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- Smoked Ham at 9c
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- Picnic Hams at 7c
- Plate of Beef at 5c
- Rib Roast of Beef at 9c
- (Chuck Roast at 7 and 8c
- Round Steak at 11c
- Sirloin Steak at 13c
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- Oysters per qt. at 28c
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Before I dealt at HARRIS Market.



After I dealt at HARRIS' Meat Market

I will keep on hand Fresh and Salt Fish. Give me a call and I will try to please you. Come early and avoid the rush. Orders called for and delivered.

H. HARRIS.

Plymouth Meat Market.

An Expensive Road.

If there ever was a piece of public highway that was a greater source of continual drain on the treasury than that part of Main street from the F. & P. M. crossing to the four corners, we have failed to hear of it. In fact the entire street has cost the village a good sum of money. But the real point is not in the cost, but the results. After spending hundreds of dollars what have we? Mud knee deep every shower, and dust galore in dry weather. It would seem that some one should get at the secret of placing this road in a decent condition. The trouble is too much gravel has been heaped upon the road when gravel is not needed. From one who is in a position to know and who has given the road considerable study, we gained some information that seems to be the only proper remedy for the nuisance. Any time there is mud on the road (and you cannot miss it, any day) scrape the mud off for a space and you will find as good a road bed as will be found anywhere. Then what is needed? Instead of putting men and teams to work hauling gravel, put them to work hauling the mud away. Get down to the bottom where you have a foundation to build on. After the mud is all cleared away, even the road up by hauling in good coarse gravel. You may as well try to build a wall with quick-sand as to make a road on main street in its present condition. It is pretty near time some one took this matter up and stopped the drainage from the public treasury in amounts of from \$500 up every year. Then in future when repairs are needed on this or any other road, instead of hauling in fine gravel that only tends to make a road worse, get good coarse gravel with plenty of stone in it and you will find that after a heavy rain mud will be a scarce article.

Crop Report.

There was very little precipitation in Michigan in December until about the 12th of the month. The average depth of snow on the 15th was in the southern counties 1.54 inches, in the central 1.84 inches, and in the northern counties and upper peninsula from 9 to 12 inches. Soon after the 15th snow fell generally throughout the State, and on the 31st the average depth in the southern counties was 7.89 inches, and north of this section from 14 to 21 inches.

The prevailing opinion of correspondents is that wheat has not been damaged.

In reply to the question, "Has wheat during January suffered injury from any cause?" 71 correspondents in the southern counties answer "Yes," and 378 "No." In the central counties 30 correspondents answer "Yes," and 115 "No," and in the northern counties 1 answers "Yes," and 78 "No."

The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers in January is 1,229,810, and in the six months, August-January, 10,263,864. The amount marketed in the six months, August-January, is more than two-fifths of the crop of 1897, and is 3,968,099 bushels more than reported marketed in the same months last year.

At 78 elevators, stations and mills from which reports have been received there was no wheat marketed during January. Live stock throughout the State is in good condition.

For Sale Cheap

Ninety-four acres of good land on east side of the farm of John H. Stark, fronting 96 rods on Base Line, four miles west of Northville. For particulars inquire of or address,

FANNY M. COLEMAN, Plymouth.

Mrs. Warren Gorton.

Mrs. Warren Gorton died at her home two miles west of Plymouth on Friday, Feb. 11th, after a lingering illness of consumption. The funeral was held in the Baptist church on Sunday, Rev. Blanchard officiating. The remains were placed in Newburg cemetery.

On the Road to the Klondike.

CALGARY, ALTA., Feb. 8, 1898.

W. O. Allen,

Plymouth, Mich.

I thought I would write you again today although I haven't very much news to write. We are getting along the best in the world with our outfitting. We got our horses here, as we received word from the parties at Edmonton to buy horses here. We got prices here on everything else and Mr. White and Jordan went on up to Edmonton to see what they could do there, and they wired us last night that they would buy everything there, so, of course, found things a little cheaper up there. As the trains only run every other day we could not get up there until tomorrow. We did not go with the others, for if they found that things cost more there we would have bought everything here.

We are having the best of luck so far. We bought 16 horses, (we think now that will be enough) out of a drove of 46, and took our pick. Everyone tells us we have the best horses that have been shipped out of here yet. They surely are a good lot, as horses run here. Some of them are wild but Jordan went with them and will commence at once to break them in.

The whole party are feeling mighty well and in the best of spirits. We hear very favorable reports from the region where we are going.

Regards to all. I will write you as I find time along.

Yours truly,

J. W. TAFFT.

Mrs. H. R. Root.

Mrs. H. R. Root, an old resident of Plymouth township, died on Friday of last week, at her home west of Plymouth. Rev. Lee S. McColester, of Detroit, conducted the funeral services which were held at the house. The remains were laid at rest in Kinyon cemetery.

Mrs. Root was a well known and highly esteemed lady. She was a member of the local W. C. T. U., and was always a willing worker in any benevolent or charitable enterprise.

A large circle of relatives and friends mourn her loss.

David Leadbeter.

Died, of pneumonia, at his home, 1184 Scotten Ave., Detroit, on Thursday, Feb. 10th, David Leadbeter, at the age of 47 years.

The funeral was held in the M. E. church on Saturday conducted by Rev. Oliver. Interment in Riverside cemetery.

Mr. Leadbeter was a brother of Henry Leadbeter, of this place, and a former resident of Plymouth.

W. O. T. U.

It is only a few short months since death robbed us of one of our dearest members, Mrs. Eliza Briggs, and now again has the grim destroyer been among us and this time we are called upon to mourn the loss of two loved sisters, Mrs. Nettie Gorton and Mrs. Elizabeth Root. On account of failing health, Mrs. Gorton had never been able to attend, regularly, the weekly meetings, but she took a deep interest in the cause and always did what she could to aid in the work. Though seldom with us in person, we felt that she was ever with us in spirit and this proved an inspiration to us. Mrs. Root had been, for many years one of our most active and efficient workers. Quiet and unassuming, yet brave and fearless in the cause of right, her faithfulness in the performance of every duty was worthy our emulation. Her kindly voice and cheerful face will ever be missed from our weekly meeting but she has left behind her an influence which will be felt throughout all our future work.

"There is no death! What seems so is transition; This life of mortal breath Is but a suburb to the life elysian, Whose portal we call Death."

SUPT. OF FUNERAL

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Geo. W. Hunter & Co.

We will have something that will interest you in this space next week.

Geo. W. Hunter & Co.

GALE'S

We have just received a crate of 1878 English White Porcelain, which we will open next week. Come in and see them. They are the latest styles in white dishes and are truly beautiful.

Spot Cash Sale

I will sell until February 22,

For Spot Cash,

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

Now is the time to buy **Clover and Timothy Seed.** I will have a large stock on hand. Bright, new seed at the lowest price.

Look out for our new stock of **Wall Paper.** It will be a beauty.

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

J. L. GALE.

THE PLYMOUTH MAIL.

BAKER & GRAY, Publishers.

PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

The man who went crazy over golf would probably have suffered from delirium tremens if he had been addicted to acid tea.

We call the attention of the government of Spain to the suggestive fact that one American cowboy recently killed four Spaniards on the Mexican border.

One good thing about a woman's club is the fact that it enables its members to tell every week in set sketches just why the club exists. Another delightful thing is its placid satisfaction over the weekly increase in the number of its members, and in imagining an opposition on the part of the press and the public which does not exist. But it really ought to have its pretty songs, like the Sunday schools, wherein the members sing, "Oh, how I love my dear, dear club," etc.

The fact that a mother whose son had been killed in a game of foot ball objected earnestly to a bill prohibiting the game, and the other fact that many young ladies of Richmond applauded speeches in the Virginia legislature, in opposition to a similar bill, demonstrate a love of danger on the part of the sex which will not permit the other sex to get away from it. There is a great deal of the savage in the gentle bosoms of those persons yet.

Adaptability, deemed priceless in social success, plays no less a part in business life, as the English cotton manufacturers have discovered to their sorrow. Turkey-red handkerchiefs were popular in Russia, but the women wanted them square. The Lancashire makers sent them oblong. The Russian shopkeepers protested, but as change would involve alteration of machinery, the Russian women had still to screech the oblong kerchiefs round their heads. Then the gallant German appeared. He bowed effusively to feminine fashions, did not begrudge the needful machinery, get the trade, and deserved it.

Chief Brown of the Seminole Indians has visited Washington, accompanied by two men of his tribe, one of whom is the father of one of the young Indians burned at the stake the other day by a mob of white men. Unable to secure justice in Oklahoma, the chief decided to appeal to the national government, and as a result the following resolution was offered in the senate: "Resolved, That the secretary of the interior shall be and is hereby instructed to investigate the facts attending the recent alleged atrocious burning to death of two Seminole Indians by a mob in Oklahoma Territory and make report thereon to congress."

The joint sub-committee of the senate and house, which has been for some months trying to agree upon the basis of new laws for Indian Territory, has authorized Representative Curtis to prepare and introduce a bill providing for the allotment of the use of Indian lands, for the regulation of town sites, providing for the ousting of intruders and authorizing the Dawes commission to prepare a roll of citizens. The provision is regard to town sites will allow the incorporation of town companies and permit them to purchase their sites from the Indians with the consent of the national government granting a lease in the meantime.

Two men recently killed by the law died with protestations of innocence on their lips, and the result is some sympathetic comment in their behalf. But we believe the last words of distinguished murderers convicted on circumstantial evidence have been of that character in eight out of ten cases; and it is a fair inference that the person capable of murder is likewise capable of the minor crime of lying even at the moment of his punishment. Possibly, too, he has proclaimed his innocence so many times that he has come to believe in it himself, however guilty he may be. It is clear bluff, and again he may have a courteous objection in behalf of himself to denial of his previous important statements.

The agitation over "black bread" which was started in Chicago has been transferred to congress. Senator Mason has introduced a bill in the senate placing an internal revenue tax on blended flour made from corn flour and wheat flour mixed. It has developed that nearly all the country south of the Ohio River is using blended flour, and that this product has gradually been introduced into the northern markets. Its use has recently increased owing to the growing scarcity of good winter wheat, and the further fact that Joseph Letter has purchased more than 15,000,000 bushels, and is holding it for what is considered an inevitable rise to \$1.50 a bushel. There promises to be a battle royal between the corn and wheat flour millers.

The Ontario legislature in its closing hours passed a bill providing that no persons shall be employed in the construction of subsidized railways in Ontario who are subjects of any country which has an alien labor law excluding Canadians from employment on public or other works therein. This is construed to mean that Americans need not expect employment on Canadian railways. The legislature also passed timber regulations, which require all saw logs cut in Ontario hereafter to be made into lumber in Canada.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"CHEERS FOR THE UNKNOWN" SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

From the Text, Romans xvi, 16 and 15. As follows: Salute Asyncretus, Philegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, Philologus and Julia.



MATTHEW Henry, Albert Barnes, Adam Clark, Thomas Scott, and all the commentators pass by these verses without any especial remark. The other twenty people mentioned in the chapter were distinguished for something and were therefore discussed by the illustrious expositors; but nothing is said about Asyncretus, Philegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, Philologus and Julia. Where were they born? No one knows. When did they die? There is no record of their decease. For what were they distinguished? Absolutely nothing, or the trait of character would have been brought out by the apostle. If they had been very intrepid; or opulent, or hirsute, or musical of cadence, or crass of style, or in any wise anomalous, that feature would have been caught by the apostolic camera. But they were good people, because Paul sends to them his high Christian regards. They were ordinary people moving in ordinary sphere, attending to ordinary duty and meeting ordinary responsibilities.

What the world wants is a religion for ordinary people. If there be in the United States 70,000,000 people, there are certainly not more than 1,000,000 extraordinary; and then there are 69,000,000 ordinary, and we do well to turn our backs for a little while upon the distinguished and conspicuous people of the Bible and consider in our text the seven ordinary. We spend too much of our time in twisting garlands for remarkable and building thrones for magnates and sculpturing warriors and apothosizing philanthropists. The rank and file of the Lord's soldiery need especial help.

The vast majority of people will never lead an army, will never write a state constitution, will never electify a senate, will never make an important invention, will never introduce a philosophy, will never decide the fate of a nation. You do not expect to be a Moses to lead a nation out of bondage. You will not be a Joshua to prolong the daylight until you can shut five kings in a cavern. You will not be a St. John to unroll an Apocalypse. You will not be a Paul to preside over an apostolic college. You will not be a Mary to mother a Christ. You will more probably be Asyncretus or Philegon, or Hermas, or Patrobas, or Hermes, or Philologus, or Julia.

Many of you are women at the head of households. Every morning you plan for the day. The culinary department of the household is in your dominion. You decide all questions of diet. All the sanitary regulations of your house are under your supervision. To regulate the food and the apparel and the habits, and decide the thousand questions of home life is a tax upon brain and nerve and general health absolutely appalling, if there be no divine alleviation.

It does not help you much to be told that Elizabeth Fry did wonderful things amid the criminals at Newgate. It does not help you much to be told that Mrs. Judson was very brave among the Bornean cannibals. It does not help you very much to be told that Florence Nightingale was very kind to the wounded in the Crimea. It would be better for me to tell you that the divine friend of Mary and Martha is your friend, and that he sees all the annoyances and disappointments and abrasions, and exasperations of an ordinary housekeeper from morn till night, and from the first day of the year until the last day of the year, and at your call he is ready with help and reinforcement.

They who provide the food of the world decide the health of the world. You have only to go on some errand amid the taverns and the hotels of the United States and Great Britain to appreciate the fact that a vast multitude of the human race are slaughtered by incompetent cookery. Though a young woman may have taken lessons in music, and may have taken lessons in painting, and lessons in astronomy, she is not well educated unless she has taken lessons in dough! They who decide the apparel of the world, and the food of the world, decide the endurance of the world.

