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The New Officers and Other Institute Notes.

We are indebted to Mr. P. B. Whitbeck and Mr. J. H. Hanford for the following excellent report of the institute.

The third annual session of the Wayne County Farmers' Institute was held at Wyandotte, Feb. 2nd and 3rd.

While the inclemency of the weather rendered a large attendance of farmers impossible, yet an average of 150 were present at each session.

The interest manifested and close attention given speakers bespeak an appreciation of efforts which the state superintendent and local talent had expended to render this institute superior to former ones.

It has been the aim of the State Board of Agriculture to furnish speakers of well-known ability, whose experience in their various occupations, whose success in life, would merit the confidence and attention of all farmers.

It is to be regretted that many who oppose the utility of these institutes could not more frequently attend.

Ex-mayor E. N. Clark in his earnest and cordial address of welcome, so well received, assured all of a most hearty welcome, cordial and kindly greeting. Future developments proved he knew whereof he spoke, for there was shown such hospitality as will cause all to ever cherish the most pleasant memories of the people of Wyandotte.

President Whitbeck, in his poetic response to the address of welcome, made a decided hit. We cannot do justice to Mr. Whitbeck this week, but will endeavor to do so next week.

The talk upon the Dairy, Feed and Feeding of Dairy Cows by Mr. C. P. Goodrich, of Ft. Atkinson, Wis., was the life experience of a plain, practical farmer who has no superior in this branch.

The numerous questions from all sides, both spontaneous and through the question box, showing how deeply was the interest he aroused, met with ready and cheerful answers, full and satisfactory. The discussions which followed, led by O. P. Gulley, Dearborn, and Stanley McPherson, Taylor, were full of interest.

Mr. L. J. Post, of Lowell, an extensive horticulturalist, spoke of whip-grafting, whereby one need not wait until young trees bear, only to find they are untrue to name, for by this system any farmer of average intelligence may graft his own trees with desirable scions.

Mr. Paul Franke, Inspector of Pure Food, demonstrated the benefits of the Pure Food law.

Aniline, glucose and timothy seed are not as favorite raspberry jam as formerly, while in Michigan the number of places dealing in adulterated foods has decreased from 342 to 44. Many firms in other states, now manufacturing these goods, have a special brand of better value for Michigan trade only. Experiments were made whereby the consumer may easily discern adulterated goods. For example: Impure Paris green—dissolve a small bottle of Paris green with ammonia. The pure will be separated from adulterations. The plaster or other ingredients used may be plainly seen. This accounts for some farmers having used many pounds in a season and yet the bugs thrived and grew plump.

Prof. Pettit, of the Agricultural College,

gave an interesting illustrated lecture upon injurious insects affecting the garden and field. He gave various recipes for compositions used in spraying, whereby even the dreaded San Jose scale, which has now made its appearance in Michigan, may be subdued.

Who are Producers was the subject assigned to Prof. Taylor, of the U. of M., who handled the subject in such a masterly manner that all farmers present forget he was a professor, and none believed that they had been listening to a theorist, but a plain, practical, talented, progressive man.

The paper read by D. F. Griswold, of Northville, on Smut, which gave many suggestions upon a subject of which little is generally known, was of especial merit and was evidence of much study.

Mr. Ansel B. Pierce, of Redford, spoke of the Farm Home. All who were so fortunate as to hear this able address, will not soon forget the earnest manner, betokening thought, the vivid description of farm homes as they are and as they should be. This paper, together with that of E. N. Lathers, of Nankin, equally worthy, received a special vote of thanks from the association.

J. H. Hanford, of Canton, in speaking upon the Unit School System advocated a centrally located building affording better facilities than the average rural school. It is now successfully adopted in several states, and merits the attention of those who believe in improvement.

Rural Life in Prosperity and Adversity, by Rinnie Pierson, Livonia, was replete with good thoughts, well delivered and received.

The gifted Mrs. Mary A. Mayo, of Battle Creek, demonstrated that while farmers were interested in raising improved stock and were striving for better methods, they should be more interested in the education of their children, raising noble boys and girls who would eventually become an honor to the community.

Mrs. Maud Cady Blount's paper upon the Unseen Educational Advantages of Farm Life evidenced a gifted mind. We may all become educated, able to meet the college graduate as a peer, if we are determined to succeed.

Two papers as well received as any presented were Gardening Under Glass, by Mr. Wm. Green, Wayne, and Farm Life: its Sunshine and shadows, by Mr. E. N. Lathers, Swift, P. O., and displayed careful, painstaking thought.

The Practical Woman of Today, by Mrs. Fairman, Plymouth, and Poultry Raising, by Mr. R. Graden, Taylor Center, were full of good practical thoughts, instructive as well as interesting.

Geo. C. Peterhans, of Plymouth, with the subject, Object Lessons in Fruit Culture, easily sustained his reputation, that of being able to give practical, common sense instruction on the subject at hand, and at the same time keep his hearers in a ripple or a roar of laughter.

The last evening was spent with Prof. A. W. Dasef, superintendent of the Wyandotte schools, upon the subject, Education of Farmers. It was a very interesting and profitable address.

A feature of the second afternoon and evening was the music furnished by the school children of the Wyandotte schools. A better drilled class of children, both in marching and singing, would be hard to find. A gentlemen's quartette also furnished excellent music. In fact, the entire program was first-class.

We are informed that the women's section was a success and very instructive, but we are unable to give a detailed report.

The following are the new officers for the ensuing year:

President—O. P. Gulley, Dearborn.

Secy and Treas.—Randolph Graden, Taylor Center.

Executive Committee—President, Secretary, J. H. Vreeland, Wyandotte; P. B. Whitbeck, Plymouth; Eugene Smith, Redford.

Dearborn was suggested as the place of next annual meeting.

The five sessions to be held this year will doubtless afford an excellent opportunity for many to attend, and will certainly render the institute more appreciative.

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- McLaughlin's XXXX Coffee, per lb., 12c
- Lion Coffee, per lb., 12c
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- Best Home Made Leaf Lard, per lb., 8c
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It is the opinion of the owners that they, too, are ruined by cheap Chinese goods.

Clement Scott, whose wholesale de-  
preciation of the women of the stage  
profoundly shocked, has been rebuked so  
thoroughly that he is half inclined to  
call himself Great Scott with several  
exclamation points.

It ought to be well understood by  
this time that the merit system has  
come to stay; that the only change  
possible is in the direction of its fur-  
ther extension. It is no longer a  
dream of theorists, but a very practical  
fact. Its operation has proved of great  
value to the service and it has tended  
to relieve congressmen of a burden  
which at one time threatened to ren-  
der them useless for purposes of legis-  
lation.

The announcement that the French  
government would take up the ques-  
tion of a reduction of the French im-  
port duty on wheat was a large factor  
in the recent rise in wheat. The duty  
amounts to 38.8 cents a bushel. To-  
day in France wheat is worth about  
\$1.65 a bushel, and a repeal of the  
duty would send the American wheat  
to the highest point in years. Italy  
has already repealed a part of its  
wheat tariff, and the report is con-  
firmed that even Russia is importing  
wheat.

The old courthouse has been deeded  
to the village of Metamora by Wood-  
ford county on the promise that it  
would be kept up and cared for because  
of its interesting history. It is one of  
the most interesting buildings in Illi-  
nois. It was constructed more than  
half a century ago and many of the  
leading men of this country have prac-  
ticed there for several years and Adlai  
Stevenson began his work as attorney  
in the old building. The eloquence of  
Ingersoll was often heard in its walls.  
The building was used as a courthouse  
up to a year ago, when the county seat  
was moved to Eureka.

Enormous exports of flour have re-  
cently been made and as a consequence  
the Minneapolis mills will run full  
force, some of them day and night.  
The daily receipts of wheat are not  
sufficient to supply the mills and the  
elevators are being called on. This  
fact, together with the report that 60  
steamers had left the other side of the  
Atlantic in ballast for American wheat  
carries has forced up the price of this  
grain. On the Chicago market wheat  
sold last week at \$1.10 a bushel, and  
even at that price the Letter clique re-  
fused to sell more than a few thousand  
bushels of its enormous holdings. Ar-  
mour is supposed to be out of the  
wheat market.

In honoring the person and the work  
of a little old woman of the people, the  
French academy has elaborated the  
supreme praise accorded in "She hath  
done what she could." Madame Bon-  
nefols is the daughter of hard working  
parents who sold toys at peripatetic  
fairs about Paris. When a young girl  
she began imparting her little, self-  
acquired education to the children of  
the fakirs, ropewalkers and showmen  
around her. With a little panorama  
of her own she managed to support her  
remarkable benevolence. Although she  
seldom stayed more than a fortnight in  
one town, she followed her proteges  
from place to place, setting up her  
school, teaching the children to read  
and write, and ministering to their  
bodily and moral necessities. Madame  
Bonnefols would have liked, doubtless,  
to command the philanthropic prospect  
from the summit. Failing that, she  
has set her little valley a-bloom for  
masking.

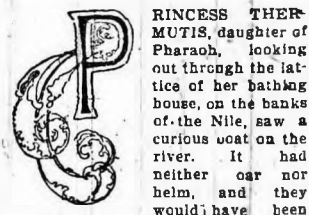
American competition in British and  
continental markets has become so  
keen and successful that the London  
British Trade Review has been led to  
inquire, "When and where will the in-  
vasion stop?" Continuing, our con-  
temporary says: "The latest effort in  
this direction is to supply us with coal  
in the shape of Pennsylvania's antra-  
cite. The miners of the United King-  
dom helped this article to get a foot-  
hold here during their late strike, but a  
regular trade is now promised, and Ger-  
many is named along with Great Britain  
as a dumping ground. It is asserted  
that at present prices and present rates  
of freight American fuel can be ex-  
ported to Europe at a small profit, and  
that if the coal carrying steamers  
would but grant specially low rates in  
consideration of the assurance of stray  
cargoes, there would be no doubt  
whatever in the case. Some experi-  
mental shipments are, it is said, short-  
ly to be made, and the only thing re-  
maining will be to secure the specially  
low rates necessary to certain success.  
But can Atlantic freights be further  
squeezed? If what the shipowners say  
is correct the thing is impossible, but  
perhaps they mean that statement for  
British shippers only."

The jokes that are passed upon the  
case of Mr. Duffant, murderer of two  
girls, are not funny. They remind us  
that the greater the villainy, the more  
the safety of its perpetrator; and that  
the power of a lawyer to break the law  
in behalf of criminals and at the ex-  
pense of the taxpayer has become a  
great crime and one that brings con-  
tempt upon all law and all courts.  
These things make riots and invite  
lynchings. And what a world of sym-  
bols for villainy, what criminal for-  
getfulness of the murdered, they in-  
evitably suggest.

# TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"WATCHING THE BOAT." LAST  
SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

From the Text, Exodus 4:2 as follows:  
"And His Sister Stood Afar Off, to  
Witness What Would Be Done to  
Him."



PRINCESS THER-  
MUTIS, daughter of  
Pharaoh, looking  
out through the lat-  
tice of her bathing  
house, on the banks  
of the Nile, saw a  
curious boat on the  
river. It had  
neither oar nor  
helm, and they  
would have been  
useless anyhow. There was only one  
passenger, and that a baby boy. But  
the Mayflower, that brought the Pil-  
grim Fathers to America, carried not  
so precious a load. The boat was  
made of the broad leaves of papyrus,  
tightened together by bitumen. Boats  
were sometimes made of that material,  
as we learn from Pliny and Herodotus  
and Theophrastus. "Kill all the He-  
brew children born," had been Phar-  
aoh's order. To save her boy, Jeho-  
chebed, the mother of little Moses, had  
put him in that queer boat and launch-  
ed him. His sister, Miriam, stood on  
the bank watching that precious craft.  
She was far enough off not to draw at-  
tention to the boat, but near enough  
to offer protection. There she stands on  
the bank—Miriam, the poetess, Miri-  
am, the quick witted, Miriam, the faith-  
ful, though very human, for in after  
years she demonstrated it.

Miriam was a splendid sister, but had  
had her faults, like all the rest of us.  
How carefully she watched the boat  
containing her brother! A strange wind  
often upset it. The buffaloes often  
found there might in a sudden plunge  
of thirst sink it. Some ravenous water  
fowl might swoop and pick his eyes out  
with iron beak. Some crocodile or hip-  
popotamus crawling through the rushes  
might crunch the babe. Miriam watch-  
ed and watched until Princess Thermo-  
mutis, a maiden on each side of her hold-  
ing palm leaves over her head to shel-  
ter her from the sun, came down and  
entered her bathing house. When from  
the lattice she saw that boat she or-  
dered it brought, and when the leaves  
were pulled back from the face of the  
child and the boy looked up he cried  
aloud, for he was hungry and fright-  
ened, and would not even let the prin-  
cess take him. The infant would rather  
stay hungry than acknowledge any  
one of the court as mother. Now Miri-  
am, the sister, incognito, no one sus-  
pecting her relation to the child, leaps  
from the bank and rushes down and  
offers to get a nurse to pacify the child.  
Consent is given, and she brings Jeho-  
chebed, the boy's mother, incognito, none  
of the court knowing that she was the  
mother; and when Jehochebed arrived,  
the child stopped crying, for his fright  
was calmed and his hunger appeased.  
You may admire Jehochebed, the mother,  
and all the ages may admire Moses,  
but I clap my hands in applause at the  
behavior of Miriam, the faithful, bril-  
liant and strategic sister.

