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Now is your time for Bargains before it is closed out.

## COFFEE AND TEA

We again call your attention to our line of Coffee and Tea, especially our 15c Coffee, which has no equal. This Coffee is blended especially for our trade. TRY IT. Mocha and Java for only 25c. TEAS Try our 25c, 35c and 50c Tea and you will buy again.

## Yellow Pie Peaches for only 5c a can

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## J. R. Rauch & Son

### LAUGH AND GROW FAT!

## H. HARRIS

Have you noticed that Spring is here, and that I am selling Meats at the same old prices. For a few days longer I will sell

Pork Steak at	8c
Pork Chop at	8c
Pork Roast at	8c
Pork Sausage at	8c
Bologna Sausage at	8c
Side Pork at	7c
Salt Pork at	6c
Smoked Hams at	9c
Bacon by the piece at	9c
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
Porter House Steak at	14c
Oysters per qt. at	28c
Chickens at	9c
Frankforts at	10c
Mince Meat at 3 lbs for	25c

Before I dealt at HARRIS Market.



After I dealt at HARRIS' Meat Market

I will have Fresh Fish Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 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.

### EVERYBODY INVITED.

Pupils of Plymouth High School Will Render a Fine Program.

The Plymouth high school chorus will give a concert for the fourth number on the Epworth League course at the Methodist church, Friday evening, March 11. Miss Edna Dunning, director; Mrs. Carrie Peck Bennett, pianist.

#### PROGRAM.

**PART I.**  
Instrumental Duets. Selected.  
Miss Phila Frazer, Miss Gertrude Kinyan,  
High School March. Vessie

**Chorus.**  
Male Quartette. Alice White Art Thoe, Ancho,  
Mr. Willard Pooler, Mr. Norman Miller,  
Mr. Cal Whipple, Mr. Elmore Whipple.  
Sweet The Angels is Singing. Whiting

**Solo.** Selected.  
Miss Louisa Millard.  
Ladies Quartette. Daddy. Selected.  
Miss Phila Frazer, Miss Louisa Millard,  
Miss Lee Laraway, Miss Lena Vrooman.

**PART II.**  
Blessed Are the People. Gabriel  
Chorus.  
Vocal Duets. The Robin and the Rose. Schilfforth  
Miss Louisa Millard, Mr. Willard Pooler.  
Octette. The Merry Miller. DeKoven  
Miss Phila Frazer, Mr. Willard Pooler,  
Miss Louisa Millard, Mr. Cal Whipple,  
Miss Lee Laraway, Mr. Elmore Whipple,  
Miss Lena Vrooman, Mr. Ed Springer.

Morning Invitation. Vessie  
Chorus.  
Male Quartette. Selected.  
Mr. Willard Pooler, Mr. Elmore Whipple,  
Mr. Cal Whipple, Mr. Norman Miller.

Anchored. Vessie  
Chorus.

#### Council Proceedings.

Feb. 28, 1898.

At an adjourned meeting of the common council of the village of Plymouth, Mich., held on the above date, present, President Root, Trustees Allen, Baker, Lapham, Polly, Reiman.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The clerk's annual report was then given which showed the following balances on Feb. 19, 1898:

General fund.....	\$1,884.18
Street fund.....	359.60
Water fund.....	808.47
Cemetery fund.....	458.22

Amount in all funds..... \$3,508.48

Motion by Trustee Lapham supported by Trustee Baker, that the report of the clerk be accepted. Carried.

The treasurer's report for the year was then given.

Motion by Trustee Baker, supported by Trustee Allen that the report of the treasurer be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Allen supported by Trustee Lapham that A. H. Dibble, J. M. Ward and Peter Gayde act as board of election commissioners. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Lapham supported by Trustee Polly that H. W. Baker and W. O. Allen act as members of the board of election inspectors. Carried.

Motion by Trustee Reiman supported by Trustee Lapham that W. O. Allen and H. W. Baker act as members of the board of registration. Carried.