An unthinking man may consider it a matter of little importance—the cares of the household and the economies of domestic life—but I tell you the earth is strewn with the martyrs of kitchen and nursery. The health-shattered womanhood of America cries out for a God who can help ordinary women in the ordinary duties of house-keeping. The wearing, grinding, unappreciated work goes on, but the same Christ who stood on the bank of Galilee in the early morning and kindled the fire and had the fish already cleaned and broiling when the sportsmen stepped ashore, chilled and hungry, will help every woman to prepare breakfast, whether by her own hand, or the hand of her hired help. The God who made indestructible enology of Hannah, who made a coat for Samuel, her son, and carried it to the temple every year, will help every woman in preparing the family wardrobe. The God who opens the Bible with the story of Abraham's entertain-

ment by the three angels on the plains of Mamre, will help every woman to provide hospitality, however rare and embarrassing. It is high time that some of the attention we have been giving to the remarkable women of the Bible—remarkable for their virtue, or their want of it, or remarkable for their deeds—Deborah and Jezebel, and Herodias and Athalia, and Dorcas and the Marys, excellent and abandoned—it is high time some of the attention we have been giving to these conspicuous women of the Bible be given to Julia, an ordinary woman, amid ordinary circumstances, attending to ordinary duties, and meeting ordinary responsibilities.

Now, what is wanted is grace—divine grace for ordinary business men, men who are harnessed from morn till night and all the days of their life—harnessed in business. Not grace to lose a hundred thousand, but grace to lose ten dollars. Not grace to supervise two hundred and fifty employes in a factory, but grace to supervise the bookkeeper and two salesmen, and the small boy that sweeps out the store. Grace to invest not the eighty thousand dollars of net profit, but the twenty-five hundred of clear gain. Grace not to endure the loss of a whole shipload of spices from the Indies, but grace to endure the loss of a paper of collars from the leakage of a displaced shingle on a poor roof. Grace not to endure the tardiness of the American Congress in passing a necessary law, but grace to endure the tardiness of an errand boy stopping to play marbles when he ought to deliver the goods. Such a grace as thousands of business men have today—keeping them tranquil, whether goods sell or do not sell, whether customers pay or do not pay, whether tariff is up or tariff is down, whether the crops are luxuriant or a dead failure—calm in all circumstances and amid all vicissitudes. That is the kind of grace we want.

Millions of men want it, and they may have it for the asking. Some hero or heroine comes to town, and as the procession passes through the streets the business men come out, stand on tip-toe on their store steps and look at some one who in Arctic climate, or in ocean storm, or in day of battle, or in hospital agonies, did the brave thing, not realizing that they, the enthusiastic spectators, have gone through trials in business life that are just as great before God. There are men who have gone through freezing Arctics and burning torrids, and awful Marengo's of experience without moving five miles from their doorstep.

Now, what ordinary business men need is to realize that they have the friendship of that Christ who looked after the religious interests of Matthew, the custom house clerk, and helped Lydia, of Thyatira, to sell the dry goods, and who opened a bakery and fish market in the wilderness of Asia Minor to feed the seven thousand who had come out on a religious picnic, and who counts the hairs on your head with as much particularity as though they were the plumes of a coronation, and who took the trouble to stoop down with his finger writing on the ground, although the first shuffle of feet obliterated the divine calligraphy, and who knows just how many locusts there were in the Egyptian plague, and knew just how many ravens were necessary to supply Elijah's pantry by the Brook Cherith, and who, as floral commander, leads forth all the regiments of primroses, foxgloves, daffodils, hyacinths, and lilies, which pitch their tents of beauty and kindle their campfires of color all around the hemisphere—that that Christ and that God knows the most minute affairs of your business life and however inconsiderable, understanding all the affairs of that woman who keeps a thread and needle store as well as all the affairs of a Rothschild and a Baring.

Then there are all the ordinary farmers. We talk about agricultural life, and we immediately shoot off to talk about Cincinnati, the patrician, who went from the plow to a high position, and after he got through the dictatorship, in twenty-one days, went back again to the plow. What encouragement is that to ordinary farmers? The vast majority of them—none of them will be patricians. Perhaps none of them will be senators. If any of them have dictatorships, it will be over forty, or fifty, or one hundred acres of the old homestead. What these men want is grace, to keep their patience while plowing with balky oxen, and to keep cheerful amid the drouth that destroys the corn crop, and that enables them to restore the garden the day after the neighbor's cattle have broken in and trampled out the strawberry bed, and gone through the Lima bean patch, and eaten up the sweet corn, in such large quantities that they must be kept from the water lest they swell up and die.

Grace in catching weather—that enables them, without imprecation, to spread out the hay the third time, although again, and again, and again, it has been almost ready for the mow. A grace to doctor the cow with a hollow horn, and the sheep with the foot rot, and the horse with the distemper, and to compel the unwilling acres to yield a livelihood for the family, and schooling for the children and little extras to help the older boy in business, and something for the daughter's wedding outfit, and a little surplus for the time when the ankles will get stiff with age, and the breath will be a little short, and the swinging of the cradle through the hot harvest field will bring on the old man's vertigo. Better close up about Cincinnati. I know five hundred farmers just as noble as he was. What they want is to know that they have the friendship of that Christ who often drew his smiles from the farmer's life, as when he said, "A power went forth to sow," as when he built

his best parable out of the scene of a farmer boy coming back from the wanderings, and the old farm house shook that night with rural jubilee; and who compared himself to a lamb in the pasture field, and who said that the eternal God is a farmer, declaring, "My father is the husbandman."

Those stone masons do not want to hear about Christopher Wren, the architect, who built St. Paul's Cathedral. It would be better to tell them how to carry the hod of brick up the ladder without slipping, and how on a cold morning, with the trowel to smooth off the mortar and keep cheerful, and how to be thankful to God for the plain food taken from the pail by the roadside. Carpenters, standing amid the adze and the bit, and the plane, and the broad axe, need to be told that Christ was a carpenter, with his own hand wielding saw and hammer. Oh, this is a tired world, and it is an over-worked world, and it is an under fed world, and it is a wrong ut world, and men and women need to know that there is rest and recuperation in God and in that religion which was not so much intended for extraordinary people as for ordinary people, because there are more of them.

At an anniversary of a deaf and dumb asylum, one of the children wrote upon the blackboard words as sublime as the Iliad, the Odyssey, and the "Divina Commedia" all compressed in one paragraph. The examiner, in the signs of the mute language, asked her, "Who made the world?" The deaf and dumb girl wrote upon the blackboard, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." The examiner asked her, "For what purpose did Christ come into the world?" The deaf and dumb girl wrote upon the blackboard, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." The examiner said to her, "Why were you born deaf and dumb, while I hear and speak?" She wrote upon the blackboard, "Even so, Father; for so it seemeth good in thy sight." Oh, that we might be baptized with a contented spirit. The spider draws poison out of a flower, the bee gets honey out of a thistle, but happiness is a heavenly elixir, and the contented spirit extracts it, not from the rhododendron of the hills, but from the lily of the valley.

MERRY WARFARE.

When Two Society Women Hate Each Other Cordially.

"You can't appreciate what may be embodied in that term bitter-sweet," sighed Limpton to the Detroit Free Press man, "till you hear two society women in conversation, each hating the other fervently, yet smiling, laughing and looking angelic while they are stabbing each other as cruelly and vigorously as though it were a duel to the death. This is between us, but I just came away from a little scene confirming my view of the case. Binkley's wife had called on mine. Mrs. Binkley had said somewhere that Mrs. Limpton looked prematurely old, and that she dressed in execrable taste, considering her appearance. Of course, some 'good friend' told Mrs. Limpton: 'I expected blue blazes when the more diplomacy than is displayed in the management of international affairs. When Mrs. Binkley called Mrs. Limpton kissed her, clung to her bag, chided her for not coming oftener, and then, in the softest tones of solicitude, asked her if she was troubled with malaria, now prevalent. 'You look so yellow,' she went on, 'and drawn. I always have you in mind as plump and rosy. Do take treatment, dear.' 'It's nothing serious,' laughed Mrs. Binkley. 'The doctor tells me that a person with strong eyes and teeth always has wonderful recuperative powers. It's only a matter of a short time and not at all as though I had stepped permanently from my prime into old age.' This was 'hot shot' for my wife has worn glasses ever since she was a little girl, and some of her prettiest teeth were supplied by a dentist, but she blandly told of how many of her dearest friends who had a misleading appearance of health had gone with quick consumption, and they fell to talking about hired girls. Woman is a sphinx."

Women the Best Conversers.

Of one thing there can be very little doubt, and that is the greater readiness in conversation of women than men. A woman can create conversation, which is a very useful thing, and is frequently found a great social difficulty. If we give a man a subject on which he knows anything at all, unless he be a fool or morbidly reticent, he can talk about it so as to make himself fairly intelligible and perhaps interesting for those to whom the subject has any interest at all. Men, when their feeling of enthusiasm is excited, throw off the slowness and hesitation which frequently cramp their power in society, just as they throw off the physical infirmity of stuttering under the influence of some awakening theme or some strong sympathy. But the power of conversation in some women and not always those of remarkable ability, is the very art of making bricks without straw. They will talk to one by the hour about nothing—that is, on no particular subject and with no particular object, and talk coherently and not foolishly and withal very pleasantly all the time. It would, we are free to confess, be rather difficult for the listener to carry away with him any mental notes of what had been said; he may not be conscious of having gained any new ideas or of having had his old ones much enlarged; but he will rise and go his way, as one does after a light and wholesome meal, sensibly brightened and refreshed, but retaining no troublesome memories of the ingredients which have composed it.

Why does a man always lose his nerve just when he needs it most?

THE MAINE BLOWN UP

U. S. CRUISER DESTROYED IN HAVANA HARBOR.

One Hundred of the Crew Reported Killed and Many Wounded—Officers all Saved—Spanish Giving Aid to Injured—Cause of Explosion Not Known.

Havana: A terrible explosion took place on board the United States cruiser Maine in Havana harbor at 10:15 p. m. Capt. Sigsbee and the other officers have been saved. It is estimated that over 100 of the crew were killed, but it is impossible as yet to give exact details. The explosion shook the whole city. The windows were broken in all the houses. The wildest consternation prevailed in Havana. The wharves being soon crowded with thousands of people. As yet the cause of the explosion is not apparent. The wounded sailors of the Maine are unable to explain it. They say the explosion took place while they were asleep, so that they can give no particulars as to the cause. Capt. Sigsbee says the explosion occurred in the bow of the vessel. He received a wound in the head. Orders were given to the other officers to save themselves as best they could, but no one saved anything except the clothes they had on.

All the boats of the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII. went to the assistance of the Maine's crew. Admiral Manterola ordered that boats of all kinds should go to the assistance. The Havana firemen have aided, tending carefully to the wounded as they were brought ashore. Gen. Spiano and the other generals were ordered by Capt. Gen. Blanco to take ships to help the Maine in every way possible.

Washington: The navy department received telegrams from Capt. Sigsbee giving news of the disaster without any particulars, and asking that navy tenders be sent at once from Key West to receive the crew and the few pieces of equipment still above water. Capt. Sigsbee said: "Public opinion should be suspended until further report. All officers believed to be saved. Jenkins and Merritt not yet accounted for. Many Spanish officers, including representatives of Gen. Blanco, now with me and express sympathy."

The secretary of the navy received another dispatch from Key West at the same time, but its contents were not made public. The orders for the light-house tenders were at once sent to Key West. The Maine was a battleship of the second class and was regarded as one of the best ships in the navy. She was built at the Brooklyn navy yard in 1890 at a cost of \$2,588,000. She had a steel hull, was 318 feet long, 57 feet broad, 21.6 mean draught and carried a complement of 874 men. Her armament consisted of four 10-inch and six 6-inch breech loading guns in her main battery and seven 6-pounder and eight 1-pounder rapid-fire guns and four 4-inch in her secondary battery and four Whitehead torpedoes. The commander of the Maine, Capt. Sigsbee, is a favorite in the navy department.

Warsaw—During a funeral in the synagogue at Lazenetel, in Grodno, the woman's gallery collapsed. In the panic that ensued twelve women, five men and three children were crushed to death, and many others were severely injured.

Kirkland, Tenn.—A head end collision occurred on the Louisville and Nashville railway near here, killing Will Clegg, engineer; Ed Davis, fireman, and three white tramps.

Little Hume, Ind.—Zool study, age 17, who ran away from his home at Madison, Ind., two weeks ago, was killed by the cars while trying to beat his way back to Hagerstown.

New York—Mrs. Annie C. George, widow of the late Henry George, has been awarded a verdict of \$500 against the Pennsylvania railroad company because of a sprained ankle received from a fall in the company's station at Philadelphia.

Columbia City, Ind.—Fire destroyed \$2,000 worth of property.

Cshkosh, Wis.—Richard Barber, a 14-year-old boy was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle.

Benton, Wis.—Will Hocking, aged 20 years, and George Simons, aged 17, were crushed to death beneath a rock at a mining shaft near here.

Auburn, Ind.—The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stone, fell into a pail of boiling water and was seriously scalded.

Bloomington, Ill.—Near Lexington, R. B. Fraxene was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a gun.

Monticello, Ill.—Mrs. Robert Staats, living near Cicco, this county was fatally burned. Her clothing caught fire from the stove.

Kansas City, Mo.—Edwin P. Herman, Jr., 23 years, accidentally shot himself with a revolver which he was cleaning and died.

Akron, O.—Adam Rubbins, of Hudson, was found dead in the woods. His ax had glanced while he was chopping wood, killing him.

Louisville, Ill.—The 4-year-old son of William Hibbs, east of here, was burned to death. His mother left him alone and went visiting.

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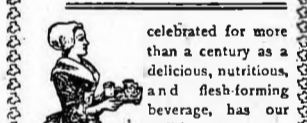
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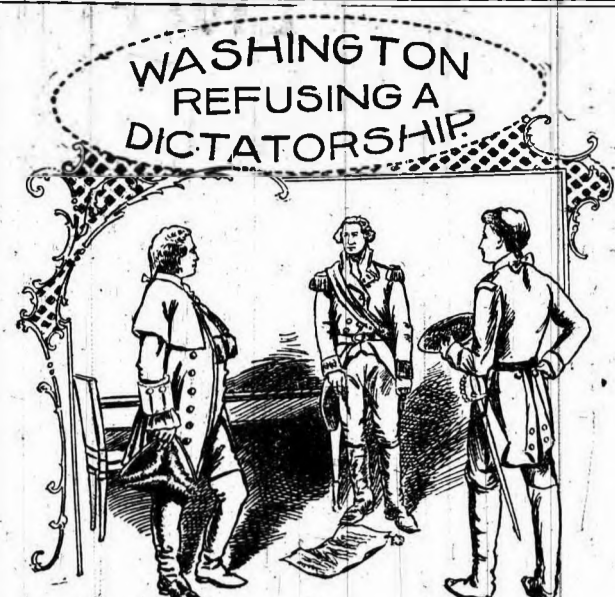
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WASHINGTON REFUSING A DICTATORSHIP

A Rally. Little folks, come marching forth, Little feet, keep time, In the east and west and north, And the southern clime. Lay your lesson-books away, Leave your sums undone, We must celebrate today, Brave George Washington, Little yet you understand, All his worth and truth, Only know he saved the land, Faithful from his youth.



