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Free from clinkers and is one grade finer than Chestnut coal. For small stoves it is unequalled

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- Clear Pork Sausage, 3 lbs. for 25c
- Spring Chickens, per lb., 10c
- Good Pork Roasts, Loin or Ham, per lb. 8c
- Good Roast of Beef, per lb., 7c and 8c
- Honey Cured Hams, per lb., 10c
- Salt Pork, 7c per lb., 16 lbs. for \$1.00
- Good Corned Beef, per lb., 5c to 8c

Orders taken and delivered.

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TO KLONDIKE! STOCK WELL FREE!

J. WILLIS TAFFT WILL DEPART MONDAY MORNING.

To Go With a Battle Creek Party.—Ninety Days' Drive to Reach Dawson City.

J. Willis Taft will depart in the near future for the land of nuggets—Klondike. He will start from Battle Creek in company with three others, and expects to drive from Edmington to Dawson City, which will consume ninety days' time. It is a hard road to travel, but according to reports there is remuneration at the end of the route for those who are lucky enough to reach there.

The company will be equipped with all the necessary paraphernalia for traveling in that cold country and expect to reach there in the early spring to prospect. Mr. Taft will go partly in his own interest and partly in the interest of W. O. Allen.

Delicious Apple Omelet.

IN THE February Ladies' Home Journal Mrs. S. T. Rorer gives the following recipe for apple omelet: "Separate four eggs; beat the whites to a very stiff froth; then add the yolks and beat again, adding gradually two teaspoonfuls of powdered sugar. Have ready an omelet pan, in which you have melted a teaspoonful of butter; put in the mixture; when it begins to thicken spread over a layer of apple sauce. Fold, turn out and serve at once with powdered sugar."

Card of Thanks.

To the people of Plymouth, especially the neighbors, who were so kind during the illness and death of our mother, and to the Waterford Sunday school for the flowers, we desire to express our most sincere thanks.—Charles, Frank, Minnie and Flora Clement and Mrs. Evans.

Interchangeable Mileage.

THE PASSENGER representatives of the following roads, to-wit,

- Ann Arbor R. R.,
- C. & W. M. R. R.,
- D., G. R. & W. R. R.,
- D. & M. Ry.
- F. & P. M. R. R.,
- G. R. & I. Ry.,
- L. S. & M. S. Ry.,
- N. Y. C. & St. L. R. R.,
- P. & L. E. R. R.,
- M. & N. E. R. R.,
- Mich. Cent. R. R.,

have formed an organization called the Northern Mileage Ticket Bureau for the purpose of issuing and selling and properly accounting for an interchangeable thousand mile ticket differing from the form of ticket issued by the Central Passenger Association and possessing the following features:

It is good for passage upon any regular passenger train (excepting limited trains) of any and all the lines parties to this agreement, upon presentation to the conductor of the train, on compliance with the reasonable provisions of the ticket required for the purpose of identification.

It will be sold to the public at all principal ticket offices of lines parties to this agreement for the sum of thirty dollars, with rebate of ten dollars after use or upon expiration, upon compliance with the agreement upon which the ticket is issued. This ticket will be placed on sale February 1st, 1898.

This ticket, of course, can be used only upon the lines of roads parties to this agreement and the M. B. H. & C. Ry and Grand Trunk Railway System, since added to the ticket.

By recent action of the Central Passenger Association the names of the above mentioned lines that are upon the 1000-mile interchangeable tickets, issued by the Mileage Ticket Bureau of that Association, have been stricken off, and such tickets will therefore not be sold after January 31st, 1898, by any of the lines members of the Northern Mileage Ticket Bureau.

Such tickets, however, sold prior to Feb. 1st, 1898, will be honored within their life, or until further notice, by the above lines named thereon, upon compliance with the terms and provisions thereof.

High School Debate.

The debate between the Northville and Plymouth high schools, was a decided success, netting about forty dollars, which will go into the library fund.

The program furnished, besides the debate, several recitations, an oration, a drill by sixteen young girls and a violin solo. All were deserving of the hearty applause they received.

THE AFFAIR IS CREATING CONSIDERABLE EXCITEMENT.

Stockwell's Friends Are Indignant and Are Looking Into the Matter for Him.

Howard Stockwell, of Salem, whose arrest on the charge of attempting to assault Mrs. Jonas Doane was noted last week, has been released without even a hearing, so we are informed, and the case dropped. Henry M. White, of near Northville, for whom Stockwell worked one season, as well as Mrs. White and her daughter, speak in the highest terms of Stockwell's character and manners while with them. Mr. Stanbro, Dwell-Smith, Messrs. Packard, Gordan, Kellogg and other well known Salem people have nothing but the most sincere praise to give him and say the sentiment seems to be that the young man's statement is correct and that he is innocent of even any intent at wrong doing. He stated to Mr. White and Mr. Webster, who were at the Ann Arbor jail to see him last week, that Mr. Mosher, a relative of the Doane's, had been up to see him and said the thought if he gave him \$50, and gave up the \$300 notes, which he held against the Doane's, he could get the case dropped. Mr. White says the boy was badly scared and he finally agreed to do that. Stockwell says Mrs. Doane in fooling threw some feed on him, and he in fun tripped her up and leaving her sitting on the ground went on about his work. Stockwell's friends say if the offense was so flagrant as to warrant his arrest and confinement in jail for a week, it is very strange that it should be dropped for any consideration.

Stockwell's friends are now taking steps to find out if those who accepted the hard-gained money of the boy took a legal course. They claim they will raise five hundred dollars, if necessary, to get the boy justice.

Henry M. White, of Northville, will head the list in taking the necessary steps and there will be no delay in bringing the matter up.

Tribute of Ben-Hur.

THE BENEFICIARY order, the tribute of Ben-HUR, which is represented here by M. A. Ellis, was organized four years ago in Indiana. In the four years' time this insurance company has been in existence it has secured over 7,000 members and has a surplus of \$90,000. Those desiring a good, cheap society insurance could do no better than investigate the plans of this order. Mr. Ellis will gladly explain to you the many good points about this society at any time.

Township officers please take note: THE MAIL will print your ballots, registration and election notices at a very reasonable price and guarantee accuracy and promptness.

Dr. Copeland will deliver his lecture on "Roman Walls and Feudal Halls" at Trinity Lutheran church on Monday evening, January 24th. The Dr. is an entertaining speaker and should have a large audience.—A. A. Courier.

At M. E. church, Plymouth, Friday evening, Feb. 4th. Admission, only 15c.

For Sale.

House and lot in Plymouth. Good house, well cistern and woodshed. Will sell at sacrifice. Small payment down and liberal terms on balance. Good location on Ann Arbor street. Inquire of Wm Hoops, Wayne, Mich.

Great Music Offer.

Send us the names and addresses of three or more performers on the piano or organ, together with ten cents in silver or postage, and we will mail you sixteen pages full sheet music, consisting of popular songs, waltzes, marches, etc., arranged for the piano and organ. Address Popular Music Co., Indianapolis, Ind. 11.

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,
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Hubbard Squash, Cabbage,

Onions.

Potatoes * Potatoes * Potatoes.

Highest Market Price

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BEST SELECTED :: STOCK,

—At all times.—

Geo. W. Hunter & Co.

GALE'S

Valentines! Valentines!

We have just received a New Stock of Lace and Art Valentines—Very pretty this year. Come and see them.

Spot Cash Sale

Commencing Saturday Morning, January 15th, and lasting until February 1,

For Spot Cash,

- 8 Bars Queen Anne Soap, 25c
- Extra White C Sugar, per lb., 5c
- Extra Fine Granulated Sugar, per lb. with order, 5 1/2c
- New 2 Crown Muscatel Raisins, per lb., 5c
- New California Prunes, per lb., 5c
- Kingsford's Corn Starch, per lb., 7c
- Kingsford's Silver Gloss Starch, per lb., 8c
- Granular Sal Soda, per lb., 2c, 4 lbs. for 5c
- McLaughlin's XXXX Coffee, per lb., 12c
- Lion Coffee, per lb., 12c
- Best Extra Water White Kerosene Oil, per gal., 8c
- Best Home Made Leaf Lard, per lb., 8c
- Clear Salt Pork, 6c
- New Sweet Oranges for Sauce, per doz., 15c
- New Orleans Molasses, per gal., 25c
- 2 gallon pail Syrup, 40c
- George Shafer's Best Cider Vinegar, per gal., 15c

This cut in prices is made to increase trade during the month of January. All the goods are new and fresh, and it is a splendid opportunity for everybody to put in a supply.

Remember, we have the finest stock of Drugs in town which will be sold at the Lowest Prices.

J. L. GALE.

ADVICE TO MINISTERS.

Given by a Minister.

Preachers who practise it will preach better.

No class of people is so liable to throat trouble as the great class who make up the Gospel ministry. The strain put upon the vocal organs by constant exercise; the sudden change from a heated building to the cool air when the vocal organs are in a state of complete relaxation; the fact that a minister feels impelled to use his voice when actors and lecturers would take the needed rest; these are among the reasons why "Clergymen's sore throat" is known as a special disease. The Rev. E. M. Braxley, D. D., District Secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society, writes from Petersburg, Va., the account of an experience of his own which is probably reading to those afflicted with Bronchial or other throat troubles. The substance of the letter is as follows:

PETERSBURG, VA.

J. C. AYER CO.,
DEAR SIR: Three months ago I took a violent cold which resulted in an attack of acute bronchitis. I put myself under medical treatment, and at the end of two months was no better. I found it very

difficult to preach, and concluded to try Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. The first bottle gave me great relief; the second, which I am now taking, has relieved me almost entirely of all unpleasant symptoms. To ministers suffering from throat troubles, I recommend Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. "Prevention is better than cure." A bottle of Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral kept in the house will effectually prevent the footing of a cold and its consequent development into some dangerous malady. This remedy has no equal in Bronchial troubles. The most stubborn cases have yielded to its use. It is equally effective for Asthma, Croup, Whooping Cough, and every disease that attacks the throat or lungs. For years Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has been put up only in large size bottles, at a price of \$1.00. To meet an increasing demand for a smaller sized package the remedy can now be obtained in half-size bottles, at half price—50 cents. Send for Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral (free) and you will get a better idea of the great value of Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Address J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

A man may be clever without being wise, and wise without being clever. Few men are both clever and wise.

8400 FOR NEW NAMES!

The Salzer Seed Co. want suitable names for their 17-inch long corn and White Oat prodigy. You can win this \$400 easily. Catalogue tells all about it. Seed potatoes only \$1.50 a barrel.

Send This Notice and 16 Cts. in Stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and get free their great seed catalogue and 11 new farm seed samples, including above corn and oats, positively worth \$10, to get a start. w.n.f.

The number of things a man knows about women is about 1 per cent of what he thinks he knows.

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, Chilblains and Sweating Feet. At All Drug-gists and Shoe Stores. See Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

If you monkey with a buzz-saw you may be compelled to write shorthand the rest of your days.

"I was troubled with that dreadful disease called dropsy; swollen from head to foot. Burdock Blood Bitters has completely cured me. It is a most wonderful medicine." Joseph Herick, Linwood, Ont.

A man will go into effect after death but a woman's will is in effect during life.

Thousands of the victims of consumption owe their death to the simple neglect of a cold. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures coughs and colds, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles.

If men were serpents all the women would want to be professional snake-charmers.

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.

Most people would be content with their lot if it was only a lot of money.

Anyone who suffers from that terrible plague, Itching Piles, will appreciate the immediate relief and permanent cure that comes through the use of Doan's Ointment. It never fails.

