Four Weeks.

A preventive and cure for diphtheria, croup, tonsillitis, quinsy and all throat troubles recently placed upon the market has achieved such marvelous success as to greatly stir up the medical fraternity. Its power over diphtheria seems almost miraculous, as it stops its spread as if by magic.

Grantsburg, Wisconsin, population less than four hundred, was visited by a terrible epidemic of diphtheria, during which fifty-three of its inhabitants died in less than four weeks. After much urging by the friends of Mucosolvent, the authorities decided to use it, and thereupon telegraphed for a large supply, which arrived the next day at 4 o'clock, and by 6 o'clock every man, woman and child in Grantsburg were taking Mucosolvent, with the result that not another death occurred, whereas, up to the very hour its use was commenced, not a day, for two weeks, had passed without from one to five deaths. Many other epidemics have been quickly stamped out by Mucosolvent, notably at Madison, Polaris, Winneconne and Neenah, Wisconsin.

We earnestly advise every mother to procure Mucosolvent and keep it in the house ready for prompt use for every ill, however slight, especially if accompanied with sore throat, cough or cold, and thus, in many instances, prevent diphtheria or some other serious ailment the presence of which is not even suspected. Pleasant to take. It can be procured by sending the price \$1.00 per bottle) to the Mucosolvent Company, 356 Dearborn street, Chicago, upon receipt of which they will send it, charges prepaid.

They will upon application, send free a book of forty pages entitled "Chats with Mothers," which every mother should read. They desire agents and the right person (woman preferred) can secure exclusive agency in their town.—Chicago Opticon.

Rural postal delivery is popular and is likely to come, but it will depend for efficiency and extension on better roads than now exist in most parts of the country.

How's This!

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 50c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

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Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee.

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Strangely Shot.

When S. P. Carr, an Alexandria, Va., business man opened a drawer in his desk a revolver was discharged, killing him almost instantly.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

Look after the Back: A Fall, a Strain, a Constant Sitting or Stooping Position Brings Backache—Do You Know This Means the Kidneys are Affected!

How few people realize when their back begins to ache that it is a warning provided by nature to tell you that the kidneys are not working properly. You have a severe fall, you strain yourself lifting or perhaps you are compelled to maintain a sitting or stooping position for long intervals at a time, your back begins to ache, then your head, you become listless, tired and weary, but do you understand the real cause? We think not, else you would not use plasters and liniment on the back, which only relieve but do not reach the cause. If you would rid yourself of the pain and cure the root of the trouble, at the same time save many years of suffering and perhaps life itself, you will take a kidney remedy that has been tried and proven that it will cure.

Mr. John Robison of 661 Russell Street, Detroit, says: "As a result of exposure during the war I have suffered ever since with rheumatism and kidney trouble. Pains would start in my hip and go around to my back. Highly colored urine denoted kidney disorder. The pain in my back was often so bad I had to give up work until the severity of the attack passed away. I have used many liniments and other things, but received very little relief. Some time ago I started using Doan's Kidney Pills and they have worked a wonderful change in me. My back is all right now and I owe it all to the almost magical influence of Doan's Kidney Pills."

Mr. Robison was a member of the Fifty-first Illinois Regiment, which served through the war with honor and distinction. Doan's Kidney Pills are for sale by all dealers—price, 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-McBurrin Co., Buffalo, N. Y., and agents for the U. S. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no other.

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Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. See, N. Y. Druggists.

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THOUSANDS OF CRATEFUL LETTERS RECEIVED OF WHICH THE FOLLOWING ARE SAMPLES:

Grinnell, Iowa, Nov. 17, 1897. To the SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., Chicago, Ill.: GENTLEMEN: I will state that I had the Rheumatism over 42 years. Spent over \$600.00 in trying to get well, but all in vain, until my brother-in-law gave me one bottle of "5 DROPS" on trial last June. I used it for two months, and I am now a well man. I certainly believe it is all you claim for it, and I fully worth the money to anyone. I hope the public will benefit by my statement of my own case, and anyone wishing to write me will receive an answer.

CRUTCHES DESTROYED AFTER ONE BOTTLE. Recent, Ill., Nov. 12, 1897. SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 167 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.: SIR: My wife has been suffering with Rheumatism for 42 years. She could not get about at all. She has used about one bottle of "5 DROPS," and can now go about without crutches. I never have found anything that did her so much good, and I hope to be able to continue the treatment until she is entirely well.

As a positive cure for Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Backache, Asthma, Hay Fever, Catarrh, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuritic Headaches, Heart Weakness, Paralysis, Earache, Croup, Swelling, La Grippe, Malaria, Inching Numbness, etc., etc., "5 DROPS" has never been equaled.