"Go home," some one might have  
said to Miriam; "why risk yourself out  
there alone on the banks of the Nile,  
breathing the miasma, and in danger of  
being attacked of wild beast or ruffian;  
go home!" No; Miriam, the sister,  
more lovingly watched and bravely de-  
fended Moses, the brother; "Is he  
worthy her care and courage? Oh, yes;  
the sixty centuries of the world's  
history have never had so much in-  
volved in the arrival of any ship at any  
port as in the landing of that papyrus  
boat caulked with bitumen! Its one pas-  
senger was to be a nonchuck in history—  
lawyer, statesman, politician, legisla-  
tor, organizer, conqueror, deliverer. He  
had such remarkable beauty in child-  
hood that Josephus says, when he was  
carried along the road, people stopped  
to gaze at him, and workmen would  
leave their work to admire him. When  
the king playfully put his crown upon  
this boy, he threw it off indignantly,  
and put his foot upon it. The king,  
fearing that this might be a sign that  
the child might yet take down his  
crown, applied another test. Accord-  
ing to the Jewish legend, the king or-  
dered two bowls to be put before the  
child; one containing rubies and the  
other burning coals; and if he took the  
coals, he was to live, and if he took the  
rubies, he was to die. For some reason  
the child took one of the coals, and put  
it in his mouth, so that his life was  
spared, although it burned the tongue  
till he was indistinct of utterance ever  
after. Having come to manhood, he  
spread open the palms of his hands in  
prayer, and the Red Sea parted to let  
two million five hundred thousand peo-  
ple escape. And he put the palms of  
his hands together in prayer, and the  
Red Sea closed on a strangled host.  
His life so unutterably grand, his  
burial must be on the same scale. God  
would let neither man nor saint nor  
archangel have anything to do with  
weaving for him a shroud or digging  
for him a grave. The omnipotent God  
left his throne in heaven one day, and  
if the question was asked, "Whither is  
the King of the Universe going?" the  
answer was, "I am going down to bury  
Moses." And the Lord took this  
mightiest of men to the top of a hill,  
and the day was clear, and Moses ran  
his eye over the magnificent range of  
country. Here, the valley of Esdrae-  
lon, where the final battle of all na-  
tions is to be fought; and yonder, the  
mountains Hermon and Lebanon and  
Gerizim, and the hills of Judaea; and  
the village of Bethlehem there, and  
the city of Jericho yonder, and the vast  
stretch of landscape that almost took  
the old lawgiver's breath away as he  
looked at it. And then without a pang  
—as I learn from the statement that the  
eyes of Moses were undimmed and his

natural force unabated—God touched  
great lawgiver's eyes and they closed;  
and his lungs, and they ceased; and his  
heart, and it stopped; and he com-  
manded, saying, "To the skies, thou immortal  
spirit!" And then one Divine hand  
was put against the back of Moses, and  
the other hand against the pulseless  
breast, and God laid him softly down  
on Mount Nebo, and then the lawgiver,  
lifted in the Almighty's arms, was car-  
ried to the opening of a cave, and placed  
in a crypt, and one stroke of the Divine  
hand smoothed the features into an  
everlasting calm, and a rick was rolled  
to the door, and the only obsequies, at  
which God did all the offices of priest,  
and undertaker, and gravedigger, and  
mourner, were ended.

Oh, was not Miriam, the sister of  
Moses, doing a good thing, an impor-  
tant thing, a glorious thing when she  
watched the boat woven of river plants  
and made water-tight with asphaltum,  
carrying its one passenger? Did she  
not put all the ages of time and of a  
coming eternity under obligation, when  
she defended her helpless brother from  
the perils aquatic, reptilian, and raven-  
ous? She it was that brought that  
wonderful babe and his mother to-  
gether, so that he was reared to be the  
deliverer of his nation, when other-  
wise, if saved at all from the rushes  
of the Nile, he would have been only  
one more of the God-defying Pharaohs;  
for Princess Thermutis of the bathing-  
house would have inherited the crown  
of Egypt; and as she had no child of  
her own, this adopted child would have  
come to coronation. Had there been  
no Miriam there would have been no  
Moses. What a garland for faithful  
sisterhood! For how many a lawgiver,  
and how many a hero, and how many a  
deliverer and how many a saint are the  
world and the church indebted to a  
watchful, loving, faithful, godly sister?  
Come up out of the farm-houses, come  
up out of the inconspicuous homes,  
come up from the banks of the Hud-  
son and Penobscot, and the Savannah  
and the Mobile, and the Mississippi,  
and all the other Niles of America and  
let us see you, the Miriams who  
watched and protected the leaders in  
law, and medicine, and merchandise,  
and art and agriculture, and me-  
chanics, and religion! If I should ask  
all physicians and attorneys and mer-  
chants and ministers of religion and  
successful men of all professions and  
trades, who are indebted to an elder  
sister for good influences and perhaps  
for an education or a prosperous start,  
to let it be known, hundreds would  
testify. God knows how many of our  
Greek lexicons and how much of our  
schooling was paid for by money that  
would otherwise have gone for the  
replenishing of a sister's wardrobe.  
While the brother sailed off for a re-  
sounding sphere, the sister watched  
him from the banks of self-denial.

Miriam was the eldest of the family;  
Moses and Aaron, her brothers, were  
younger. Oh, the power of the elder  
sister to help decide the brother's char-  
acter for usefulness and for heaven!  
She can keep off from her brother more  
evils than Miriam could have driven  
back water-fowl or crocodile from the  
ark of bulrushes. The older sister de-  
cides the direction in which the cradle  
boat shall sail. By gentleness, by good  
sense, by Christian principle she can  
turn it toward the palace, not of a  
wicked Pharaoh, but of a holy God; and  
a brighter princess than Thermutis  
should lift him out of peril, even re-  
ligion, whose ways are ways of pleas-  
antness and all her paths are peace.  
The older sister, how much the world  
owes her! Born while yet the family  
was in limited circumstances, she had  
to hold and take care of her younger  
brothers. And if there is anything  
that excites my sympathy, it is a little  
girl lagging round a great fat child  
and getting her ears boxed because  
she cannot keep him quiet! By the  
time she gets to young womanhood  
she is pale and worn out, and her at-  
tractiveness has been sacrificed on the  
altar of sisterly fidelity, and she is con-  
signed to cellularity, and society calls  
her by an unfair name; but in heaven  
they call her Miriam. In most families  
the two most undesirable places in the  
record of births are the first and the  
last; the first because she is worn out  
with the cares of a home that cannot  
afford to hire help, and the last be-  
cause she is spoiled as a pet. Among  
the grandest equipages that sweep  
through the streets of heaven will be  
those occupied by sisters who sacri-  
ficed themselves for brothers. They  
will have the finest of the Apocalyptic  
white horses, and many who on earth  
looked down upon them will have to  
turn out to let them pass, the char-  
ioters-crying: "Clear the way! A  
queen is coming!"

General Bauer, the Russian cavali-  
er, had in early life wandered off in  
the army, and the family supposed he  
was dead. After he gained a fortune  
he encamped one day in Husam, his  
native place, and made a banquet; and  
among the great military men who  
were to dine, he invited a plain miller  
and his wife who lived near by and  
who, affrighted, came, fearing some  
harm would be done them. The miller  
and his wife were placed one on each  
side of the general at the table. The  
general asked the miller all about his  
family, and the miller said that he  
had two brothers and a sister. "No  
other brothers?" "My younger brother  
went off with the army many years  
ago, and no doubt was long ago killed."  
Then the general said: "Soldiers, I  
am this man's younger brother, whom  
he thought was dead." And how loud  
was the cheer, and how warm the em-  
brace!

Brother and sister, you need as much  
of an introduction to each other as  
they did. You do not know each other  
You think your brother is stout and

cross and queer, and he thinks you are  
selfish and proud and unlovely. Both  
wrong! That brother will be a prince  
in some woman's eyes, and that sister  
a queen in the estimation of some man.  
That brother is a magnificent fellow,  
and that sister is a morning in June.  
Come, let me introduce you: "Moses,  
this is Miriam." "Miriam, this is  
Moses." Add seventy-five per cent to  
your present appreciation of each  
other, and when you kiss good morn-  
ing do not stick up your cold cheek,  
wet from the recent washing, as though  
you hated to touch each other's lips in  
affectionate caress. Let it have all the  
fondness and cordiality of a loving  
sister's kiss.

Make yourself as agreeable and help-  
ful to each other as possible, remem-  
bering that soon you part. The few  
years of boyhood and girlhood will  
soon slip by, and you will go out to  
homes of your own, and into the battle  
with the world, and amid ever-chang-  
ing vicissitudes, and on paths crossed  
with graves, and up steeply hard to  
climb, and through shadowy ravines.  
But, O my God and Saviour! may the  
terminus of the journey be the same  
as the start—namely, at the father's and  
mother's knee, if they have inherited  
the kingdom. Then, as in boyhood and  
girlhood days, we rushed in after the  
day's absence with much to tell of ex-  
citing adventure, and father and moth-  
er enjoyed the recital as much as we  
who made it, so we shall on the hill-  
side of heaven rehearse to them all the  
scenes of our earthly expedition, and  
they shall welcome us home, as we  
say: "Father and mother, we have  
come and brought our children with  
us." The old revival hymn described  
it with glorious repetition:  
"Brothers and sisters there will meet,  
Brothers and sisters there will meet,  
Brothers and sisters there will meet,  
Will meet to part no more."

I read of a child in the country who  
was detained at a neighbor's house on  
a stormy night by some fascinating  
stories that were being told him, and  
then looked out and saw it was so dark  
he did not dare go home. The inci-  
dent impressed me the more because in  
my childhood I had much the same  
experience. The boy asked his com-  
rades to go with him, but they dared  
not. It got later and later—seven  
o'clock, eight o'clock, nine o'clock.  
"Oh," he said, "I wish I were home!"  
As he opened the door the last time  
a blinding flash of lightning and a deaf-  
ening roar overcame him. But after  
while he saw in the distance a lan-  
tern, and lo! his brother was coming  
to fetch him home, and the lad stepped  
out and with swift feet hastened on to  
his brother, who took him home, where  
they were so glad to greet him, and  
for a long time supper had been wait-  
ing. So may it be when the night of  
death comes and our earthly friends  
cannot go with us, and we dare not  
go alone; may our Brother, our Elder  
Brother, our Friend closer than a  
brother, come out to meet us with the  
light of the promises, which shall be  
a lantern to our feet; and then we will  
go in to join our loved ones waiting  
for us, supper all ready, the marriage  
supper of the Lamb!

### Rich Rocky River Bottoms.

We mentioned a year ago the re-  
markable crop of corn raised by W.  
Q. Hammond on 150 acres of bottom  
land on Rocky river, aggregating over  
5,000 bushels, says the *Honolulu* Path  
(S. C.) Chronicle. The present year  
he has done even better than that.  
He planted 110 acres of bottom land  
and has finished gathering the corn,  
which has yielded him 7,400 bushels,  
or a fraction over 67 bushels to the  
acre. This is a wonderful crop. In  
addition to that he has gathered about  
350 bales of cotton by field weights, as  
none of it has been ginned yet. This  
crop has cost him, he says, a cash out-  
lay of about \$6,000. At \$25 a bale this  
cotton will pay the expense of making  
the crop and leave him a net profit of  
\$2,500 and all his corn. Or, if the corn  
were sold at the current market price  
of 60 cents per bushel, it would bring  
\$4,400, nearly enough to pay the ex-  
pense. He has twenty-six mules on his  
farm, and his farm operations have  
been conducted by a force of thirty-  
five convicts. Besides this, he raised  
1,000 bushels of oats. He infers from  
this that his corn crop would have been  
larger, but fifteen acres of it were badly  
damaged by the cut worms. He says  
he had several acres that produced  
over 100 bushels to the acre. And, be-  
sides, he now has on hand a quantity  
of his last year's crop of corn for  
sale. This is the most successful ex-  
ample of good farming we know of.

### A Few Palindromes.

The palindromist sends us the fol-  
lowing list of words, clipped from some  
paper, which may be spelled forward  
or backward: "Anna, hab, bib, bob,  
bub, civic, dad, deed, defied, did, ecce,  
eye, ewe, eye, go, gk, gas, level, ma-  
dam, noon, otto, pap, peep, pip, pop,  
pup, redder, refer, repaper, revolver, ro-  
tator, seer, sexes, shaha, tat, tit, toot."  
This leads us to ask: "What is the  
matter with Hannah?" Her name is  
also palindromical. Dr. Moxem's fami-  
ly name is equally capable of being  
spelled backward. But can we not  
add to the above list? Adam's alleged  
remark to Eve, "Madam, I'm Adam,"  
and Napoleon's "Able was I ere I saw  
Elba," should be barred on account of  
age.—Boston Journal.

### Haunted House.

Old Gentleman—"Why are you cry-  
ing, my little man?" Small boy (sob-  
bing)—"I dreamt last night dat de  
school burned."—Puck.

### Brides and horses both require grooms.

## CANADA.

### What Is Now Going on in the Dominion.

A Cincinnati Klondike party passed  
through Winnipeg, Manitoba, a few  
days since, on their way to the gold  
fields. Two or three ladies accom-  
panied them, and as they passed through  
the streets of that Western Canadian  
city, they were the objects of consider-  
able attention, in their costumes of  
leather leggings and buckskin suits,  
the same as were worn by the gentle-  
men of the party.

A new route to the Klondike is said  
to have been discovered by way of  
Prince Albert, in the western territories  
of Canada. It will be a competitor to  
the Edmonton route.

The demand for good train dogs is  
keeping up at Battleford, in Western  
Canada. Between the police, the north-  
west government and Mr. P. K.  
Lindsay of Victoria, B. C., every avail-  
able dog of the requisite quality has  
found ready sale, and everywhere you  
can see some of the poor brutes get-  
ting the worst of it in the efforts of  
the owners to train them with the ex-  
pectation of sale.

Custom returns for the past six  
months, ending December 31, show an  
increase in the total trade of over  
\$35,000,000.

The City of Toronto asks from the  
street railway company 10 per cent of  
the gross revenue of the company for  
the past year. As the revenue was  
over \$1,000,000, the city will receive a  
very fair rental.

The Fairplay creamery, of Pilot  
Mound, has wound up its season's op-  
erations by the shipment of 9,000  
pounds of butter in December.

J. A. Kinsella, superintendent of govern-  
ment creameries, has sold to a Win-  
nipeg and Vancouver produce company  
100,000 pounds of northwest butter,  
the price being in the neighborhood  
of \$20,000. The butter will be dis-  
tributed between the coast cities and  
the Kootenay. This firm made sev-  
eral large shipments to the Klondike  
last season.

F. A. D. Burke of Battleford, recent-  
ly sold a butcher there a fat cow that  
dressed 1,005 pounds. She beat the  
previous record of that district by 100  
pounds.

The Klondike fever will give a spe-  
cial impetus to horse breeding on the  
foothill ranches. Their present stock  
for sale will be all taken up at good  
figures for transport by the Edmonton  
route.

Albin Wood, Souris, lately sold a five  
month old calf which weighed, when  
dressed, 400 pounds. This shows what  
can be done in the way of fattening  
cattle when it is given proper atten-  
tion.

The only herd of buffalo in Western  
Canada today are those in the neigh-  
borhood of Winnipeg, the property of  
Lord Strathcona and those in the  
neighborhood of Mount Royal. They  
are about to be removed to the  
National Park at Banff, in the Rocky  
Mountains. The removal of these huge  
animals a distance of over a thousand  
miles by rail is an immense undertak-  
ing, and as these animals are not alto-  
gether tame, it will be attended with  
more or less danger.

The tear that is wiped away with a  
little address may be followed, perhaps,  
by a smile.

There are people who get drunk from  
excitement.

### MEDILL AND MUD.

The Old War-Horse of Journalism Dis-  
covers the Virtue of a New  
Medicinal Variety.

There are only a few of them left.  
Since the death of "Joe" Medi-  
ll, the old war-horse of the Chicago  
Tribune, is the chief surviving representa-  
tive of the old school of virile, aggressive,  
editorial genius.

To have mud thrown at them was part  
of the profession at all time, but to find  
health in mud is rather a modern innova-  
tion. That is what "Joe" Medill has been  
doing of late, and he feels that it is his  
old friend mud that found the cause of his  
vitality in time he might be abiding with  
us still.