Council then adjourned.

H. J. BAKER, Clerk.

#### FREE PILLS.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box Sold by John L. Gale, Druggist.

#### Homeseekers' and One-Way Settlers' Rates. South.

Homeseekers' Excursion Tickets will be sold by the Ohio Central lines March 14th and 15th, and April 4th and 5th, 1898. Also one-way settlers' tickets will be sold at greatly reduced rates on the same dates.

For further particulars see agents of Ohio Central lines, or address, J. T. GAMBLE, G. A. P. D., Columbus, Ohio.  
W. A. PETERS, M. P. A., Detroit, Mich.  
JOHN MOORE, T. P. A., Findlay, Ohio.

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Is made from "OLD LEE" coal. Free from clinkers, burns up clean with very little ash and lasts longer than other coal.

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Chestnut, Stove and Egg sizes,	6.25 delivered
Pea size,	5.50

Try our "Minglewood Massilon" Soft Coal for grates and ranges.

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### UPPER PLYMOUTH.

Frank Brems is very sick this week. Ned Crosby is spending a few days with his sister in Detroit.

The annual election of officers of the Phoenix Hose Co. will take place Monday evening. All officers and those interested are requested to attend.

Miss Richards, of Carlton, is visiting her brother Al. Richards, this week. Geo. Doane, of Salem, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Trinkana, was the recipient of a happy surprise Wednesday, of this week. A handsome Sterling piano, a present from her uncle, Mr. Blomer.

Chas. Brems, who has been on the sick list for some time, is now able to be around his shop again.

Chas. Colbron, of Salem, spent yesterday with Prof. Ryder.

Geo. Vandecar's youngest child has been very sick the past week, but is now thought to be out of danger.

A load of young people from here made Chas. Liverance, and family, of Livonia, a pleasant surprise on Wednesday evening. All enjoyed a fine time dancing after which an elegant supper was made away with.

The Ladies Aid Society of the German Lutheran church gave a sewing bee at Mrs. Peter Gayde's, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Herrick, Mr. and Mrs. I. Gleason, and a few others, enjoyed last Saturday evening at Ed. Whipple's.

H. B. Jolliffe was in Detroit Wednesday on business.

Wm. Alexander bought an elegant driving horse of Northville parties Wednesday.

Work has begun on the new D. G. R. & W. R. R. bridge Thursday. It will take six weeks to complete the job.

The Salem cheese factory has undergone a complete change in management this week. Duncan Leach, of Northville, is the new manager having taken his position Thursday morning while the old manager, J. A. Robins, goes to Howell to take charge of the Michigan Condensery's surplus milk, which will be converted into cheese.

Our sleighing is about "whipped." E. L. Riggs had business in Detroit Thursday.

The village law suit is now in progress and indications at present seem to point to a satisfactory termination of the same.

Little Scott Cortrite put his shoulder out of joint Thursday while playing in the Presbyterian church sheds.

The third lecture of the Epworth League lecture course which was delivered by Rev. A. B. Storms in the M. E. church last Friday night was rather poorly attended. The lecturer is an able speaker and deserved a large audience.

#### A Good Recommendation.

Detroit, Mich., March 1, 1898.—R. H. Evans, 1189 Fourth avenue, this city, a well known business man, has a good word to say to every one in regard to the famous medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla. He was afflicted with a severe case of catarrh, could not sleep and had no appetite. He began taking Hood's and it cured the catarrh, restored his appetite and he is now a well man.

#### Workingmen's Ticket.

About sixty of our citizens gathered at the village hall on Monday evening to nominate a workingmen's ticket for the coming village election.

M. F. Gray was elected chairman and L. C. Hough secretary of the caucus. The tellers were Walter Kinsler and Plato Hough.

The meeting was a quiet one and the nominations were nearly unanimous. Following is the ticket:

President — George A. Starkweather,  
Clerk — Herbert J. Baker.  
Treasurer — Charles A. Fisher.  
Trustee — Martin A. Vrooman.  
Trustee — Andrew J. Lapham.  
Trustee — Harry C. Bennett.  
Assessor — Charles W. Valentine.