"5 DROPS" taken but once a day is a dose of this great remedy and to enable all sufferers to make a trial of its wonderful curative properties, we will send out during the next thirty days, 100,000 sample bottles, each, prepaid by mail. Even a sample bottle will convince you of its merit. Best and cheapest medicine on earth. Large bottles, 50 doses, \$1.00, for 30 days' bottles, 25c. Not sold by druggists, only by us and our agents. Agents wanted in new territories. Write us to-day.

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Stable Blankets, Square	76x80 in., 5 lbs.,	75c to \$2 50
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Black Fur Robes,		\$3 00 to 7 00
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Trunks and Valises at prices that down the world.

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Is sure to give pleasure if it is selected out of the large and varied stock of

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Plymouth people, when you pay our city a visit, step in and let us show you our holiday stock, and give you some ideas in the way of low prices that will set you thinking.

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The Best, 8c per lb.

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We also keep in stock the best brands of Oysters, Poultry and all other meats kept in a first-class market.

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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.

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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 great kidney and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention the PLYMOUTH MAIL and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

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The L. A. S. had a very interesting meeting at the hall last Friday. Fifty-seven ate dinner, which was prepared by Mesdames Stone-urner, Dean, Bennett and Grovstene. Mesdames LeVan, Hall, Smith and Davey will serve next meeting, the second Friday in January. The dinner prepared was a nice one and this way of serving was declared a success by the ladies, and this plan will hereafter be followed. Mrs. Andrews, president of the B. L. A. S. of Plymouth, was a visitor; also Mrs. Cochran, of Plymouth, who cordially invited our ladies to visit her place on Jan. 30, on the occasion of the meeting of the B. L. A. S.

Marcus Norris, of Caro, visited his brother, E. J. Norris. His invalid daughter, Mrs. Nettie Ladd, who has been visiting relatives and friends here for some time, returned with him last Monday.

Thos. Kerr is visiting friends in Canada during the holidays.

John and Orin Marsh will spend the winter with a brother in Owosso.

Word has been received that Mrs. A. S. Loomis, of Ypsilanti, formerly of this place, is very sick.

Over thirty took part in communion service at our church last Sunday. There was a large attendance at church. Among others we noticed M. L. Pickett, of Northville, formerly of this place; also a number of others from other neighborhoods.

There will be a box necktie social on New Year's eve at the hall, given by the Epworth League. All invited. Each lady bring a box containing estates and a necktie, and another necktie to be sold to the gentlemen, who will eat supper with their partners. There will be interesting games, etc.

When the snow comes we do not have to walk in it up to our knees from the horse shed to the church for our janitor makes us a nice path.

The Epworth League voted last Sunday evening to purchase one dozen gospel hymn books, No. 1-6 inclusive; cost \$11. The discussion next Sunday evening will be again on "Influence."

Livonia Center.

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

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

The Ladies' Aid society will meet at Mrs. N. B. Kingsley's on Wednesday, January 2d. All are invited to come.

Mrs. E. L. Norton returned to her home in Perrinsville on Monday.

Horace Kingsley took a trip to Detroit Tuesday, and if any one had met him as he was coming from Stark they would have thought that Santa Claus had made a mistake and started out a few days ahead of time.

Almond Fisher got up a wood bee for Mrs. A. Turnbull Tuesday. There were plenty of choppers, but teams were scarce. The boys got her six good loads just the same.

Our school has closed for two weeks.

Wonder where Salem mud puddles were by the time they got their paper. Guess it would have been hard work for anyone to have found any around the Center.

John Myers and wife have dissolved partnership, she going to parts unknown to us. He has retained her sister, Mrs. Chas. Smith, as housekeeper until spring.

Mont Peck has had his bonds signed by a couple of Livonia people, so is out of jail, and it is rumored that he has started for Klondike.

Miss Minnie Garchow was the receiver of a new organ as a Christmas gift from her father.

John Stringer took a business trip to Detroit Saturday last.

East Livonia.

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

On Friday, the 17th inst., we were visited by a cold blast which brought with it the white mantle of winter. Snow fell here to the depth of six inches.

Esa Wolfrom has returned from Detroit and reports Mrs. H. S. Millard very sick.

Ada Criger was summoned to Detroit, Thursday, on account of the serious illness of her aunt.

Charles Eckles called on friends here Friday last.

We see in last week's items from Pikes Peak that farmers are plowing for spring crops, but ye scribe thinks the weather over there must be the same as they have in Virginia, for here the thermometer stood near zero.