GENERAL WASHINGTON WANTED A MAN.

It was in September, 1776, at the city of New York, a few days after the battle of Long Island. The swift and deep East River flowed between the two hostile armies, and General Washington had as yet no system established for getting information of the enemy's movements and intentions. He never needed such information so much as at that crisis.

What would General Howe do next? If he crossed at Hell Gate, the American army, too small in numbers, and defeated the week before, might be caught on Manhattan Island as in a trap, and the issue of the contest might be made to depend upon a single battle: for in such circumstances defeat would involve the capture of the whole army. And yet General Washington was compelled to confess:

"We can not learn, nor have we been able to procure the least information of late."

Therefore he wanted a man. He wanted an intelligent man, cool-headed, skillful, brave, to cross the East River to Long Island, enter the enemy's camp, and get information as to his strength and intentions. He went to Colonel Knowlton, commanding a remarkably efficient regiment from Connecticut, and requested him to ascertain if this man so sorely needed could be found in his command. Colonel Knowlton called his officers together, stated the wishes of General Washington, and, without urging the enterprise upon any individual, left the matter to their reflections.

Captain Nathan Hale, a brilliant youth of 21, recently graduated from Yale college, was one of those who reflected upon the subject. He was of the very flower of the young men of New England, and one of the best of the younger soldiers of the patriot army.

Plinding the British had crossed to New York, he followed them. He made his way back to Long Island, and nearly reached the point opposite Newark, where he had originally landed. Rendered, perhaps, too bold by success, he went into a well-known and popular tavern, entered into conversation with the guests, and made himself very agreeable. The tradition is that he made himself too agreeable. A man present, suspecting or knowing that he was not the character he had assumed, quietly left the room, communicated his suspicions to the captain of a British boat anchored near, who dispatched a boat's crew to capture and bring on board the agreeable stranger. His true character was immediately revealed. Drawings of some of the British works, with notes in Latin, were found hidden in the soles of his shoes. Nor did he attempt to deceive his captors, and the English captain, lamenting, as he said, that "so fine a fellow had fallen into his power," sent him to New York in one of his boats, and with him the fatal proofs that he was a spy.

September 21st was the day on which he reached New York—the day of the great fire which laid one-third of the little city in ashes. From the time of his departure from General Washington's camp to that of his return to New York was about fourteen days. He was taken to General Howe's head-

quarters at the Beckman mansion, on the East River, near the corner of the present Fifty-first street and First avenue. It is a strange coincidence that this house to which he was brought to be tried as a spy was the very one from which Major Andre departed when he went to West Point. Tradition says that Captain Hale was examined in a greenhouse which then stood in the garden of the Beckman mansion.

Short was his trial, for he avowed at once his true character. The British general signed an order to his provost marshal directing him to receive into his custody the prisoner convicted as a spy, and to see him hanged by the neck "tomorrow morning at day-break."

Terrible things are reported of the manner in which this noble prisoner, this admirable gentleman and hero, was treated by his jailor and executioner. There are savages in every large army, and it is possible that this provost marshal was one of them. It is said that he refused him writing materials, and afterwards, when Captain Hale had been furnished them by others, destroyed before his face his last letters to his mother and to the young lady to whom he was engaged to be married. As those letters were never received, this statement may be true. The other alleged horrors of the execution it is safe to disregard, because we know that it was conducted in the usual form and in the presence of many spectators and a considerable body of troops. One fact shines out from the distracting confusion of that morning, which will be cherished to the latest posterity as a precious ingot of the moral treasures of the American people. When asked if he had anything to say, Captain Hale replied:

"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country!"

The scene of his execution was probably an old graveyard in Chambers street, which was then called Barrack street. General Howe formally notified General Washington of the execution. In recent years, through the industry of investigators, the pathos and sublimity of these events have been in part revealed.

A few years ago a bronze statue of the young hero was unveiled in the New York City Hall Park. It is greatly to be regretted that our knowledge of this noble martyr is so slight; but we know enough to be sure that he merits the veneration of his countrymen.

THE WAIF.

Teddy was hurrying across the snowy field to get the milk on Washington's birthday morning. He hit the bright tin cans together as he skipped along, but stopped the clink, clink, clink when he came to a great high drift which stood beside the long stone wall.

This great high drift was a very funny drift indeed, for it had a large, deep hole in one side of it; the side that was sheltered by the stone wall. Teddy stopped to have a peep into this hole and then he said "Oh! very loud, for what do you guess he spied curled up in the corner? A bear? Oh, no, indeed. Teddy lived in the country, to be sure, but it wasn't a bear for all of that! It was only a very thin, little, shaggy brown dog, who opened his eyes and stretched his cold paws and jumped up and ran to say, "How do you do?" to the astonished little boy.

Teddy patted him and doggie wagged his tail and lapped Teddy's bright red mittens over and over again, he was so glad to see him. And then over the wall and into the barn hurried Teddy with the little brown dog close at his heels.

"That dog's been around the village for 'most a week," said Mr. Hines, as he poured the milk into Teddy's cans. "He's a stray one, I reckon. Must have gone into that hole to get out of the wind. Why don't you keep him, Teddy?"

And that's just exactly what Teddy did do. He kept him for his very own, for nobody claimed him when Teddy's papa advised, "A dog found," in the village newspaper.

Teddy named his pet Washington because he found him on George Washington's birthday. A very long name for such a little dog, isn't it? But doggie seems to like it, and he is as happy as he can be in his new home.

"You must be a very, very good dog, always!" declared Teddy the next morning, when he gave him his breakfast.

Teddy did fast. And Washington wagged his fringing tail and said, "Bow, I'll try Margaret Dane."

No Reason to Hang Back.

"Come and take lunch with me to-day," said one business man to another, "I can't. I've an appointment." "Can't you break it?" "No, a man has promised to come to my office at noon and pay me some money." "Oh, then, that's all right. I'll order the lunch for two. He won't come."—Cleveland Ledger.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

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

A resolution was adopted by the House calling on the state department for information as to the condition of the concentrados in Cuba, and the progress made in Spain's efforts to induce the Cubans to accept autonomy.

The Senate has confirmed the nominations of A. O. Wheeler, to be U. S. marshal of the western district of Michigan; Commodore F. M. Bunce to be a rear-admiral; Geo. M. Bowers, of West Virginia, to be U. S. fish commissioner.

Rep. Lewis, of Washington, introduced a resolution demanding that Spain recall DeLome instead of merely accepting his resignation.

The House adopted Congressman Win. Alden Smith's resolution calling for the correspondence between Germany and the United States relative to the exclusion of our fruits and horses.

During short open session of the Senate two phases of the Cuban question were adverted to briefly. The amendment of Mr. Allen to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill recognizing the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents was reported adversely by the foreign relations committee, not as Mr. Morgan explained, on the merits of the amendment, but because the committee did not approve of tacking such legislation to appropriation bills. Mr. Morgan's resolution, calling upon the President for the reports of United States consuls in Cuba and for information as to whether any agent of the autonomous government in Cuba had been accredited to this government and recognized by it was adopted without dissent.

Sarah Bernhardt, the famous, is considered quite ill and will have to undergo an operation.

Spain is nervously urging the Glasgow shipbuilders to hurry the work on the new Spanish war vessels.

King Menelik, of Abyssinia, is preparing for a journey to the European countries and is collecting objects of special artistic interest in Abyssinia, the most valuable of which he will take as gifts to the various rulers. His majesty intends to be absent about eight months, and the government of Abyssinia during that time will be intrusted to the queen.

A new patriotic society was organized in the council chamber at city hall at New York. It will be known as the American Flag association, and its membership will be made up from committees selected from the various patriotic societies of the country. Its object will be to protect the national flag from desecration. Gen. O. O. Howard is one of the prime movers.

The German authorities, it is said, are attributing the severity of the action taken in regard to prohibiting American fruit, to overzealous, subordinate. It is intimated they are beginning to believe there was too much haste in the matter. Ambassador White has cabled that live plants are prohibited, but that fresh fruit, not infected, is being freely submitted.

In 10 years the United States, which occupied the second place among nations in foreign trade (meaning imports and exports combined), has fallen off to third place and Germany has passed her in the race for supremacy now held by England. During that period of 10 years the commerce of England augmented 32 per cent. that of Germany 46 per cent. and the United States 14 per cent. while France fell off 3 per cent.

Official tests of a new pneumatic mail tube three and one-half miles long were made in the presence of distinguished postoffice authorities, members of congress and other persons at New York. This tube connects the general postoffice with branch station H, in the Grand Central palace, at Lexington avenue and Forty-third street. The service worked smoothly. In several instances the cylinders traveled from one end of the circuit to the other, a distance of three miles and a half, in seven and one-half minutes.

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The Globe Furniture Co. of Northville received a \$7,000 order last week for sanitary supplies from a Cleveland firm.

Seventy divorces were asked for in Washtenaw county last year, 32 were granted, 6 withdrawn and 32 are still pending. The wife was complainant in 31 cases and cruelty was alleged in 40 cases.—Ann Arbor Argus.

The North Branch Gazette says a young lady of that burg recently swallowed a brass button, and the entire family went into fits of hysteria over the calamity. The young lady showed her self-possession and keen appreciation of the situation by taking a button hole to a string and calmly fishing out the metallic trespasser.—Delray Times.

According to the Mining Journal, a company has been organized at Houghton to furnish dogs for the Klondike, and secures its stock in trade by stealing the canines of the residents of the town. If some enterprising man in every town and village in Michigan would start a similar enterprise, using the same methods, most of his fellow citizens would rise up and call him blessed.

A Pokagon deacon found the cook's glass eye in a plate of soup at a church social, and supposing it was a mammoth pearl and consequently of great value, he slipped it into his pocket and the next day took it to a Niles jeweler to see what it was worth. Says the Dowagiac Republican: His disgust was deep and vehement when told what it was, and threw it into the street. The cook threatens to sue him now, and some nice law points are expected to come up.

A contemporary says, "Will people think more and say less, do more and promise less, be more honest and lie less, tend to their own business more and their neighbor's less, be economical more, and extravagant less in 1898 than in 1897? If so we shall have a prosperity that politicians never dreamed of."

An Ohio man, a Methodist, says an exchange has invented a contribution box with a bell attachment. When a penny is dropped in it, it rings freely; a nickel makes it a little louder and a dollar brings out the fire department and a brass band two blocks down the street.

"My friends," exclaimed the eloquent minister, "were the average man to turn around and look himself squarely in the face and ask himself what he most needed, what would be the reply suggested to his mind? "A rubber neck," shouted an urchin in the rear of the room and, in the confusion which followed, the good man lost his place in the sermon and began over again.

A fellow at Caro was selling a patent bittern on the street with a rush, until he assured the people there was not a particle of whisky in it. The crowd at once melted away.

Woman brings us into the world, woman is our first teacher, woman makes the world what it is, from century to century. We can no more escape from woman, and yet continue to live our lives as they should be lived, than we can hide ourselves from nature. We are in her care or in her power more than half our years, and often during all from first to last. We are born of her, we grow of her as truly as trees and flowers come of the mother earth and draw their life from the soil in which they are planted. The man who denies his mother is a bad man, and the man who has not loved woman is a man in darkness.—Ex.

Miss Pauline Gebhardt, Miss Bernice Davy and George Pickel, came near meeting with a sad accident at the F. & P. M. railroad crossing at Novi, Thursday night, while out sleigh-riding. They were but a little way from the crossing when the 7:30 train came thundering along. They could not turn about, as the banks at that place are very steep, and the only way to escape with their lives was to cross the track. The horse was held in perfect control until the crossing was reached, when he became frightened and made one desperate leap across the track. Hardly had the animal struck the ground again when the monster engine had passed the crossing.—Record.

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

A SMOOTH ARTICLE.

How He Got the Job of Putting Up the Storm Doors.

Had opportunities favored he might have been a general or a diplomat but as it is he goes about the city with a little box of tools under his arm, and does all the odd jobs of repairing that he can secure, says the Detroit Free Press. His voice is as mellow as a lute and on occasions he is mellow himself but only to a degree that seems to sharpen his gifts as a promoter of his own interests.

After gaining access to the home of a lady on Woodward avenue he felt that his ultimate purpose was more than half accomplished. His bow would have passed in the court of St. James, while his tones would have inspired confidence in the dark. He forestalled any impression that he might be after food or clothing by telling how famously business had picked up with him since the election. The rascal had noticed a picture of McKinley in the front window.

"My husband and two sons helped bring about the good result," said the lady, graciously.

"Your two sons?" he interrupted, with a look of the utmost incredulity. Then he made the compliment perfect by maintaining that incredulous look and saying nothing more.

While the glow of pleasure was in the matron's face, he said that he knew it was out of season, but he thought he might be permitted to trim the trees when the time came. He was promptly given the contract and made an entry of it in an account book issued free for advertising purposes.

Rising as though to leave, he casually announced that there would be an arctic blizzard within the next twenty-four hours. He knew that it was coming and that it would be one of the worst, for the rheumatism in his right shoulder was a barometer that never made a mistake.

"And our storm doors are not up," said the good woman, anxiously.

"Well, madam," he announced slowly, while looking at a cheap watch that had not been running for a year, "I'm pressed with work, but you must be protected from this blizzard," and he hid the job. To get it was the sole object of his making a call.

For the next five days it was clear as a bell and unusually warm for November.

The czar as a Social Autocrat.

The Wiener Tagblatt, an influential Austrian journal, has found an extraordinary reason for praising the demeanor of the czar. He actually allowed Mme. Faure and Mme. Brisson, who are not even hofjagd, to dine at the same table with himself and the zarina. Such a concession to republican principles would, the journalist continues, be absolutely impossible in Vienna, where, though a low-born man might be admitted to the emperor's table, his wife never could be. The fact was correct and was once the occasion of a curious scene at the Hofburg when the emperor had to exert his personal authority to obtain partners for his premier's daughter; but our contemporary surely mistakes the feeling of the czar. In his mind, as in that of every true autocrat, there is no rank except that derived from his favor. His notice, in fact, as Nicholas I. once openly said, of itself confers rank. The well-born in Russia have social advantages, as everywhere else, but Peter the Great's ablest minister was a cook or butler and the tradition has never been forgotten. In Russia, as in every oriental country without exception, all careers are as open as in the United States.—London Spectator.