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Which we are selling at the Lowest Living Prices.

Our line of

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are unsurpassed both in quality and quantity.

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COME AND SEE US.

## Geo. W. Hunter & Co.

## J. L. GALE.

Are you going to buy any

### New Dishes

this spring. If so come in and see our New White Ware, just come from England. Latest styles. Like Haverland China. This lot will be sold very cheap. In a few days I will receive a new stock of

### Wall Paper

The patterns are very pretty, this year and much cheaper than ever before.

In Vegetables we have in stock most of the time

Celery, Lettuce,  
Radishes, Onions, etc.

Something New, Stuffed Olives, 25c a bottle. Try them.

New Olives, 10c a bottle.

The cheap prices on all kinds of Groceries continued.

Just received—NEW MAPLE SYRUP.

Large stock of Clover and Timothy Seed on hand.

Cheapest place to buy Paints and Oils in Plymouth.

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They are made in all styles and sizes for men, women and children. Look for "Lewis" stamped on every shoe.

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M. F. GRAY, Proprietors.

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Change of Ownership Notice.

Friday, March 4, 1898.

**FAR AND NEAR!**

IMPORTANT EVENTS FROM OUREXONIAN CONDENSED AND RECORDED HERE.

This evidently is a time for puzzles and problems. The following which will be a fine evening work for some of our high school pupils and as many others as care to try it. A man owned a farm which lay in a true circle, he had three sons and three daughters, among whom the farm was divided. To each son he gave a circular farm, the three farms being of equal size, in circular form and as large as could be made within the circle, the land between the three sons' circular farms was one acre and this the man kept, all the other land within the large circle was divided equally between the three girls, how much did each receive.

At a farmers' institute held recently at Owosso the opinion was expressed by one of the speakers that the students at the University of Michigan are for the most part sons and daughters of wealthy parents, the implication being that the children of farmers have small share in the benefits of higher education. At the last official canvass of the students it appeared that the number of farmers' children at the university was three times greater than the number of those belonging to any other class, being, in fact, about one third of the total.—Ann Arbor Argus.

In and near Clarkston live a number of descendants of Sir Francis Drake. They are at present much interested in the newspaper reports of a large fortune soon to be divided among the descendants of Sir Francis Drake. Mrs. John Roberts, Mrs. Wm. Matthews, Mrs. Wm. Bush, Mrs. Jasper Linbury are a few of the heirs much interested. Developments are expected soon and are anxiously awaited by those who are willing to share in \$400,000,000.—Holly Advertiser.

Look out for a stranger pretending to act as agent for some of the leading journals. He has been doing a thriving business in northern Indiana and southern Michigan of late. He seeks subscriptions for \$1 year journals for 30 cents, and your choice of two for 80 cents. He gets the cash and the subscriber may look out for the rest.—Ex.

**Beats the Klondike.**

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption accompanied by hemorrhages and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison to this marvelous cure, would have it even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. Trial bottles free at J. L. Gale's drug store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

**Constipation**

Comes fully half the sickness in the world. It retards the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indigestion, bad taste, coated tongue, sick headache, insomnia, etc. Hood's Pills cure constipation and all its results, easily and thoroughly. No. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

**Hood's Pills**

**VILLAGE CLERK'S REPORT.**

Annual report of the Clerk of the Village of Plymouth, Wayne Co., for the year ending Feb. 19, 1898.