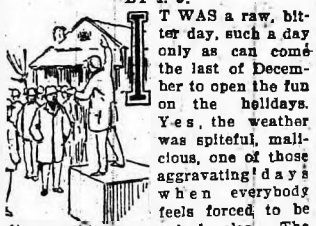
To live a life which is a perpetual falsehood is to suffer unknown tortures.

Have you earache, toothache, sore throat, pains or swellings of any sort? A few applications of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil will bring relief almost instantly.

First find the man in yourself if you will inspire madness in others.

WHO WON?

BY I. J.



IT WAS a raw, bitter day, such a day only as can come the last of December to open the fun on the holidays. Yes, the weather was spiteful, malicious, one of those aggravating days when everybody feels forced to be disagreeable to everybody else. The cattle collected in the farmyard felt the pervading influence. The Brahmas hooked the shorthorns. The shorthorns vented their spite upon the mules. The mules, though laboring under natural disadvantages, displayed their vindictiveness on the poor calves and butted them into the great mud-hole in the center of the yard, and when they essayed to escape on the other side the fierce, longhorned oxen most ungallantly lifted them back, so they stood in that slough of despond and bleated miserably. Their cries now mingling and now drowned by the unrelenting squalling of two hogs, before driven from their snug retreats in field and wood, and now standing and shivering, they made their old haunts resound with plaintive echoes. Discordant notes and sounds resounded on all sides. The day was dark and merciless, but the deed to be enacted upon it was darker and more merciless. The sun had entered his protest upon the occasion by withdrawing behind the brooding clouds. "Heaven help all its creatures at such a time," sighed the anxious and timid mistress of the mansion, as she closed her doors to shut out what she might.

Everything within and without wore a half-scared and hopeless look. Even the great turkey gobbler, who had strutted forth bravely, gobbling his defiance to the gathering crowd, had been put to an inglorious flight by a great yellow dog, and now stood in drooping, silent dejection upon the top of the smoke-house.

People came in rapidly from all directions. It was the largest property that had been offered for sale for many a day in that primitive neighborhood. It was to take place ostensibly for a partition of property, but in reality for a different purpose. The crowd fell back right and left as the sheriff came walking up the avenue.

He was a little man, but he stepped firmly, as though treading on heart-strings was an every-day affair. The widow's heart gave one sudden bound with a strong presentiment of coming evil. She rose and laid the rosy little infant (who had never known his father) in his crib. The presentiment took form in one agonizing question. Had she trusted her all, and that of her helpless little ones, and been betrayed? This was no time for delay or inquiry. She felt the hush in the crowd. She heard the clear, loud tones of the sheriff's voice. She gave one glance at the baby, who was sucking his fist with disconsolate fortitude. She opened the door and passed up to the



GAZED LONG AT THE BABY.

stand, just as the sheriff commenced. "I offer the plantation to rent on good and approved security," etc. Heard the administrator's brother as he bid, and saw it knocked down to him. Her heart had bounded with fear, but now stood still at the sickening reality. Oh, Heaven, had it come to this? Were she and her babes turned shelterless from their father's house, without one moment's warning?

A hand was laid on her arm. She looked up and met the snaky eye of the administrator, black and twinkling with triumphant malice: "You do not want the place, Aunt Ruth?" he asked, in his soft, treacherous voice. It made no difference to him whether she wanted it or not, but appearances must be kept up before the wondering eyes of the public. She did not betray him; she did not slap the dark-witchee face so close to hers; she did not utter one reproach; she did not suffer her lips to move. How the rest of the day passed she never knew. She dimly recollected enacting the part of hostess, of seeing thousands of dollars fall into the hands of her greedy husband's kinsmen, and all under the sheriff's hammer and the form of law—that coat of mail too often the armor of injustice. She remembered the thrill of remorse and terror at the almighty, happy laughter of her little girl as she gilded hither and thither, enjoying the strange scene with childish delight. But night came at last to that long day, and she was alone—alone with her grief and indignation. Never had gathering darkness been so welcome.

In the adjoining room she heard the sheriff and administrator as they made out the papers and closed up the business of the day; but at length their tones died out. The little prattler in her crib had ceased her wondrous tales

of the great day. Ever and anon in the hulls of the tempest storm without she heard the loud, monotonous sounds that told the tired administrator slept well after that day's deeds. Not he the one to follow too closely the footsteps of his great exemplar. He did not go out and hang himself, but he got himself to his soft bed and slept soundly, at peace with himself and his work.

But how with the victim of his treachery, lying prostrate on the hearth in her room! From the moment she had felt herself alone she had given up to the passions that had been restrained by a powerful effort of pride and will. "Forsaken of God and man!" she muttered. And this the reward for a course of strictest honor and integrity.

How proudly she had repulsed their repeated advances to unite with them in defrauding the creditors of the estate, and how, when wearied out with their importunities, she had told them that for all the whole race ever had or might possess she would not betray trust, and to the menaces of her interests she had answered that she would trust in God. She had trusted Him, but had He helped her? Her proud heart, full of despair and wicked rebellion, needed no words to speak its answer. Memory played like lightning with the sunny hours of her past life. The carefully taught child of a pious mother, she could not recall the time when great moral lessons were not as familiar as the songs of her childhood. As she had grown up, carresses and kindness had been showered upon her. One short year ago and those who now insulted and wronged her had fawned around her with honeyed words of flattery, and he who had never opened his lips but in blessing, whose every accent had been love and kindness, was silent in death. How could he lie so still and yet so near that, might the dead bear that day's work, it were all known to him. No! he had left these he so loved and cherished with only his unfulfilled promises and the torturing legacy of his grasping kinsmen. How they had gathered around her in the first hours of her grief, with condolence and sympathy. How kindly they had offered to relieve her of the care and burden of her business, until, neglecting the half-uttered warning from dying lips, she had trusted them—and then for the rest she had no words—only feelings, and now nothing was left her but to die, she and her babes. What had life left for them? Go with her revenge, despair and rebellion; the tempest without was nothing to the tempest within. Suddenly, with loud creaking and groaning, the great doors swung open. The wind rushed furiously in, blowing out the light and whirling the ashes around the hearth. Had the dead listened to her upbraiding and broken the chains of death? Timid she had always been, but now she walked unhesitatingly to the door and out into the darkness. She feared neither the dead nor the living—only life. She slowly closed and bolted the heavy doors, but as she turned, the dimpled arms of the baby, rosy, in the ruddy light of the reviving embers, were tossed up, and with a smile on his half-opened lips, he sank back to rest. She gazed long and anxiously at the beautiful picture, and, as she looked, she shrank more and more from herself. The actors and deeds of the day were forgotten, and she looked aghast into the stirred depths of her own heart.

She might have lived and died, and never known herself, but for the trials and temptations of that day. The old family clock now chimed the hour of four. Oh, that ever to be remembered night. The little sleeper in the crib, who had all night long been acting over the scenes of the day in her dreams, now murmured, brokenly, "and forgive us trespasses, as we forgive those." "Lead us not into temptation." She fell on her knees and, with bitter repentance, confessed the deep wickedness of her heart and forgave those who had wronged her, and passed out of her thought, their ways and lives, and with sweet promises full of hope and trust straining over her heart, she sank to rest, at peace with God and man.

When Niagara Will Run Dry.
Dr. G. K. Gilbert, of the United States Geological Survey, says that a comparison of age records for a period of twenty years shows that the land surrounding the Great Lakes is being gradually tilted from northeast to southwest at such a rate that, of two points one hundred miles apart, the northern rises five inches with reference to the southern in one hundred years. At Chicago the lake level rises about one inch in ten years. Doctor Gilbert predicts that, if this movement continues, in about three thousand years all the upper lakes will discharge into the Illinois river, the Detroit and St. Clair rivers will flow backward, carrying the water of Lake Erie into Lake Huron, and the Niagara river will run dry.

The Hermit Really.
A bustling agent for a patent churn invaded the office of a busy merchant one day and proceeded to deliver his lecture. "One moment, please," said the merchant. "May I ask to whom I am indebted for this visit?" The caller produced his card. It contained the inscription: "Barton Zebulon Day, Agent for Cosmopolitan Novelty Company." The man of business studied the card a moment. Then he looked up. "I am honored by your call, Mr. Barton Zebulon Day," he said, with a genial smile, "but this is also my B. Z. Day. Good day!"

Female Pack Peddlers in Maine.
The female pack peddler is becoming a nuisance in Maine.

MEN CALL WOMAN A MYSTERY.

So She is to Them—Not so to a Woman.



A Woman's Knowledge Saves Mrs. Ebbert From an Operation.

A woman understands women as a man never can hope to. For this reason Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., now known all over the English-speaking world, set to work to help her sex.

After long and patient investigation, Mrs. Pinkham confirmed her own conclusions, namely: that seven-eighths of the sufferings of women are due to disorders of the uterine system. Reasoning on this line, she saw that the only preventive of early breaking down, was a specific medicine which would act alone on the female organism.

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"Mrs. Pinkham—I can say that your medicine has cured me of the pains and troubles which I had. My case was a very bad one, and puzzled the doctor. My womb had fallen and I had terrible pains in my back and hips. I could hardly walk. My husband went to our family doctor, and he prescribed medicine for me, but I found no relief, and grew worse instead of better. The doctor examined me and wanted to perform an operation, but my husband would not consent. Seeing the advertisement in the paper, I got a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and before I had taken half of the second bottle, I felt like a new woman. In all I have taken four bottles of your medicine, and can say that I am entirely cured. I hope that every woman suffering as I did, will follow my advice and take your medicine at once."



A man may be more careful about the foundation that is under his house, than about the foundation that is under his life.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark. I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hingham, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look carefully at the wrapper and see that it is "the kind you have always bought," and has the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on the Wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President. March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M. D.

Truth and fidelity are the pillars of the temple of the world; when these are broken, the fabric falls, and crushes all to pieces.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed, you have a rumbling sound and imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out of the mucous membrane of the tube, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous membrane. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 7c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The ingratitude of the world can never deprive us of the conscious happiness of having acted with humanity ourselves.

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To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-Tobacco. The wonder-worker that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Political quacks are eternally doctoring effects instead of curative causes.

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Only personally conducted excursions to Portland, Tacoma or Seattle, Thursdays. Write JNO. SEBASTIAN, G. P. A., Chicago.

Pork should be fine, close-grained and the rind smooth and thin.

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For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, Esculent & Lactate.

Lemons will keep for weeks if covered with cold water.

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Dr. C. H. Betz, 438 8th Ave., Denver, Col., Nov. 8, 1896.

In many cases writers' cramp affects the stomach.

Cure's Cough Balsam

is the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

Nutmegs should be always at the house-keeper's first.

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

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Mr. A. P. Gale is at present engaged in the Department of Secretary of State, and is well known in Flint, as his home is at Atlas P. O., near that city. The following letter written by Mr. Gale will interest many readers:

"Gentlemen—For over ten years, for more or less of the time, I have been a sufferer from kidney trouble, and at times so bad as to be unable to lie in bed at night on account of the very severe pain across the small of my back; and for the past two years I have been rapidly growing worse, until I became discouraged, and felt that unless I could get some help soon, my chances for life were pretty slim. The urine was very highly colored and at times deposited a red sediment. This continued until it was almost impossible for me to perform my work in the office, while at times I was compelled to quit work entirely. The condition lasted until about a month ago, when I saw your advertisement of Doan's Kidney Pills and concluded to try them, though without much faith of receiving any benefit, but to my great surprise, before I had taken half a dozen doses, I felt so much relief that I began to be encouraged; and now, after using six boxes, I am sure that they will do just what you claim for them. I have also recommended them to friends in the office with me who complained as I did, and they claim the same results from them that I have experienced. I was afraid of them at first for fear they would act as a purgative, but I had no trouble of that kind from the use of them. Doan's Kidney Pills have benefited me so much that I feel very grateful to you." Signed A. P. GALE.