Mr. Medill is an investigator and when  
the stories of the miralulous Ma-no-Mud  
at Indiana Mineral Springs got to spread  
over the country, the great editor be-  
came interested and he decided to try  
this mysterious substance on his own rheu-  
matism, and weigh his gains. He was  
accompanied by his private physician, Dr.  
Toros Bakislan, a young Armenian sci-  
entist of high attainments. The great ed-  
itor was mud-bathed daily for several  
weeks and gained vitality, weight, strength  
and vitality. The chief evidence of his re-  
cuperation was a series of editorial sledg-  
hammer blows, which made the opposition  
tremble.

The final result of the experiment was  
an unqualified success. "Joe" Medill  
lacked to Chicago in September, and wrote  
an editorial about Magna-Mud with his  
own hand. Next, he sent his son-in-law,  
R. S. McCormick, down for a little of the  
mud-treatment. In November he went  
down again, and since the new bath house  
is completed he expects to be a regular  
visitor four times a year.

This mud-treatment in which Mr. Medi-  
ll found so much virtue, is peculiar, yet logi-  
cal. After all, every form of life springs  
from the earth, which is the great destroy-  
er and annihilator of dead and effete mat-  
ter. All life is fed at the breast of Mother  
Earth. At the Indiana Mineral Springs is  
a beautiful little natural amphitheater,  
the slopes being grown with magnificent oaks.  
At the foot of the converging hills, a big  
fishing spring gushes forth at the rate of  
2,000 barrels a day and floods the soil,  
which consists of a rich, black porous loam,  
fed by the deciduous foliage of the oak  
trees. This peculiar soil, saturated with  
mineral salts for ages, is as soluble as  
sugar, and being devoid of clay, is not  
sticky in the least. It is not, therefore, as  
any seer is related to the conventional mud  
of the roadway, of the Chicago street, or  
to the variety which clings to your heels.

The mud is applied to the patient on a  
cot, the subject being entirely encased in  
the substance, steamed at a proper temper-  
ature. It then acts as a powerful stimu-  
lant, the skin, superficial blood vessels and  
nerves, opens the pores and lithates the  
blood, dissolving all uric acid deposits.  
No thing can be simpler or more rational.

Mr. Medill is the king of his line, and  
shared the benefits of the Magna-Mud Cure  
with several other shining lights from  
Chicago. His professional colleague, Wm.  
Peas Nixon, late of the later-Ocean, was  
Collector of the Port of Chicago, is another  
mud-devotee. So is Ex-Gov. John E. Ab-  
gott, which shows that mud is not only  
essential to politics, because it makes it  
a common purpose two men, who are, polit-  
ically not exactly bed-fellows.



# THE MAN WHO LIVED.

## He should have been dead. But he wasn't, because

"There's nothing succeeds like success." There is no withstanding the living argument of the man who should be dead, but who isn't dead, but who would be dead, but for a preserving medicine. That's about the way it seemed to strike Editor Lawrence, of the Ohio Farmer, Cleveland, Ohio. He was afflicted with one of those colds that have, thousands of times over, culminated in consumption, when not promptly cured. In this condition he met a friend, a consumptive, whom he had not expected to see alive. The consumptive friend recommended Dr. J. C. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for the editor's cold, and the ground that it had helped him wonderfully. It helped the editor just as wonderfully, giving "almost instant relief." But read his letter:

"About two months ago, I was afflicted with a bad cold, and, meeting a friend, he advised me of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral which, he claimed, had helped him wonderfully. As he was a consumptive, whom I had not expected to see alive for several years, I concluded there must be merit in this preparation. I accordingly bought a couple of bottles of which I kept on my desk all the time. This is certainly the best remedy for a cold I ever used. It gives almost instant relief, and the J. C. Ayer Co. are to be congratulated on possessing the formula for such a very valuable remedy."—W. H. LAWRENCE, Editor, The Ohio Farmer, Cleveland, Ohio.

Keep a bottle of Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral handy, on the table, or on the shelf, or in the closet at home, and you will have at hand a remedy that is capable at any time of saving you suffering, money, and even life. There is no malady so prolific of evil results as a neglected cold. There is no medicine so promptly effective in curing a cold and absolutely eradicating its effects, as Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Every traveler should carry it. Every household should keep it. It cures every variety of cough, and all forms of lung and throat trouble. Asthma, bronchitis, croup, and whooping cough, are promptly cured by it, and it has in many cases overcome pulmonary diseases in aggravated forms, when all other remedies failed to help and physicians gave no hope of cure. Those who are consumptive have wanted a smaller sized bottle of Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, can now obtain it of their dealer in half size bottles, at half price—50 cents. Send for Dr. Ayer's Carebook, and read more of the cures effected by this remedy. The book contains 100 pages, and is sent free, on request, by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

It is seldom that a man's desires do not keep a week or two in advance of his income.

### A PERFECT HOME SECURED AT LITTLE COST.



Joan and the odorous Strivski, formerly residents of Michigan, but now living in Alameda, Western Canada, before taking up their home there visited the country as delegates. They reported to the Government of the Dominion of Canada the result of their observations, and from this report extracts have been taken, which are published below:

"We have visited a number of most desirable locations, and are highly pleased with the country as a whole, it being beyond our highest expectations. We find here a prosperous and well-cultivated lot of people. They have comfortable homes, and their vast fields of wheat and other crops in addition to their herds of choice cattle, indicate prosperity in the full sense of the word. In conversation with the farmers throughout our trip we learned that the majority of them came here with very limited means, and some with no more than enough to bring them here, and they are now well-to-do. They all claim that this is the only country for a poor man, or one with little means, to get a start and make a home for himself and family. As you are aware, we were a little shaky and undecided before leaving Detroit, but have determined since that we, with our friends, will make this country our future home. It is far from being the wilderness we had pictured it to be; it is, instead, a land having all the facilities required by modern civilization, such as railroads, markets, stores, churches, schools, etc.; in fact, an ideal home for those having the future welfare of themselves and families at heart."

The Messrs. Strivski selected the Alameda district, but what they say of it applies in a general way to most other districts in that vast country. They speak of the fuel, which is to be had in great quantities, of the water that can be had by digging from 10 to 20 feet, and of the good grazing land to be had almost everywhere. There is plenty of wood for building timber and for fuel, while coal is convenient, and sells at low prices at the mines. In driving through the country they passed many fine patches of wild raspberries, and say they could not resist the temptation to stop and eat.

Having already transgressed on your valuable space, I shall defer further reference to Western Canada for another issue. An illustrated pamphlet recently issued by the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, giving a complete description of the country, will be forwarded free to all who write for it.

### WESTERN CANADA.

Art is the education and refinement of all the live material senses. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, Cure Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 10,000 testimonials. They never fail. At all druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Ad. Allen S. Olmsted, Lellroy, N. Y.

A grain of sand can fulfill the purpose of God as well as a mountain. Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Cady Cathartic, cure constipation forever. No 2c. H. C. C. full, druggists refund money. Patience pays compound interest. Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5c. Australia has no orphan asylums.

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I CANNOT PRAISE "5 DROPS" ENOUGH. Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., Chicago. Dear Sirs—I thought I would write a statement of my case. I was taken in August with Severe Rheumatism, and was treated by two of the best physicians of my country, but they did not help me. But happy for me I saw your "5 DROPS" advertised and sent and got a bottle and it has cured me. I was very bad, could hardly get around, and now I can go anywhere. I cannot praise "5 DROPS" enough for what it has done for me. I am very, very grateful. How you have done for me. Yours truly, S. W. WALKER, Wagoner, Oklahoma Territory, January 1st, 1900.

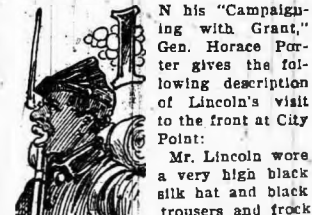
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# LINCOLN AT FRONT.

## RECEPTION BY THE COLORED TROOPS.

The Emancipator Presented a Rather Grotesque Appearance, but That Was Forgotten in the Admiration for the Man.



In his "Campaigning with Grant," Gen. Horace Porter gives the following description of Lincoln's visit to the front at City Point:

Mr. Lincoln wore a very high black silk hat and black trousers and frock coat. Like most men who had been brought up in the West, he had good command of a horse, but it must be acknowledged that in appearance he was not a very dashing rider. On this occasion, by the time he had reached the troops, he was completely covered with dust, and the black color of his clothes had changed to Confederate gray. As he had no straps, his trousers gradually worked up above his ankles, and gave him the appearance of a country farmer riding into town wearing his Sunday clothes. A citizen on horseback is always an odd sight in the midst of a uniformed army, and the picture presented by the president bordered upon the grotesque. However, the troops were so lost in admiration of the man that the humorous aspect did not seem to strike them. The soldiers rapidly passed the word along the line that "Uncle Abe" had joined them, and cheers broke forth from all the commands, and enthusiastic shouts and even words of familiar greeting met him on all sides.

After a while General Grant said: "Mr. President, let us ride on and see the colored troops, who behaved so handsomely in Smith's attack on the works in front of Petersburg last week."

"Oh, yes," replied Mr. Lincoln. "I want to take a look at those boys. I read with the greatest delight the account given in Mr. Dana's dispatch to the Secretary of War of how gallantly they behaved. He said they took out six of the sixteen guns captured that day. I was opposed on nearly every side when I first favored the raising of colored regiments; but they have proved their efficiency, and I am glad they have kept pace with the white troops in the recent assaults. When we wanted every able-bodied man who could be spared to go to the front, and my opposers kept objecting to the negroes, I used to tell them that at such times it was just as well to be a little color-blind. I think, general, we can say of the black boys what a country fellow, who was an old-time abolitionist in Illinois, said when he went to a theater in Chicago and saw Forest playing Othello. He was not very well up in Shakespeare, and didn't know that the tragedian was a white man who had blacked up for the purpose. After the play was over the folks who had invited him to go to the show wanted to know what he thought of the actors, and he said: 'Waal, layin' aside all sectional prejudices and any partiality I may have for the race, durned if I don't think the nigger held his own with any on 'em.'" The Western dialect employed in this story was perfect.

The camp of the colored troops of the Eighteenth Corps was soon reached, and a scene now occurred which defies description. They beheld for the first time the liberator, of their race—the man who by a stroke of his pen had struck the shackles from the limbs of their fellow-brothers and proclaimed liberty to the enslaved. Always impressionable, the enthusiasm of the blacks now knew no limits. They cheered, laughed, cried, sang hymns of praise, and shouted in their negro dialect, "God bless Massa Linkum!" "De Lord save Fader Abraham!" "De day ob jubilee am come, suah." They crowded about him and fondled his horse; some of them kissed his hands, while others ran off crying in triumph to their comrades that they

A Belle Who Danced With Lincoln. "The Inner Experiences of a Cabinet Member's Wife" is one of the most interesting contributions to the current Ladies' Home Journal. In a series of letters the wife of a cabinet member writes to her sister of office-seekers and of those in the departments. "You can have no idea," she anonymously declares, "how Henry (her husband) is persecuted by applicants for his influence with the president or with the heads of departments. He really has no influence outside of his own department, and he is wearing his sympathies into tatters listening to tales of woe. The saddest case that has come under my own observation is that of a maiden lady, fully fifty years old, who has worked in the departments ever since the war. Senatorial influence has kept her in all these years. But now that the civil service reforms are being introduced she is in despair, for, although perfectly competent in her work, she never in the world could pass one of those rigid examinations. She called upon me bearing a letter of introduction from Mrs. Arthur Folsom (Mary Allison), who married into one of the old families here. I don't know whether her family lost their means by the war or in some other way, but they did lose everything when she was a girl at the top of society in both Alexandria and Washington. She told me about dancing in a set of lancers opposite Abraham Lincoln, who, though awkward and angular in his dancing, seemed to enjoy it, and always had a gay word for everybody. She says her feeling for Mr. Lincoln was something more than respect; it was more like admiration; that she has often wondered if people did not feel just so toward the great religious prophets, who must have spread abroad what Mr. Lincoln did—an atmosphere of sympathetic kindness, trust, purity and nobility."

Poor John Brown. John Brown belongs to that rare class of men whose names grow with history. His life commanded respect and honor. His death was marked by a singular pathos, a sadness that won the sympathy of the people. Excepting Lincoln and Grant, he remains to-day the best remembered man of half a century. "They hung him up between heaven and earth as a sign that justice must be done; but they did not dream that the future would speedily take them at their word, and visit upon them the penalty of their own philosophy. History has disclosed the truth and completed the story of his desperate exploit and his willing, and pathetic sacrifice. He lost his life, but he gained his object."

There is a tavern in Switzerland in every 112 inhabitants.

"GOD BLESS MASSA LINKUM." had touched his clothes. The president rode with hared head; the tears had started to his eyes, and his voice was so broken by emotion that he could scarcely articulate the words of thanks and congratulation which he tried to speak to the humble and devoted man through whose ranks he rode. The scene was affecting in the extreme, and no one could have witnessed it unmoved.

A mathematician has computed the movement of a rider's feet while working a bicycle, and has demonstrated that it requires less exertion to travel fifteen miles on a bicycle than to walk three miles.

# While freedom lasts, we have high, exciting, gratifying prospects spread out before us, for we and our children. Beyond that I seek not to penetrate the veil. God grant that in my day, at least, that curtain may not rise! When my eyes shall be turned to behold for the last time the sun in Heaven, may I not see him shining on the broken and dishonored fragments of a once glorious Union, on states, dissevered, discordant, belligerent; on a land rent with civil feuds, or drenched, it may be, in fraternal blood! Let their last feeble and lingering glance rather behold the gorgeous ensign of the republic, now known and honored throughout the earth, still full high advanced, its arms and trophies streaming in their original luster, not a stripe erased or polluted, nor a single star obscured, bearing for its motto, no such miserable interrogatory as "What is this worth?" nor those other words of delusion and folly, "Liberty first, and Union afterwards;" but everywhere, spread all over in characters of living light, blazing on all its ample folds, as they float over the sea and over the land, and in every wind under the whole heaven, that every soul that breathes a mere American word, should feel the thrilling inspiration that exalts his soul, and makes him say, "Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable!"

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Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed. 10c, 2c, 50c. Do not write. When a ship sails for England it does not for Liverpool, not Europe.

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# 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 Hyannis, 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 else 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.

A woman can do a wrong twice as quick as a man, but it takes her a hundred times as long to forget it.

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# A LETTER TO WOMEN.

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### DETROIT, Grand Rapids & West

NOV. 21, 1897.