1897.		GENERAL FUND.		Dr.		Cr.	
Feb. 3.	To cash on hand		\$ 733 12				
16.	By paid J. E. Knapp		5 00				
16.	" " L. M. Dewey		100 00				
16.	" " M. A. Patterson		10 00				
16.	" " E. C. Lauffer		27 50				
16.	" " Fred Dunlop		8 00				
16.	" " Baker & Balch		34 25				
16.	To received hall rent		5 00				
23.	By paid interest on bonds		475 00				
23.	W. O. Allen		1 50				
23.	" Josiah Cochran		8 25				
23.	" Shadrach Brox		2 50				
23.	" Plymouth Mail		3 00				
23.	" H. W. Baker		3 00				
23.	" W. I. Smithman		4 00				
23.	" C. L. Wilcox		4 00				
23.	" E. P. Lombard		4 00				
23.	" C. A. Pinskiy		3 00				
23.	" L. C. Hall		3 00				
23.	" Burton Brown		3 00				
23.	" H. C. Robinson		3 00				
23.	To received hall rent		10 00				
23.	By paid Henry Selleck		3 50				
23.	" Dexter Peck		3 50				
23.	" Lee Nowland		3 50				
23.	" Fred Duon		17 75				
23.	To received for peddler's license		3 00				
23.	By paid C. E. Baker		3 00				
23.	" Plymouth Mail		3 45				
23.	To received delinquent tax (1897)		3 50				
23.	" liquor tax		247 50				
23.	" for peddler's license		3 00				
23.	" for license (Dr. Hopkins)		405 00				
23.	" for show license		3 00				
23.	By paid Hoston & Co.		3 19				
23.	" J. Bogert		7 40				
23.	" H. D. Edwards & Co.		4 75				
23.	" H. W. Baker		3 00				
23.	" Mrs. Frank		3 00				
23.	" O. H. Polley		3 00				
23.	To received of W. O. Allen (copy)		4 75				
23.	By paid Det. S. L. & L. P. Wks		357 86				
23.	" M. Connor & Son		21 25				
23.	" H. C. Robinson		5 55				
23.	" J. Bogert		5 50				
23.	To received for show license		3 00				
23.	" hall rent		13 00				
23.	" for show license		3 00				
23.	By paid H. Houghton		1 00				
23.	" W. S. Parker		10 00				
23.	" Walter Kinsler		1 50				
23.	" J. L. Gale		4 00				
23.	" W. H. Hoyt		4 00				
23.	" C. O. Allen		10 70				
23.	" Plymouth Mail		4 00				
23.	" C. W. Valentine		40 00				
23.	" Fred Bogert		12 75				
23.	" J. Cochran		25 50				
23.	" M. E. Cable		1 50				
23.	" Lee Nowland		1 50				
23.	" Chas. Brems		12 05				
23.	" M. A. Patterson		8 00				
23.	" M. L. Kellogg		3 50				
23.	" Hunter & Co.		7 00				
23.	To received for peddler's license		3 00				
23.	By paid Mary J. Smith		6 00				
23.	" Peter Gayde		7 00				
23.	To received hall rent		8 14				
23.	By paid J. L. Gale		14 26				
23.	" C. E. Baker		50 00				
23.	" H. J. Baker		50 00				
23.	" M. A. Patterson		20 43				
23.	" M. Connor & Son		20 43				
23.	" H. W. Baker		675 00				
23.	" Interest on bonds		3 00				
23.	To received unpaid taxes		21 00				
23.	" for peddler's license		3 00				
23.	" hall rent		3 00				
23.	By paid W. Knicker		5 00				
23.	" H. Williams		6 00				
23.	" M. Connor & Son		13 19				
23.	" H. C. Robinson		2 88				
23.	" J. Cochran		21 07				
23.	" M. H. Briggs		3 00				
23.	" L. Holloway		20 00				
23.	" Miller & Adams		3 00				
23.	" O. H. Polley		1 25				
23.	" Elmer Willett		3 00				
23.	To received unpaid taxes (1897)		10 13				
23.	" hall rent		20 00				
23.	" percentage		3,453 03				
23.	" interest		15 30				
23.	By paid L. E. Cable		3 50				
23.	" Hunter & Co.		9 55				
23.	" Plymouth Mail		84 07				
23.	" Charles Fisher		2 75				
23.	" H. Williams		2 75				
23.	To received peddler's license		3 00				
23.	By paid A. P. McIntyre		180 00				
23.	" H. J. Baker		25 00				
23.	" M. E. Cable		3 50				
23.	" W. O. Allen		1 25				
23.	" C. G. Curtis		1 00				
23.	To received hall rent		10 00				
23.	By paid C. A. Fisher		34 30				
23.	" J. L. Gale		3 00				
23.	" C. E. Baker		20 25				
23.	" Sam Hicks		3 00				
23.	" Albert Hall		440 00				
23.	" Lee Nowland		85 05				
23.	" E. P. Lombard		40 25				
23.	" S. W. Everett		18 00				
23.	" Hunter & Co.		1 00				
23.	To received unpaid taxes (1897)		25 57				
23.	" hall rent		25 50				
23.	" percentage		3 00				
23.	By paid E. W. Hatch		6 15				
23.	" Peninsular Savings Bank		90 00				
23.	" A. M. Eckles		3 00				
23.	" Wm. Gayde		13 50				
23.	To received hall rent		6 15				
23.	By cash on hand		1,854 10				
23.	Total		5,147 59				
23.	Total		5,147 59				