Black Men in Persia.

Old inscriptions and carvings have shown that there existed in ancient Persia members of a race of black-skinned men, who possessed features resembling those of Africans. The origin of these people, as well as their apparent disappearance in modern times, have furnished puzzling questions for ethnologists. Some have supposed that in prehistoric times the greater part of Southern Asia was occupied by a primitive black race, of which only vestiges remained when the empire of Babylonia and Assyria arose. Lately descendants of the black men who figured in the early history of Persia are believed to have been found by the Russian explorer, Doctor Daniloff, dwelling among the mountains near Shiraz, east of the Persian Gulf. These people, although they still form an independent group, mingle with the surrounding population, as in ancient times, and find employment at long distances from their home. Some of them are to be seen in the city of Teheran.

The Yule Log.

The yule log in England is a relic of Druidism; its name is believed to be in Druidical symbolism typifying the march of the sun. The lighting of the yule fire is reminiscent of the sacred fires kindled by the Druids at mid-winter in the round towers which yet remain in many parts of Great Britain, Ireland, France and Spain.

Thirty Miles Down.

The greatest depth, writes Prof. Seeley, in his "Story of the Earth," at which earthquakes are known to originate is about thirty miles. It has also been calculated that a heat sufficient to melt granite might occur at about the same depth.

Her One Thought.

(Lady of the house, rescued by fireman from paring edison, recovers from a faint. House blowing away.)
"Good gracious! I've left all the kites in the oven. They'll be burnt to a cinder."—Judy.

LUXURY OF DOING NOTHING

Little Talk with the Marthas of the Modern Household.

Does the busy housewife ever realize the real luxury of doing nothing? Seldom, for the modern Martha is troubled with many things—so occupied is she with her nursery, her kitchen, and her needlework that she regards a half hour spent in restful idleness as something very like a crime. So, when tired nature asserts itself, and she is compelled to take a brief rest, she sits down reluctantly and occupies her fingers with a bit of embroidery, or at least idly glances over the morning paper. A grievous mistake this, but a common one, as the average woman has yet to learn the secret of power through repose. But try it and heed the result, ye busy housewives! Sit down in a big, comfortable armchair—not a rocker, that refuge of nervous American women, but a roomy lounging chair; close your eyes, smooth out the lines from brow and mouth, and let the ever busy hands lie idly in your lap, relax every muscle and make an effort not to think even. Don't plan how to renovate Mary's school dress or speculate whether your winter bonnet will bear a second renewal; let your mind be, if possible, an absolute blank. Rest thus for a quarter of an hour twice a day and see if you do not rise a giantess refreshed! And, best of all, such repose does more to keep a woman young—a fact, I know, which appeals to all my sex that have passed the Rubicon of 30—than any process yet devised by cleverest masseuse or skilled complexion specialist.

EATEN ALIVE.

A Fish That Watches Its Own Demolition Is a Japanese Delicacy.

The most dainty dish to the Japanese epicure is none other than a living fish, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. This horrible delicacy is served as follows: Resting on a large dish is a mat formed of rounds of glass held together by plated threads, on which is a living fish with gills and mouth moving regularly. At its back rises a bank of white shreds resembling damp sea-weed, while the fish itself rests on a green seaweed. In front is a pile of small slices of sawfish garnished with a radiating tuft of variegated bamboo leaves. A portion of the raw fish from the pile in front of the living victim is now placed on a saucer and passed to one guest and so on with the rest till the pile is consumed. Then the carver raises the skin (which has been already loosened) of the living fish and proceeds to take slices after slices from the upper part. The creature has been carved while still alive, the pile of fresh fish served consisting of the lower half of the body. This has been done with such consummate skill that no vital part has been touched. The heart, the liver, the gills and the stomach are left intact, while the damp seaweed on which the fish rests suffices to keep the lungs in action. The miserable victim looks on with lustrous eyes while its own body is consumed, probably the only instance of a living creature assisting as a spectator at its own entombment.

Summer Heat in Various Countries.

The following figures show the extreme summer heat in the various countries of the world: Bengal and the African desert, 160 degrees Fahrenheit; Senegal and Guadaloupe, 130 degrees; Persia, 125 degrees; Calcutta and Central America, 120 degrees; Afghanistan and the Arabian desert, 110 degrees; Cape of Good Hope and Utah, 105 degrees; Greece, 104 degrees; Arabia, 103 degrees; Montreal, 102 degrees; New York, 102 degrees; Spain, India, China, Jamaica, 100 degrees; Sierra Leone, 94 degrees; France, Denmark, St. Petersburg, Shanghai, the Burman empire, Buenos Ayres, and the Sandwich Islands, 90 degrees; Great Britain, Siam and Peru, 85 degrees; Portugal, Pekin and Natal, 80 degrees; Siberia, 77 degrees; Australia and Madeira, 75 degrees; Prussia and New Zealand, 70 degrees; Switzerland and Hungary, 66 degrees; Bavaria, Sweden, Tasmania and Moscow, 65 degrees; Patagonia and the Falkland Isles, 55 degrees; Iceland, 45 degrees; Nova Zembla, 34 degrees.

Civil Service Reform.

The president's order of last spring, by which about 29,000 offices were added to the classified list, left outside the reform rules but a few thousand officers, aside from postmasters and consuls. Last month the president issued another order, which takes about 2,000 more offices under the rules. The new order requires that there shall be no change in the rules of the navy department regulating the employment of labor without the approval of the civil service commission; and it puts the ordinance department at large in the classified service.

The Evil Eye.

Not many people are aware, perhaps, that the superstitious dread of the "evil eye" is still lingering on in some remote parts of England. According to F. T. Elworthy, who is a recognized authority upon such abstruse subjects, although the absurd belief has almost disappeared, the wearing of "charms" to ward off the danger is extensively practiced.—Exchange.

Cared by Prayer.

Five minutes of silent prayer was offered in church at Mt. Stern, W. Va., for Miss Alice R. Schaffer, near death with paralysis. Soon thereafter, Miss Schaffer arose without assistance and is steadily improving.

Tears are often to be found where there is little sorrow, and the deepest sorrow frequently has no tears.

DANISH GIRLS.

The Old-Fashioned Prejudice Against Old Maids.

From what one hears of the Danish girl she has all the privileges open to one of ourselves, says the New York Ledger. If she wishes to study at the university she finds herself free to take up any branch she may choose, and medical, mathematical and scientific honors fall to her share quite as frequently as to her brothers. As among us, too, teaching seems to be the most universal employment for women who wish to earn their own living. Yet there are so many daughters of rich families who teach simply as a pastime, with no remuneration, that the pay is very small and not at all in proportion to the services they give. They are well up in the English literature of the day, distinguish themselves as artists, authors and musicians, found schools and asylums for various charities and manage them as successfully as the women in other countries. Designing and painting pottery, wood carving and burnt wood-work are among other accomplishments, and many women have taken up photography and started out as professionals. But in spite of all their professional work, Danish women do not degenerate in the art of house-keeping and good cooking.

Within the last few years they have become interested in the outdoor games so popular in England, and tennis, golf, cricket and football are fast gaining ground. The craze for bicycling seized them some time ago and they are already expert riders, for the level country favors the sport. Some of the Danish girls are accomplished horse-women and they are never quite so pretty and graceful as when they are skating, which is a general amusement for fully three months in the year. Unfortunately for the picturesque-ness of the national Danish costume, English fashion has invaded nearly all classes of society and the high-pointed cap, bright-colored skirt, embroidered apron and corset are very seldom seen now. In the arrangement of their hair, however, they remain constant to their old custom of pushing it smoothly back and then twisting it into a tight knot at the back of the head. A Danish girl in good society makes her debut at 16, when she is confirmed. If she is not married at 22 she is left out of all parties and amusements, thus showing that the old-fashioned prejudice against old maids still obtains among these otherwise enlightened people.

An Alibi Offered.

Novel ideas are being put into practice every day. If rumor is to be believed, the latest thing in original conceptions has assumed the form of an alibi office. What is an alibi office? The bewildered reader may be inclined to ask. Well, in this particular case it is an establishment which undertakes to post letters from any and every corner of the world. It is, in fact, a sort of philanthropic institution devised for the benefit of persons who, while remaining quietly at home in a sort of incognito condition, can make believe that they are on a long tour. Thus is human vanity satisfied and thus are the expenses of a regular journey saved. A man takes leave of his friends at the close of the season, with the announcement that his recreation will assume the form, for instance, of a run through Spain and Portugal; and at regular intervals follow letters from Madrid, Seville, Lisbon, Oporto and so on, duly stamped and postmarked. The alleged promoters of the enterprise are represented as arguing that after all this pleases some people who do not care for the trouble and fatigue of traveling, but are eager to enjoy the prestige with which a grand tour will, as they fancy, invest them in the eyes of their friends. After all, this may be mere report, for the office is described as being a very discreet institution, having no outward and visible sign of existence.—Correspondence of London Telegraph.

Revision of the Calendar.

If the year were divided into thirteen instead of twelve months, with twenty-eight days in each month except the thirteenth, which should have twenty-nine days in ordinary years and thirty days in leap years, then calendars would be practically unnecessary and many calculations, as of interest, the maturing of notes, etc., would be matters of great simplicity. For, with such a division of the year, each day of the week would come at the same dates in each month. If January 1, say, were Monday, the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22d of every month that year would be Monday; the 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th Tuesday, and so on. The advantages of this system, says the New York Times, are obvious, and scientific persons are seriously discussing what chance there is of persuading the world to adopt it in 1900.

Termites Destroy a Cable.

The French Academy of Sciences was informed last summer of the destruction of an electric cable in Tonquin by the attacks of termites. The cable crossed a marshy tract and was enclosed in a tube of lead. The insect-bored holes in the tube and completely destroyed the insulation of the cable. It has been proposed to guard the cable against future attacks by enclosing it in an envelope of cotton and lute impregnated with sulphate of copper, which, it is believed, would prove a fatal poison to the insects.

Blooming Alone.

Only one of the thirteen trees planted on Washington Heights by Alexander Hamilton more than a century ago to commemorate the thirteen original states of the Union, is in a flourishing condition. All of the others are either dead or dying.

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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-fifth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

In the matter of the estate of EDGAR O. DURFEE, deceased.

EDGAR O. DURFEE, Judge of Probate.

HENRY S. HULBERT, Deputy Register.

(A true copy.)

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.

In the matter of the estate of MARIA SEELYE, deceased.

EDGAR O. DURFEE, Judge of Probate.

HENRY S. HULBERT, Deputy Register.

(A true copy.)

COMMISSIONERS' 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, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the store of George W. Hunter & Co. in the village of Plymouth in said county, on Wednesday the 23rd day of March, 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 20th day of January, A. D. 1898, were allowed 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. 544-7

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 eleventh day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

In the matter of the estate of FRANK ROSENBERG, deceased, William Rosenberg, executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, having rendered and on reading and filing the petition of said executor praying that the residue of said estate may be assigned to said executor.

It is ordered, that the fifteenth day of March 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.

(A true copy.) 45-48

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In the matter of the estate of JANE R. LYNDON, deceased.

Newell L. Bennett and Alfred D. Lyndon, executors of the last will and testament of said deceased, having rendered to this court their final administration account and on reading and filing the petition of said executors praying that the residue of said estate may be assigned to said executors.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Lent begins next Wednesday.

A heavy fall of snow on Tuesday.

Geo. Farwell was in Detroit Monday.

All 5 and 10c tablets 4 and 8c at Potter's.

J. Gleason has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Wm. Burrows visited in town last week.

Prof. Ryder was in Detroit Saturday on business.

Burton Brown was in Wayne Monday on business.

There are prospects of a new bakery in upper Plymouth.

Miss Nellie Church visited Northville friends Saturday.

Jolliffe Bros. took in 98 cans of milk Monday morning.

Chas. Hassenger is working at the Plymouth bakery.

L. C. Hough has had a new steel range put into his home.

Geo. A. Starkweather was in Detroit Saturday on business.

Miss Pauline Gebhardt has been on the sick list the past week.

Claude Bennett and wife, of Northville, spent Sunday in Plymouth.

Mrs. Charles Miller visited Mrs. Durham, of Pontiac, last week.

Mrs. Howlett, of Ypsilanti, has been visiting her daughters here.

Mrs. Eli Cortrite and son Clyde, of Wayne, spent Sunday in town.

Wm. Gayde and Louie Reber were in Northville the first of the week on business.

C. L. Wilcox was home this week from trip east. He will go out again next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Downer, of Northville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Eddy.

Mrs. Fred Reeves and children, of Toledo, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Springer.

Don't lose sight of the concert by home talent to be given by the Epworth League in the near future.

Best line of tablets in Wayne Co. at Potter's.

Miss Ethel Johnson, of Northville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Peiton Saturday.

Mr. Singer, of Thamesville, Canada, is spending a few weeks with his sister, Mrs. Charles Granger.

J. W. Gould, who has been in the employ of George Wells for several months past, has moved to Williamston.

In mentioning the directors of the Plymouth Fair Association last week, John V. Wilcox should have read John E. Wilcox.

"Wink" Scott, night operator at Monroe, formerly of Plymouth, is the proud possessor of a week old boy. Came last Friday.

Parties having babies and wishing to take a days recreation, will do well to consult "Uncle Henry" relative to the care of the babies.

Starkweather's greenhouse is looking extra fine these days. Mr. Starkweather has filled to its utmost capacity with cabbage and onion plants.

Ford Lyndon, who is traveling over the state in the interest of the White bicycle, was home over Sunday. He says he is meeting with good success.

J. M. Paddock, of Howell, representing the National Protective Legion, has been in town this week. He is endeavoring to institute a lodge of this order here.

We are pleased to learn that Rev. Herbenor, of Northville, is not only a minister of the gospel, but is also an inventor. He is taking out patents on an incubator and a communion set at present.

Last Saturday evening a few of the many friends of Miss Rosa Rhoring betook themselves to her home in Elm, and spent a very enjoyable evening. The load returned about five o'clock a. m.

Claude Briggs was home over Sunday.

The MAIL is having a big rush on auction bills.

Messrs. Draper and Fisher were in Detroit Wednesday.

Musical event of the season by high school pupils, March 11.

Theodore Chaffee, of Pontiac, visited relatives here this week.

The Milan Leader is "sweet sixteen" and is doing the people of that burg good service.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Kinyon, of Middleburgh, Ky., are visiting relatives in town.