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Friday, January 28, 1898.

FAR AND NEAR!

IMPORTANT EVENTS FROM OUR EXHIBIT AND CONDENSED AND RECORDED HERE.

There are diphtheria cases at Willow. The Lima Northern despite injunctions, travels along.

Brighton's electric lights were turned on Thursday week. The citizens are well satisfied.

The Detroit Journal says that Holly is literally alive with marriageable widows and old maids.

A rear end collision on the F. & P. M. Ry at Northville Sunday demolished a couple of freight cars.

A rich vein of soft coal has been struck at Bronson, Branch county, at a depth of thirty feet. It was discovered while putting down a well.

A brass factory asks a loan of \$50,000 on good security to locate at Holly. With the brassy old maids and widows it does not look as though they needed a factory.

Over at Deerfield, Lenawee county, the girls can't give up the practice of riding horse-back clothes-pin fashion. The Times says that "only last week a young lady was seen racing her horse down the county line as though she was practicing for a hurdle race." Such is life.

Rev. J. J. Tickner, pastor of the Farmington Baptist church, has resigned his pastorate on account of obstacles that retard the progress of the church growth. The first duty of a minister is to show the people by precept and example how to overcome obstacles of that kind.

Dr. E. E. Tendershot, of Britton, has received a letter from Congressman Spalding asking him to seek out 3 men to act as mail carriers between Rio and Mooreville, as the government is making experiments in different sections of the country as to the feasibility and practicability of free delivery in the rural districts. He was also informed that an official of the government would arrive soon to consult with him.—Dundee Reporter.

An Outstuder who was fishing at Portage lake, recently, saw a lady endeavoring to lift a box which proved rather heavy. Gallantly the Outstuder tripped over the ice, touched his hat, and with the remark "Permit me, Madam" gave a tug at the box. Alack! His footing gave way, and he slid through a hole in the ice into the cold, wet water. The lake was shallow at this point, and he was hauled out with a 16-pound pike hanging to each foot.—Adrian Press.

The Washtenaw Fair Society have fired their first "gun" towards the fair ground of 1898. At a meeting of the board of managers held last Thursday, a goodly number of enthusiastic members were present. The treasurer's report showed the receipts of the year to have been, \$3,351.01; disbursements, \$3,216.70; balance on hand, \$334.25. The disbursements include, besides the premiums and the expenses of the fair, old debts amounting to \$203. F. E. Mills, who has proven one of the best fair managers the society ever had was re-elected general superintendent, and division superintendents were well chosen.—Baldie Observer.

Every day we have examples of the tyranny of capital over labor; of the seeming disregard of the employer for the feelings of the employe. Only last week, says the Dowagiac Republican, while a gang of men were cutting ice on the St. Joseph river, near Niles, one of them fell in. He had his saw in his hands, and floated down stream under the ice about nine miles to where they had been cutting the day before. It was open and he came to the surface and crawled out. Being a little dazed he thought it was the same hole and went to sawing, as though nothing had happened; but, we are sorry to say, his employer docked him fifteen minutes last time, and threatened to discharge him if he fell in again.

Gardurus Webster, who died at Farmington last week at the age of 85, was buried in a pine coffin, which he had constructed at a cost of \$5 some years ago. The coffin was lined with sawdust and the handles and hinges of the lid were of leather. Just before his death the old man consented to modify his primitive idea as to the coffin, although he never changed his opinion that funerals should be unostentatious. The coffin was brought out and the handles of leather were exchanged for some metal and the sawdust lining was replaced with a more comfortable one of modern upholstery goods, while the box itself was covered with rich velvet. In this coffin the body of Gardurus Webster was laid to rest at 8 o'clock Saturday afternoon.—Record.

According to reports the Lutheran church row at Northville has been settled. Mumps is prevalent at Flat Rock. Editor Williams, it is said, has nearly as much jaw as cheek.

Delray wants a volunteer fire department. Detroit will soon refuse to answer her alarm calls.

The Whitmore lake ice house accident is attributed to a gust of wind—unseen—and all parties concerned relieved.

Snow blocked the railway tracks in the western part of the state to some extent last Monday. The first of the season.

Gardurus Webster, an old pioneer of Farmington, died on Thursday morning week. He had been a resident of Michigan since 1832.

Milan Cowell, of Northville, has only three fingers on his right hand. He doctored one finger to some cog-wheels in Ely's factory.

B. Richmond, of Carleton, has opened a new hotel in Maybee. Well, maybe, he will succeed and maybe he won't, although he is a good landlord.

Editor Geo. Williams, of the Flat Rock News, is going to learn French so he can express his feelings in a forcible manner and at the same time be polite.

Detroit prospectors are looking for salt at Plymouth. No use, as the town is too fresh for that.—Milan Leader.

Don't you believe it. There isn't a better town in the state than fair Plymouth.

Frank Perrin slipped on the ice in front of his livery stable yesterday morning and fractured his collar bone. With the aid of bandages and slings he is still able to be about again.—Northville Record.

Although new potatoes are something of a rarity at this season, they are not unknown, for H. Dingman brought to this office last Saturday a quart of young tubers. They grew in his cellar from potatoes that had been placed there a year ago last fall and appeared to be of good quality as those grown in the regulation fashion.—Milford Times.

Grant Wilcox, son of John Wilcox, of Livonia, badly lacerated his right hand in a steam iron at Wayne county asylum laundry. Skin-grafting was the only way to save the hand. George Wilcox, a brother, consented to furnish the necessary epidermis. The operation has been performed and the two brothers lie side by side in their father's farm house, awaiting the result of the brotherly sacrifice.—Farmington Enterprise.

The somewhat notorious Jacob L. Summers, or "Brandy," as he is usually called, has finally reached the end of his rope. It would seem. He was convicted about a year ago in Macomb county circuit court for securing notes from farmers by false pretense for the alleged right of a patent steam cooker. The case was taken to the supreme court, which has affirmed the verdict of the lower court. He is to appear for sentence.—Oxford Globe.

Every man you meet can tell you just what ails the country and why money is so scarce. It is his right to think as he pleases and preach his theories to his heart's content, but those who give the matter most careful consideration are agreed that the abominable credit system is to blame for all the financial ills that afflict mankind. Those who are out of debt never have that panicky feeling so contagious during hard times.

George Reed, one of the lads accused of stealing goods from a Michigan Central freight car here last December, was tried in the circuit court Tuesday and acquitted. Henry Wilson, who was also arrested escaped, from the deputy while being taken to jail. The testimony was at variance in one particular. One witness swore the moon was shining, while the chief of the weather bureau showed from his records that it was not.—Wayne Review.

Shortly after two o'clock Sunday last a gang of men began laying rails across Oak street while a crowd of citizens stood watching the tracklayers drive spike after spike into the oak ties. There was no hurry or haste in the work, everything was done systematically until the track was extended to the trunk factory. The Michigan Central, at this point, had a train of loaded cars sidetracked, one being thrown off the rails to more effectually block the line of the Northern. There was no interference with the cars by the men of the new road, but the Northern has its rails laid to the disputed point and another gap in the road of injunctions is closed up.—Wyandotte Herald.

A man acquainted with the plans of the Detroit & Lima Northern road said yesterday: "When that road is completed between here and Toledo it will institute an innovation in service between the two cities. An hourly service will be given and a man living in one city and desiring to do business in the other need not stay there all day to catch a train home. To be sure, the people of the new road will not be able to run long regular trains between the two cities, but they are making arrangements for a special kind of equipment. They have the patent for a car about one-third larger than the ordinary passenger coach. At one end of this car there is a steam engine, set upright, in a cab that looks something like the front end of a trolley car. In fact, if it was not for the spike-stack on this D. & L. N. car you would imagine it was a long trolley car. For this hourly service this style of car is to be run, and if traffic should be heavy trailers may be attached. It is reckoned that one of these cars will make the trip between Detroit and Toledo in one hour and twenty minutes."—Free Press.

At the recent fire in Trenton the marshal trotted out six hobos out of the jail to manipulate the hose cart.

Ed. Unruh, of Delray, is a very much wanted man. He is charged, by Miss Emma Korpen with criminal assault.

Chas. Rossow, the 12-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rossow, of Delray, was accidentally drowned on Tuesday week while skating.

With free rural mail delivery a pronounced success wherever it has been tried, we hope to see it adopted by the government in the near future. There is nothing so good for our farmer friends, for they are the chaps that feed us all.

The Michigan Beet Sugar Co. has accepted the offer of Essexville, By Co., for a slight for a plant. That place gives twenty acres of land and the taxes. The building will be 900 feet long and a portion six stories high. A million brick will be used in its construction.

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

A tattered tramp walked up to the ticket agent in the Union Depot at Detroit, one day last week and thus addressed the agent.

"Can you gimme two halves for a one?"

"Yes, I guess I can," said the agent, eyeing him conspicuously.

"On receiving the two halves Weary Willie walked off.

"Where's your one," yelled the agent.

"I'm the one," hollered Weary as he passed on.

Are You a Sleeper?

A sleeper is one who sleeps.

A sleeper is that on which the sleeper sleeps. A sleeper is that on which the sleeper runs while the sleeper sleeps, therefore, while the sleeper sleeps in the sleeper, the sleeper carries the sleeper, over the sleeper, under the sleeper, until the sleeper, which carries the sleeper, jumps the sleeper and wakes the sleeper by striking the sleeper on the sleeper, and there is no longer any sleeper sleeping in the sleeper, on the sleeper, unless it be the somnambulist sleeper, who has to walk out of a three story window before he awakes to the fact that the best place to get first class printing at the lowest possible price is at THE MAIL job rooms.

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This cannot always be done, but it can be done often enough to increase manifold the child's delight in sport. There is no opportunity like it for inculcating the doctrine of fair play and of unselfish sharing of toys. From being pleased and proud to have mother play with them, they can easily be led to the desire to make her have a good time, and from that to the consideration and practice of giving to other, people pleasure. Remember the play time is his best time for the average child. They learn quite early enough that they can have good times without the mother. Do everything to postpone that evil day, and leaving the welfare of the child out of the question, the play will do the mother good. It takes away the worry and makes at least one bright and sunny half hour in a day that may be full of care. We have no space to enumerate the advantages, but they are many. Try them for yourselves, dear mothers, and help each other by reporting the results of the trying upon your heart, and also upon the temper and spirit of your child.

Scott's Remarkable Apple Tree.

Oil City Buzzard: "Scotty," of the Oil Well Supply company, who resides on a farm in close proximity to the fair grounds, owns an apple tree which can be considered a sort of novelty. A few years ago it was known as a "wild" apple tree, but Mr. Scott had it grafted and it now produces seven different kinds of apples, some of which grow to an immense size and have a delicious taste.

His Caustic Comment.

"Here's a queer story, don't you know. A fellow in San Francisco cut his throat with a tobacco tag."

"Well, I'm duced glad it wasn't a cigarette picture."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

HENRY CLAY'S VALEDICTORY.

All Who Heard His Pathetic Farewell to the Senate Were Moved to Tears.