1897.		WATER FUND.	
Jan. 3.	By paid Wm. Mott		14 50
7.	" J. L. Gale		6 98
7.	" Schiefel, Shurmer & T.		30 25
7.	" J. H. Knapp		9 75
7.	" Wm. Mott		15 25
7.	" H. C. Robinson		12 05
14.	To received (S. J. Polley)		1 00
16.	By cash on hand		359 50
16.	Total		1,151 95
16.	Total		1,151 95

1897.		CEMETERY FUND.	
Jan. 3.	To cash on hand		310 68
7.	By paid M. A. Patterson, lot		10 00
11.	" W. F. Markham, lot		10 00
13.	By paid C. Springer		10 00
13.	To rec'd of Mrs. Jos. Cable, lot		1 00
13.	" " use of vault		4 00
16.	By paid Wm. Knicker		10 00
16.	" N. Harrington, lot		10 00
16.	" C. A. Fisher, two lots		20 00
16.	" Mrs. J. Hudson, lot		10 00
16.	" W. Whipple, bal on lot		4 00
16.	" Wm. Knicker, lot		5 00
16.	" A. Pelham, lot		10 00
16.	" Delph Quick, payment		2 50
16.	" for hall		3 50
16.	By paid C. Springer		10 97
16.	To rec'd of M. Patterson, vault		6 00
16.	" Wm. Knicker, balance on lot		5 00
16.	By paid C. Springer		2 25
16.	" Chas. Armstrong, lot		10 00
16.	" Chas. Armstrong, lot		10 00
16.	By paid C. Springer		2 00
16.	To rec'd of J. H. Naves, lot and Feb. 14, 1897		14 00
16.	By cash on hand		453 14
16.	Total		474 44
16.	Total		474 44

1897.		RECAPITULATION.	
Feb. 3.	To cash in fund		733 12
16.	To received to date		4,394 47
16.	By paid out of fund to date		3,443 40
16.	Balance in fund		1,684 19
16.	Total		1,684 19
16.	Total		1,684 19

1897.		GENERAL FUND.	
Balance on hand February 3, 1897		\$ 733 12	
Total receipts for the year		4,394 47	
Total amount of orders paid		3,443 40	
Balance on hand February 19, 1898		1,684 19	
Balance on hand February 3, 1897		476 22	
Total receipts for the year		675 73	
Total amount of orders paid		343 40	
Balance on hand February 19, 1898		808 55	
Balance on hand February 3, 1897		319 68	
Total receipts for the year		154 50	
Total amount of orders paid		474 24	
Balance on hand February 19, 1898		31 12	
Balance on hand February 3, 1897		453 14	
Total receipts for the year		453 14	
Total amount of orders paid		453 14	
Balance on hand February 19, 1898		453 14	

1897.		STREET FUND.	
Feb. 3.	To cash on hand		476 22
16.	By paid J. E. Knapp		7 25
16.	" C. Chambers		13 00
16.	" Luther Lyon		1 75
16.	" J. E. Knapp		6 50
16.	" Schiefel, Shurmer & Teagle		25 18
16.	" C. Chambers		13 00





# New Spring Goods!

A Large and Beautiful Line Arriving Daily.  
Better Goods for Less Money.  
Better Quality and Less Profit.  
Better Value with More Satisfaction.