GOING EAST	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.
Grand Rapids	7:00	1:30	5:30
Lansing	7:30	3:01	6:10
Salina	8:34	3:30	7:10
PLYMOUTH	10:30	8:03	9:21
Detroit	11:30	5:45	10:30
GOING WEST	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.
Detroit	8:00	1:10	6:10
PLYMOUTH	8:48	1:49	6:52
Salina	9:51	2:54	7:07
Lansing	10:58	3:54	8:08
Lansing	12:17	5:00	10:18
Grand Rapids	1:00	5:20	10:30
	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.

ED. PELTON, Agent, Plymouth. GEO. DE HAVEN, G.P.A. Grand Rapids

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

In effect Nov. 16 1897.

Trains leave Plymouth as follows:

GOING SOUTH	GOING NORTH
Train No. 4, 10:30 a. m.	Train 1, 8:10 a. m.
" No. 6, 3:30 p. m.	" 3, 9:10 a. m.
" No. 8, 8:45 p. m.	" 5, 2:00 p. m.
" No. 10, 6:30 a. m.	" 7, 7:00 p. m.

Trains Nos. 3 and 9 run through to Alpena.

Train No. 1 connects at Ludington with steamer for Manitowish and

Train No. 5 connects at Ludington with steamer for Milwaukee, (during season of navigation), making connections for all points West and North-west.

Sleeping Parlor Cars between Alpena, Bay City, Saginaw and Detroit.

Train No. 8 runs daily, from Bay City to Detroit. On Western Division it runs daily, except Sunday. Connections made at Port Huron and Grand Union depot for all points South, Canada and the East.

For further information see Time Card of the company.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Wayne, held at the Probate Office in the City of Detroit, on the twenty-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 JAMES H. ARMSTRONG, 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 residue of said estate may be assigned to Minnie Van Der Car.

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.

EDGAR O. DURFEE, Judge of Probate. HENRY S. HULBERT, Deputy Register. 515-15

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Wayne, held at the Probate Office in the City of Detroit, on the twenty-second day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

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COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE. In the matter of the estate of GEORGE BROADFOOT, deceased.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the county of Wayne, state of Michigan, Commissioner for the residue of said estate, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the store of George W. Hunter & Co. in the village of Plymouth in said county, on Wednesday the 30th day of March, A. D. 1898, and on Wednesday the 10th day of July, A. D. 1898, at one o'clock p. m. of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that six months from the 30th day of January, A. D. 1898, were all we had by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

JOHN B. BERDAN, GEORGE W. HUNTER, Commissioners.

Dated February 9th, 1898, 541-7

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

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Cards of Thanks 25c. Resolutions of Condolence 50c. Paid notices 1st a word; in locals 2c a word. Reading notices where charges are made 2c a line.

Friday, February 11, 1898.

### Another Change.

It is with pleasure that we announce to MAIL readers that we have again assumed the management of the MAIL printing office.

It is hardly necessary for us to make any extended announcement. We are satisfied that our past record is a sufficient criterion for the future. Suffice it to say, therefore, that we will endeavor to add new features to the MAIL, making it strictly a home paper for home readers.

Our chief aim will be the recording of every item of news, and the advancing of Plymouth's interests; To that end we invite your assistance. Let this paper be the means of expressing your views on matters of public benefit. Kindly let us furnish whatever nonsense is required. Cranks with "pet hobbies" will please nurse them at home. We want news, and all the news, but we do not want what simply interests some one and nobody else.

Give us your patronage and good will and we will give you a paper that you need not be ashamed to show or send to your friends.

Thanking you for the favors and patronage of the past, we are

Your servants,

H. J. BAKER, M. F. GRAY.

It seems but yesterday since we laid down the pen in behalf of Plymouth. It is, therefore, not to be wondered that we would take the first issue in making a new start.

A number of questions will be taken up and thoroughly aired in the MAIL. At this time one of the first we shall endeavor to bring before you is the importance of this spring's election.

If anyone was to touch Plymouth on the shoulder and hint that she were not an up-to-date town with a progressive people behind her, there would be more than air guns fired and that by a united population. But why are we not just as particular in advancing as we are in backing up the present standard?

We do not stand in a position to question the willingness of the present or any past council to give us what we most desire—electric lights—but we are in a rattling good position to say they have not done so. Then why? Surely it cannot be said they have not had opportunities enough. Just as surely it cannot be said the majority do not favor electric lights. Therefore, when the majority want a thing, why do our representatives refuse to take favorable action? So we say, the spring election has a significance too important to let pass idly by, not only on this (the most) important question, but others that will come up later.

The first objection to be raised will be that the village is not financially in a position to undertake the task. Then give it to some one else, reserving the right to purchase the plant any time the village may so desire.

Say what you may; argue as you want to, but we do not see why this up-to-date town should be so out of season, and we venture we are voicing the opinion of over three-fourths of the tax-payers. Now is the proper time. Long ago should have been. Do not wait until those who will support such an enterprise the most have provided lights for themselves and then not be able to get enough patrons to pay the collector's fees. At this time a plant can be made self-sustaining. If the village does not want to handle the matter then let us invite outsiders to present propositions. To that end we urge the necessity of each tax-payer attending the caucuses; nominate men who will do business as the majority so desire; elect them on election day, and insist on a faithful discharge of duty.

Nelson Coleman, died on Friday, Jan 28, at his home in Farmington, after a long illness.

Mr. Coleman was born in Morristown, Morris county, New Jersey, Oct. 30, 1824. The family moved to Michigan in 1830, settled in the township of Farmington in which place deceased has always resided.

He was twice married. His first wife, Rachel Grace, died Aug. 2, 1848. He married his present wife, Angeline Grace, Jan. 23, 1850, who survives him. He was father of nine children four of whom, two sons and two daughters are still living, Orson and Elmer Coleman, of Farmington, and Mrs. Effie Pickering, who lives at her father's.

He left one brother, Stephen R. Coleman, of Oakley, Saginaw county, Mich.

The funeral services were held on Monday morning from his late residence, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Morgan, of Bell-Branch, who preached from James 4th chapter, 14th verse, the same text he used at the funeral of the deceased brother, Dr. A. B. Coleman, of Plymouth, who died seventeen years ago.

## FAIR FOR 1898.

THE INITIAL STEP WAS TAKEN TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Directors and Officers of the Association Were Elected.

In response to a call from the secretary a large number of stockholders of the Plymouth Fair Association assembled in the business men's club rooms Tuesday afternoon, February 8th; L. Dean was chosen chairman and J. M. Collier, secretary of the meeting.

The following report of receipts and disbursements for 1897 was submitted by Treasurer E. W. Chaffee:

Gate receipts, \$1,451.25; grand stand receipts, \$176; race entries, \$233; other sources, \$526.41; total receipts, \$2,386.66. Expense for premiums \$1,620.45; printing, labor, etc., \$773.40; total expense, \$2,393.85.

From the above report we learn that the Plymouth fair did not run behind last year as was the rule with the majority of fairs in the state. The directors and officers of the association are to be congratulated on their efficient work and careful management.

As directors for 1898 the following board was elected: Joel G. Bradner, L. H. Bennett, J. M. Collier, C. B. Truesdell, Ira Kinyon, W. H. Hoyt, D. D. Allen, T. O. Sherwood, John L. Gale, John V. Wilcox, R. L. Root, Hopkin Williams, Henry Reynolds.

Nearly every section of country in this vicinity is represented on the board of directors. The members are gentlemen who have been directly connected with the fair for a number of years and the experience they have had places them in a position to know how to obtain best results with the least expense. These gentlemen deserve much credit for the time and money spent in behalf of the Plymouth fair.

A meeting of the directors was held immediately after the stockholders' meeting at which the following officers were elected: T. C. Sherwood, president; L. H. Bennett, vice-president; J. M. Collier, secretary; E. W. Chaffee, treasurer. R. L. Root and L. H. Bennett were appointed a committee on grounds.

The date for this year's fair will be given out in a few weeks.

Let every one interested in Plymouth and her fair begin to figure, not to make as much as possible out of the fair, but to assist the directors in reducing expenses and making the fair a success.

## FAR AND NEAR!

IMPORTANT EVENTS FROM OUR EXCHANGE CONDENSED AND RECORDED HERE.

The output of salt in Wayne county for the month of January, 1898, was 37,096 barrels. This beats Saginaw county by 3,766 bbls. Mason by 18,600, Manistee by 18,744, and Bay by 22,764. This speaks well for Wayne county and is a large gain over the product of the same month last year.

The figure 8 has been doing good service during the past century, but will soon take second place and be out ranked by 9. In every letter, legal document, business entry, and every printed paper or book where a date has been used, since the year 1800, this figure has been used; during one-tenth of the time it has appeared twice in indicating the year of our Lord, and in one year, 1898, it appeared three times. After next year it will only be used once in ten years for centuries to come, except in one decennial period, when it appears twice.

The Fenton fair people are trying to decide whether or not they shall have a fair in '98. The officers and directors have issued the following proclamation: "If the business firms of Fenton are not sufficiently interested in the fair to lend their encouragement by making exhibits, the officers will throw up the sponge at once."

The greatest man in the world is the plain, plug man who pays his debts, supports his family fairly well and never does anything remarkable. These remarkable men, who are thorough-breds for a time, and then rob their friends, are to be avoided.

If you want to get even with a man give his daughter a kodak. She will love you for it and it will break her father up. It costs as much to run a kodak as to keep a horse or bet on the races. The amounts are small, but they are very numerous. Before a girl has learned enough to take and develop a single picture her father will have paid out a sum sufficient to have paid for photographs by a professional, of the entire family, the cow and dog included. It is a good scheme for making a man trouble and getting credit for generosity in doing it.—Atchison Globe.

Excursion Bates to Chattanooga via Ohio Central Lines

For the meeting of National Educational Association, Department of Superintendence, at Chattanooga, Tenn, agents of Ohio Central Lines will sell excursion tickets at rate of one fare for the round trip, selling Feb. 20th and 21st, good returning until Feb. 28.

Feb. 7, 1898.

## GUNSOLLY LEADS

The procession in furnishing the Best Meats the country affords.

None better. Try 'em.

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.

## I. GUNSOLLY, Prop.

## 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 Gage Plums, Heinz's Baked Beans, Home Baked Beans, Sugar, with \$1.00 order, 5/8c 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.

Great Bargains In

## WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE.

MUSICAL GOODS. CAMERAS AND SUPPLIES.

Mandolins, Guitars, Accordion, Harmonicas, Sheet Music ordered on short notice, Instruction Books of all kinds.

The Gem Paco, 4x5, \$5. The Largest and Best Camera on the market for the money. Call and Examine.

## C. G. DRAPERS, JEWELER,

Sutton Street Plymouth.

## A SUCCESS

Our New Cash System of doing business has proven a great success. You can

## BUY BETTER MEAT

And buy it cheaper than ever before. If you want any kind of Meat, we can furnish it for you, served up in first-class shape.

## WM. GAYDE, Plymouth

THE CASH MARKET.

## A Happy New Year

Kind friends and patrons, we thank you for the liberal patronage you have bestowed on us and hope our work pleases you and that you may remain with us the coming year. If our efforts please you tell your neighbors, and if not, tell us. We guarantee our work with neatness and dispatch. We are prompt with our deliveries. If any of our patrons would like different work we will do it for we are up to date in all laundry work. We positively use no chemicals. We are still agents for BROSSY'S dye house and all work is guaranteed by them.

N. B.—All work no pay makes Jack a dull boy.

## Plymouth Star Cash Laundry,

F. REA, Proprietor

## Subscribe for THE MAIL.

Feb. 7, 1898.



# This Week



## It's CLOAKS!

## We Have About 75 Left In All,

And just one-half price takes your choice. Ladies', Misses and Children's Capes and Jackets, Bonele Cloth, Astrachan and Plain Beaver; many of them silk lined throughout and all nobby, tip-top, up-to-date goods. It's getting late and we can't afford to carry over a single garment. So get in line and get first chance.

Just 1-2 Price,

\$20 Cloaks for  
15 Cloaks for  
12 Cloaks for  
10 Cloaks for

\$10  
7.50  
6.00  
5.00

Remember Take Your Choice.

8 Cloaks for - 4.00  
6 Cloaks for 3.00  
4 Cloaks for 2.05

Remember every Cloak will go just as advertised. Not one reserved. First come, first served and first choice the best.

E. L. RIGGS' Plymouth Cash Store.

Your friends may smile  
But that tired feeling  
Means danger. It  
Indicates impoverished  
And impure blood.  
This condition may  
Lead to serious illness.  
It should be promptly  
Overcome by taking  
Hood's Sarsaparilla,  
Which purifies and  
Enriches the blood,  
Strengthens the nerves,  
Tones the stomach,  
Creates an appetite,  
And builds up,  
Energizes and vitalizes  
The whole system.  
Be sure to get  
Only Hood's.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

### LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION

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

Mrs. A. D. Lyndon is gaining slowly. John Streng drove to Detroit Wednesday. Richard Smye is now able to be at his work. L. Hillmer has started a stationery store. E. W. Balch went to Clarkston, Wednesday, on business. Harry Bradner, of Lansing, was in town Wednesday. We are making a specialty of auction sale bills this spring. C. G. Draper and C. A. Fisher spent Sunday in Ypsilanti. Mr. and Mrs. Ryder spent Saturday in Northville, visiting friends. Initiatory work at Tanquish lodge No. 32, I. O. O. F., next Tuesday night. Miss Lena Kehrl, of Northville, spent Sunday with Miss Rees Widmaier. Mrs. A. O. Lyon is spending a few days at Salem with her sister, Mrs. Rider. Mrs. S. M. Reed, of Lenox, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Riggs, this week. Miss Susan Atchison is visiting in Detroit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lake. Mrs. W. H. Brigham, of Northville, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Riggs. They say that Trustee Ladd and Trustee Geo. Shafer will be new titles after election. Miss Lena Harrison spent Friday and Saturday at Wayne with her sister, Mrs. Will Hoops. The K. O. T. M. lodge have leased the I. O. O. F. hall for lodge purposes, for a term of years. Mrs. Lee Nowland's parents, of Ann Arbor, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cook, spent Sunday with them. It is reported that ex-postmaster Downer, of Northville, will go to the Klondike about March 1st. Mrs. Herbert Harrison and children, of Inkster, are guests at the home of her father, H. H. Safford. William Ellis and wife, of Bear Lake, were guests of Mrs. Ellis' brother, C. A. Fisher, on Wednesday. The 3rd lecture in the Epworth League course will be given on Friday evening, Feb. 25. Admission 15 cents. Receipt-books, blank note books and all legal blank forms kept in stock and for sale at the MAIL office. J. R. Rauch & Son are thinking of running their coffee grinder either by water power or gas engine. Chas. Allen, H. B. Jolliffe, Wm. Gayde, and A. J. Lapham are mentioned as trustees for the north end ward.

Will Conner is prominently mentioned for the presidency. "President Pete." Well, yes, that will do, nicely.