John F. Coyle writes of Henry Clay's farewell to the senate in the Ladies' Home Journal, regarding it as the most dramatic event ever witnessed in the United States senate. Almost from the opening words of the famous valedictory the vast assemblage of people were in tears, and the "Great Commoner" was frequently interrupted by the sobs of his auditors. "The scene was indeed impressive as Mr. Clay pronounced the concluding words of his farewell to public life," says Mr. Coyle. "He stood for a moment after in reverential attitude, while all about him strong men, swayed by the magnetic power of the great orator, wept in silence. The hushed suspense of intense feeling and attention pervaded the crowded assemblage as the famous statesman, with lowering eyes, resumed his seat. For several moments the silence was unbroken; senators sat as if in the shadow of some impending calamity; men of all parties seemed equally overcome by the pathos and majesty of the great statesman's farewell. As Mr. Clay rose to leave the chamber after adjournment, which directly followed his address, and after he had said farewell to all the other senators, he encountered Mr. Calhoun. The eyes of the whole assemblage were fixed on these two old friends and old political antagonists. There was a pause in the demonstration which awaited Mr. Clay—the moment of suspended anticipation was almost painful. For five years they had been estranged, and the only words which had passed between them had been those harshly spoken in debate. But now, as they met, the old time came over them. They remembered only the political companionship of twenty years' standing. The intervening differences which had chilled their hearts toward each other were forgotten. The tears sprang to their eyes. They shook each other cordially by the hand, interchanged a 'God bless you,' and parted. The released suspense which awaited this tearful scene found vent in shouts and cheers, which were taken up by the crowds outside the senate chamber, expecting Mr. Clay's appearance. He was surrounded by the waiting thousands on his way to his carriage, and through followed him even to his hotel."

Cholera Infantum.

No one supposed that cholera infantum is willfully caused by mothers or persons who have infants in charge; yet in some places a large proportion of all children burn die of that disease. That it results from causes which are preventable are shown by several facts:

- (1) Among the higher classes of people the mortality is very much less than among the less intelligent and less provident.
- (2) Infants who are nourished only by mother's milk are almost wholly exempt from cholera infantum.
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It ought to be known to every person who has the care of a child during the hottest day of July and August that a good light, clean, dry, warm flannel over the entire abdomen is a very important article for every child who is in danger of any bowel trouble. The rapid evaporation of perspiration, and the consequent serious coldness of the abdomen, can be prevented by the flannel.

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Hood's Pills

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne, ss. I, a session of the Probate Court for the County of Wayne, held at the Probate Office in the City of Detroit, on the twenty-third day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, present EDGAR O. DURFEE, Judge of Probate, in the matter of the estate of MARIA SHELLEY, deceased.

George A. Starkweather, executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, having rendered to this court his final administration account, and on reading and filing the petition of said executor praying that the said account be examined and allowing said account and hearing said petition. It is ordered, that the twenty-third day of February next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

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

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GOING EAST	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.
Lv Grand Rapids	7:30	1:30	5:30
Toia	7:30	9:31	6:10
Landing	8:54	3:30	7:56
Salem	10:25	5:08	9:18
PLYMOUTH	10:30	5:08	9:21
Detroit	11:30	5:43	10:20
GOING WEST	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.
Lv Detroit	8:00	1:10	6:10
PLYMOUTH	8:48	1:49	6:58
Salem	9:31	2:32	7:07
Landing	10:53	3:54	8:25
Toia	12:17	4:50	10:10
Grand Rapids	1:01	5:23	10:55
	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.

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F. & P. M. R. R. TIME TABLE

In effect Nov. 14, 1897.

Trains leave Plymouth as follows:

STANDARD TIME.

GOING SOUTH.	GOING NORTH.
Train No. 4, 10:35 a. m.	Train No. 1, 3:10 a. m.
" No. 6, 2:35 p. m.	" No. 3, 9:10 a. m.
" No. 8, 6:45 p. m.	" No. 5, 2:30 p. m.
" No. 10, 6:35 a. m.	" No. 7, 7:35 p. m.

Trains Nos. 3 and 9 run through to Alpena.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills are prompt, efficient and easy in effect. 25 cents.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Mrs. Lyndon is very low.
Mr. Bert Brown is on the mend.
A western blizzard in this section last Tuesday.

Rudolph Ruppert is working for H. C. Bennett & Co. "Rudy" is a hustler and don't you forget it.

The L. O. T. M. have moved into their new quarters in I. O. O. F. hall and held their public installation there.

A. A. Taft has an announcement in this issue, offering you goods at 1/4 off. Call and see. Everything goes.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Schoof rejoice over the advent of a nine-pound baby boy, born Monday.

Later: The child died on Wednesday. We unintentionally omitted the best part of the surprise party at Jay Cochran's last week and that was the dinner. An excellent repast was served and all heartily partook thereof.

"Yank" Robinson is a "one ped" (this word is coined) now. The reason that name is so appropriately applied is because he tries to walk on one leg since he lifted a barrel one day last week.

A general social with musical program will be given at Henry Springer's on Friday evening, Jan. 28th, for the benefit of the Christian Endeavor society. Conveyances will be at the C. E. parlors for all. Admission, 10c, including supper. 2w.

Last Saturday was W. F. Markham's forty-sixth birthday, and the employees to show their esteem presented him with a large and commodious roll top office desk. It was a complete surprise for Mr. Markham.

Wm. Alexander is going into the gardening business heavy this year, having just completed a greenhouse with all the modern improvements. He will raise onions, cabbages and tomatoes. Good luck to William.

Lonie Reber, the lower town barber, intends in the spring to shake the dust of Plymouth from his feet and depart for better fields—Alaska—where the barber gets a dollar a shave. He will travel on foot and expects to have the company of a bride. Albert Gayde also has some intention of joining the party.

What has been done toward offering inducements for manufacturing concerns to locate here? A little hustling by our enterprising people would place Plymouth among the foremost of Michigan's manufacturing towns. A number have expressed their willingness and desire to do something toward furthering our interests in that line, but that is as far as it goes. Someone must take the lead if anything is done, so why not call a meeting of the business men and appoint a committee to find out just what inducements can be offered, and then negotiate with parties who desire locations?

Richard Snye is very ill.

Mrs. J. B. Oliver is getting along nicely. For the first time this winter the "bus" is seen on sleigh runners.

A matched game of whist is being talked of between the two clubs.

Two sets of hands are required to do the F. & P. M. transfer work at this station.

—All colors regular two-cent tissue paper, one cent, tomorrow (Saturday) at Potter's.

A new dry goods and notion store is one of the possibilities for Plymouth in the near future.

One-third off on all books (except school books) at Potter's tomorrow (Saturday).

Don't forget the date of the next lecture in the Epworth League lecture course—Friday evening, Feb. 4th.

—If you want an investment that will pay 6 per cent per annum, inquire of Wm. H. Hoyt or Wm. T. Conner.

Talk is already being indulged in by the politicians in regard to supervisor for Plymouth township. There is plenty of good men for office, but the question is who shall it be?

A. M. Potter is making an extra effort to dispose of his property here preparatory to going west. Anyone wishing property in the heart of the village can make a good investment by seeing him.

Quotation social Saturday evening at Safford's hall. Refreshments, milk and maple syrup, served from 5:30 to 8 o'clock p. m. Benefit of the Universalist society.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will meet at the home of Sarah Bartlett, of Canton, next Wednesday, Feb. 2d. All are cordially invited.

CARRIE MARKHAM, Sec.

W. O. Allen has had as many as three applications in one day since the announcement in the Detroit papers stated that he would send a man with the party organized for Klondike.

J. R. Rauch & Son had an exceptionally large trade last year, their sales amounting to \$19,300. This makes an average of nearly \$65 per day for the year. The increase over the sales of the year previous is over \$8,000.

Geo. Beck & Son are not so anxious to dispose of their flax mill as they were a short time ago. The mill is now running full blast, and Mr. Beck says the business will be increased to a great extent the coming year. So note it be.

Patrons of THE MAIL can find no more profitable reading than the advertising columns. Prices are given on necessary household articles that will not exceed one-half the former price paid for them. Keep posted and buy accordingly.

Ralph Rea is re-modeling the Star laundry building to a great extent. He has added a room to the back part of the building and will use it for an engine room. The laundry will use an eight-horse power engine to operate the machinery of their plant.

Mr. Chas. Y. Abrahamson, of Smyrna, Turkey, one of the persecuted Armenians will be a guest of Rev. Oliver over Sunday and occupy the pulpit both morning and evening. He is said to be a very eloquent speaker. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The license law passed by the last legislature was declared unconstitutional as was stated sometime ago, but Attorney-General Mynard has given his opinion that the old law was not repealed on account of the new one being declared unconstitutional, therefore the old license law will still remain in effect.

Last week the Bureau of Engraving and Printing made the changes in the color of postage stamps that were decided upon by the International Postal Congress last year, but these stamps will not get into use for a month or so. It will be remembered that the Congress decided that the one, two and five cent stamps of the U. S. should conform in color with the stamps of the same value of all countries belonging to the postal union. This will make the one cent stamp green, the same tint as the old three cent stamp, the two cent stamp remains vermilion, as it has been for some time, while the brown five cent stamp gives way to blue. These changes were made to expedite the handling of international mail.

Get your valentines ready—Feb. 14th.

F. W. Smith is now in the employ of Geo. W. Hunter. He is at Wixom this week.

The pupils of the high school have rented a piano of a Detroit firm for the remainder of the year.

Peter Gayde slipped and fell on an icy sidewalk one day last week and as a consequence is very sick.

Mrs. H. J. Baker has been confined to her home with sickness the past week. She is now on the gain.

Ed. Pelton was unable to attend to his duties at the depot from Friday until Monday on account of sickness.

Musical, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Pelton on Saturday evening, Jan. 29th by the pupils of Miss Clara E. Moil.

Gunsolly's delivery horse made things interesting for the driver last Saturday by a runaway. No damage except to the buggy.

The work on L. L. Lewis' flouring mill is being pushed as rapidly as possible, and in about another week it will be ready for business.

George Adams will learn the "art preservative" in THE MAIL office. He commenced his labor in that capacity last Thursday morning.

New advertisements this week are: E. L. Riggs, C. G. Draper, A. A. Taft, A. J. Lapham, I. Gunsolly, Bogert & Co., J. L. Gale, Will Gayde.

The weather the past week has been a conundrum for the weather prognosticators. Rain, snow, sleet, warm and zero weather all the same day.

We have furnished our autograph to a large number of readers during the past week, and are willing and anxious to furnish it some more upon little slips beginning with: "Received of," etc.

Letters for the following named persons remained undelivered in the Plymouth postoffice on January 24th: Miss Marjory Thompson, Jas. Hamilton, B. D. Bartow, D. C. Stout, Wm. A. Wallace.

Mrs. John T. Murdock, an old pioneer of Michigan and for 30 years a resident of Northville, died at her home in that village yesterday afternoon at the age of 81 years. She was the mother of J. D. Murdock, of this place.

The Art Loan social at the M. E. church on Friday, Feb. 11th, by the ladies of the M. E. and Presbyterian church, bids fair to be a success. You surely ought to go and partake of the New England dinner and St. Valentine supper. Only 10c each.

Clifford McClumpha met with a serious mishap last Sunday. He was riding on horseback and the animal slipped and fell, throwing him violently to the ground. He is confined to the house on account of the sprains and bruises sustained by the fall.

A communication from the Hon. Judge Vining, of Wayne, informs us that James Dixie is dead and that Hezekiah Green's cow gave birth to a calf, the only happening of importance in Wayne for several months past, and all this happened while he was waiting for "Yank" Robinson to get to his telephone after he was called.

There will be an entertainment at the Presbyterian church in the near future under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. The program will be varied, interspersed with beautiful musical selections, violin solos, etc., by renowned musicians. The price of admission will be only 10c and all can afford to go.

The public installation of the officers effect of the L. O. T. M. last evening was highly enjoyed by the invited guests. The exercises took place in their new quarters—the I. O. O. F. hall. After the installation ceremonies refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake, were served. Supreme Commander Lady Hollister assisted in the work.

"The Players," a traveling show troupe which struck town last Saturday, did a very poor business, so poor, in fact, that it was necessary to discontinue the show after Wednesday evening. A part of the troupe deserved the name under which they were traveling, but the other part should be sawing wood for a living instead of going on the stage. They left town the last of the week, leaving their baggage as security for numerous bills contracted while here. T. M. Brown, the manager, has been doing his utmost to get the matter straightened up, and it is hoped will succeed.