One-fourth off on all school supplies at Potter's.

Messrs. Connelly, Parker and Conners were in town Monday in the interest of the village lawsuit.

Mrs. Ellen Shattuck returned Tuesday from Grand Rapids where she had been to attend a sick sister.

If you are thinking of having an auction sale, drop John Bennett a line at Stark, Mich.

Oren Peck returned Tuesday from Detroit where he has been taking baths the past two weeks.

Walter J. Cook, of the dental department, U. of M., is spending a week's vacation with his sister, Mrs. Lee Nowland.

You should attend the Blind Trio Concert Co.'s entertainment at Presbyterian church next Tuesday evening.

Henry Ruthuff and wife, of Fargo, Dak., formerly of Plymouth, have been visiting in and around Plymouth this week.

Grand concert, Friday, March 11th. Chorus of 40 voices led by Miss Edna Dunning. Don't forget the date. Tickets 15 cents.

"Dunk" Leach, of Northville, was in town Wednesday on business. Mr. Leach thinks some of purchasing the Salem cheese factory.

Stephen Geer, who died in Rose township on Saturday last, was brought here Monday and buried in Superior cemetery. Mr. Geer was well known in this and adjoining townships.

James Withie, of this place, who is employed by the Globe Furniture Co., of Northville, has not missed a work day since New Years, making two trips daily between Plymouth and Northville on his bicycle.

Potter secures subscriptions for any old publication.

V. E. Hill has purchased a lot of Geo. A. Starkweather adjoining M. S. Miller and intends to erect a residence thereon in the spring. We are pleased to note the fact that Plymouth is fast filling up with people of this kind.

"The Mail," "Plymouth Belle," "Hotel Plymouth," "Senator," and "Chief Hunter," are the cigar labels now used by Geo. W. Sprigler. As "Wink" puts nothing but No. 1 stuff in all his cigars, you cannot make a mistake in any one.

Geo. A. Starkweather is prominently mentioned as a candidate for village president on the workmen's ticket. Mr. Starkweather would do honor to the office. Further, it would be giving the north end wards an office they have never had in the village council.

Last Friday a debate was held by the high school lyceum on the question, "Resolved, that it is better for a boy to be brought up in the country." The question was well presented and well argued on both sides. The affirmative won by a large number of points.

A traveling man who was doing business in Plymouth one day this week, made the remark that the furniture store of Bassett & Son was the cleanest and contained the largest stock of furniture of any store he had seen in his travels throughout the state, referring, of course, to country towns.

The two young men who accosted a certain young lady on the street the other evening and made threats to her, had better consider the seriousness of their pranks before committing the act again, or they may find themselves in trouble and get a free write-up in the public press.

Springwells Times—Plymouth is to have a new newspaper—the Plymouth Rock, M. F. Gray, editor. Plymouth is now represented by the MAIL, one of the best papers in Wayne county, and it looks to us as though another weekly would have a rocky road to travel.—Your kind advice came in the nick of time and probably saved us many rocks. As we wanted only the best we bought the MAIL.

The Junior Epworth League will give a chicken pie supper at the M. E. church on Wednesday, the 28th inst. This is to be in honor of Washington's birthday. The evening of the 22nd is so full of other entertainments they thought best to have the supper the next evening. Supper will be served for only 10 cents. The little waiters will be costumed appropriate to the day.

Potter has 68,000 envelopes at 3c to 6c a package.

The Northville local exchange has been connected with the State line and Plymouth subscribers may now use the line in connection by paying toll service of 10 cents. Heretofore there was a messenger fee of 10 cents extra. This is done away with so far as subscribers are concerned and no messenger fee is charged.

FOR SALE—Dry stove wood.

DWIGHT BERDAN.

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.

L. E. Brunson went to Delhi Mills Monday, on business.

WANTED—Girl for dressmaking at Mrs. Taft's.

—Good sewing machine for sale, enquire of A. D. Lyndon.

Mr. John Nueman, of Detroit, was a guest of Chas. Gentz and family Sunday.

Miss Alice Lapham and Maud Lanyo, of Detroit, spent a few days last week visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lapham.

Mrs. Oliver, we are glad to report, has had a very comfortable week. Dr. Adams removed the splint from her limb Tuesday and the limb seems to be all right, but it will be weeks before she will be able to walk.

L. P. Hanchett, who has operated the Straight farm near Pikes Peak, will give up farming and move to the village. He has purchased the Micol house, near Lewis' mill. Mr. Hanchett intends doing carpenter work hereafter.

Harry Cole has purchased that fine stallion, Doctor K., 13,586, of D. L. Rapelle, Richmond, Mich., and will stable him at his barn on Ann Arbor St. Doctor K. is the finest bred stallion in Michigan. He is jet black, stands 16 hands high and weighs 1,100 pounds. He is very speedy and stylish and the pedigree shows him of standard quality from five generations. Breeders will do well to see Mr. Cole and this fine horse.

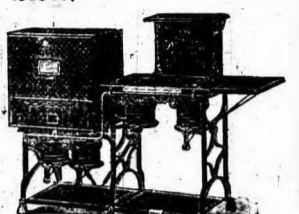
Rev. A. B. Storms will deliver his fine lecture, "Modern Chivalry," defining and illustrating modern ideals of power, at M. E. church, Friday evening, Feb. 25. This is the third lecture of the Course and it is hoped that our people will show their appreciation of the Epworth League's efforts and give them a good house. You certainly will not regret the 15 cents admission.

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,	25-6
Rye, No. 2,	44
Butter,	16
Eggs,	13
Potatoes,	52-55
Beans, according to sample,	40-65

Something New and Huston & Co. has it the "Wickless" Blue Flame Oil Stove.



It has no wick, no smell, no smoke, no danger. Strong, Durable, Economical and a kitchen ornament, and will burn any grade of Kerosene Oil in any temperature. Come in and see it burn at

Hueston & Co.'s Hardware, Plymouth, Mich.

Great Improvement.

"I had a troublesome cough and could not sleep at night. I had no appetite and my system was all run down. I was persuaded to begin taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I soon felt better. My appetite returned, and my health was greatly improved." Mrs. Hattie A. Ward, Bay Shore, Michigan.

Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, headache.

REV. A. B. STORMS.....



M. E. CHURCH, FEB. 25th.

J. D. Wilder has been in Port Huron on business.

Ben Tyler and Satie Merrell spent part of the week in New Boston.

W. J. Manwaring has moved into town and occupies the Gilson house.

William VanVleet, Novl's commission merchant, was in town Thursday.

Miss Carrie Reed is spending a few weeks with her brother in the city.

France Rella Concert Co. all next week at the opera house. Good? Well, I guess.

There have been forty conversions at Northville during the revival meetings there.

It is reported that Dr. J. M. Collier is a candidate for deputy collector at Detroit, under Collector Rich.

Dewey Berdan left Thursday for his home in Dakota, after a several days' visit with Plymouth friends.

Harry Laible, an F. & P. M. fireman, has gone to Port Huron where he has secured position on the Grand Trunk R. R.

Thirty-six were present at a surprise on Jacob Streng Wednesday evening. All enjoyed a fine time dancing, after which supper was served.

The gentlemen's elocutionary contest under the direction of the W. C. T. U. will be held in the opera house on the evening of March 4th.

The Blind Trio Concert Co. will give a vocal and instrumental concert in the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening, February 22. Admission 10 and 20 cents.

The France Rella Concert Co. have engaged the opera house for next week and will give one solid week of first-class entertainment. This company comes highly recommended. In fact, we are personally acquainted with the members of this company, if it remains the same as it was last season, and can assure our people they are a good troupe. See bills. Usual prices.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hough and Marguerite, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hough and Mrs. Sheffield, Mrs. M. A. Vrooman, Maud and Lena Vrooman, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baker and Norma, Bertha Shattuck and Louise Markham were in Detroit Sunday attending the dedication of the First Church of Christ, Scientist. The ceremony was beautiful, and some very eminent speakers and singers were present. This church cost \$12,000 originally, and \$500 in improvements have been added. The entire debt has been paid and the society has \$1,000 in the treasury.

Men and medicines are judged by what they do. The great cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla give it a good name everywhere.

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

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IN GROCERIES



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Sugar, with \$1.00 order, 5 1/2 c 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.

LOOK AT THESE REDUCTIONS.

Chow Chow from 10 to 8c Heinz's Mixed Pickles from 10 to 8c

Heinz's Spiced Pickles from 10 to 8c Bananas 20c doz

Heinz's Olives 25c bottles for 15c Lemons 20c doz

Sweet Pickles from 15 to 12c Oranges 12 and 25c doz.

Try Lewis's Stone Ground Flour.

BOGERT & CO. Plymouth.

Plymouth Star Cash Laundry, We Claim

That the work we put on your shirts and collars will please you. That we use nothing that will injure the cloth in the least. That we do not hire some outside laundry to do our work, but do it right here at home. That we will keep you on our list if you will just give us a trial.

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I am prepared to give my customers the Best Meats the market affords and at prices in competition with all others. We take your order and deliver meat in any part of the town. We guarantee perfect Satisfaction.

Fish, Game and Oysters in Season.

WM. GAYDE, Plymouth

THE CASH MARKET.

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 1/2 c per lb. or 6 lbs. for 25c

Prunes, good, 4 1/2 c 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

Red Cross Water White Oil, per gal., 6c

Delands' and Gilt Edge Saleratus, 5c

Best 4 Crown Raisins, 4 lbs for 25c. 7c

Best Pure Leaf Lard, per lb. 7c

Silver Drip Syrup, per gal. 20c

Good Tea Dust, per lb. 15c

Japan 25c Tea, per lb. 20c

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.

Low Prices on Dry Goods Next Week.

North Village.

MICHIGAN NEWS SUMMARY.

Doings of the Week Recorded in a Brief Style.

CONCISE AND INTERESTING.

Michigan Y. M. C. A. Workers Meet at Jackson—Many Prominent Speakers for the Michigan Club Banquet—A Brutal Murder at Lansing.

State Y. M. C. A. Convention.

The twenty-sixth annual convention of the Michigan Y. M. C. A. was held at Jackson with about 250 delegates present. The visitors were welcomed by Hon. Thos. E. Barkworth, president of the Jackson association, and Judge Victor H. Lane, of Ann Arbor, reposed. H. G. Van Tuyl, of Detroit, chairman of the state committee, and State Secretary G. M. Copeland, of Owosso, made extended reports showing the growth of the work. There are 21 city, one railroad and 10 college associations in the state; 18 report active and associate membership of 6,388; 14 have junior departments with a membership of 781; 10 college associations report membership of 797; nine associations have buildings and lots valued at \$370,300; seven have building funds amounting to \$50,528; 18 report 329 professed conversions, of these 114 have united with churches; 14 associations report ladies' auxiliaries. The first address was delivered by Rev. J. Stansfield, of Detroit, and was one of the most powerful sermons ever heard in the city. There were several other good addresses interspersed with special singing. The delegates were also banqueted in the parlors of the Congregational church.

The following officers were elected: President, Geo. T. Moody, of Detroit; vice-presidents, F. S. Goodrich, of Albion college, C. S. Stewart, of Owosso; E. L. Briggs, of Coldwater; secretary, Geo. Fleming, of Saginaw; assistant secretaries, D. S. Carmichael, of Alma college; C. N. Densmore, of Kalamazoo.

Michigan Club Banquet.

The thirteenth anniversary banquet of the Michigan Club will be held in the Auditorium, Detroit, on Washington's birthday. These banquets have become national in importance, and are looked upon by the Republicans of Michigan as an important factor in the politics of the state. Col. Atkinson is to preside as president of the club; Senator Burrows acts as toastmaster; Gov. Pingree delivers the address of welcome, and Bishop W. X. Ninde, of the Methodist Episcopal church, will pronounce the invocation. The speakers are to be Hon. John S. Wise, of New York City, son of Virginia's war governor; Congressman George Edmund Posa, of Illinois; Wm. F. Gurley, a prominent lawyer of Omaha, who ranks with Bryan; Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, who was temporary chairman of the last national convention; Senator Cushman K. Davis, of Minnesota, one of the most famous orators of the U. S. senate. The club will keep open house during the day of February 23. Hon. D. M. Ferry will give a reception at his residence in the afternoon of that day. Republicans generally of Michigan are eligible to membership in the club, the annual dues for members outside of the city of Detroit being \$5.00 including a ticket to the banquet. Republicans desiring membership should address Fred E. Farnsworth, Secretary, Detroit.

A Foul Murder at Lansing.

In a room over Orvitt's feed store, on Washtenaw street, Lansing, the dead body of Roderique C. Lauzun, aged 25, was found in a large pool of blood with his head crushed almost to a pulp. Apparently he had been murdered with a hatchet or a hammer. There were fractures of the skull both front and rear. One blow struck the right eye, both ears were split, and the occipital bone was badly broken. The walls and floor of the room were covered with blood. The motive for the crime was evidently robbery, as Lauzun's pocketbook, open, bloodstained and empty was found. It is known that the murdered man had exhibited a large roll of bills on several occasions, and nothing was found in his pockets. Lauzun had been leading a dissolute life, associating with gamblers and fast women. About a year ago Lauzun married a Miss McDonald, of Laingsburg, who commenced suit for a divorce in Shiawassee county a couple of weeks ago.

Serious Hotel Fire.

The new Hotel Willis at Thompsonville burned at midnight. It was occupied by Mrs. Diamond, while the store in the corner was occupied by D. E. Slavson's general store. The hotel was valued at \$5,000, with no insurance; D. E. Slavson's stock at \$7,000, with small insurance; Mrs. Diamond's furniture, \$1,000, no insurance. Mrs. Diamond jumped from a second story window, receiving serious, if not fatal injuries. Guests of the hotel lost all their clothing except what they had on.

A boiler explosion destroyed Ed Gilmam's saw, cider and feed mill at Mellville, and Melvin Seigfried and Richard Stevens were badly injured.

The police of Lansing are now convinced that two men had a hand in the killing of R. C. Lauzun, and that it was done with a piece of inch gas pipe. Myrtle, the 4-year-old daughter of Richard Wright, of Plymouth, got hold of a bottle of carbolic acid and drank some of the drug. She may recover.

Edgar Blackmar, aged 36, was driving at Bay City, when his team became frightened at an electric car and ran away. Blackmar was thrown on the whiffletrees and the heavy wagon ran over him, breaking his neck and crushing his side and arm. He died in a short time.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

A cooking school has been organized for Olivet college girls.