These are some of the inducements we hold out to you this spring. We have got to have your trade—cannot do without it—and propose to make prices do the business. There is no price quoted by neighboring villages that we won't match.  
See our beautiful new line of Carpets and Mattings. They are the finest ever shown in this part of the country. Ingrains from 25c to 75c. Mattings from 16c to 75c.

**NEW** Clothing Dress Goods **NEW** Neckwear Shirts Hats-Caps **NEW** Curtains Shades Drapes **NEW** Laces Silks Ribbon **NEW** Shoes Wash Goods Wrappers

In fact the store is crowded full of New and Beautiful Goods, and Bargain Prices will prevail in all lines.

All Winter Goods must go Regardless of Cost.

Cloaks and Overcoats at Just 1-2 Price.

Don't buy a Dollars worth of Goods this year until you examine our stock and prices.

Plymouth Cash Outfitter.

## RIGGS

The Busy Big Store.

### Work Goes On

When Hood's Sarsaparilla Gives Strength and Vigor

Backache and That Tired Feeling Promptly Cured.

"I was feeling very miserable. I was tired all the time, had no appetite and felt sore all over my body. I had backache so that when I stooped down it was hard to raise myself up. I was hardly able to work and was just making up my mind to give up my work when I read an advertisement of Hood's Sarsaparilla. I determined to try this medicine. When I had finished one bottle I felt a great deal better. I did not stop my work, and after I had taken the third bottle I felt as well and strong as I ever did in my life. Since then I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla when my blood was impure and I recommend it to everyone who does not feel well." JOHN J. EICHENBERG, 922 Meldrum Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

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

**Hood's Pills** are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

### NEWS OF THE WEEK

#### LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION

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

H. B. Bennett, of Detroit, was in town this week.

—FOX SALE—One gent's wheel. Enquire of W. O. Allen.

—Good sewing machine for sale. Enquire of A. D. Lyndon.

S. B. McCracken, of Detroit, called at the MAIL office Tuesday.

The last regular meeting of the old council will be held next Monday night.

Dora Witters, won a beautiful fancy work box at the masquerade at New Boston, last week.

E. L. Riggs is receiving his new spring goods. He has an elegant line. Read his ad.

Sarah Shelington left Monday for Canada. She will visit relatives in Bismark, Dutton and St. Thomas for a few weeks.

America's greatest medicine is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which cures when all other preparations fail to do any good whatever.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hatch were in Detroit Monday and Tuesday of this week buying their spring stock of dry goods. Keep your eye on their ad.

Charles McLaren, was tendered a surprise on Friday evening last, the occasion being his 17th birthday. About 45 were present and indulged in games, music etc., spending a very enjoyable evening.

E. W. Balch and his father-in-law, Mr. Gillis, late of the Plymouth MAIL, were in town Monday looking for a building in which to start a feed and produce store.—Northville Record.

Mrs. Mary C. Ninde, of Detroit, will attend the Woman's Home Missionary meeting at Mrs. A. L. Mott's, March 10th, and will speak in the M. E. church in the evening. She spent many years as a missionary.

The members of the Eastern Star, will give a social in the Masonic hall, on Thursday eve., March 10th. Cards, a program and refreshments, all for 10 cents. Everybody cordially invited.

Lon Hilmer has managed the Home Laundry for the past three years, and has satisfied every reasonable patron. He has now arranged to have turn-downs and wing-point collars, laundered in a manner to do away with broken or raw edges. Collars do wear out, but as for breaking them by turning or shaping, that is a thing of the past. You leave them at Hilmer's.