Plymouth Markets.

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

Wheat, No. 2 red,	87
Wheat, No. 3, red,	87
Wheat, No. 1 white,	87
Oats, No. 2	41
Rye, No. 2	41
Butter,	14
Eggs,	18
Potatoes,	52-55
Beans, according to sample,	50-75

AS THEY COME AND GO!

Purely Personal Paragraphs Promiscuously Picked.

Chas. Pitcher is home from Northville.
Ford Lyndon spent Sunday at home.

Irene Baker departed for home yesterday.

M. Kinyon is home again from the north.

Mrs. A. D. Lapham is spending a few weeks in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. David Corkins spent Sunday in Sumpter.

Herman Ruppert, of Reed City, is visiting at the old home.

Chas. Bremer, who has been sick the past week, is on the gain.

Charles Wilson and family are spending a few days in Saginaw.

Clinton Wilcox departed for New York city the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Adams, spent Sunday with Detroit friends.

W. E. Kline, of Detroit, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Pelton Thursday.

H. B. Joffe, took a business trip to Detroit, on Thursday, the 20th.

Will Taft has been visiting friends and relatives here for the past week.

Dr. Lum and family visited a part of last week with Ann Arbor friends.

Miss Jennie Rauch, of Ida, visited her brother, J. R. Rauch, from Monday until Wednesday.

Miss Murdock, of Detroit, is the new stenographer at L. C. Hough & Son's to succeed F. W. Smith.

Elias Briggs returned Wednesday from a several weeks' visit with Grand Rapids and Grand Lodge friends.

Charlie Moon and Misses Nellie Long and Nellie Steele are assisting J. R. Rauch & Son this week while taking inventory.

W. S. Ellis and son, representing the Tribe of Ben-Hur beneficiary order, are here as was stated last week with the intention of organizing a lodge of that order. They report a very successful beginning.

Edgar Peck is the recipient of a new bicycle. A present from his father.

—Goods are all marked in plain figures. Big stock to select from. Bring the cash. No cash, no discount, see?
A. M. POTTER,
17 Sutton-st.
Plymouth, Mich.

—FOR SALE—Dry stove wood.
4w DWIGHT BERDAN.

Auction Sale.

The undersigned will sell at public auction at premises, on Plymouth road one-half mile south of Stark station, on Monday, Jan. 31, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property: Two horses, 5 years old, two cows, with calf, two cows coming in soon, two yearling heifers, ten sheeps, Champion binder, spring wagon, lumber wagon, milk wagon, double harness, two sets single harness, two milk cans, set horse nets, ten tons hay, two stacks corn stalks, Ward plow, cultivator, corn planter, wheelbarrow, hoes, forks, shovels, etc.

Terms: All sums under \$10 cash; over that sum eight months credit on good approved notes with interest at 7 per cent; 3 per cent off for cash.
THEO. SKELAPE,
JNO. BENNETT, Auctioneer.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

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

Store Property For Sale.

SUTTON STREET

38 ft. Frontage, \$1,500 Dollars Cash, Balance on Time.

10 per cent guaranteed on investment.

This offer will positively be withdrawn February 28, 1898

A. M. POTTER.

Dated January 21, 1898.

Make an offer for 99 ft. frontage on Ann Arbor street

RARE BARGAINS IN GROCERIES



AT
BOGERT & CO.'S

In Canned Goods we are selling at

ONE-FOURTH OFF.

Yellow Peaches, Pie Peaches, Pineapples, Apricots
Yellow and Green Grape Plums,

Heinz's Baked Beans, Home Baked Beans
Sugar, with \$1.00 order, 5 1/2c per lb.

McLaughlin's XXXX Coffee, 12c, Lion Coffee, 12c
Strained Honey, 10c, Maple Syrup 10c bottle,
15 Bars of Soap for 25c.

Highest Market price paid for Butter and Eggs.

BOGERT & CO. Plymouth.

Look at Prices Of the Old Reliable House of

A. J. LAPHAM.

Cash Prices. Regular Prices on Book.

18 lbs. Granulated Sugar with goods,	\$1.00
Lion and McLaughlin XXXX Coffee.	11c
Raisins, good, 4 1/2c per lb, or 6 lbs. for	25c
Prunes, good, 4 1/2c per lb. or 6 lbs. for	25c
9 Bars Queen Anne Soap,	25c
Kingsford's Silver Gloss Starch,	7c
Corn Starch,	6c
Church's Saleratus,	7c
4 lbs. Best Rice,	25c
25 lb. Sack Best Buckwheat Flour,	45c
Short Clear Salt Pork,	6c
New Orleans Molasses,	20c

Closing out Rubbers at Cost.

Closing out old line of Boots and Shoes below cost to make room for New Stock.

A new line of ready-made Clothing will be in in about 30 days, also a new line of Neckties.

North Village.

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Equips bright young men and women for desirable adjusted situations. Practical education in

BOOKKEEPING, SHORTHAND, PENMANSHIP, TYPEWRITING, BUSINESS FORMS AND CORRESPONDENCE, COMMERCIAL LAW, ARITHMETIC, ETC.

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The kind of knowledge that costs little but pays big.

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Write for particulars.

PENINSULA MATTERS

RELATED IN A BRIEF, CONCISE MANNER.

Lake Carriers' Association Annual Convention Held in Detroit—Michigan Royal Arch Masons Met at Grand Rapids—Strike at Bay City.

Lake Carriers' Association.

The annual convention of the Lake Carriers' association is one of the most important business gatherings that occurs in the lake states. Detroit did the honors this year for the largest assemblage of lake vesselmen that ever attended their conventions.

The following officers were elected: President, Capt. J. S. Dunham, of Chicago; 15 vice-presidents representing important lake cities; secretary, O. H. Keep, of Buffalo; treasurer, George P. McKay, of Cleveland; counsel, Harvey D. Goulder, of Cleveland.

The warmest time the convention had in settling the contract for shoveling grain at Buffalo. It was finally awarded to W. J. Connors over James Kennedy, who has done the work for three seasons past.

The association adopted measures to erect a suitable memorial to the late Gen. O. M. Poe. Resolutions were adopted advocating new rules for navigating the "Soo" river, to allow of greater speed through it.

Grand Chapter E. A. M.

The grand chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan held its annual convocation at Grand Rapids. The grand council and the grand chapter united in a banquet to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Royal Arch Masonry in Michigan.

The grand chapter meets in Grand Rapids again next year.

Big Strike Threatened at Bay City.

The riveters employed by F. W. Wheeler & Co., ship builders at Bay City, demanded an advance in wages which was refused them. The firm gave the strikers three days to return at old wages and threatened to employ new men.

The laborers are jubilant, however, and have given up all thoughts of striking. It is said that James Davidson will pay the same wages as the Wheelers.

\$75,000 Fire at Ionia.

A fire which started in the Sandstone block at Ionia spread rapidly and caused a loss of \$75,000. The buildings burned are occupied by Bretz & Bradley, furniture dealers; R. E. Van Houten, jeweler; Herb Humphreys, musical merchandise; H. B. Webber & Co., hardware; H. Van Allen, druggist; and G. Gardels, fruit and confectionery.

For violation of local option law, L. H. Diederich was fined \$157.50, or 75 days; Benjamin A. Ingraham \$91.55, or 40 days; Albert D. Smith, \$81.90, or 40 days; George Heath \$105.35 or 60 days. The latter is from Bangor, the others from South Haven.

Henry Peot, foreman of the Buckley & Douglas salt block at Manistee, was terribly injured by two large vats of scalding brine being poured over him. The supports gave way under the vats and pinioned him down. Heavy clothing and a Scotch cap perhaps saved his life.

Our January Blizzard.

The heavy wind and snow storm which swept the lake region was very severe in many portions of the state. About Alpena it was the heaviest snow in years. Over two feet of snow fell on the level and in some places it drifted as high as the tops of docks and wind-ways.

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Reuben Strong, aged 53, a well-known horseman, died at Jackson from an overdose of morphine taken supposedly by mistake for quinine.

C. J. Wilder, near Ithaca, has plowed up a Lincoln badge. On side was Lincoln's name, on the other that of Hannibal Hamlin. The center had rusted away.

Private Daniel Sullivan, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Sully, was served 23 years in the army. He served under Custer and barely missed the famous massacre.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS PICKED PROMISCUOUSLY.

France Deeply Stirred by the Dreyfus Case Which Causes Fighting in the Chamber of Deputies—U. S. Warship Maine Sent to Havana.

The Dreyfus Case Will Not Down.

The developments in the Dreyfus case in France has resulted in riots in Paris and other cities. The acquittal of Count Esterhazy, who was charged with the Dreyfus crime, led M. Zola, the famous novelist, to denounce Esterhazy and other high civil and military personages, and he dared the government to prosecute him.

Hand-to-Hand Fights in French Chamber. The Dreyfus case which caused the riots and the anti-Semitic disturbances on the streets of Paris has resulted in a hand-to-hand fight in the chamber of deputies.

M. Jaures characterized as "lies" the "incomplete charges" filed in the prosecution of Zola. M. Debornis, conservative, accused M. Jaures of being the spokesman of the "Dreyfus syndicate," to which M. Jaures replied: "You are a scoundrel and a coward."

The conservatives and socialists charged the platform and the melee became general, with fighting and shouting on all sides. The president of the chamber, being powerless to restore order, left the chair, and called in the soldiers. A few minutes later the order was given to clear the tribune, amidst the greatest excitement.

Several persons in the press galleries exchanged blows during the uproar and the people in the public galleries climbed upon the seats, shouting encouragement or abuse at the deputies.

After the chamber was cleared 125 torn off neckties were picked up, together with coats that had been torn by deputies from each others' shoulders. The next day Paris had the appearance of being in a state of siege and 4,000 police and soldiers held the Place de la Concorde.

U. S. Warship Maine Sent to Havana. Washington dispatches state that the U. S. battleship Maine has been ordered to sail from Key West to Havana. It is explained by the administration officials that the step is strictly a peace measure and a return to the former custom of sending our warships at intervals on cruises through the West Indies that frequently included stops at Havana, and that the movement is rather in the line of a resumption of free intercourse of our naval vessels in Cuban waters.

These reports are not borne out by surrounding circumstances, however, and there are indications that the decision to send the Maine to Havana was in response to a direct request from Consul-General Lee. Three cipher dispatches received from Lee at the state department the previous night were deemed of so much importance that they were sent to Secretary Sherman who was attending a dinner given by Judge McKenna, at which all members of the cabinet except Gen. Alger were present, and a consultation, practically a cabinet meeting, was held to consider the situation in Cuba.

After returning to the executive mansion the President ordered direct telegraphic connection between there and Key West. The following day another dispatch led the President to call Secretary of the Navy Long, Assistant Secretary of State Day and Gen. Miles into a consultation after which the Spanish minister, Senor De Lome was called and informed that the Maine had been sent to Havana.

Italian cities are daily scenes of serious bread riots and socialists and anarchists threaten to make serious trouble. Signor Nicolini, husband of Adelina Patti Nicolini, the famous singer, died at Pau, France. The late Signor Ernest Nicolini married Mme. Patti in Wales in 1886.

Frances D. Newton, a prosperous farmer of Brookfield, Mass., his wife Sarah and their 10-year-old adopted daughter Ethel were found murdered in their beds. Their heads were split open with an ax. The hired man is missing and is suspected of being the murderer.

Complaints were lodged against Waldrum Brothers, saloonists, at New Baltimore, charging them with keeping open on Sunday. Miss L. C. Schnoor was the complainant. Together with another prominent New Baltimore woman they waited the place Sunday and secured the necessary evidence.