The copper mines of Houghton county are worth about \$94,000,000.

Test shafts have revealed deposits of anthracite coal about Saginaw.

One agent at Durand delivered 80 harvesting machines to farmers in that vicinity.

The Catholic church at Berlin, ten miles east of Grand Rapids, burned, loss \$2,000.

About \$50 was raised at a Standish mass meeting to purchase flour for the starving Cubans.

State Labor Commissioner Cox's Battle Creek friends have started a boom for him for congress.

Mrs. Katherine Murphy, the oldest resident of Berrien county, died at St. Joseph, aged 102 years.

Julius Gagnier, who left Bay City, Jan. 14, for Alaska, was killed by a falling lamp on a steamer.

The Soldiers' Monument association of Dexter has contracted for a \$1,000 monument to be dedicated on May 30.

Flowing wells in Maple Ridge park at Owosso throw out globules of oil, and residents talk of sending down pipes.

Gen. Alger has recovered sufficiently to travel to Fort Monroe for his health. Before going he spent a short time at a cabinet meeting.

Edward M. Buckman, a grocer of Sodus, was arrested on the charge of selling liquor without a license and was held for trial.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Hosmer, of Romulus, have just celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They have 10 children living.

Secretary Hanshue, of the Michigan Millers' association, has issued an appeal to farmers for contributions of flour and meal for Cubans.

Capt. Joseph Kauffman, of the Salvation Army at Adrian, has gone crazy over his work. He is confined in jail and will be taken to Kalamazoo.

Two well known deaf mutes, G. S. Fletcher and Miss Grace Jones, were married at Ypsilanti by Rev. J. M. Gelson, Prof. Newcomb acting as interpreter.

The projectors of the electric road from Detroit to Toledo, via Monroe, claim to have secured the whole right of way and will begin the construction at once.

Ann Arbor's superintendent of the poor has fed and lodged 200 tramps during the last two weeks. Says it's cheaper than to arrest them and lodge them in jail.

The North Shore limited train struck Frank Briggs, a newspaper man out of a job, at Ann Arbor. One arm was broken and he was injured about the abdomen and may die.

The grading on the northern extension of the Detroit & Mackinaw railroad is finished, and only four miles of steel rails remain to be laid before trains can run into Onaway.

Mrs. Barbara Mahneke died at Saginaw from injuries received in the Michigan Central crossing accident a week ago. She is the fourth victim and the last of the occupants of the sleigh.

The State Spiritualist society met in conference at Lansing, the chief feature of the meeting being the address of the secretary of the National society, Francis B. Woodbury, of Washington.

The postoffice incident in Bay City is regarded as closed, and Wm. M. McCloy has won. Congressman Crump telegraphed to that effect, and there is no longer any doubt that McCloy will be confirmed.

Ypsilanti has granted a right-of-way on her main street to the Detroit, Ann Arbor & Ypsilanti electric railway. This completes the route and the construction of the power house will be begun at once.

Edward Perket, aged 51, of Menominee, died from the excessive use of cigarettes. Deceased was the youngest son of the late Pascal Perket, the pioneer hotel man of Menominee. He leaves a widow.

The O'Connor Transportation Co. was organized at Benton Harbor, with a capital of \$50,000, to operate a line of passenger and freight boats between Benton Harbor and Chicago, commencing about April 1.

Clyde Pickworth was seriously injured at Eaton Rapids by a vicious horse, which kicked him upon the head, the corks penetrating his brain and causing concussion of the brain. Little hopes of recovery.

President Angell, of the University of Michigan, has written to Regent Butterfield that he intends to resign his post as U. S. minister to Turkey, and will return in time to resume his position in the college in the fall.

The largest shipment of produce from Otsego county in any one day was made by Buck & Bolton, of Gaylord, 23 cars of potatoes, aggregating 13,000 bushels, and worth \$11,000, being sent to Baltimore, New York and Providence.

Chris Millenbacher, of Charlotte, placed an attachment on all the movable property of the Toledo and North-western, the new railroad being built between Albion and Charlotte. The attachment covers all scrapers, plows, and other implements.

A big fire of probably incendiary origin is reported from Forest township, Genesee county, James Dickinson was aroused by a noise, and looking out discovered his large barn in flames. A great quantity of hay, besides grain and farming implements, was destroyed. Loss about \$1,200.

Willie and Eddie Krug, Herman and Willie Goltz, aged 13, 12, 9 and 6, read dime novels and organized a wild west gang at Ann Arbor. It is charged that they burglarized the Elite cigar store, Eberbach's store and Rinsey & Seabold's grocery, and stole a quantity of cigars and tobacco and some money.

Daniel Miles, living near Battle Creek, has brought to town 37 rattlesnakes which he found frozen stiff in an old stovepipe under the barn. He put them in a barrel near the fire and in a few minutes they were wriggling about as lively as ever.

Village Clerk O. V. Plea, of Stevensville, left for St. Joseph over a week ago, and was last seen at Gallen. A Mrs. Donovan is also reported missing. Plea has a wife and three children. Ed. Stevenson has been appointed village clerk in Plea's place.

New Michigan postmasters: Prest I. Clare county, William McWath; Sagola, Dickinson county, John O'Callaghan; Sears, Osceola county, Wm. J. Manley; Imlay City, Geo. W. Jones; Hancock, George W. Emery; Fairview, Osceola county, Robert Farrington.

There was a rear-end collision on the C. M. & St. P. tracks at Carney's spur, six miles south of Iron Mountain. A way freight crashed into a logging train which was switching. Twenty cars and an engine were wrecked, and Conductor Anderson, of Iron Mountain, and brakeman John Tows, of Green Bay, Wis., were killed.

Fire broke out among the lumber piles in C. Merrill & Co.'s mill yard, known as Whittier mill, on the west bank of the river at Saginaw, and 1,500,000 feet of lumber was burned. The loss will be about \$25,000, but the amount of insurance is small. Hon. T. W. Palmer, of Detroit, is largely interested in the property.

A number of special services were held in Ann Arbor churches in behalf of the Anti-Slavery league movement. Rev. J. F. Brant, of Lansing, sent a party out to investigate the saloons and claims to have found nearly all violating the law. About 75 business men and professors met to devise some means to combat the evil.

G. J. Eaton, aged 87, until recently a resident of Lowell, died at a cheap boarding house at Grand Rapids. Developments show that he had property worth \$12,000 or \$15,000. On his person were found certificates of deposit aggregating \$3,340. He was an old soldier and was very eccentric. He leaves three married daughters.

Secretary Gage in a bill sent to the House recommended the consolidation of customs districts all over the country, and figures on making an annual saving of \$100,000 in Michigan alone. He asks that the collectors at Detroit, Port Huron and Marquette alone be retained and deputies be placed in charge at Grand Rapids and Grand Haven.

The report of the treasurer of the state Y. M. C. A. showed receipts during the year \$3,113.89, disbursements \$2,926.11. The resources are \$749.98, liabilities above resources, \$584.85. F. H. Burt, assistant state secretary of Illinois, made an appeal for personal and association pledges for state work, and pledges were received amounting to something over \$1,200.

New Michigan postmasters: Au Train, Alger county, George A. Baldwin; Azalia, Monroe county, F. H. Noble; Clifford, Lapeer county, Henry A. Pullin; Shiloh, Ionia county, George W. Brown; Cleon, Manistee county, Wm. J. Ridout; Cohocah, Livingston county, W. H. Trumbull; Hopkins Station, Allegan county, C. E. Wolfinger; Troy, Oakland county, Frank D. Cutting.

Mrs. Richard Clegg was fatally burned by a hanging lamp falling from the ceiling of her home at Adrian. The hook gave away and the lamp when it broke in pieces on the floor, set fire to the steaming oil, quickly enveloping Mrs. Clegg in the flames. Her granddaughter, Mrs. Abbie Campsis, rushed to the old lady's aid, and in attempting to smother the flames was badly burned. Very little damage was done to the house.

An explosion of giant powder at the Newport mine near Ironwood killed three men: Peter Branza, Emanuel Naimo and Mike Sada. They were at work on the ninth level. Branza and Naimo were en route for the powder chest when the explosion occurred. Just what was the cause is not known. These two were literally blown to pieces, while Sada died from the effects of gases. Three other men were overcome by gases, but will recover.

Cora Wagner, aged 17, was paroled from the Industrial home for girls, at Adrian, and was given a home with a Jackson family. She ran away, but was soon located at the home of John Hildebrand, north of Vandalia. When the officers went to get her she excused herself to go into another room. An instant later a shot was heard and the poor girl was found lying in a pool of blood. She had aimed at her heart, but the bullet struck a rib and was deflected, and she may recover.

An attempt to resume operations at the Wheeler & Co. shipyard at Bay City was a failure. The old union is satisfied with the scale of wages offered by the company, but cannot go to work before the riveters return. About 800 men gathered at the yard expecting that 50 gangs of riveters would start work, but were disappointed. The riveters say they will meet Wheeler & Co. half way in their demand for the '35 scale. They absolutely refuse to sign any agreement as individuals, but as a union they will agree to furnish men to complete the present contracts.

The American line steamer St. Louis, Capt. Randle, which arrived at New York from Southampton, reports the loss of sea of the Holland-America line steamer Veendam, Capt. Stenper, from Rotterdam on New York. The Veendam struck a submerged wreck which tore a hole in the hull and broke her propeller shaft, when three days out. Notwithstanding the steady working of all of the pumps the water gained and preparations had been made to take to the lifeboats when the St. Louis was in sight, was hailed and took off the passengers and crew, numbering 212 in all. The Veendam was then fired.

TICKINGS OF THE TELEGRAPH

News of the Day as Told Over the Slender Wires.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS

The European Powers Harmonious on the Question of China Grabbing—A Conflagration at Pittsburg Causes Heavy Loss of Life and Property.

Powers Agreed on Chinese Question.

In the British house of lords and in response to a speech by the earl of Kimberley, Premier Salisbury said that England had waived the demand that Ta-Lien-Wan be made an open treaty port as a condition of the proposed loan, because China objected, until the railroad reached Ta-Lien-Wan when it should be opened. The loan negotiations are still pending. The premier added: "I have received spontaneous assurances from the Russian government that any port they open in China will be open to free commerce, and that similar assurances have been made us by the German government respecting the territory they recently occupied."

Baron von Buelow, the German premier, in addressing the reichstag said: "Our relations with the powers were in no way disturbed by the occupation of Kiaochow. We are in harmony with Russia, whose interests do not conflict with ours anywhere in Europe, and are parallel with ours in Asia. As sincere friends we regard Russia's natural development with unenviable sympathy—(cheers)—and France's efforts to obtain fresh trade outlets in Tonquin are quite natural, while it is far from us to oppose England's just interests in any way or direction. We desire to cultivate relations of harmonious co-operation with Great Britain. (Renewed cheers). Our modest demands have neither menaced the integrity of China nor called for justifiable objections on her part."

Baron von Buelow then proceeded to justify the acquisition of a point of support in eastern Asia as an absolute necessity, looking to Germany's rapidly growing interests in one of the richest markets of the world for imports if she did not desire to become a second or third rate power in Asia, for every other power, even Portugal and the Netherlands, had territorial possessions there.

A TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE.

Eleven People Killed, 27 Missing and 19 Injured at a Pittsburg Fire.

A fire of mysterious origin completely destroyed the large six-story cold storage plant of the Chautauqua Lake Ice Co., at Pittsburg, within three hours. The structure was divided by three heavy fire walls into practically four buildings. The ice company had its ice making plant and storage warehouses on the lower floors and the Union Storage Co. occupied the balance of the building with the stored property of innumerable householders and merchants, besides about 400 barrels of whisky in bond. When the fire reached the whisky the stuff exploded, blowing out the Mulberry alley wall with awful results. The alley was filled with firemen, policemen and reporters, and many were caught by the falling walls. The large warehouse of W. A. Hoerler & Co., situated on Pike street, directly opposite the Chautauqua Co.'s building was also destroyed.

Until the fallen walls have been cleared away, there can be no certainty as to the number of victims, but it is known that 11 people are dead, 27 missing and 19 injured, and the property loss is \$1,500,000, with about \$1,000,000 insurance.

Within 48 hours the number of bodies recovered had reached 13 and the missing list increased to 38.

President of Guatemala Assassinated.

Advises from Jan Jose, Guatemala, announces the assassination of President Barrios of that republic.

Gen. G. José Maria Reina Barrios, president of the republic of Guatemala, was born in San Marcos in 1859. He was a nephew of the former president, Justo Rufino Barrios, who was killed during a rebellion in 1885. Gen. Barrios succeeded his uncle as commander of the forces, but Barrillas gained the ascendancy, was made president, and banished the young general. He was recalled later and in 1892 he was elected president over Barrillas, and his term would have expired in March this year. Last June Barrios publicly declared himself dictator of Guatemala.

Later reports state that the assassination of Barrios was immediately followed by a revolutionary attempt to raise Prospero Morales to the presidency. Morales' adherents, under Gen. Marroquin, attempted to seize the palace barracks, but Marroquin and several others were killed and the remainder fled from the city with troops in pursuit. Vice President Cabrera is acting president, but there are loud demands that Gen. Mendizabal be proclaimed president. A serious crisis is apparently impending.

Washington: At a cabinet meeting it was decided to send two companies of troops to Dyoa and Skaguay for the purpose of preserving order. The war department at once issued orders in accordance.

Two thousand students of the Rush Medical college, the Chicago College of Dental Surgery and the Marquette school engaged in a desperate conflict at Harrison and Wood streets, Chicago, with 40 policemen. The battle raged, with intermissions of peace, from noon until 8 o'clock in the evening. The police were compelled to send in riot calls repeatedly and in the early part of the scrimmage they were badly worsted. It was a free-for-all, rough-and-tumble fight, and several were injured on both sides. It was started by the police attempting to stop a snowball battle between the students.

INSULTED THE PRESIDENT.

De Lome Calls McKinley Hard Names and Must Leave the United States.

The representatives of the Cuban junta at New York have given out copies of a letter signed "Enrique Dupuy De Lome" who is minister of Spain at Washington and addressed to Jose Canalejas, who went to Cuba last September as Premier Sagasta's personal representative. In this letter the Spanish minister refers to President McKinley as "weak and catering to the rabble," and as a "low politician" who desires to stand well with the jingoes of his party. Horatio L. Rubens, counsel for the Cuban junta says: "We know absolutely that this letter is genuine. A man risked his life to obtain it. We do not hesitate to acknowledge that it was stolen from Canalejas. It is written on the paper of the legation. The handwriting is De Lome's and the signature is his. He may deny it until he is black in the face, but it is genuine and everybody who has seen it knows that it is."