Village election one week from next Monday.

John Betty, contractor and builder, has an announcement in this issue.

A few from here attended the party at Northville last Friday evening.

The I. W. C. is figuring on putting a new billiard table in their gymnasium.

L. H. Bennett's shop started up Tuesday. He will turn out 125,000 gun stocks.

Marjorie Travis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Travis, has been very sick—la grippe.

Memorial services will be held for Miss Francis E. Willard in the M. E. church next Sunday evening, at 7:15. There will be several addresses.

P. B. Whitbeck, George W. Hunter, D. D. Allen and R. L. Root have been mentioned as possible candidates for supervisor on the republican ticket.

According to the annual report of the village clerk, there was \$2,505.38 in the village treasury. One year ago the annual report showed a balance of \$1,847.60.

We have heard the names of G. A. Starkweather, H. C. Robinson and W. J. Bradner mentioned in connection with the democratic nomination for supervisor.

Have you some new or good as new collars, and would you have them look well for a long time? If so, leave them at Hilmer's.

Bert Ryan and Chas. Calkins, who were charged with setting fire to the Crittelle House at Holly, were found guilty and sentenced to seven years at Jackson.

Will Travis returned Saturday from Grand Mrais in the upper peninsula where he has been the greater part of the winter. He says the people of that locality were enjoying six feet of snow on the level when he left.

W. J. Adams sold an unusually large amount of flour during the month of February, averaging 30 bbls. per day. He now has the Ideal flour on sale in every town between Detroit and Lansing including both those places.

The value of a new neckband put on your shirt is from 10 to 20 cents. Patrons of Hilmer's laundry get them for the asking.

The men's elocutionary contest, last Wednesday evening, called out a large crowd, every available seat in the hall being taken. The contestants were eight in number and gave a program of unusual excellence, all the recitations being well chosen and well rendered. From the beginning to the close of the entertainment, the interest never flagged and, at the conclusion of the last recitation, the audience could with difficulty have restrained its eagerness for the decision of the judges, had it not been for the delightful music by the Ratter family. Prof. D. C. Bliss, of Northville, chairman of the committee of judges, awarded the prize, a handsome arm-chair. He spoke highly of the ability of each of the speakers, saying that the entertainment was a credit to the contestants as well as to the town. His remarks were brief and well-chosen and at the conclusion he awarded the prize to Mr. A. D. Stevens, who, in a pleasing manner, expressed his thanks for the honor conferred upon him and was heartily cheered by the large audience. In addition to the recitations by the contestants, some excellent music was rendered by the high school quartettes and Mrs. L. C. Hall gave a beautiful solo, also a duet with Miss Louva Millard. Taken all in all, the men's contest was one of the most delightful entertainments ever given in Plymouth. The receipts were \$33.75.

We claim that you will get a square deal if you leave your laundry at Hilmer's. If you are informed otherwise please ascertain informer's business, said informer may be giving it to us where the chicken got the ax because he has one to grind, or in other words, want your laundry work. Well, we want it too and will try to merit your patronage. 1w

Emilee Howlett, of Ypsilanti, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Manning has been quite ill the past week but is improving.

Antie Millard spent Sunday and Monday with Irene Baker, of Wayne.

Mrs. Straub, nee Lizzie Finch, is the mother of a baby girl, born Feb. 22nd.

Miss Nellie Combes, of Grand Rapids, has been visiting at Mrs. Ellen Shattuck's this week.

A number of Plymouth people attended the funeral of Mrs. John Fuller in Detroit Saturday.

J. R. Rauch & Son wish to announce that they will have a silk display in a few days that will be worth seeing.

The W. R. C. gathered at the home of Mrs. W. G. Terry last Friday to assist her in celebrating her 67th birthday.