Five hundred and twenty sacks of W. J. Adams' "Ideal" flour passed through here Saturday, bound for Detroit.

Henry Leadbeater was called to Detroit Tuesday night on account of the serious illness of his brother David.

B. B. Bennett is enjoying a two weeks' vacation at home, on account of the shops at Pittsburgh shutting down for repairs.

If you never knew what it was to eat good cheap meat, just read Harris' meat market ad. in this issue and then "blow" yourself.

A large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jolliffe assembled at their home Thursday evening and had an enjoyable time.

Clover Leaf lodge No. 111, Knights of Pythias, will install officers Wednesday evening, Feb. 16th. All members are requested to be present.

Jolliffe Bros' cheese did not take first prize at the dairy show held last week in Ypsilanti, but scored 98 points, being beaten by only 1 point.

The B. Y. P. U. will give an oyster supper at the home of Mr. Robert Birch, Wednesday evening, Feb. 16. All are cordially invited to attend.

The interior of Bassett & Son's furniture establishment has been greatly improved this week. L. Hassinger has been kalsomining and papering it.

It is not "he's a good fellow and popular," but "he's an interested citizen, with good sound judgment," that should be your guide at the coming election.

Rev. Shannon, of Wayne, delivered a powerful and instructive sermon at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon to a large and appreciative audience.

Lloyd L. Lewis has experienced more difficulties than he anticipated in preparing his mill, but expects to be in good running order the first of next week.

It would be well for the marshal to look after the small boys about town who are in the habit of packing the street lamps full of snow. It's fun for the boys but tough on the lamp lighter.

Frank Johnson, whose team ran into a hydrant near the Commercial House in Upper Plymouth, turned over \$15 to the village this week, the amount required to repair the damage.

The smallest hen's egg on record was brought into the MAIL office this week by Mr. Lyndon. It was a perfectly formed egg with a hard shell and weighed just 20 grains or 1-24th of an ounce. It was smaller than a robin's egg.

L. H. Bennett and wife, E. C. Hough and wife, C. H. Rauch and wife, Mrs. H. W. Baker, Anna Baker and Lena Vroom took a sleigh ride over to Northville Friday night and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bennett.

In A. J. Lapham's ad last week the price of best head-light oil was placed at 10 cents by mistake. This is nearly double what he is selling it for. This week his ad reads, "best head-light oil, 6 cents per gallon."

As my lease on the Briggs' farm has expired, I will sell at public auction at my home two miles west and one mile north of Livonia Center, my 40-acre tract of 25 milch cows, on Saturday, Feb. 19, 1898, at one o'clock sharp. Terms: 9 months' time on good bankable notes at six per cent interest.

Wm. RIDDLE, prop.

Messrs. Leach and Smith have by mutual consent, agreed to dissolve partnership now existing on the Leach farm and will hold an auction sale on the place Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1898, commencing at 9 o'clock, a. m. sharp. Hot coffee and lunch served at 12:30. A large list of articles will be offered for sale. Don't fail to attend. John Bennett is the auctioneer.

John R. Smith who has conducted a general furniture repair shop here for some time has decided to move away, and as a number have spoken to him regarding work they wished to have done, he gives notice in an ad. in another column of his intention to move. Mr. Smith is a quiet unassuming person, but a thorough gentleman and a first-class mechanic. We trust this will be but a means of so improving trade as to compel him to remain here.

C. G. Draper's window display this week is the prettiest of its kind that was ever seen in Plymouth. The window is arranged with mirrors in such a manner as to make the display appear about 8 times as large as it really is. It is a very tasty piece of work and shows his line of watches, jewelry and silverware off to good advantage.

The Epworth League lecture course has been changed to admit a concert in the place of one lecture. The concert will be given by pupils of the high school under the direction of Miss Dunning. There will be a chorus of forty voices, and the program will be varied by solo, quartettes, etc. Weekly rehearsals are being held. Watch for the date.

Last Friday night Prof. R. S. Copeland, of Ann Arbor, delivered a lecture on "Roman Walls and Feudal Halls," at the M. E. Church. This was the second number of the Epworth League lecture course and was fairly well attended. Mr. Copeland proved himself an interesting and fluent speaker. The next entertainment to be given by the League will be a concert by home talent. Watch for the announcement.

Postmaster Baker became rather impatient regarding his successor, and in order to impress the government more fully with the fact that his time to leave was near at hand, he made a snow man in his front yard and labeled it "the new postmaster," thinking, possibly, the candidates would send in protests which would result in hastening matters. Jay M. or Eli C. did not seem to worry much, and the new P. M. finally melted and gave the whole thing away. In the meantime additional red tape will take the governmental course.

At the recent annual meeting of the Masonic Building Association, a committee with Wm. T. Conner at the head was appointed to solicit subscribers to the remaining shares of unsold stock of the association, amounting to 350 shares. This stock now pays 6 per cent, and the committee soon found ready takers for the unsold shares. This stock is payable at the Plymouth savings bank on or before the first day of March next. This action frees the Masonic Temple building from debt and places the association on a sound footing. W. H. Hoyt, Dr. J. M. Collier and E. K. Bennett were re-elected as president, secretary and treasurer respectively.

The Plymouth school board got hold of the information that a joint debate was to be held in Northville soon on the subject of restoring capital punishment in Michigan, and with keen nicety scented great danger in the discussion of such a subject. Accordingly, the school board put a veto on the subject after the Plymouth principal had agreed to it and no little work had been done on our side.—Record.

Such a flagrant statement as the above, from a source that is given credit for knowing decidedly different, can hardly be passed. It certainly must be true that the writer knew better the real facts in the case. Prof. Ryder, of the P. H. S., wrote Prof. Bliss, of the N. H. S., regarding the changing of the subject to be debated. With Prof. Ryder's letter as the only means of knowing, why does the writer make such a false statement? Does it not look as if a round-about way was taken to throw insinuations at the P. H. S. for the result of the recent debate? 'Pears very likely. But the facts. The Plymouth school board had nothing to do with the matter in any shape or form. That settles that. After the capital punishment question had been settled on, some of Plymouth's citizens thought the question was such as to cause young students to delve too deeply into the lives and habits of criminals to be of any benefit to them. The matter was brought to Prof. Ryder's attention and in the new light of the case, it did not take him long to make up his mind on the subject. "It's easier to drop it than to take even one chance" was his quick decision, and the Northville end was so informed. Now where does the school board come in? For shame, Mr. Record, that you should allow such a statement against a sister educational institution without first verifying the facts. By the way you owe Plymouth a vote of thanks for preventing your young leaders from studying up such history as "The lives and deeds of successful murderers," "Sure methods used in crime," "How to be successful criminals," etc., and we regret that they have given "no little work" in that direction.

### Plymouth Markets.

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

Wheat, No. 2 red.	90
Wheat, No. 1 white,	90
Oats, No. 2.	24
Rye, No. 2.	44
Butter,	15
Eggs,	14
Potatoes,	52-55
Beans, according to sample,	60-70

Mack Wright and Ed Lyon were in Detroit Saturday to see Fitz.

Miss Maggie Miller is visiting her brother at Charlotte this week.

Miss Mamie Zollinger is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. A. Taft, this week.

Bert Felham, of Iron Mountain, spent the past week with his parents here.

Clay Hoyt went to Dutton, Canada, Thursday, to spend a week with Frank Bell, who has been visiting there for several weeks.

Horace Smith and H. B. Jolliffe, together with their respective ladies attended the art loan social and supper at Newburg Tuesday evening. They report an excellent time.

Myrtle, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard White, living on the T. S. Clark farm, got hold of a bottle containing carbolic acid on Thursday morning and swallowed about a tea spoonful. The prompt attendance of Dr. Oliver saved her life. Although severely burned she is doing as well as can be expected.

Salem tent, No. 417, K. O. T. M. will give their second annual entertainment at their hall in Salem, on Friday evening, Feb. 18. Lovers of dancing will be accommodated at Stanbro hall. Bill for dancing is 50c. Entertainment and supper free. The Sir Knights of Salem extend to the people of Plymouth a cordial welcome. Go and have a good time with our sister village's good people.

—One-fourth off on all tablets and books (except school books) and school supplies and no nonsense, at Potter's Subscription Agency.

The members of the I. W. C. with their ladies assembled at their club rooms Thursday evening for a progressive whist party. About 35 were present. Ice cream, cake, and fruit were served. After lunch the floor was cleared and with the assistance of an "orchestra from Pittsburg" the members of the party enjoyed themselves dancing.

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

### Council Proceedings.

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

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

E. W. Balch.....	\$ 6 15
Peninsular Savings Bank.....	90 00
L. C. Hough and Son.....	1 82
Detroit L. P. & S. L. Works.....	10 75
W. J. Bradner.....	30 00
Wm. Mott.....	15 55
J. E. Knapp.....	15 05
A. M. Eckles.....	3 00
Wm. Gayde.....	13 50

The committee on claims and accounts reported favorably on all bills except that of W. J. Bradner for \$30.90 which was returned for correction and that of L. C. Hough & Son for \$1.82 which was returned to be O. K'd by the chief of fire department.

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

A report from the Board of Water Commissioners recommending the purchase of one or two extra hydrants, was presented. Motion by Trustee Polley supported by Trustee Brems that the water board be authorized to purchase one extra hydrant. Carried.

Council adjourned until Feb. 28.  
H. J. Baker,  
Clerk.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

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

# Great Slaughter Sale!

For 10 Days.

An after Inventory Sale. Too many goods and too little money.

1-4 OFF.

On all,

Dry Goods, Hats and Caps,  
Gloves and Mittens,  
Youth's Clothing, Wall Paper.

Terms of Sale: Spot Cash.

All goods charged will be at regular rate.

A. A. TAFFT.

# Low Prices Still Prevail at A. J. LAPHAM'S.

Cash Prices.

Regular Prices on Book.

18 lbs. Granulated Sugar with goods,	\$1 00
Lion and McLaughlin XXXX Coffee.	10c
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
Vail & Crane best V Crackers, 4 lbs. for	25c
Globe Crackers, per lb.	5c
Bulk Starch, 4c per lb., 7 lbs. for	25c
10 lbs. good Rolled Oats,	25c
Indian Queen Smoking Tobacco, per lb.,	12c
12 boxes good Parlor Matches,	10c
Best Headlight Oil, per gal.,	6c
Good Sweet Corn, 7c a can or 4 for	25c
Best Salmon 2 cans for	25c
16 Bars of Sunflower Soap (till sold out) for	25c
Dried Apples (old) per lb.	3c
Clothes Pins, per dozen,	1c

Goods delivered anywhere in the village at these prices.

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 20 days, also a new line of Neckties.

# A. J. LAPHAM.

North Village.



# MICHIGAN NEWS SUMMARY.

## Doings of the Week Recorded in a Brief Style.

### CONCISE AND INTERESTING.

**Gov. Pingree Wins His Suit to Compel Railroads to Set Family Mileage Books at 2 Cents per Mile—Triple Railroad Fatality at Saginaw?**

#### Pingree Wins a Notable Victory.

Gov. Pingree has won the first round of his fight with the Michigan Central Railroad Co. on the question of 2-cent mileage books, good for the family of the purchaser. In the governor's suit to compel the company to sell such books, Judge Donovan, of the Wayne circuit court, confirms the position taken by Gov. Pingree and grants a mandamus to compel the railroads to comply with the mileage law of the legislature.

In his decision Judge Donovan discusses the case at length. In answer to the plea of the railroad company that the right to fix charges was given to the company by the charter, he indorses the contention of the complainant that the charter only gave the right to fix rates by bylaws, and that such bylaws must come under the police power, as with hackmen, millers, liquor dealers and others doing public business.

#### A Similar Case Against the Railroad.

Grove Wolcott, a prominent lawyer of Jackson sought to purchase a 1,000-mile ticket at the Jackson ticket office, good for himself and wife, he tendering \$20 in payment. He was informed that no such tickets were for sale. Mr. Wolcott then bought and paid full price for a regular ticket to Rosemond, and on his return brought suit against the Michigan Central railroad to test the state law. The case was tried before Justice Woods and resulted in a verdict for Wolcott, who was awarded \$2.55, the difference in the cost of the ticket he purchased and the rate at 2 cents a mile. The Michigan Central will appeal.

#### Three Killed by a Train at Saginaw.

Three persons met a sudden and violent death and a fourth was seriously injured while crossing the Michigan Central railroad tracks in a sleigh at Sheridan avenue, Saginaw. The dead are: Thomas M. Stewart, a groceryman; Mrs. Elizabeth Mossner, aged 70, of Frankenthum; Barbara Mossner, aged 25, of Frankenthum. The fourth occupant of the sleigh, Mrs. Elizabeth Mahneke, also a daughter of Mrs. Mossner, had her right leg broken in three places, and probably received internal injuries.

A passenger train from the east, running at a rapid speed, struck the sleigh as it was fairly on the tracks, cutting it loose from the horse, leaving the animal to run down the street unharmed. The sleigh was broken into kindling wood.

Stewart was on his way to his store from delivering goods, and the three women had seated themselves in the sleigh for a ride towards home, not over 50 feet from the scene of the accident. Two boys stood near by and saw the rig slowly approaching the tracks and the rapidly moving train bearing down upon it. They shouted several times but the driver did not catch the warnings. The four were laughing as the sleigh and its occupants were sent whirling through the air.

#### Gov. Pingree Jolts the Dairymen.

Gov. Pingree addressed the annual convention of the Michigan Dairymen's association at Ypsilanti. The Cleary college students were present in force and listened to the speech when they were not yelling, and the governor gave them several good points to yell about. He bore down in his characteristic style upon railroads and monopolies and seemed to take particular occasion to get in a number of roasts on Senator Campbell, the state senator of the Ypsilanti district, who was sitting directly in front of the governor taking it all in.

The dairymen discussed matters of interest and importance to themselves and elected officers: President, E. A. Haven, of Bloomingdale; secretary and treasurer, S. J. Wilson, of Flint.

#### Bay City's New Industries.

Hundreds of men are applying to the United Alkali Co. at Bay City for work. Every applicant has to furnish recommendations from prominent men, when satisfactory he is placed on the waiting roll. Married men are given preference, and no boys will be hired. The survey for the main building shows that it is to be 850 by 185 feet, two stories high. There will be several other large buildings erected later.

Contracts have been let for the best sugar factory at Bay City. It is to be 274 feet long, 118 feet wide and three stories high.

The G. R. & L. railroad earned \$17,626 more last month than in January last year.

The Wheeler & Co. shipyard at Bay City has started up again. A few non-union men were put to work riveting. The striking riveters will stay out.

Germany insists on being commercially hostile to the United States. A decree was issued forbidding the importation of American fruits and now 34 is proposed to prohibit the entry of American horses. The embargo against fruit has been relaxed a little owing to the strong talk of retaliation.