RECOGNIZE BELLIGERENCY.

A Red Hot Debate in Congress on the Cuban Question.

Cuba had a hearing in the House, and for a time it looked as if parliamentary precedents would be set aside and the Senate resolution recognizing the insurgents as belligerents would be attached as a rider to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill.

Mr. DeArmond, a Missouri Democrat, precipitated the issue by offering the resolution as an amendment, but a point of order against it was sustained. Mr. DeArmond appealed. He urged the Republicans who had professed friendship for the struggling Cubans to override the decision of the chair as the only chance of securing action on the proposition.

Mr. Bailey, the leader of the minority, and other Democrats, joined in the appeal. The excitement became intense, but the appeals of Mr. Dingley, floor leader of the majority, and other Republican leaders to their associates not to join in the programme, succeeded. Mr. Colson, a Kentucky Republican, warned his side that unless he was soon given an opportunity to vote his sentiments on the Cuban question he would co-operate in any revolutionary methods to secure action.

The Republican tactics kept to the front the point that the minority were seeking to override the rules of the House and they got every Republican vote, sustaining the chair by a vote of 152 to 114.

The debate was continued the following day by Rep. Buckner, Democrat, of Michigan, offering a resolution to instruct the committee on foreign affairs to report at once the Senate resolution recognizing the belligerent rights of the Cubans.

Mr. Hitt, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, at once raised a point of order, which was sustained by the chair. An appeal was taken, but was laid on the table by vote of the House. The debate was very exciting. Mr. Hitt, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, made an impressive speech, explaining at length the situation which made action by congress inadvisable.

He said that belligerent rights could not aid the insurgent cause, and declared the insurgents only wished for belligerent rights in the hope and belief that this country would be embroiled in a war with Spain, which would give them their freedom with our triumph.

He said the President must assume the responsibility of any action which might eventuate in war, and appealed to both sides of the House to patriotically support the executive if a crisis shall come. At the conclusion of the debate Mr. Williams, (Dem. Mass.) gave notice that on the following day he would move to recommit the bill with instructions.

The action of Mr. Williams led to a clash between Speaker Reed, as the leader of the opposition to the Cuban resolution, and Mr. Bailey, of Texas, leader of the Democrats. When the motion to recommit was made the speaker ruled it out of order and Mr. Bailey thereupon started the House by affirming that he had a private understanding with the speaker by which a vote should be taken directly on the motion to recommit.

This the speaker emphatically denied and these two leaders with white faces and voices shaken by emotion set their statements against each other's, while the galleries looked on in breathless amazement and the members were in an uproar. Mr. Smith, (Rep. Mich.) who said he was present, corroborated the speaker's side of the case. The result of the speaker's position was that an appeal was taken from his decision and by a strict party vote it was laid on the table, 168-114; the Democrats and Populists, as on the two previous days, voting against the solid Republican strength. The consular and diplomatic appropriation bill upon which the debate had occurred, was then passed.

Japan May Cause Trouble Yet. Japan is now said to be the pivot upon which the whole Chinese question turns. The diplomats think that the action of the powers in the east will not necessarily break the peace of Europe, providing the peppery little conqueror of the Chinese can be held in check. This, it is said, is very doubtful. Japan may at any moment escape from her mentors, and it is feared the departure of her fleet for Chinese waters will possibly be the brand that will ignite the conflagration of terrible dimensions. Salisbury is playing a deep game and has checked Russia's designs by forcing the czar to show his hand. This was brought about by insisting that Tai-Lien Wan be made an entry port. France objects to this, otherwise the situation is practically unchanged.

Rev. T. De Witt Talmage Married. Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, the noted divine of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Eleanor McCutcheon Collier of Allegheny City, were united in marriage at Pittsburg. The affair was a great surprise to friends of both. Only the bride's relatives were present and after a wedding breakfast the couple left for Cleveland. The present Mrs. Talmage is the reverend gentleman's third wife, his second having died several years ago. Mr. Talmage is 66 years of age, his bride 40.

Ferd Grober, a miser, was crushed to death by falling soapstone in the Maple Hill mines near Bridgeport, O. Senator Hanna has taken the oath of office for the remainder of Mr. Sherman's term of six years, which expires March 4, 1899.

W. B. Chapman, a well-known capitalist of Jamaica, in an interview at Montreal stated that a party in favor of the annexation of the island to Canada has grown to great strength and that definite measures are on foot to secure a union. It is the intention to unite all the British possessions in the western hemisphere into one dominion, and Chapman says definite encouragement has been offered by the British government.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

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

Senator Wolcott, chairman of the international bimetallic commission, delivered an address in the Senate in which he spoke of the status of the negotiations with the foreign governments by the commissioner last year in the interests of international bimetalism.

He said that it is apparent that for the time being it is hopeless to count on any co-operation from Great Britain towards a bimetallic agreement, and that while France actively desires to see silver restored to its old position as a standard of value equally with gold, she insists that the problem is one which demands international action and the co-operation to some adequate extent of other leading commercial nations of the world.

He thought it might be necessary to change the ratio to something like 20 to 1. He referred to the attitude of Secretary Gage on the financial question, contrasting it with the President's position, and said Secretary Gage's bill will reach limbo before it reaches the Senate. In conclusion Mr. Wolcott said it would be cowardly to abandon hope, and added: "International bimetalism is to the gold monometallists a stumbling block, and to the silver monometallists foolishness, but it is nevertheless a splendid possibility; its accomplishment would be the greatest blessing that could befall our people, and to achieve it we might well afford to sink for the time the hostilities and bickerings of factions. At the conclusion of the speech Mr. Wolcott was instantly surrounded by his Republican colleagues, desirous of tendering him congratulations.

The immigration bill passed the Senate by a vote of 45 to 28 after the following amendments by Mr. Spooner, of Wisconsin, had been adopted: Providing that the ability on the part of the immigrant either to read or to write should be accepted as a sufficient test of his literacy; providing that the members of the family accompanying an immigrant rejected under the conditions of the bill should be returned to the country whence they came by the steamship companies. The bill, as passed, provides that all immigrants physically capable and over 10 years of age shall be able to read or write the English language or some other language; but a person not able to read or write, who is over 50 years of age and is the parent or grandparent of a qualified immigrant over 21 years of age and capable of supporting such a parent or grandparent, may accompany the immigrant, or the parent, or grandparent may be sent for and come to join the family of the child or grandchild over 21 years of age qualified under the law; and wife or minor children not able to read or write may accompany or be sent for and may come to join the husband or parent who is qualified. The act does not apply to persons coming to the United States from the island of Cuba during the continuance of present disorders there, who have heretofore been inhabitants of that island.

Senator Morgan, in his speech on Hawaii, predicted that if the United States did not take advantage of the present opportunity to acquire the islands there would be war between this country and some other power within 10 weeks. It was not, he said, within the bounds of possibilities, in view of the present European competition for territory in Asia, that the Hawaiian islands should be allowed to remain independent for any length of time after the United States should finally announce their determination not to make them a part of American territory. The senator displayed a number of large maps from which he contended that the islands were in the roadway of commerce between our western coast and the Orient, and said that all ships, whether laden with the articles of commerce or the munitions of war, must necessarily pass them in going to and from between this country and the Asiatic coast, and thus, he said, the nation which controls Hawaii will control the commerce of the east.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

New York—Cattle Sheep Lambs Hogs Best grades, 21 75 23 01 31 05 36 25 41 25 Lower grades, 13 40 11 00 2 50 5 00 4 00 Chicago—Best grades, 4 85 6 25 4 71 5 45 3 75 Lower grades, 2 50 3 50 2 75 3 45 3 50 Detroit—Best grades, 4 00 14 50 4 75 5 55 3 75 Lower grades, 2 50 3 50 3 00 4 25 3 00 Buffalo—Best grades, 3 60 14 00 4 75 5 81 3 99 Lower grades, 2 50 3 50 3 00 4 75 3 75 Cleveland—Best grades, 4 00 14 25 4 25 5 00 3 75 Lower grades, 2 50 3 50 3 25 4 00 3 50 Cincinnati—Best grades, 4 50 14 65 4 40 5 50 3 70 Lower grades, 2 50 3 50 3 75 4 00 3 50 Pittsburg—Best grades, 4 60 14 85 4 75 5 50 3 55 Lower grades, 2 50 3 50 3 75 4 25 3 50

GRAIN, ETC.

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Stark county, Ind., just over the Michigan line, has a club to boom Piagra for president.

A crisis was reached in the investigation of the bribery charges against Senator Hanna by the Ohio legislature. Several witnesses, including Samuel Pentland, Frank P. Ross and Shepherd M. Duval, refused to answer the questions of the senate committee on the ground that the senate had no jurisdiction in the investigation of the alleged bribery of a member of the house. They will probably be arrested for contempt.

FROM GLOOM TO SUNLIGHT

THE USURER'S DAUGHTER.

BY CHARLOTTE M. BRAEME.

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CHAPTER IX.—(Continued.)

Nothing came of the one solitary gleam of kindness. The next day Hildred did not see the earl at all; he went over to St. Cloud with some of his friends. The slight gleam of happiness died away, the old feeling of desolation came back to her. The Comtesse de Quenee called and pressed her to go out, but the girl was sick at heart. If such a strange life—married without love, without even friendship or liking—married, yet living with her husband as though she were the merest stranger—his wife, bearing his name, sharing his fate, yet knowing no more of him than did the lowest servant in the household; his thoughts, his mind, his plans, his desires, his interests, his amusements, his pleasures, were all strange to her. It was an unheard-of position, an unheard-of fate.

Three weeks had passed away, and Lord Caraven began to wonder how much longer he was to remain in Paris. If he had been free to follow his own inclinations, they would have led him to the gaming-tables at Baden-Baden. But, as he said impatiently, he had no idea of going there with a whole train of people to look after.

How long would she expect to remain in Paris? The honeymoon—that most absurd of all institutions—was supposed to last a month. It would be better perhaps to remain there until it was over, and then go to Ravensmere. He would be more comfortable there. The house was spacious, and it would be possible for him to move about without being haunted by the girlish, wistful face. So in Paris, until the honeymoon was over, he decided on remaining.

CHAPTER X.

LADY CARAVEN was willing to go to Ravensmere—willing to go anywhere that the earl suggested. She had grown quiet. A new, strange feeling was stirring in her breast; it was love for her husband—love for the handsome, debonaire earl.

It was a chilly evening at the end of October when the Earl and Countess of Caraven reached Ravensmere. No preparations had been made to receive and welcome them. There was no gathering of tenants. The earl's tenants simply detested the sound of his name. They had been so heavily burdened, so taxed and tormented by the earl's confidential agent, Mr. Blantyre, that they had no welcome left for his master. They considered him an unjust landlord, and they did not scruple to say so. There were no glad shouts of welcome for him; even the curly-headed children had heard so often of the earl's folly and neglect that they had no cheer for him when his carriage drove through the streets of Court Raven. Nor was there any warm welcome from the servants. They were most of them new ones; as the old retainers had died off or gone away, the earl had never retained them. The house had become dilapidated; the servants were few, the stables empty.

It was all different now—John Blantyre had had carte blanche. The interior of the castle had been beautified, decorated, and refurbished; well-trained servants had been brought from London; the stables had been filled. There was a general air of prosperity about the place, so that the earl hardly knew it again.

Did Lord Caraven miss the welcome? Did he see that he was disliked by his tenants—that his servants seemed to have no interest in him? Did it strike him that a life of self-indulgence always brings its own reward? Lady Caraven gazed with wonder at the magnificent home which was to be hers. The first words she said to her husband were:

"I had no idea that Ravensmere was so large."
He looked half incredulously at her. "Did you not really feel interested enough in the place to ask about it?" he inquired.
"I was very much interested in it," she replied, quietly, "but I never thought of asking any questions."
"I should have fancied that you would know all about it," he said—"the number of rooms and their contents. I am surprised that you do not."