The publication of De Lome's letter caused a sensation in official Washington and will undoubtedly soon be followed by Senor De Lome's departure from the United States. At the outset there was a disposition to question the authenticity of the letter, but as bit by bit the circumstantial evidence accumulated, until it was finally announced officially that the minister declined to deny the authorship of the letter, all doubt was dissipated and the only question that remained was as to the line of action to be pursued by our government toward the offending minister.

The writing of this letter is unquestionably an offense against the amenities of diplomatic relations, and such offenses almost invariably have been regarded in the United States, as in other countries, as sufficient ground for the termination of the official status of the writer.

The state department has promptly taken hold of the matter. Assistant Secretary Day consulting President McKinley four times during the day, which resulted in a message being sent to C. S. Minister Woodford at Madrid directing him to lay the facts before the Spanish government together with the statement that in view of the minister's refusal to deny the authorship of the letter the Spanish government is looking to with confidence to deal with the case properly. This amounts to an invitation to recall the minister, presuming that he himself has not already taken steps to vacate his position. No doubt is entertained of a compliance with the implied suggestion, but in case there should be undue delay in acting the state department would feel called upon to move directly in the matter and give the minister his passports.

De Lome Forced to Resign.

Madrid: At a meeting of the Spanish cabinet, the minister for foreign affairs, Senor Gullon, read a dispatch from Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, saying that the published letter to Senor Canalejas was written by him, and that his position, consequently, had become untenable, and he begged the government to accept his resignation. The cabinet decided to accept the resignation, and it was decided to entrust the first secretary with the conduct of the current affairs of the legation.

England Says Uncle Sam Did Right.

The De Lome incident has excited little interest in England, but the opinions expressed almost unanimously in favor of the position of the United States. The daily newspapers, with the exception of the Morning Post, have adopted the view that the administration took the right course. The Spectator is not sorry the "moment may be approaching when the United States will intervene to stop the agonies of Cuba," adding: "Their only hope is in the United States sternly declaring that Spanish troops must leave and that the Cubans be allowed to settle their own fate. That the United States will be morally justified in saying the war must end, and that Cuba be given peace, there is no doubt for a moment."

A Big Movement for an Eight Hour Day.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is making preparations to inaugurate a great movement for an eight-hour work day. According to the present plans of labor leaders, a demand for the eight-hour day will be made on May 1 next that will involve fully a million men. The American Federation of Labor will make this demand in one trade at a time, and, according to the leaders, great strikes are expected before the battle likely to follow is decided. The leaders are now perfecting plans which they believe will insure success. Mr. Gompers intends to confine his work until May 1 to interesting the unions affiliated with the American Federation in the movement.

Japan Will Hold Wei-Hai-Wei.

Official advices received from Peking say Japan has notified China that she intends to keep Wei-Hai-Wei permanently. China, in notifying the Chinese ministers abroad to this effect, directs them to notify the powers also that, in view of this, no foreign loan is required, as the purpose of the loan was solely to pay the Japanese war indemnity.

The trial of M. Zola, the famous French novelist, for his denunciation of the government in the conduct of the Dreyfus case and the Esterhazy court-martial, resulted in serious rioting in which attempts were made to mob M. Zola. Count Esterhazy refused to appear in court and the judges refused to force him to do so. They also declined to allow certain questions asked by the M. Zola's attorneys, M. Casimir-Perier, the former president of the republic, appeared as a witness, but before taking the oath said that he would not tell the truth.

A BEAUTIFUL GIRL'S AFFLICTION.

From the Republics, Versalles, Ind.

The Tuckers of Versalles, Ind., like all good parents, are completely wrapped up in their children. Their daughter, Lucy, is particular, has given them much concern. She is fifteen and from a strong, healthy girl, three years ago, had become weak and kept falling off in flesh, until she became a mere skeleton. She seemed to have no life at all. Her blood became thin and finally she became the victim of nervous prostration. Doctors did not help her. Most of the time she was confined to bed, was very nervous and irritable, and seemed on the verge of St. Vitus' dance.

"One morning," said Mr. Tucker, "the doctor told us to give her Dr. Williams' Pink Pills or Pale Peppermint, which he brought with him. He said he was treating a similar case with these pills and they were curing the patient. We began giving the pills and the next day could see a change for the better."

The doctor came and was surprised to see such an improvement. He told us to keep giving her the medicine. We gave her one pill after each meal until eight boxes had been used when she was well. She has not been sick since, and we have no fear of the old trouble returning. We think the cure almost miraculous."

FRANK TUCKER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, 1897.

HUGH JOHNSON, Justice of the Peace. These pills are wonderfully effective in the treatment of all diseases arising from impure blood, or shattered nerve force. They are adapted to young or old, and may be had at any drug store.

According to Jewish statutes it was unlawful to muzzle the ox engaged in treading out the corn, the animal being allowed to eat his fill.

LETTERS FROM THE RESTORED.

Many Wonderful Cures Recorded, Hoping that Others May Be Benefited.

The manufacturers of the remedy called "5 drops," which is guaranteed to cure rheumatism, neuralgia, asthma, and kindred ailments, have received thousands of letters regarding their medicine, many of which have been published. The following is a sample of these letters:

Oct. 10, 1897, 630 Main St., Springfield, Mass.

Dear Sirs—I can not express my gratitude to God, also to you, for the benefit I am receiving from "5 drops." I walk around my room without a crutch, which I have had to use a long time. I firmly believe that with faith, patience and perseverance, "5 drops" will get the better of all diseases. My doctor says it is indigestion has made me bloated so, but his medicine does not seem to reach my case. Respectfully yours, Mrs. A. Spring.

The producers of "5 Drops," who are the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., 167-169 Dearborn street, Chicago, have decided to continue for another 30 days an offer which they made some weeks ago, namely, to send a sample bottle of "5 Drops," prepaid, for 25 cents. They state that this is done as they know even a sample bottle will convince one of the value of their remedy. Also, large bottle, 300 doses, for \$1.00, and for the next thirty days, three bottles for \$2.50.

He who has no mind to trade with the devil should be so wise as to keep away from his shop.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.

Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, Cure Feverishness, Head 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 & Olmsted, Lark St., N. Y.

Wouldst thou travel the path of truth and goodness? Never deceive either thyself or others.

Lane's Family Medicine.

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

The idle, no matter what their possession in life is, are only one remove from the loafer.

Hives are not dangerous to life, but they are a prolific breeder of misery and profanity. Doan's Ointment gives instant relief, even in the worst cases of this and other exasperating diseases of the skin.

You exact duty in full measure from others, do you also exact it of yourself.

Drugs treated free by Dr. H. H. Green's Sons, of Atlanta, Ga. The greatest dropsy specialist in the world. Read their advertisement in another column of this paper.

He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own.

Pure blood and a good digestion are an insurance against disease and suffering. Burdock Blood Bitters keeps the blood pure, the digestion perfect.

The man who chases bubbles will bark his shins sooner or later.

Hundreds of precious little ones owe their lives to Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, the sovereign cure for croup and all other throat or lung diseases.

The devil has no anxiety about the man who is mean to his wife.

A cough is a danger signal of some troubles to come. Cure the cough and prevent its results by using Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

The shortest cut to wealth is through the lane of contentment.

CAUSE FOR ALARM.

How baldness begins.

How to prevent it.

Every person, male or female, shrinks from baldness. It adds to the appearance of age and is a serious discomfit. The cause is rare when the falling out of the hair may be stopped, and a new and healthy growth of the hair promoted. The hair grows in the scalp like a plant in the soil. If a plant flourishes, it must have constant attention; it must be watered regularly and find its food in the soil where it is rooted. It is so with the hair. Neglect is usually the beginning of baldness. Dandruff is allowed to thicken on the scalp. The hair begins to loosen. The scalp loses its vitality. The hair, insufficiently nourished, begins to fade and to fall. The instant need in such a case is some practical preparation which, supplying the needed nourishment to the scalp, will feed the hair, give it strength, and so produce a strong and healthy growth. All this is done by Dr. Ayer's Hair Vigor, the most practical and valuable preparation for the hair that can be obtained. It tones up the scalp, does away with dandruff, stops the hair from falling, restores the original color to gray or faded

hair, and gives an abundant and glossy growth. Those who are threatened with approaching baldness will be interested in the following voluntary statement, made by Alderman S. J. Green, of Spencer, Iowa. He writes:

"About four months ago, my hair commenced falling out so rapidly that I became alarmed, and being recommended Dr. Ayer's Hair Vigor by a druggist, I resolved to try this preparation. I have been now using it for three months, and am much gratified to find that my hair has ceased falling out and also that hair which had been turning gray for the past five years has been restored to its original color, dark brown. It gives me much pleasure to recommend this dressing."—S. J. Green, Alderman, Spencer, Iowa.

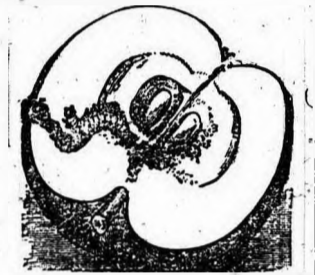
Those who are interested in preserving and beautifying the hair will do well to refer to Dr. Ayer's Hair Vigor. A story of cures told by the cured. This book of 100 pages is sent free, on request, by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

No human being has a moral right to dress out of harmony with the general sense of the community.

A David who goes wrong is as much to blame as a Judas.

SPRAYING FRUIT TREES.

The question of spraying fruit trees to prevent the depredations of insect pests and fungus diseases is no longer an experiment, but a necessity.



Our readers will do well to write Wm. Stahl, 616 St. Quincy, Ill., and get his catalogue describing twenty-one styles of Spraying Outfits and full treatise on spraying, the different fruit and vegetable crops which may be had for the asking and contains much valuable information.

Science alone won't always save you from a knockout.

It Keeps the Feet Warm and Dry. And is the only cure for Chilblains, Frostbites, Damp, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

There is no peace in the house where children rule.

Coughing Leads to Consumption. Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

All women have hearts; a few have intellects.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c. 25c. H. C. C. Co. full druggists refund money.

The coward is the most friendless of men.

Coe's Cough Balsam is the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. 17c. 35c.

Ammonia will bleach yellow flannels.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5c.

Only ignorance knows it all.

Go to your grocer to-day and get a 15c. package of

Grain-O

It takes the place of coffee at 1/4 the cost.

Made from pure grains it is nourishing and healthful.

Watch that your grocer gives you GRAIN-O. A sample on application.

Best Route to Klondike

Only Personally Conducted Tourist Excursions to PORTLAND, ORE. VIA GREAT ROCK ISLAND ROUTE. Leave OMAHA Thursdays. Good connections for YACOMA and SEATTLE. Write for Rates and Klondike Folder. Jas. Sebastian, G. P. A., CHICAGO.

If you want to feel that YOUR SPINE IS A PIPE STEM, ready to snap, just get

if you want to feel as STRONG AS A STEEL HAMMOR, USE St. Jacobs Oil. It has magic.

"A HAND SAW IS A GOOD THING, BUT NOT TO SHAVE WITH."

SAPOLIO

IS THE PROPER THING FOR HOUSE-CLEANING.

ASTHMA

It is the only coughing or sneezing when you can be reasonably cured? We have saved thousands with our **ASTHMALENE** and can cure you. It is the only absolute cure known. A trial box of **ASTHMALENE** sent free. 22, Yarr St., 4th St., Rochester, N. Y.

FROM GLOOM TO SUNLIGHT

THE USURER'S DAUGHTER.

BY CHARLOTTE M. BRAEME.

INTERNATIONAL PRESS ASSOCIATION.

CHAPTER XIV.



THREE weeks had passed since the night on which Hildred had heard the true story of her marriage. She had tried hard to conquer the love of her husband which had begun to spring up in her heart. She tried hard to do her duty, to school herself in the knowledge that for her life was to be without love. But it was hard. She was young and impressionable; the earl was handsome and fascinating. There were times when an irresistible impulse came over her—an impulse to beg him to love her. She resisted it, and every time she did so resisted her heart grew colder and harder. It is difficult for a flower to blossom in blighted cold—the buds droop, the perfume dies. It requires the warmth and brightness, the kisses and smiles of the sun to bring it to perfection. So it is with a half-formed character like Hildred's—the sunshine of love and happiness would have brought it to a fair and blooming maturity. The chill of neglect and indifference changed it.

"Lord Caraven," said Hildred one day, "who is the person—gentleman, I should say, perhaps—who comes here so often?"

"Do you mean John Blantyre, my faithful friend and steward?" he asked laughingly. "He comes every day."

"Is that his name? I do not like his face."

"Why not, Hildred?" he asked.

"It is not the face of an honest man, unless Nature has for once made a mistake in her own handwriting."

"It is not a handsome face, certainly," said the earl; "far from it."

"I am not speaking of mere beauty of feature—and perhaps I judge him harshly," she replied. "But it does not seem to me an honest face. I would not trust the man for—do you trust him, Lord Caraven?"

"I trust him implicitly—indeed, I do not believe I ever overlooked his accounts." She looked at him in wonder. "Never overlooked his accounts! How very careless of you!" she said.

"I am not careful of nature," he told her, laughing.

"But," she observed, earnestly, "such carelessness is wrong. You put a terrible temptation in his way by not keeping a check upon him."

"I suppose," said Lord Caraven, indolently, "that I find it easier to let myself be robbed a little than to look after matters for myself."

The dark, eloquent eyes, as they were raised to his, expressed a great deal.

"What do you do with your life?" she asked. "It seems to me that you have no idea of duty."

"Nor have I. I know well what to do with my life—I enjoy it."

"There can be nothing more to add," said Hildred. "But if I were you, Lord Caraven, I should look after my accounts."

She thought a great deal after that conversation. It had opened her eyes more fully to her husband's character than anything that had passed before. She decided to study him.

Was he generous? She thought at first that she might say "yes." They were riding one day, and they met a poor woman begging with a little child in her arms; she was poor, hungry, all in tatters, with pinched face and sad, weary eyes, a pitiful spectacle of want and destitution. As they passed by the earl took out his purse and literally emptied it on the ground at the woman's feet. She looked dazed and bewildered at this sudden bounty of fortune. He did not wait for any thanks, but rode on.