### County Supervisors Want Some Reforms.

Delegates from 16 counties gathered at Lansing in response to a call by the Ingham county supervisors for a convention to consider the advisability of taking concerted action toward securing the revision or repeal of certain laws, the provisions of which are the cause of needless expense to taxpayers. A large number of subjects was discussed. Ex-Mayor Lawton T. Hemans, of Mason, who has made a study of county expenses, addressed the delegates, calling attention to the alarming manner in which expenses have increased during recent years, this increase being out of all proportion to that of wealth or population. He attributed it all to the fee system and urged its abolition.

The legislative committee was instructed to endeavor to secure the following reforms from the next legislature: Taxation of property of railroads and other corporations the same as other property; repeal of law for collection of farm statistics; that supervisors pay expert witnesses in indigent insane cases in lieu of statutory witness fees; that mileage of officials be reduced from 10 to 6 cents a mile; reduction of number of justice and constables in cities and that salaries be paid instead of fees; salaries for county officers, all fees to go into county treasury; that three-fourths of a jury constitute a verdict in civil cases; making road commissioners subject to direction of supervisors as to the expenditure of money, the roads to be repaired and the material used; also that the property adjacent to roads improved be required to pay a portion of the expenses on the basis of benefits received; repeal of sparrow bounty law; that circuit court jurors be summoned by registered letters to save mileage of deputy sheriffs; repeal of law allowing extra pay to prosecuting attorneys in drain cases; that the tax law be amended so as to make it compulsory for assessors to swear each property owner as to his possessions. In case of failure to induce the next legislature to abolish the fee system in justice courts, it was decided that an endeavor be made to have the laws amended so that the prosecution of drunks and disorderlies in cities and villages be made under the respective charters.

A permanent organization was effected to be known as the State Association of Supervisors. The principal objects are the discussion of matters relating to charges and expenses, and securing a uniform practice of assessment. Each county board may send two or more delegates to the annual meetings. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, John W. Ewing, Grand Lodge; vice-presidents, Emmett L. Beach, of Saginaw, and W. H. Smith, of Grand Lake; secretary, Frank L. Dodge, Lansing; treasurer, Asa I. Barber, Mason.

#### Ex-Gov. Rich for Collector at Detroit.

Ex-Gov. John T. Rich has been tendered the collectorship of the port of Detroit, and has accepted the place.

There are much politics behind this simple statement. State Senator Wm. G. Thompson, of Detroit, was for two months the leading candidate for the position, but the fight of the Pingree element against the re-election of Senator Burrows necessitated a different arrangement. Ex-State Senator McLaughlin was talked of for the office, but the plum really hung between Mr. Rich and George L. Maltz. It so happened that ex-Gov. Rich and Albert Paek were the most promising men to be placed against Senator Burrows when he comes up for re-election, and it is also true that Mr. Maltz is the father-in-law of Mr. Paek. It does not require an extra shrewd politician to see that if Senators McMillan and Burrows secured the appointment of Mr. Rich that it would completely sidetrack his ambition to the senatorship and he could not then well oppose Senator Burrows. It is also surmised that Senator McMillan saw that if Senator Burrows was turned down by the next legislature that his (McMillan's) chances for a similar dose might be multiplied by the precedent established. It is believed Senator McMillan thought that Rich would be the more dangerous senatorial candidate of the two anyway, and consequently a more powerful ally after his appointment, and so the odds were in his favor.

#### Sugar Beets a Success in Michigan.

A bulletin giving the results of experiments in the raising of sugar beets in Michigan has been prepared by Profs. Kedzie and Smith of the Michigan Agricultural college. Seed was distributed in 63 counties and samples of beets have been received from 64. The average per cent of sugar in beets, with proper soil and seed, is 16.40. The range of yields per acre last year was from 12 to 18 tons. The professors say that the results show that the climatic and soil conditions in Michigan are full of promise. The labor cost of growing an acre of sugar beets on the college farm under adverse conditions was \$29.40. The average yield per acre at the college farm was 10 tons and 328 pounds.

Paw Paw people are talking of aiding the railroad company to the extent of \$10,000 in widening the road to Hartford and in building an elevator and stockyards at Paw Paw.

A head-on collision occurred between two F. & P. M. freight trains at Wings, a small station near Ervart. Both engines were dented, as well as two freight cars, but no one was injured, as the trains were moving slowly.

Railroad Commissioner Vessell figures that, under Judge Donovan's decision that the Michigan Central is amenable to the legislature of the state, the taxes of the Michigan Central main line, the only one effected thereby, will be \$35,000 greater for 1897 than if computed under the old system, the decision bringing the main line under the operation of the Merriman law.

### MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

The Big Four railroad will erect a large new roundhouse at Benton Harbor.

Charles White, temporarily insane, committed suicide at Sterling by taking carbolic acid.

The little son of E. L. Maddox, of Grand Rapids, fell down stairs, and died from concussion of the brain.

The rails spread under a D. T. & M. freight train near Homer and 10 loaded cars were wrecked. No one injured.

The Owosso-Corunna electric railway and Caledonia electric lighting plant have been consolidated, with \$150,000 capital.

The large town hall at Saginaw, owned by S. R. Hoebler, was burned to the ground together with a feed mill and a large amount of grain.

Darius Eddy, aged 79, slipped while shoveling snow off a roof at Saginaw. He broke two ribs and suffered other injuries, which may prove fatal.

While workmen were engaged in harvesting ice on Clear lake, north of Niles, a valuable team of horses broke through and were drowned, and Lewis Eminons had a narrow escape.

At South Bay City poor superintendents found a starving family. In a candle box lay the body of a two-days-old babe, the father being unable to pay for an undertaker's services.

Willie Herman, aged 14, was run over and killed on the Ann Arbor track at West Owosso. He attempted to catch on an incoming freight train, was thrown under the wheels and his body horribly mangled.

William Carr started from a camp to see his sick wife at Seney. His father-in-law, going to meet him found his frozen body only a mile from town. He had lost his way in a storm. His wife gave birth to twins only a few days ago.

According to a new law, every township board must soon publish an itemized statement of the amount of money in the township fund, the amount raised during the year and how raised, together with a minute statement as to how each cent was spent.

A company has been organized at Port Huron for the purpose of operating a trading and mining company in the Klondike district, Alaska. The company is capitalized at \$100,000, and will conduct a general store, operate a sawmill and do prospecting. A force of men will be sent out the last of this month.

A 10-year-old daughter of John Bowkes was shot at a German wedding which was being celebrated at the Bowkes home near Benton Harbor. The ball entered the girl's breast near her heart and passed through the body and she will die. The shooting, said to have been accidental, is being thoroughly investigated by the officers.

Stephen Lautenback, aged 16, was stabbed in the back, by a playmate, Henry Hydega, aged 12, at Grand Rapids, and he cannot recover. The lads were playing in an alley, and Lautenback good-naturedly rolled his companion into a snow bank. Hydega became enraged, and flew at Lautenback, striking him in the back. The blade penetrated the lung.

Dr. W. D. MacQuisten, of Detroit, recently had his wife arrested on a charge of setting his office on fire. She was acquitted, and upon her return to Owosso, where she was working in the Merrill house, a warrant was issued charging the doctor with using insulting language in the presence of ladies. The doctor was taken to Owosso under arrest and was fined \$24.50.

Miles Way, a Portland boy, appropriated another fellow's bicycle over two years ago. He was tracked to Wisconsin and while an officer was bringing him back he crawled through a car window and escaped. He has just returned from the Klondike and wants to pay for the wheel. He says he sold one claim for \$15,000 and has another for which he has been offered \$40,000.

Miss Belle Weaver, an almost blind deaf mute, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the home of her uncle, Elias Worden, near Climax. The girl's mother and uncle, the only other occupants, escaped. The fire started very mysteriously. Joseph Lewis, an aged farmer, is in jail for refusing to support Miss Weaver's illegitimate child, of which she alleges, he is the father.

Frank Davenport, aged 50, and his sister, aged 47, share one 20-foot square room with their pigs and chickens in Cooper township, Kalamazoo county, Fifth abounds. Officers visited them and ordered Davenport to keep the sheep, horses and pigs somewhere else. Davenport had feed, but the stock is half starved. He owns a 20-acre farm, but has no money, and the poor authorities are obliged to help them.

The Upper Peninsula Teachers' Association convention was held at Marquette and a program was carried out with papers by J. T. Edwards, of Marinette, Wis.; E. E. Ferguson, of Sault Ste. Marie; R. Hardy, of Ishpeming; L. L. Wright, of Ironwood, was elected president, and Miss Anna M. Chandler, of Marquette, vice-president. The meeting was a great success, nearly the whole membership of the association attending.

John Dykema, a well-to-do farmer three miles north of Sanganatuck, lost his house, barn and all outbuildings by fire, saving only his stock, two wagons and a few pieces of furniture. It is supposed the fire was started by a tramp. The heat of the barn fire soon broke the windows of the house and the dense smoke from the hay filled the place so that it was impossible to save any furniture. Loss: \$5,000; insurance \$750.

St. John's Catholic church at Carrollton, valued at \$15,000, was destroyed by fire. The people are poor, and say they can never get another church.

# TICKINGS OF THE TELEGRAPH

## News of the Day as Told Over the Slender Wires.

### DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS

**The New England States Suffer Severely from Winter Storms—20 Lives Lost and \$200,000 Damage to Property—Lake Shore Absorbed by N. Y. Central**

#### Winter Storms Bring Great Havoc.

The blizzards which have raged throughout the northern states, causing serious blockading of railway traffic in Michigan and other states, were particularly severe in eastern New York and New England. Boston probably got the worst dose, as the storm completely paralyzed all branches of business and street car and tram railway traffic and for a time shut off the city from communication by wire with all places outside the limits of Boston. The storm was the most severe Boston had experienced in 25 years and caused the loss of several lives, besides causing hundreds of thousands of dollars damage to property. The snow clung to the poles and wires and, aided by a wind blowing at the rate of 50 miles an hour, prostrated all telephone and telegraph lines about the city. More than half the electric lights of the city went out and in suburban towns the fire alarm seregie was crippled. In Newton broken wires started a fire in the elegant residence of Chas. J. Travelli, the wealthy Pittsburg steel manufacturer, and it was destroyed, the family escaping in their night clothes without saving anything. The loss amounts to \$100,000.

The big three-masted schooner Chas. T. Briggs, of Bath, Me., coal laden, was dashed to pieces on the Nahant coast, and her crew of eight men perished.

The most violent storm known at Gloucester, Mass., since 1851 swept the shores of Cape Ann, causing heavy loss of life and about \$200,000 damage. More than a dozen vessels went ashore and at least four more are lost, and many others damaged. The water front of Gloucester harbor and along the cape is dotted with wrecks and wreckage, schooners, sloops and other vessels having been driven ashore by the fierce gale. Ten lives are known to be lost and the damage to shipping will exceed \$200,000.

Later reports show that at least a score of persons were drowned and \$2,000,000 loss inflicted by the storm that swept over Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Wreckage is strewn up and down the coast from Cape Ann to Cape Cod. Thirty schooners were wrecked in Massachusetts bay. On land the loss by the storm seems to have been confined entirely to property. Twenty-four hours elapsed before direct telegraphic communication was restored between Boston and the rest of the world.

#### Double Murder at Skagway.

A double murder occurred at Skagway, Alaska. Deputy U. S. Marshal J. M. Bowen, formerly city marshal of Mount Vernon, Wash., and Andrew McGrath, of Concord, Ont., were shot and killed in Jake Rice's variety theater by Ed Fay, a bartender. Fay will be tried by a committee of 12 persons and there is no doubt that if found guilty Fay will be hanged. The theater has been closed by the citizens. The murder had a sad sequel in the death of Rowen's wife and child, which was born a short time previous to the murder of its father. Rowen was on his way to obtain medical assistance for his wife when the shooting occurred.

#### The Lake Shore Swallowed Up.

The deal by which the Lake Shore railroad is absorbed by the New York Central railroad has been completed. The directors of the Central were unanimous for the purchase of the Lake Shore. The Central directors authorized an issue of \$100,000,000 of 100-year 3 1/2 per cent collateral gold bonds of which stock the Lake Shore has \$49,460,600.

The large New Albany, Ind., woolen mills, recently purchased at sheriff's sale, has been started up with 500 employees, after a long idleness. The plant originally cost \$500,000.

The war rumors of the far east are being kept alive by the maneuvering of the Japanese fleet. It is said that the Japanese refuse to evacuate Wei-Hai-Wei until the stipulated time even if the Chinese secure a loan and pay the indemnity due Japan.

Thomas J. Osborne, governor of Kansas, died at the Commercial hotel, Meadville, Pa., his old home, while on a visit to Mrs. Margaret Richmond, to whom he was to be married in April. Death came after a short illness from hemorrhage of the stomach.

The Tippecanoe club, the aristocratic political club of Cleveland, threatened to expel Mayor McKisson, Senator Burke, Speaker Mason, and Rep. Hiram, for their opposition to Senator Hanna, but an injunction has been secured to prevent the action and the courts will get a chance at the trouble.

The most elaborate entertainment of the present official season marked the welcome of President Dole, of Hawaii, at the White House. The decorations were extremely beautiful and in the most perfect artistic taste. The party, which was very distinguished, was much too large to be accommodated in the state dining room, and the table was laid in the corridor behind the great stained glass screen. In the East room, the President and Mrs. McKinley, Vice-President and Mrs. Hobart, the guests of honor, President and Mrs. Dole, and the members of the cabinet received the other guests.

### DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

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

The fortifications bill as reported to the House provides for the extensive system of seacoast defenses now in course of completion. It carries \$4,144,912, as against estimates made by the war department of \$13,378,571.

Congressman Wm. Alden Smith, of Michigan, says that Senator Hanna has agreed to help him secure a modification of the treaty of 1817, so that warships could be built on the lakes. He also says that he has received encouragement from the administration. Secretary of the Navy Long being particularly enthusiastic over the idea.

The Hawaiian annexation treaty was the subject of a four hour's speech by Senator Teller. He said he would have been glad to have the debate in open rather than in executive session, and added that it was his opinion that the time had come when the question of annexation should be debated upon a bill looking to legislation by both houses of congress rather than upon the basis of the treaty. In speaking of the results of annexation Mr. Teller said that he did not believe that it would necessitate a big fleet for the protection of Hawaii as the strong fortification of Pearl harbor would be sufficient.

#### Reindeer and Drivers for Alaska.

A cablegram received at the war department from Dr. Jackson, at Alfen, Norway, announced that the steamship Manitoban, chartered by Lieut. Devore for the government, had just sailed from that port for New York with 530 reindeer and 87 Lapp men and women to care for the animals and drive them on the government relief expedition when they arrive in Alaska.

#### Cuban Hang a Peace Messenger.

Cuban insurgents entered the town of Artemisa, province of Pinar del Rio, and plundered several stores. The governor of Pinar del Rio sent Jose Mendez Diaz as an emissary to the insurgent leader, Perico Diaz, with proposals of peace and surrender. The insurgents hanged him near a railway opening with the governor's letter on his body.