She did not in the least understand the drift of his words. That he should ever fancy that she was mercenary, that she wanted the full value for all the money she had brought him, never occurred to her.

They dined together almost in silence. Lord Caraven did not tell his wife what a comfort he felt to see the family plate once more in use. Hildred was slightly overwhelmed by the magnificence of everything around. How little she dreamed that her fortune had preserved the grand old place from utter ruin—that but for her the massive plate, the beautiful pictures, even the old walls themselves, would have passed from the Caravens, and the family name would have been written in the dust!

Perhaps some such thought occurred to him as he looked at the sweet face before him; perhaps that thought made him feel a little more kindly toward Hildred.

After dinner was over, instead of lingering over his claret, he joined her in the drawing-room.

"I have been thinking," he began, "that you would like to see the house; some of the rooms are very handsome, some of the pictures very fine."

"I should be pleased," she said, gently.

"I have been thinking, too, that you ought to make your choice of rooms. My mother used a very beautiful suite in the western wing. You shall see them all and judge for yourself."
"I should not like them to be very far away from the rest of the household," she said.

"Do you believe in the Ravensmere ghosts?" he asked, laughing.

"I have never heard of them. But in a large house like this I should not care to feel that I was quite alone."

"You shall choose for yourself," he said, briefly.

Perhaps the hour that followed was the happiest that Hildred had known since her marriage.

He talked to her, and showed her the various art treasures, the costly pictures, the statues, the ancient armor. She was pleased and bright and interested in all he said. He showed her the library, where the accumulated treasures of so many scholars lay. When she had seen and admired all, he said to her:

"If all these were on the verge of destruction, and one woman came forward to save it, what would you call her?"

"I should call her the good angel of the house," she replied, not having the least idea that he was referring to her.

He bowed to her.
"That shall be my name for you," he said. "You shall be the good angel of the house."

She had chosen her rooms in the western wing—rooms that opened on to a broad beautiful terrace—from the windows of which one saw pleasant glimpses of garden and distant landscape. The housekeeper, Mrs. Hampton, showed her over the whole suite. Lady Caraven preferred these.

"You will be lonely, my lady," she said; "most of the Ladies Caraven have preferred the eastern wing."

Hildred thought to herself that there had never been another Lady Caraven like her. She had been married—so it seemed from the words her husband had just spoken—for her money; she was not there because she was beloved by the master of the house, but simply as an appendage of her money. It mattered but little what rooms she chose; she did not at present even feel so much at home as did the servants in the house.

"Your ladyship has decided, then, on this suite?" said the housekeeper.

"Yes," said the young countess; "I prefer them to any others. And I will

showed her the pictures.

remain here now while my boxes are unpacked. I will not go down again."

Mrs. Hampton thought her decision strange indeed; it was the young wife's first evening in her husband's home, yet she preferred remaining in her rooms while he was down-stairs.

"Shall I take that message to the earl?" she asked.

Lady Caraven looked up in some surprise.

"Oh, no!" she replied. "Lord Caraven will not expect me."

And the housekeeper, who was a shrewd woman in her way, thought it seemed a strange kind of marriage where husband and wife preferred solitude to each other's society.

CHAPTER XI.

There were some visitors coming today," said the Earl of Caraven to his young wife.

"The dinner will be an hour later, and your rooms must be prepared. Sir Charles and Lady Courtenay live at some little distance—they will not arrive until late."

"Do you mean," she said, "that I am

to arrange for your guests—for their wants and comfort?"

"What terribly straightforward questions you ask," he replied, laughing. "You are sole mistress of the house—you must give all orders in it."

"I have not yet learned to think of myself yet as mistress of this house," she rejoined, with proud composure.

"Then I must ask you to begin," he said. "You are indeed sole mistress of this house; every one in it is bound to obey you—whatever your direct is to be done."

"But," returned Hildred, "yesterday, when I went into the housekeeper's room, she did not seem inclined to submit to my authority at all. She said that her keys were mislaid when I wanted to look over the linen-press. I fancy that she thinks I am rather too young to hold such authority."

"I will soon settle that matter," said the earl.

He rang the bell, and in answer to his summons a servant came. He sent for the housekeeper, who looked slightly troubled at the unexpected call.

"Mrs. Hampton," said the earl, sternly. "I have sent for you to say that every order given by Lady Caraven is to be attended to instantly—that she is to be obeyed implicitly as I am obeyed myself—that the least show of disrespect or disobedience will be punished by immediate dismissal. You will see that my commands are carried out."

"I will do so, my lord."

"You will go for the future to Lady Caraven for all your orders—you will take them only from her."

"Thank you, my lord," said the housekeeper, retiring with a sense of relief.

Hildred turned to her husband.

"And I thank you, too," she said, calmly. "I should not have spoken but that I saw there was a disposition in the house to ignore my authority—I knew that you would not like that."

"Certainly not—you have done quite right," he told her—and a sudden sense of her cruel position came over him. Was it likely that the servants would show much respect to one who they could plainly see was an unloved wife?

He quitted the breakfast-room not quite satisfied with himself, and not satisfied with her.

"Marriage is a mistake at the best of times," he said, "but marriage for money is the greatest mistake of all."

Exening came and brought the expected guests—Sir Charles Courtenay, a young baronet who had but one idea, and that was love for his wife, Lady Alice Courtenay, who was pretty, lively and accomplished. Hildred liked her at once. Her face was sunny and fair, and laughing eyes and sweet lips made her a very attractive picture. Hildred looked at her with something like envy. She was charmingly dressed, and had a bright expression of countenance.

That evening when Lady Caraven was dressing for dinner, her faithful maid could hardly be satisfied; she brought out jewels, flowers, ornaments of all kinds.

"Do wear them, my lady," she said; "if you would but let me help you more in your toilet! Lady Courtenay is so beautifully dressed, do not let her have all the admiration."

The girl had grown so sorry for her young mistress that she sometimes ventured to speak familiarly to her. Hildred sat listlessly before the toilet-table; neither jewels, flowers, nor dresses had the least interest for her.

"I think it very probable that all the admiration will fall to her lot whether I take pains with my dress or not," she said, musingly.

"My lady," returned the girl, earnestly, "you do not know how beautiful you are—you do not indeed. If you but take some little interest—you have a lovely figure and beautiful hair—if you would but care a little more!"

Lady Caraven laughed good-naturedly; the girl's admiration was so sincere that she could not be angry.

(To be continued.)

THE ICELAND PONY.

Without Him the Country Would Be Impossible to Live In.

While there are camels in the desert, llamas in Peru, reindeer in Lapland, dogs in Greenland, and caribou among the Eskimos, Iceland will have its ponies, who on those "pampas of the north" will still perform the services done by the mustangs of the plains of Mexico, the horses of the Tartars, Guachos, and even more than is performed by any animal throughout the world, says the Saturday Review. Without the ponies Iceland would be impossible to live in, and when the last expires the Icelanders have two alternatives—either to emigrate en masse or to construct a system of highways for bicycles, an undertaking compared to which, all undertaken by the Romans and the Incas of Peru, in the same sphere would be as nothing. No Icelanders will walk a step if he can help it; when he dismounts he waddles like an alligator on land, a Texan cowboy or a Gucho left "afogot," or like the Medes whom Plutarch represents as tottering on their toes when they dismounted from their saddles and essayed to walk. Ponies are caris, are sledges, carriages, trains, in short, are locomotion and the only means of transport; bales of salt fish, packages of goods, timber projecting yards above their heads and trailing on the ground behind, like Indian lodge poles, they convey across the rocky lava tracks. The farmer and his wife, his children, servants, the priest, the doctor, "Syeel-man" all ride, cross rivers on the ponies' backs, plunge through the snow, slide on the icy "jokull" paths, and when the lonely dwelling of some upland dale expires his pony bears his body in its cabin tied to its back to the next consecrated ground.

DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

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

Dairy Industry in Ireland.

According to the registrar general's report, says British Dairy World, the number of milk cows in Ireland in 1896 was 1,429,795, or 13,422 below the average of the preceding five years. From this it would seem as if foreign competition in butter was telling its tale. While it is a good thing to study dairy breeds, it is even better to study dairy cows. Success with the cow is the fundamental problem in dairying. The dairy industry in some districts has made about as much improvement as it can under present conditions, until the cow and her management is improved. It is universally recognized that many of our butter-makers rank among the foremost of the world, but too many of our dairy herds, as a class, fall far behind. One of the first essentials is to be able to distinguish a good dairy cow from one that is not a dairy cow at all. It will be observed that there is a wider range of variation between the individual cows in any one breed than between the breed themselves; so the selection of a breed is only an initial step in dairying. Generally there is a wider relative variation between the cows of a single dairy herd than between the several dairy breeds.

A great many farmers say they have no time to read. This is just the reason, as a rule, why they do not succeed better. The man who does not read may be a hard worker, but he is apt to have a poor judgment. A look over the country will convince any man that the most successful farmers are invariably the most intelligent. At a meeting of the Edinburgh Association of Science and Arts, Mr. John Laing, F. I. C., read a paper on "Dairy Products, from the Producer to the Consumer, as We Get Them, and as We Ought to Get Them." In order to get the best results from the dairy, cows should be fed and kept under the best possible conditions. He was of opinion that grass grown on sewage lands was not a proper or clean feeding for milk cows. Milk obtained from cows fed exclusively on sewage grass was very much inferior, from every point of view, to the milk obtained from cows fed on natural sweet meadow grass. Milk from sewage grass gave way very readily, not so much to acidity, but to putridity, and the butter and cheese from such milk were very inferior in quality.

Using Paper Linings.

Information has reached us that some of the Western solicitors for New York houses have been telling the creamerymen that there was no necessity for using parchment paper lining in their tubs, and that goods packed in that way would not sell any more readily nor bring a higher price, says the New York Produce Review. We are surprised at the length of time it takes to get a good idea through some men's heads. Why anyone conversant with the New York trade, and who attempts to keep in touch with the changing needs of this market should try to convince a butter maker or a creamery secretary that paper lining is unnecessary and has no practical use is beyond our comprehension. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," runs an old saying, and the value of the paper lining has been determined by the severest kind of use for more than a year. It has grown in favor steadily and a very large number of creameries are using it all the time. Page after page has been written about its value as a protection to butter, the aid given in stripping, etc., and buyers at home and abroad have come to look upon the paper lining as essential to perfect packing. As soon as foreign buyers became interested in our butters they asked for tubs with the parchment lining, having learned to know the value of that class of goods in the English markets. Now comes an interesting demand from home buyers for that style of packing, and there are strong evidences to prove that within another year three-fourths of the trade will call for paper lined butter. There have been instances already this season where the butter brought a little more money because the tubs were lined with parchment, and most receivers can cite cases where the preference was given to that kind of packing over other consignments. It will only be a matter of time when creamerymen will be forced to use the paper lining to maintain the standing of their product, and the sooner this is recognized and the newer method adopted the better it will be for the trade.

The Water Problem.