"I wish," he said, "that I could collect all the poor people in the world together, and make them rich."

"Was that generosity?" she said to herself. "Yes, it must be."

They rode on until they came to a small cottage—one belonging to the Ravensmere estate—at the door of which stood a man still young but crippled and bent double with rheumatism. A little cry of pain came from Hildred's lips as she saw him, but the young man's eyes were fixed with an evil light on the earl's face.

Hildred stopped to say a kind word to him; the cripple came out and stood in front of the earl's magnificent horse.

"My lord," he said in a hoarse voice, "I have you to thank for these"—pointing to his shrunken limbs—"and for these, also"—pointing to his useless hands.

"What do you mean?" Lord Caraven demanded, his face flushing with anger.

"I mean this, my lord—that I was a strong young man when I took this cottage and brought my wife home here; now," he cried, in a sudden passion of despair—"now look at me."

"What have I to do with that?" asked the earl, angrily.

"This much, my lord—I spent all my bit of money on this land; I had none left for repairing the house—your house, my lord. The water came in at the roof and at the windows—wind

blew through the doors. I begged to have it repaired; I have sent more letters than I could count to agent and landlord. Neither has attended to me. If I had had the money I would have done it myself, but I had not. I have had a sick wife and sick children, but never a shilling to spare for the broken roof, and your heartlessness has reduced me to this."

"Stand aside," said the earl, angrily; "you men are never contented—never satisfied—stand aside."

"My lord," cried the man, "the horses in your stables, the dogs in your kennels, are better cared for than I—they are better housed. If I die—and his voice changed to a cry of despair—"my death be upon your head!"

"You are an impertinent fellow!" cried the earl. "Out of my way, or I will ride over you!"

"Pray—pray listen to him, Lord Caraven," cried Hildred.

But the earl turned angrily to her.

"You do not understand these matters; you must not interfere," he said—"a set of idle rogues!"

"Stop, my lord," cried the man, his face paling—"stop. Be satisfied with taking my health and my strength—leave my character alone. I am no rogue; I am an honest, hard-working man."

"Honest, indeed," cried the earl. "There is not one honest man among you."

The evil look deepened on the man's pale face.

"I will not answer, my lord," he said, with quiet dignity. "I am asking a favor; it is life to me. I have no money to leave the house; if I remain in it as it is it will be certain death to me. My lord, it is but a few pounds—very few—do not refuse me!"

But Lord Caraven's face grew crimson with anger.

"I shall do nothing of the kind. And let me tell you that I consider it a great piece of impertinence for you to stop me in this fashion; I have an agent to manage my affairs—go to him. Out of my road, and take care you do not stop me again."

The man went away and the earl rode on. Was he generous? Only a few pounds, and for that a life must be sacrificed.

"Mind, Hildred," he said, sharply, "you are not from any mistaken notion of generosity to interfere; if you

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by the servants and the laborers that they would appeal to the earl. He had a fashion of saying, "You can try it—you will see what the earl says;" for the earl had but one answer to everything—complaint, excuse or prayer—and it was, "Go to Blantyre"—indeed the order had become quite a byword on the estate, "Go to Blantyre" being considered as equivalent to something far more dreadful.

No more painful life than Hildred's could have been imagined. Ravensmere was gay enough; they saw plenty of visitors, they had balls and dinner parties; their visitors were gay, worldly, brilliant people, who came to enjoy themselves for a few days, and did not care to enter into the cares and trials of their hostess. With them she was gay and brilliant—she would show nothing of the anguish that never left her; they should not go away and talk about "Lady Caraven, the wife whom her husband did not love," whatever it cost her, and the effort was at times terrible.

The earl saw her only at those times, and he smiled significantly.

"Women have no heart," he said, scoffingly. "This girl is just as happy as though she had the most loving husband in the world. She has what she wanted, and she seems to enjoy it, too."

"Of the noble, womanly pride that disdained all complaint; of the brave spirit that fought so resolutely with her longing for happiness and her longing for love, he never even dreamed."

"I begin to think," said the handsome earl to himself one day, "that I have not done so badly after all. If I had married for love or anything of that kind, what trouble I should have had, what reproaches, what tears—and a woman's tears! I would sooner face untold hardships. I should have had all the uncertainties of love; now I am spared it all, and my house is presided over by a queenly mistress. Taking everything into account, I consider I am a fortunate man."

So he said in his blindness; but the time was to come when he would awaken from that blindness with sudden, passionate pain.

When the month of May came round he decided upon going to London. Halby House was prepared for them, and the handsome earl's friends made ready to receive him with open arms. He had been welcome in his penniless state, and, having married a wealthy heiress, he was now doubly welcome. Those who had won money from him before looked forward to winning more; those who had gambled and bet with him before looked forward to a renewal of those delights. He would be welcome.

The elite of the fashionable world were not sorry to receive their favorite again. The rumor that Halby House was to be thrown open, that the young Countess of Caraven was very beautiful, that the earl's revived prosperity would enable him to vie with the best party-givers in London was good news. The only one indifferent to it was the young countess herself—and she would fain have hidden her sorrows from all eyes and remained at Ravensmere.

(To be continued.)

NOVELTY MILLS OF MAINE.

Spools, Skewers, Toothpicks, Dice Boxes and Baby-Weighs Produced.

From the New York Sun: The spool factories of Maine turn out annually about 250,000,000 spools, which will hold 50,000,000,000 yards of thread—200 yards to the spool. There are seventeen of these factories in the state, employing 550 hands, at average wages of \$1.50 a day each, or \$247,500 a year. In the making of the spools 30,500 cords of white birch timber, or 15,250,000 feet, are used. This timber is worth \$4 a cord. A large part of the spool timber cut in Maine is not manufactured there, but shipped from Bangor to great factories in England and Scotland. Last year Bangor exported 6,978,668 feet of spool bars to the United Kingdom, the value being \$144,000, and more will be shipped next year. There is practically no limit to the supply of white birch available. The so-called "novelty mills" of Maine are numerous all through the hard wood districts. In these mills are turned out all kinds of little wooden boxes, many of which are used by druggists; checker boxes, dice boxes, wooden stoppers, handles of a thousand kinds and shapes, toothpicks by the million, ladders, swings, sleds, school desks and chair, toy carts and wheelbarrows, tables, desks, cycle stands, baby sleighs, and other things too numerous to mention. The largest "novelty" factory in the world is at South Paris, Oxford county, where 200 hands are employed. A Dixfield factory has just completed an order for 8,000,000 checkers and 200,000 dice boxes and at another factory in the same town they have made this year 525,000,000 toothpicks. One firm has made 5,000,000 skewers, such as are used by butchers. Wooden bicycle rims are also an important article of manufacture. The product of these factories goes to all parts of the world. The timber used was once considered practically worthless.

The Frodoth Chimney Sweep.

Not being able "to see himself as others saw him," the sweep broke the mirror that reflected his own blackness into hundred bits and walked down the street more content. But a man accosted him with the remark that his face was black as soot. "Oh, what a dance I am," cried the sweep, greatly irritated, and, going to work at once with plenty of soap and water, both his temper and his looks were greatly improved.

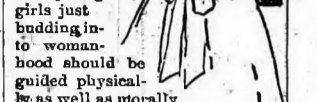
Young Womanhood.

Sweet young girls! How often they develop into worn, listless, and hopeless women because mother has not impressed upon them the importance of attending to physical development.

No woman is exempt from physical weakness and periodical pain, and young girls just budding into womanhood should be guided physically as well as morally.

If you know of any young lady who is sick and needs motherly advice, ask her to address Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., and tell every detail of her symptoms, surroundings and occupation. She will get advice from a source that has no rival in experience of women's ills. Tell her to keep nothing back.

Her story is told to a woman, not to a man. Do not hesitate about stating details that she may not wish to mention, but which are essential to a full understanding of her case, and if she is frank, help is certain to come!



Do you cough? Don't delay take Kemp's Balsam. The best cough cure.

It Cures Colds, Coughs, Sore Throat, Croup, Influenza, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis and Asthma. A certain cure for Consumption in first stages, and a sure relief in advanced stages. Use at once. You will see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Sold by druggists everywhere. Large bottles 25 cents and 50 cents.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Livonia Center.

News has just reached us that Mrs. Susie Leach formerly of here, but of late of Kansas has just been married to Mr. Crum, a very wealthy man of Kansas. They've gone to California to spend their honeymoon.

Mrs. Louis Wolf from and son Lawrence, of Detroit, who have been visiting at D. Wolf from's, spent Friday and Saturday visiting at the Center.

Mrs. Sarah Turnbull spent last Friday with Mrs. W. Haak.

Little Glen McEachran and Harry Peck are on the sick list this week.

Miss Clara Benton, of Waterford, called on her aunt, Mrs. A. Stringer, Wednesday.

Valentines have been all the rage here this week.

John Stringer took a business trip to Detroit Wednesday.

One of the young men who tried to run the school here instead of letting the teacher do so, was expelled Monday. It is rumored that there will be trouble.

The two little girls of Dan McEachran are sick at this writing.

Pedro parties are numerous in this vicinity at present. It is not decided who is champion yet, but Horace thinks he will claim the belt, but if he does he will have to play better than he did Tuesday night.

Newburg-Nankin P. O.

Miss Emma Johns, of Detroit, visited friends here and assisted her aunt, Eliza Clark, to celebrate her birthday, last Thursday.

Ross LeVan, of Detroit, visited here this week.

Mrs. Gorton, of Plymouth, wife of Warren Gorton, was buried in our cemetery last Sunday from the Baptist church at Plymouth.

Miss Stella Bassett visited friends in Detroit last week.

There is loud talk of a daily mail here.

We believe an electric road from Detroit to Plymouth would be very paying enterprise. Let us work for it.

A. W. Straight, of Chicago, has been visiting friends here the past week.

Remember the play at the hall to-night and to-morrow night.

The Ladies Aid had a very large meeting last week at Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith's. This society is growing like all of our societies.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. held their regular meeting last Saturday. Both were well attended.

Our church is now nearly filled every Sunday. It shows our good feeling towards it.

Sunday school was well attended last Sunday and those present listened to a very nice report of the Nankin township Sunday school convention given by Miss Mable Chilson and Emma Bassett from which we can get a number of good points, one of which is our treatment of strangers. Let us be very careful in our treatment of strangers in our church, league and all other organizations of our church, for every Sunday brings in a few strangers and others may be drawn by our kind treatment.

Miss Mary Stark, who has been visiting friends here the past few weeks, returned to her home in St. Johns Saturday. She was accompanied by her aunt, Miss Desire Stark, who will visit friends there for a time.

Wants His Money Back.

On Jan. 19 last Howard Stockwell, a young man employed by Joseph Doane, of Salem, was arrested on a charge of attempted criminal assault on his employer's wife. Stockwell denied the charge, but it is said, settled the case by paying \$100.

Then he was re-arrested, this time the charge being that of assault and battery on Mrs. Doane. Stockwell claims that he was told that if he did not settle the case he would be sent to Jackson. He alleges that he gave Doane a note for \$300 and an account which he had against him for labor amounting to \$50. He also alleges that he paid Sheriff Judson \$75, a justice of the peace \$10, and other persons a total of \$75 or more.

Stockwell was irrendless at the time of his arrest. Since the story of the alleged settlement has leaked out, however, he has made friends, who have advised him to begin suit to recover the moneys he alleges he paid out.

Hon. A. J. Sawyer has taken up his case, and in behalf of Stockwell will begin action in trover on Thursday against Joseph Doane and others charging them with obtaining money from him under duress.—Detroit Journal.

Excursion Rates South Via Ohio Central Lines.

Homeseekers' Excursion tickets will be sold by the Ohio Central Feb. 14th, 15th, and Feb. 28th, March 1st, 1898.

One-Way Settlers' tickets will be sold by the Ohio Central at greatly reduced rates on the same dates.

For further particulars, call on or address agents of the Ohio Central lines.

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Auction Sales.
I will give up farming and will sell at auction, 1 1/2 miles west of Livonia Center, on Tuesday, March 1st, 1898, my horses, cows, harness, wagons, farm implements, tools, etc. Sale will commence at 10 o'clock a. m. Lunch at noon. John Bennett, Auctioneer.

E. REWARD, Prop.
Having rented my farm I will sell at public auction one mile east of Livonia Center on Friday, March 10, 1898, all the personal property on the farm, consisting of stock, farm implements, household goods, grain, feed, etc. Sale to commence at ten o'clock sharp. Lunch at noon. This is a genuine sale and will pay you to attend. John Bennett, auctioneer. Geo. Chilson, clerk.

AGUST MAU, proprietor.
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 entire stock 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.

L. P. Hanchett will sell at public auction on the Straight farm 1 mile south of Pikes Peak, a list of stock, farm implements, grain, etc., on Saturday, Feb. 26th, at 10 o'clock sharp. Lunch at noon. A. Lyle, Auctioneer.

Mardi Gras Festivities at New Orleans, La., and Mobile, Ala., February 22.

A rate of one fare for the round trip will be made by the Ohio Central Lines for the Mardi Gras festivities at Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans, La. Tickets on sale Feb. 14 and 21 inclusive, good returning until March 19th 1898.

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Detroit, Mich.

Sunday Disturbance.

Every one was sorry for those people in church last Sunday, who were suffering with a distressing cough. A full dose of Downs' Elixir on going to bed at night and small doses during the day will cure the most persistent cough. Whenever there is a tickling sensation in the throat take a few drops of the Elixir on the tongue and let it run slowly down the throat and immediate relief will be the result. We guarantee it to cure any cold, cough, croup or lung trouble or money refunded.

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

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I have on hand a number of Wall Rack Clothes Bars, Second Hand Sewing Machines Gasoline Stoves, Wash Boards, Couches and several other articles that will be sold at low prices.

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Plymouth, Mich., Feb. 9, 1898.

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8:30	4:55		7:05	Ar Milan	Ar	11:10 am	4:07		12:35
8:45	5:07		7:20	Ar Britton	Ar	10:55	3:50		11:50
9:20	5:30	4:30 pm	7:40	Ar Tecumseh	Ar	10:35	3:25	9:30 pm	11:30
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10:51	7:00	6:00	9:10	Ar Wauseon	Ar	9:35	2:25	8:25	10:00
11:20	7:30	6:25	9:30	Ar Napoleon	Ar	9:20	2:10	8:10	9:35
11:18	7:45	6:40	9:35	Ar Malinta	Ar	9:05	1:55	7:55	9:20
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