"Old Freeze" came on with a fury last Saturday night. The thermometer stood five below zero. Pretty sharp, eh?

Frank Peck was around in the snow storm Friday last wanting to trade roosters.

Mrs. Jessie Hedden, of this place, who has been very sick for some time, is beginning to improve.

George Bentley is home from Ann Arbor, where he has been attending college, and will enjoy a two weeks' vacation.

Ye scribe wishes a merry Christmas to the editor, staff and readers of THE MAIL, and hopes that they may live to enjoy many with prosperity.

The schools hereabout are closed for two weeks for the holiday vacation.

J. F. Criger manufactures a salve known as the Green Mountain salve, which is a sure preventative of blood poisoning.

Elm.

While busily engaged in her household duties, Mrs. John Bentley was surprised by a large number of Lady Macbees taking possession of her home last Saturday. Mrs. Bentley made the best of her embarrassing position and entertained her guests as best she could under the circumstances, but the ladies had come to have a good time and they proceeded to have it. During the afternoon they presented Mrs. Bentley with a beautiful cake basket, as a token of the high esteem in

which she is held as past lady commander of Mary hive, L. O. T. M., by its members. The time passed pleasantly and all had a good time.

We wish the editor and readers of THE MAIL a merry Christmas.

A number of relatives and friends gathered at the residence of Mrs. T. V. Shaw on Monday, Dec. 30th, to celebrate the first anniversary of their wedding. The guests were entertained with some beautiful music by the Misses Attie and Louva Millard, of Plymouth, sisters of Mrs. Shaw. A bountiful dinner was served, and everybody did justice to the tempting dishes set before them. The host and hostess were the recipients of some valuable presents suitable for the occasion. When the gathering began to disperse everybody regretted that anniversaries do not come at closer intervals.

West Plymouth.

It is a recognized fact that Thomas Heeney is a brave young man under any ordinary circumstances, but when on the way to Plymouth last Saturday he was suddenly aroused from a dream of the future by a span of runaway horses on a "dead run" swooping down upon him like a Dakota plizzard, we were not surprised that throwing down his lines he should seek the roadside fence for safety. The cause of the runaway can be traced to a certain young man, who on account of late hours and over-taxed muscles was unable to control the vicious beasts. He ought to keep a regular woman's horse, and thus insure perfect safety both to self and neighbors.

A hand social was held at George Green's last Friday evening for the benefit of Shutz Corner's Sunday school. It was well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Green are well up in the art of entertaining a crowd of that kind.

Mrs. John McLaren was a guest of her brother, Wm. VanVleet of Novi, last Sunday.

"Hop" Williams handles the best driving team in West Plymouth. A span of Douglas Harold colts.

Livonia Township.

Newburg Sunday school would not commemorate the greatest of the world's events alone, and extends a hearty invitation to all who wish to join them Friday evening.

Individuality in Livonia township is about lost sight of this week in the collective effort to give "Old Merriment" a right royal reception, and it would do his old heart good to get a snap shot of the hustle and preparation that's going on to detain and make him have a good time.

We notice that, in the egg line, the fowls are not keeping up their side of the balance sheet. Without doubt Pratt's Poultry Food, sold by L. C. Hough & Son, would do much to save them from bankruptcy.

Perrinsville-Pikes Peak P. O.

W. R. Parmelee, dealer in dry goods, groceries, notions, light hardware, boots, shoes, salt meat and fish. Highest prices paid for butter and eggs. Call and you will receive the best of treatment. Local agent for THE MAIL.

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

The literary entertainment last Tuesday evening was a great success, good music and recitations being the chief features of the program.

There will be a young people's debate next Tuesday evening at P. of L. hall.

Mrs. Ambrose Robinson has gone to Lake View.

O. T. Richards, of Newburg, has rented the Hanchett farm.

The tax collector had his office here last Thursday, when the yeomanry cheerfully paid the tax imposed upon their labor. Very few inquire whether their obligations read "Value received." The average citizen seldom asks whether this system of taxation is just or unjust, or if

it might be improved, but simply accepts it as the best, and with due reverence to old age they ask no?

Pikes Peak.

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

Miss Elzadie Mackinder has gone to Detroit to spend Christmas and New Year's.

Members, from Delray, made a short visit with his son.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackinder have gone to Stockbridge to spend a few weeks with old friends.

Chambers, our blacksmith, is about to strike. He says they won't give him time to eat, and the wagon maker has settled down in good earnest.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides—no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50¢ per bottle at J. L. Gale's Drug Store.



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