#### A CONGLOMERATE CHRONICLE

The U. S. cruiser Montgomery is at Matanzas, Cuba.

O'Brien & Coleman, of Marshall, have shipped 24 cars of baled hay to England.

The big armored cruiser Brooklyn has started on her cruise of the West Indies.

James Allison, aged 17, was hanged at Berlin, Ont., for the cold-blooded murder of Mrs. Anthony Orr, near Gait.

A Tokio paper asserts that Russia has 60,000 troops at Vladivostok ready to take the field at a moment's notice.

Spanish military operations in Cuba continue almost paralyzed, the season most favorable for movements against the insurgents thus being lost.

A Montana cowboy named "Doc" Tanner was summarily hanged by a party on their way over the Chilcoat pass, for the murder of two companions.

The steamer Queen, the finest vessel in Pacific waters has sailed from Tacoma for Skagway and Dyea with 1,000 passengers, 1,300 tons of freight, 200 dogs, 30 horses.

The British steamer Turmalin, while attempting to land arms and stores on the Sus coast of Morocco, was intercepted by the Spherifian steamer Hasani, whereupon she opened fire. The Hasani reciprocated and captured one of the ship's boats, with three Englishmen.

The Moorish troops then demolished the villages favorable to foreigners, killing numbers of the inhabitants.

The mail steamer Channel Queen was totally wrecked off the Island of Guernsey, and it is reported that 44 lives were lost. The Channel Queen ran between Plymouth, Eng., and the Island of Jersey, and struck on the rocks during a fog. The owners of the vessel announce that there were 65 persons on board of her when she struck. The boats were launched with difficulty, one of them being swamped.

### THE MARKETS.

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### AN AFFLICTED MOTHER.

From the Times, Pass Pass, Ill.

A resident of this town who has lost two children during the past six years by violent deaths has been utterly prostrated by the shock and agonizing sick as a result of it. One child (aged 9) was killed by a cyclone in '90 while at school; another three years later was run over by a Burlington R. R. train. That grief and misfortunes may so prey on the mind as to lead to serious physical disorders has been well demonstrated in this case. As a result of them, her health was shattered and she has been a constant sufferer since 1890. Her principal trouble has been neuralgia of the stomach which was very painful, and exhibited all the symptoms of ordinary neuralgia, nervousness and indigestion. Physicians did her no good whatever. She was discouraged and abandoned all hope of getting well. Finally, however, a certain well-known pill was recommended (Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.) She supplied herself with a quantity of them and had not taken them two weeks when she noticed a marked improvement.



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Trust not yourself, but your defects to know. Make use of every friend—and every foe.

The new coal plant that the Baltimore and Ohio railroad is erecting at Sandusky, Ohio, will consist of an elevated track to be used either with side-dump or drop-bottom cars, the coal dropping into bins from which it will flow into buckets of four tons capacity, each placed upon movable platforms. Derriks of a capacity of ten tons each will lift the buckets to the vessel. There will be sixteen of these patent drop bottom buckets and they will be handled by two of the latest steam revolving derriks, and these machines will give the plant a capacity of about 300 tons of coal per hour at a minimum cost for the work, and with a slight breakage. The plant will be in operation April 1.

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# FROM GLOOM TO SUNLIGHT

## THE USURERS DAUGHTER.

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### CHAPTER XII.—(Continued.)

"This is almost as good as a billiard-table," said Hildred laughingly; "but the earl shook his head."

"It may be for you," he replied; "but it is not for me."

"Lord Caraven," said Hildred, "a thought has just struck me. We have been married—how long?—since the third of August, and it is now October; and do you know that you have never once addressed me by name? My school-fellows used to call me 'Dreda,' my father calls me 'Hildred.' You have so contrived as never to give me any name at all. You do not say 'Lady Caraven,' 'Hildred,' 'wife,' or anything of the kind. How is it?"

"I cannot tell," he replied, blankly. The question had evidently puzzled him.

"I do not expect you would ever care to use any pretty familiar loving name, but do you not think you might learn to use my own? Lady Courtenay used to look at me, when you addressed me in that general kind of way as 'you.' Could you not say 'Hildred'?"

"—I really do not know," he replied; "it is an uncomfortable kind of name—Hildred."

She raised her charming head with a haughty little gesture.

"Do you fancy so? I think you do not know what 'uncomfortable' means. I am rather proud of my name; it may be quaint, but it is not common. If you cannot say 'Hildred,' can you not call me 'Lady Caraven'? I am tired of being spoken to so vaguely."

"I will not do it again, Lady Caraven, if it annoys you," he said; and then there was silence between them, broken only by the sighing of the wind.

Would he let this hour pass without speaking freely to her? They were alone now—there was no one to listen. She raised her face, all bright with play of feeling, to his.

"Lord Caraven," she said, "will you be very angry with me if I ask you a question?"

"No; without knowing what the question may be, I predict that—certainly not."

"This question has troubled me very much; it has been the one thing which I have pondered night and day—a question that I cannot answer, one that I feel is the key to a secret."

"You alarm me with that long prologue. Briefly, what is your question, Lady Caraven?"

"Briefly, it is this: Why did you marry me, Lord Caraven?"

"Why did I marry you?" he echoed in astonishment.

"I ask you the question," she went on, "because I have watched you and studied you, and I am convinced at last that you did not marry me for love."

"Love!" he cried. "Why, what has that to do with it?"

"I thought," she continued, "that you had married me because you loved me. I knew that you were cold, un-demonstrative, that you had no sympathy, little kindness; but I believed implicitly that you married me for love."

"I had never seen you—I saw you only once," he said in astonishment.

"I know. I remember. Still, I repeat what I have said to you; I—I—fancied—I am quite ashamed to tell you the truth, but I will do so—I fancied—that you had seen me somewhere and had liked me."

"He laughed, but the laugh was not pleasant to hear."

"Did you really think that?" he asked musingly. "Poor child! Then he turned to her with sudden briskness. "Do you really mean to tell me, on your word of honor, that you do not know why I married you?"

She raised her fair, proud face to his. "I assure you most solemnly that I do not. It is the greatest puzzle I have ever had."

"Did your father tell you that I—I loved you?"

"No," she replied, thoughtfully, "he did not. Indeed, he assured me that love was not needful for happiness. He never said you loved me. He said you wanted to marry me."

"And what else? Go on. What else?"

"That it was a grand position, in which I should be supremely happy."

"What else?" asked the stern voice.

"I hardly remember. That if I consented his highest ambition would be gratified."

### CHAPTER XIII.

ORD CARAVEN murmured some terrible words between his closed lips.

"Then he never told you why this marriage was forced upon me?"

"Forced?" she interrogated, gently.

Perhaps the sudden paling of her lovely face startled him, or the sharp quiver of pain in her voice touched him.

"He—your father—never told you that he insisted on the marriage?"

"No, never," she replied, faintly. "He never told you that he made it my only refuge from him—my only hope—my only alternative?"

"No; he never told me that."

"Then I will tell you now. He compelled me to marry you—and I begin to perceive that he has sacrificed you as well as myself."

"Sacrificed us?" she repeated. "You cannot mean the world!"

"I do mean it, both for myself and you," he replied. "I will tell you, Lady Caraven; it is right that you should know the truth. I have squandered a large fortune, and was deeply in debt. I owed your father the sum of sixty thousand pounds—I had mortgaged Ravensmere to him. I was also deeply in debt to others. I had literally come to my last shilling; disgrace, ruin, poverty and shame were all before me. Your father had the management of my affairs, and when I asked him what I was to do, he told me that he had two hundred thousand pounds and a daughter."

A low cry came from her lips, and she covered her face with her hands.

"I am sorry to pain you," he said—"sorry to distress you—but it is better that you should know the real truth. Your father is ambitious; his hopes were fixed on your marriage. He offered me the alternative—I could choose beggary, ruin, shame, disgrace, the total annihilation of my house and name, or I could choose the money and marry you. I told him that I did not feel inclined to marry, that I had no affection for you, and I implored him to find some other way out of the difficulty. He refused, and you know the result. Bear in mind, though, that I am most deeply grateful to you. Your fortune has saved me from worse than death. I am sorry, too, to tell you this story; but it is best that you should know the truth."

"Yes," she agreed, despairingly, "it is best."

She drew her hands from her face and looked at him. What nature of man could he have been that the anguish and despair on that girlish face did not touch him?

"Then you have never loved me, never cared for me?" she said, faintly.

"No, I am grateful to you; I can say no more."

He saw her draw her silvery shawl

"I will do all I can to show my gratitude; you are and shall be mistress of the whole place. It is yours in so far as your money has saved it; you shall have every desire of your heart, every wish gratified. Your position is one of the highest in the land; you shall have everything to grace it. You shall have entire liberty; you shall invite whom you like; visit whom you like; you shall go abroad when you will and remain at home when you will. You shall be your own mistress in every respect. I will always see that every honor is paid you."

"In short," she said, "you will give me everything but love."

"Well, if you choose to put it in that light, yes."

"I accept the terms," she said gently. "There are many women who have to find the happiness of their lives in the fulfillment of duty; I must do the same."

"You are a very sensible girl," commented Lord Caraven; "and I begin to think it is all for the best that we have had this conversation."

"I am sure of it; it will prevent my idealizing you in any kind of way, and I shall know better how to understand matters." She raised her head with wondrous grace. "It would be very strange," she added, "if you fell in love with me after all. I am cold; I will say good evening. Pleasant reflections, my lord."

He saw the purple velvet and silvery veil disappear amongst the trees.

"It is a thousand pities that she is a money-lender's daughter," he said, "and a thousand pities that I cannot love her. She has plenty of character, and she is really handsome, although she is not my style."

(To be Continued.)

I WOULD RATHER HAVE DIED.

round her shoulders and shudder as though she were seized with violent cold.

"I feel now," he said, "that it was a cruel thing to do. You are young, and your whole life is blighted. At first I thought and believed that you understood everything—that you were as mercenary and ambitious as your father—that you were as ready as he to give yourself and your money in exchange for my title; I thought that you, through him, knew the full value of the estate and everything on it—that you knew all the house contained—that you were as keen and shrewd as he was. I misjudged you—I beg your pardon for it."

She raised her pale face to his.

"I swear to you," she said, "that I would rather have died than have married you had I known the truth."

"I believe it and respect you for it. For some short time past I have fancied that in thinking as I did I was mistaken. Now I know it, and am glad to know it. I am sorry that you were sacrificed to me."

"Did you—do you—pray do not be angry with me," she said, "did you love any one else?"

"I have been amongst fair women what a butterfly is amongst flowers," he replied. "I have loved not one, but a hundred. I might say I have had as many loves as there are days in the year."

"But the one great love of your life—the love that is given only once—have you given that?" she asked.

"I understand. You ask me, is fact, if I have ever loved any one sufficiently to ask her to be my wife. No, I had not. My loves were for the day, not for all time. I have never asked any one to marry me, for the simple, all-sufficient reason that I have never seen any one whom I should have cared to marry."

"And are you very unhappy with me?" she asked gently.

"What a strange question! Unhappy? Well, no, I cannot quite say that. I am as I said before, grateful to you; and now that I find you have been victimized, I am sorry for you."

"Do not be shocked if I ask you another question," she said, with down-dropped eyes and flushed cheeks; "now that our marriage is an accomplished fact, do you think that we might make the best of it—might try to forget this wretched beginning? Could you never care even ever so little for me?"

He looked at her thoughtfully.

"I might deceive you—I might say 'Yes,' and play you false; but I will not. You are too good for that. No, not in the sense you mean—not to love you as a man should love his wife—never! You must forgive me if these seem hard words—you have asked me for them."

"It is better to speak frankly; then we shall both know what we are doing." She dropped the silvery veil that shrouded her head and face. "Will you tell me," she asked, meekly, "why you cannot care for me? Am I not fair enough to please you?"

"Yes, you are fair enough; but love is not to be taught or bought—it comes unperceived. I cannot express myself well on the subject, but it seems to me absurd for a man to say to himself, 'It is my duty to fall in love with such and such a woman, so I must do it.'"

"But if that woman were his wife?" she suggested, gently.

"No man can love against his will, wife or no wife," was the hasty reply.

"Then, Lord Caraven, am I to live in your house always as an unloved, uncared for wife?" she asked.

"The fault is not mine," he replied. "I believed that your father had explained to you that the whole affair was—was distasteful to me. Believing that, I married you; now that I have found out my mistake, I pity myself and I pity you, Lady Caraven. I despise myself now for what I have done. If I had to choose again I should choose disgrace or death."

"I am grateful to you," he continued. "I will do all I can to show my gratitude; you are and shall be mistress of the whole place. It is yours in so far as your money has saved it; you shall have every desire of your heart, every wish gratified. Your position is one of the highest in the land; you shall have everything to grace it. You shall have entire liberty; you shall invite whom you like; visit whom you like; you shall go abroad when you will and remain at home when you will. You shall be your own mistress in every respect. I will always see that every honor is paid you."

"In short," she said, "you will give me everything but love."

"Well, if you choose to put it in that light, yes."

"I accept the terms," she said gently. "There are many women who have to find the happiness of their lives in the fulfillment of duty; I must do the same."

"You are a very sensible girl," commented Lord Caraven; "and I begin to think it is all for the best that we have had this conversation."

"I am sure of it; it will prevent my idealizing you in any kind of way, and I shall know better how to understand matters." She raised her head with wondrous grace. "It would be very strange," she added, "if you fell in love with me after all. I am cold; I will say good evening. Pleasant reflections, my lord."

He saw the purple velvet and silvery veil disappear amongst the trees.

"It is a thousand pities that she is a money-lender's daughter," he said, "and a thousand pities that I cannot love her. She has plenty of character, and she is really handsome, although she is not my style."

(To be Continued.)

MUSICAL MEMORIES.

Remarkable Tests of Bulow and Rubinstein—Patti Know 40 Operas.

Possibly the greatest case on record is that wonder of wonders, the most intellectual of interpreters, the late Dr. Hans von Bulow, says Music. He not only played all of Beethoven by heart upon the piano, but knew all the symphonies in the same manner, and practically the whole Wagnerian output of musical metal, and it was claimed that so great was the mass of piano music which Bulow retained "within the book and volume of his brain," inscribed in mysterious hieroglyphics somewhere among the molecules of the gray matter constituting the cortex of his cerebral organ, that he could have played twenty-five piano recital programs without repeating and without a printed page. Since there go about 2,000 measures to an hour, and two solid hours to an ordinary Bulow program, this would represent 100,000 measures of music, or about 4,000 large pages, something like eight or ten thick volumes. Even Bulow was outdone by Rubinstein, in the field of piano music at least; if we can trust the anecdote mongers, for it is claimed that in one season at St. Petersburg he played a series of recitals which exhausted the literature of the piano and embraced 1,300 distinct compositions. It is mentioned of Mendelssohn that on one occasion, the score of Beethoven's "Sixth Symphony" having been misplaced, he raised his baton and directed the work from memory, but this does not seem to me a feat in the least remarkable, for the "Pastoral Symphony" is so extremely lucid and so bewitchingly beautiful that the only thing difficult or remarkable would be the forgetting of it. Mme. Patti knew forty opera roles, and Verdi, the baritone, knew eighty.

## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.



DAY of rites and festivities was the 15th of February in ancient Rome, where the Lupercalia was celebrated in honor of a deity designated by the various titles. Upon the blotter of the modern police court the gentleman would appear as "Pan, alias Lupercus, alias Faunus, alias Inuus, dealer in grain and crops, grape grower, proprietor of the woods and fields, the god of plenty." In ancient times so important a personage as he who controlled the increase of the products of the earth must necessarily have been shown great consideration, and it was peculiarly fitting, when the grasp of winter was about to be loosened from the face of the earth and life was about to spring up in grass and flower and tree, that an entertainment should be given for this god of the allases.

From time immemorable, therefore, the 15th of February was given up to his worship. Youths of the best Roman families assembled then in the grotto of the Palatine hill. Cakes made by the vestal virgins from the first fruits of the preceding year were offered. Goats and young dogs were killed and, when two of the youths had been chosen and brought forward, their foreheads were smeared with the blood from the knives used in the sacrifice. A feast followed, and then the young men, clad in the skins of goats and armed with thongs of the same material, ran around the city, striking with the thongs the thousands who put themselves in the way. To be struck thus was a symbol of purification, implying increase for the future. The thongs were "februa," purifiers, and so the month. But the most popular custom of this festival day was the assembling of youths and maidens. The names of the maidens were put into an urn and those of the youths likewise, and then each drew a slip from the proper vessel, having upon it the name of the one to whom it was his duty to be devoted during the remainder of the year. The custom was almost universal in the city of Rome, and continued unabated for five hundred years of the Christian era. Then happened one of the most humorous incidents recorded in history. Pope Gelasius was a sober minded man, shrewd and sanctimonious, having little tolerance for the revelries of pagan Rome. The festival of the Lupercalia, with its attendant worldly customs, seemed to him out of place in a Christian age. He was sagacious enough, moreover, to know that a suppression of so long standing popular observance was impossible. He therefore decreed this change in 496. The date of the festival was put a day earlier in the month and the occasion was made one in honor to St. Valentine, a good and charitable bishop who had become a martyr two hundred years before. When the young people were assembled for the drawing of lots, instead of writing their own names upon the slips they were to inscribe there the name of saints. The saint whose name anyone might draw was to be his patron for the rest of the year, to be honored and worshipped by him. It was indeed a clever idea to accept the existing conditions, and to endeavor to turn them into a channel which would make for the building up of the new faith. But shrewd as he was, Gelasius was not far sighted enough to see that there was something deeper than the worship of Pagan Pan behind this little custom of the Lupercalia. Human nature was there, at the heart of it, and the task of Hercules with the River Aulis was less difficult of successful achievement than the slight change which the pious pope had made, involving a matter of popular fancy.

It is little wonder, then, that, though the name and date remained as changed, the old custom of drawing lots for partners, or "valentines," reappeared. In Europe and England until recently young people came together on the day in question and observed the identical custom which the Romans celebrated of old on the day of the Lupercalia.

A spirit of irreverence for the sentiment of St. Valentine's observance has sprung up within the memory of living man. Instead of the regulation lace and verses, the latter of which are of the "molasses drip" sort, contracted for by the hundred pounds, there is now a most grotesque sort of caricature, with a libelous accompaniment of lines. Great swollen heads, emaciated chests, and misshapen feet, printed upon cheap paper, are dedicated to a tradesman or a man of professional calling. Some of the caricatures have their foundations based on peculiarities of custom or eccentricities of habit. One of these eccentricities is taken apart from any other trait, dressed in an outrageous body and glaring clothes, and becomes the misdeed of the small boy with which to attack the foibles and foolish conventions of society.

There will long remain, notwithstanding the practical, hardening tendency of the age, something of the sentiment peculiar to St. Valentine's day, which led the Roman lads to choose and honor their lady loves. Though the New York postmen may cease to carry 200,000 extra letters on that day, Cupid will continue to be honored, and the confectioner and the florist may notice an increased sale of their wares, for the spring still comes and the birds still mate, and human nature is much as it used to be in the olden days at Rome.

E. L. SANDERSON.

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courtiers were partakers in it, and the gifts they made to each other were many times costly. In one of the English counties, Hertfordshire, it was the custom for the poor children, as gayly dressed as their scant means would permit, to march through the towns, early in the morning, stopping beneath the windows here and there, and singing "Good Morrow, Valentine." A shower of pennies was the usual result. In Norwich, gifts were sent to fair ones anonymously.

The number of poems written about the custom of the day is beyond counting. From Chaucer down, the poets have sung of the god of love to whom the popular observance has ever dedicated the day. John Lydgate, 1440, wrote: "Sajnt Valentine, of custom yeers by yeere,"

Men have an usance in this region, To loke and serche Cupide's kalendere, And chose theyr chosye by grete affection."

In Hamlet, Ophelia is heard to sing: "To-morrow is St. Valentine's day, All in the morning betime, And I, a maid at your window, To be your valentine."

Some have accounted for the origin of the day's observances by saying that it is the time of year when the birds are mating and, with the feathered world,

"The young man's fancy: Lightly turns to thoughts of love."

In some parts of England, it was the custom, on St. Valentine's eve, to walk the woods with a bird-net, in the hope of catching an owl. Success in love was the result of bringing home a live owl from the hunt, for, as the wisest of birds, it was supposed to have the secret of success which it would impart on this night. It was believed that the first person of the opposite sex one met on St. Valentine's morning was to be that one's "valentine," and records remain of young ladies who conscientiously locked themselves in their rooms, with eyes tightly closed when leaving it, until the right young man was announced.

To-day, the spirit of independence which has come over the world, has



A LIBELOUS VALENTINE.

done away with the drawing of lots. Young people are not satisfied with leaving the matter to fortune, as were their ancestors, but fix it themselves. The universal means used to celebrate the day is a combination of lace paper, pictured hearts, cupid and verses, thousands of which now hang in the stationers' window. From one to a dozen of these are selected, at a cost of from one cent to several dollars, and entrusted, properly addressed, to the postman's care. Invariably, the missive is sent anonymously. Often, too, the sender steals, missive in hand, up to the door of the one who is to receive it, after dusk of St. Valentine's day. The bell is pulled, the valentine dropped, and away runs the young one in high glee. The most delightful joy, however, is experienced when the "irrepressible" steals thus up the steps, chalks a white square the size of an envelope upon the porch, rings the bell, and scampers away. Of course, in the darkness, the square resembles a valentine, and the fair one, her heart beating a little faster than ordinarily, steps to pick up—nothing.

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**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**Newburg-Nankin P. O.**

A very large audience listened to a good sermon by Rev. Oliver, last Sunday. We will have a nice lot of sheds at the church in a short time.

Sunday school was very large last Sunday. Each Sunday they appoint a committee to visit some other school and report any new things they may learn. The Misses Emma Bassett and Mable Chilson attended the Wayne S. S. convention last Sunday. Miss Anna Norris will attend the Presbyterian S. S. at Plymouth next Sunday.

Epworth League is growing both in size and interest, a lively discussion on "Justice" was held last Sunday eve, and a lively one on "Sincerity" is to be held next Sunday. All are cordially invited.

Ladies Aid society will meet to-day with Mrs. W. J. Smith. All the ladies are invited to be present.

The W. R. C. and G. A. R. will give a supper at the hall next Thursday. They are noted for the fine suppers they get up.

Newburg hall association had the greatest event of the season last Tuesday eve, when in spite of the heavy rain, over one hundred and fifty people met and ate chicken pie together, and enjoyed an art loan. Music was furnished by Newburg's own family orchestra, consisting of five sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Rutter. A dramatic and musical entertainment is the next possible thing.

Orlo Brown is home from his winter's trip.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Grow, of Ypsilanti visited friends here the first part of the week and took in the social Tuesday eve.

Dorr Hall received a message stating that his uncle, Horace Hall, at Royal Oak dropped dead last Monday.

A. W. Zanders was called as a witness on a law-suit in Detroit last Tuesday.

Mrs. Ostrander is still on the sick list. J. Joy is working for Jno. Shaw, Livonia.

**Perrinsville-Pikes Peak P. O.**

Perrinsville is booming. Frank Kipp an experienced miller will take charge of the Perrinsville feed mill. He was formerly employed at the Nankin mills.

The Perrinsville silver club will hold its annual meeting next Saturday evening and we expect all members to be on hand and get in line for the spring election.

A. Lyle has already sold a number of the new Champion binders for 1898.

L. P. Hanchett, who has been spending a few months with relatives in New York, has returned home.

Prof. Lee J. Meldrum and Miss Edith Oliver spent Monday in Detroit.

"Slivers" says we will have six weeks cold weather in March.

The sick are gaining very rapidly.

Washington's birthday will be celebrated with a hop social in the P. of I. hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 22. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Bill 25c.

Mr. Dee Robinson and family spent last Sunday at this place, while on their way to Canton from West Detroit. Mr. Dee is moving his saw-mill from the latter place to the former.

After being idle for about three weeks, Carl Kingsley will start his feed mill a-going next Monday. Carl had his limb badly mangled three weeks ago but is now able to be about.

The K. O. T. M. lodge of Elm held an oyster supper at the residence of Mrs. Day Dickerson of this place, last Saturday evening. A large attendance, lots of oysters, and an enjoyable time was some of the results.

Mr. Lee J. Meldrum is talking strongly of erecting a large building at this place.

Anyone desiring to hear a political speech on either or both sides call at Parmelee's store.

One of the best routes for an electric rail-road would be a branch from the Detroit, Ypsilanti & Ann Arbor road from Dearborn to Plymouth, commencing at the Teneyck corners below Dearborn and following the river road through Coonsville, then join the Ann Arbor road and follow it through Wallaceville, Perrinsville, Pike's Peak, Newburg to Plymouth. This would make a very prosperous line of about 14 miles in length, passing through a good farming country, and but little grading would be necessary between Pike's Peak and Plymouth. There is an abundance of water power, which could manufacture the electricity to run the cars. The people of this community are in favor of an electric road, would patronize the same, and do all in their power to make it a paying investment. We would like to hear from some neighboring correspondents through the columns of the MAIL in regard to this matter.

Leander Sherman cut an ugly gash in his foot with an ax last Monday and will be laid up for a week or so.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the debate that was to take place at the hall was a failure. Next Tuesday evening a literary meeting will be held in the hall. All are cordially invited to attend. A fine program has been arranged.

In last week's issue of the MAIL the Pike's Peak correspondent was inquiring

about the two doctors we have had here. Now we wish to inquire why the doctor that was at the Peak, did not remain and also where the store-keepers have all gone.

Rumor says Pike's Peakers have the La grippe.

**Livonia Center.**

Uncle Jimmie Cole, formerly of Beech is making his home with R. S. Peck.

Mrs. E. L. Norton, of Pike's Peak, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Ferguson.

Miss Anna Base and Miss Allie Smith, of Plymouth, called on Mrs. John Base, Wednesday afternoon.

Wm. Smith will have an auction sale on the Leach farm, east of the Center, on Feb. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Colby, of Northville, visited Mrs. A. Stringer, Sunday.

Horace Kingsley took a business trip to Detroit Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peck, who have been on the sick list for some time, are rapidly improving.

Anyone desiring to buy 4 or 5 tons of good timothy hay, can have the same cheap by inquiring at the Center or of Geo. Hink.

A very interesting horse race took place at the Center Wednesday.

Geo. Flint, of Detroit, spent Sunday in this vicinity.

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**ONE OF TWO WAYS.**

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**Farmers' Institute a Benefit.**

The last issue of the Northville Record comments upon the State farmers' institute, whose annual session was recently held at Wyandotte.

It states that these institutes cost the tax-payers \$10,000 annually, and besides having a good time, would like to hear from any farmer who ever received the least practical benefit from them.

The last legislature appropriated \$8,000 for these institutes, being \$4,000 yearly, and of the large state tax paid by Michigan farmers, this is the only appropriation for their direct benefit and instruction.

The large attendance, and uniform interest manifested at these meetings testify to their increased popularity.

Is it not a well established maxim that we usually ridicule and oppose a principle or society, of whose merits we are least informed, taking the tone of our ideas from hear-say or from those who have a motive in misleading us.

Among theorists, cranks, and would be reformers, it is frequently asserted that these institutes are not affording practical instruction, that book-farming soon increases the mortgage.

In this age of advancement, in invention, literature, art, science and business methods, 'tis folly to argue that a farmer, alone, needs little or no education, for there is no occupation where intelligent thought, or application of improved methods, is more essential.

Here-to-fore several attempts have been made in this county to organize institutes but all were failures, until the present system, whereby they were placed under control of the State Board of Agriculture.

This plan has been tested in this county for the past three years and the writer has attended each session, wherein a constant improvement, not only in topics chosen by both state and local speakers, but in talent enlisted, has been plainly discernible.

The state speakers furnished, are not theorists and visionaries, but men of broad liberal experience, like C. P. Goodrich of Wisconsin, who has the finest dairy in the state, and has raised the standard of his herd, during 50 years of care and attention from 96 lbs. of butter per head yearly to 366 lbs. and this in a herd of twenty.

The State Superintendent, Kenyon L. Butterfield, of Lansing, earnestly invites the criticism and suggestions of all farmers, as to speakers, topics, or methods of procedure, at these institutes.

No farmer can merely hold his own, he cannot stand still, he must advance or recede. In every profession or occupation, ideas or schemes of thought, once venerated and esteemed, by our fathers deemed invulnerable, are to-day discarded. Is the farmer the only exception? The utility of any society is definitely assured by the character and standing of its promoters.

It has been the aim of this Institute to present ideas from among the leading farmers of each township in our County, such as, Robert Brighton, of Wyandotte, Stanley McPherson, of Huron, J. H. Vreeland, of Monguagon, Randolph Graden, of Taylor, J. H. Hanford, Canton, D. F. Griswold, Northville, Ansel Pierce, Redford, E. N. Lathers, Nankin, Wm. Green, Wayne. Mr. Record are these men visionaries, do they annually assemble merely for a jolly time? Many of them are pioneers of our county. Their well-tilled farms, comfortable homes, serious thought and well known ability, render discussion useless.

The writer would be pleased to discuss the various papers presented at the last institute, but space forbids.

The institute is a success, it has come to stay, and the interest manifested by leading farmers in our county has justified the State board in offering us five one day sessions this year besides the round up.

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