Now, let us consider the question of water. It is a very important question and one which has not received much special attention, writes E. O. Roessle in Country Gentleman. It has something to do with egg production, more, in fact, than most of us imagine. There is no more serious mistake made in caring for a flock of layers than to give them ice cold water, at 7 o'clock in the morning, with their food. And yet how many thousand breeders are doing this every winter. If we give them a warm mash and sometimes put red pepper in it, we do it to warm them up—and then we give them ice cold water. Of course this is not consistent, and it is in my opinion injurious. If you have a flock of fifty dughills running at large in your barnyard and roosting in your wagon shed, do they run at daylight to the horse trough for a drink of ice water? This is an instance because it is nature. No farmer would bother

himself to water these hens in winter. When they want water, they know when and where to get it. If you watch such a flock carefully, you will find them drinking after the sun has been up several hours; and after they have picked up a breakfast from the manure heaps and have actually done half a day's work. Is it necessary, therefore, for us, with our more valuable thoroughbreds, to put water before them, tempting them to injure the very quality we are striving to cultivate, namely, egg production? Some breeders give their flock hot water. This is a good idea, but difficult to follow if the flock is a very large one. With a few hundred head it would work perfectly, but with a thousand or more it would require too much labor. Winter layers, I consider, should not be watered until they are well toned up by exercise and food, or until the sun has warmed the coops. Ten o'clock is a good hour, and it could be combined with the grain feed at this time.

Hints on Mating.

The Scottish Fancier says: "The aim to be kept steadily in view is the points an exhibition bird requires to win. If you have a cock with too much white, match him to a hen darker than the color required, or vice versa. In breeding for color, always select birds a shade darker than the color you want to breed, as fowls are inclined to breed lighter, and you can never get depth of color unless you breed from birds very deep in color themselves." This wouldn't be very good advice for a Plymouth Rock breeder. A very good standard Pule is—what the male bird is deficient in, see that the hen has extra developed. Cocks with large big combs should be mated to hens with small fine combs, or vice versa, and so on all through the points." This is very good advice, but it would be better not to use such cocks at all. If they must be used, then the advice should be followed. "In breeding Cochins look more to sound color and heavy feather than to size. Here again, breed from birds rather darker than the exhibition shade, and avoid all 'mealy' specimens and those wanting cushion." Not bad advice especially for breeders of Buffs, so far as color is concerned. Still size ought to be omitted. "In breeding Dark Brahmas, and you wish good pencilled pullets, select a hen with a well-pencilled breast and throat, and the color of the breast feathers the same as those on the back and wing. Avoid light-breasted hens as the pullets from such are generally far too light in color; but the cockerels from such a pen are often very good in color. Hens' bare of leg feathers should be mated with a very heavy feathered hocked cock. Cocks light in leg feather generally throw a large percentage of birds with too little leg feather."—Exchange.

Size of Flock.

The question of keeping many fowls together is one that has been frequently considered. It has been assumed and believed that chickens did better in small flocks than in large ones. We are very uncertain that this is true, with the one exception of health. Were it not for contagious diseases we believe that chickens could be made to do well in large flocks. Unfortunately, when many hens are together it makes way for the spread of contagious diseases: If one started with clean pens and bred all of their own stock, using incubators, and having their flock so far from neighbors that the disease germs would not cross the intervening pens it might be possible to have immense flocks. The more would this be possible if the fowls had the range of a whole farm, as they would not in that case be so likely to crowd together and infect one another did a contagious disease appear. But most people that raise chickens are not situated so that they can have these conditions. Small flocks of not more than fifty should be the rule. A hundred may possibly be kept, but it will require great diligence and watchfulness to make that number successful. When disease breaks out in a flock, the sick fowls should be killed, unless it be merely a case of indigestion. The other fowls should be taken from the pens and the latter cleaned and purified.

Poultry for Economy.

It seems hardly likely that any farmer readers of The Farmers' Review lack a good flock of poultry. There may be, however, readers living in the towns or suburbs of towns that have forgotten what a help the flock of poultry is to the housewife. A small number of hens may be kept at no expense. When one has not a flock of hens the waste from the kitchen is painfully apparent. Especially is this so if the family be large and more especially so if there be many children in it. Much food must be thrown away because it becomes old before it can be disposed of. When one has a flock of hens all of this surplus food may be turned into eggs. Fresh eggs should be used in large quantities. Next to milk they are the most convenient form of food and have nearly as many uses. It is a pity that Americans cannot be convinced of the necessity of husbanding their resources. It is said that the French nation could live on what the American nation throws away. We need to learn how to utilize the side products and instead of throwing them away turn them into things of comfort for the family.

Success in Agriculture.—I say, understandingly, that the young of our country who will bring to agriculture the education and intelligence, the industry and perseverance essential to success in every other career, whether mercantile, industrial or professional, will in the course of the next twenty years attain a far greater degree of material well being on the average than awaits them in any other calling.

Never throw soft feed on the ground.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Absolutely cures scrofula, Salt rheum, Dyspepsia, rheumatism, Catarrh and all diseases Originating in or promoted By impure blood. It is The great nerve tonic, Stomach regulator and Strength builder.

While sitting in her chair reading her Bible Mrs. John Shepard, aged 68, of Sturgis, fell to the floor dead.

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Producers of a Guaranteed Remedy Offer to Send Sample Bottles.

"Five Drops" is the name of a simple but effective remedy for rheumatism, neuralgia, asthma, and kindred ailments. The trade mark, "5 Drops," is self-explanatory, as five drops is one dose. The manufacturers of "5 Drops" have thousands of letters from reliable people; who have been restored to health by the use of their remedy. Many of these letters have been published, and many more will be gladly sent upon application. Some weeks ago the producers of "5 Drops" offered to send a sample bottle, prepaid, for 25 cents. They know even a sample bottle will convince any one of its merits. They were so encouraged by the numerous responses to their first offer that they have decided to renew it for another 30 days. If you are a sufferer send this small amount, 25 cents, without fail today, to the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., 167-169 Dearborn st., Chicago, Ill., and receive prepaid a sample bottle of "5 Drops."

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The old Edison house at Port Huron, for years the home of Thomas A. Edison's father, has burned.

Give the Children a Drink

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Every other generation knows how to bring up children properly.

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No-To-line for Fifty Cents.

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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.

CORRESPONDENCE.

South Salem.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. are to give an elocutionary entertainment at the Baptist church on Friday evening, January 28th, a "matron's contest." The participants are Mesdames Mertie Wheeler, Dora Nelson, Libbie Waters, Julia Bronson, Effie Beard, Alice Lane, Carrie Roberts, Will Tousey, Allie Austin, Geo Ryder and Edith Rohrabacher. The small sum of ten cents will be charged for admission. The entertainment deserves a crowded house.

Quite a large party of friends assembled by invitation on Wednesday the 19th inst. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Whipple to witness the marriage ceremony of their youngest daughter, Mattie, to Jay Rehwick, of New Hudson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Hannaford, of Salem Cong'l church.

Mrs. John Renwick, who has been very ill, is reported better.

Miss Ella Munger and G. Wood, of Ypsilanti, were the guests of Misses Fannie and Lillian Bailey on Saturday and Sunday.

The Misses Tena Packard and Nellie Smith spent Sunday at home with their parents.

J. W. Tyler and wife, of Plymouth spent Saturday at J. Quackenbush's.

Arthur Wheeler is at present working at the Northville condensed milk factory, making butter. If he enjoys the work he may locate there permanently.

The Ladies' Aid society of Lapham's M. E. church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kingsley. The gentleman were also invited and a goodly number were present.

The many friends of old Mr. and Mrs. Tilt showed their sympathy for them in the loss of their household goods by fire, by responding liberally to their needs. The larder has been filled, besides a generous donation of money. They have moved into G. Warner's tenant house.

Stark.

If you want an investment that will pay 6 per cent per annum, inquire of Wm. T. Battenbury.

Perrinsville—Pikes Peak P. O.

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

W. R. Parmalee, 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.

Mrs. Sarah Stevenson is slowly recovering from the fall she had sometime ago at P. of I. hall.

Carl Kingsley was severely injured while operating his mill last Monday. By the assistance of the telephone a doctor was on hand in one hour.

Perrinsville needs a doctor to complete the village force. We have a good store, a harness and shoe shop, milk depot, public hall, a neat M. E. church, telephone station, feed and saw mill, an implement house and a barber shop.

Fred Harer has leased the Carey farm. The spring election is beginning to buzz in Nankin.

West Plymouth.

If you want an investment that will pay 6 per cent per annum, inquire of Geo. Lee.

Pikes Peak

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

Mr. and Mrs. Mackinder made a short visit to her sister in Ypsilanti last week.

A social party was given to Miss Nellie Mosley by a large number of young folks at Willard Sherman's and bade her goodbye, as she returned to Ann Arbor Saturday.

I don't see what's the matter with Pikes Peak—it's decreasing, while Perrinsville is increasing.

Mrs. May Knight, the music teacher, was on her way to give one of her scholars a lesson, when her horse got scared and ran away, throwing her out but not hurting her very seriously.

Detroit parties are now trying to purchase the Nankin mill property for a power house. Their intention is to extend the Warren avenue line to Ann Arbor by the way of this place and Plymouth.

We understand that feed grinding will be done, for five cents per bag on and after Monday next at the Nankin mills.

Ransom Lewis sold one and a half tons of buckwheat flour to Detroit parties one day last week.

The store of I. M. Lewis, of Pikes Peak, will be stocked up with dry goods and groceries in the near future.

Livonia Center.

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

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

The masquerade ball held at Livonia Center last Friday night was well attended none of the participants left until the "wae sma" hours.

Geo. Draper, of Perrinsville, visited his sister, Mrs. C. L. Ferguson, Monday last.

John Stringer made a business trip to Detroit Tuesday, but owing to the stormy day was unable to get home until Wednesday.

The familiar face of E. C. Leach, of Plymouth, was seen on our streets Wednesday.

The friends of Harry McEachran will be pleased to learn that he is able to be home again, after being in Detroit at the hospital so long.

Our little burg was full of pleasure, sorrow and excitement last week. There were three lawsuits, a wedding, a funeral, a burial and a masquerade dance.

The infant son of Will Panchow was buried last Friday afternoon, at the Center. A number of the Center boys attended the free dance at Wardel's on Tuesday night.

The trial of Hern Wakefield was held last Friday at the hall. He plead guilty to stealing honey, and Justice Briggs sen-

tenced him to 90 days in the workhouse at Detroit.

Married, last Friday afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. A. Turnbull, Chas. Schliker and Miss Mattie Johnson, both of Livonia. Justice Briggs tied the matrimonial knot.

There was no meeting at the church Sunday, owing to the stormy day.

Newburg—Nankin P. O.

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Fred Genney, of Detroit, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. E. C. Bassett has been quite sick. Mrs. Bean and son, formerly of Newburg, now of Detroit, are visiting friends here.

For the benefit of the Newburg hall association, Perrinsville Dramatic Club will present at Newburg hall on Wednesday evening, Feb. 1, the drama, "The Young Amazon," and a very funny farce.

Church and Sunday school were not very well attended on account of the weather, but some of our "regulars" are there no matter what the weather.

L. A. S. library social tonight (Friday) at the hall.

D. G. Genney, of Detroit, was here on business last week.

Frazer Smith and family and H. A. Smith and family, of Wixom, visited friends here Sunday.

Epworth League, on account of bad weather, did not have the usual number present, but they had a good program. The discussion on "Contrariness" was adjourned one week.

The cast for "One too Many for Him" is: Robt. Rutter, A. W. Zanders, Mrs. D. Hall, Miss Nora Smith and Miss Altha Woodworth; for "Box and Cox": Ed. Rutter, Jim Norris and Mrs. J. Stoneburner. They will occupy the boards at the hall in about two weeks.

G. A. R. and W. R. C. friends had a fine time Wednesday week at J. Cochran's. We know because we were there. Our two patriotic societies are first class entertainers.

Roy Norris and Orson Corwin started last week for Virginia, where they will work for a lumber company.

Mrs. Ostrander and Miss Stella Bassett are both improving.

Miss Grace Maten is at home.

F. W. Smith, formerly with L. C. Hugh & Son, is now with G. W. Hunter & Co.

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