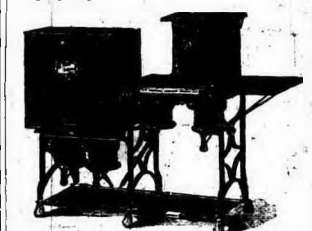
While we make no such claim, some of our patrons tell us that the buttons we have been using of late in shirts are worth the amount charged for doing the laundry work. Leave your linen at Hilmer's and find out about it.

Miss Ruby V. Jones has gone to Chicago for a three months' visit. While there she will visit the various schools of education taking up any advanced forms she may find that will still further advance her in her work. Miss Jones has already acquired a good reputation as an elocutionist and we are pleased to note that she still aspires to a higher degree of excellence.

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

Wheat, No. 2 red,	92
Wheat, No. 1 white,	91
Oats, No. 2,	26
Rye, No. 2,	45
Butter,	15
Eggs,	12
Potatoes,	55-60
Beans, according to sample	40-70

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

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SAP PANS,  
SAP PAILS,  
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SYRUP CANS

We have a Complete Stock.

## M. CONNER & SON.

Great Bargains In

WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE.

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

C. G. DRAPERS, JEWELER,

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Plymouth.

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AT BOGERT & CO.'S

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

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

Highest Market price paid for Butter and Eggs.

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.

Patronize Home Industry.

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### Will Not be Undersold.

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.

PRICES REMAIN THE SAME

As last week on Groceries and Dry Goods. A new line of Wall Paper coming with lower prices than ever offered in Plymouth. Look for prices later.

Cash Prices.	Regular Prices. on Book.	
18 lbs. Granulated Sugar with goods,		\$1.00
Lion and McLaughlin XXXX Coffee,		10c
Raisins, good, 4 1/2c per lb. or 6 lbs. for		25c
Prunes, good, 4 1/2c per lb. or 6 lbs. for		25c
9 Bars Queen Anne Soap,		25c
Kingsford's Silver Gloss Starch,		7c
Corn Starch,		6c
Church's Saleratus,		7c
4 lbs. Best Rice,		25c
25 lb. Sack Best Buckwheat Flour,		45c
Short Clear Salt Pork,		6c
New Orleans Molasses,		20c
Vail & Crane best V Crackers, 4 lbs. for		25c
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.,		8c
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
A few pieces of Print to close out,		3 1/2 to 4c

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. Low Prices on Dry Goods Next Week.

## A. J. LAPHAM'S,

North Village.



# MICHIGAN NEWS SUMMARY.

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

### CONCISE AND INTERESTING.

#### Fire in a Chemical Works Causes Terrible Havoc—Firemen Blow 30 Feet and Instantly Killed—Many Spectators Wounded by Flying Debris.

The Hall Bros. Chemical works at Kalamazoo was discovered to be on fire at 10 p. m. and the entire fire department turned out to subdue the flames. The firemen had about succeeded in controlling the blaze in the upper stories when there was a tremendous explosion, apparently in the basement, which lifted the whole interior and the roof of the structure into the air and demolished the walls, killing at least 19 men outright and wounding over a score of others.

The dead are: George Halliday, driver of chemical engine; Pat McHugh, pipeman; John Hastings, Jr., spectator helping on hose; Charles Whiting, spectator; James Quigley, spectator helping on fire; William Wagar, fireman; L. L. Holloway, druggist; Frank Auwers, spectator; Eugene Dole, half-pipe fireman; Joseph Clifford, telephone lineman. Wagar, Halliday, McHugh, Holloway, Quigley and Dole leave families. The seriously wounded are: James Utter, fireman, both legs broken; Jack McDermott, fireman, legs broken and face badly burned; Ord Knight, fireman, head badly cut; Will Hastings, bad scalp wound and right foot blown off; George Chatterton, back broken and leg injured; Victor Vocelle, bad scalp wound and skull fractured.

The building in which the explosion occurred and caused the death of ten men and seriously injured a number of others was a small four-story brick shell only 30 feet wide and 100 feet long and was located at the intersection of Church street and the Michigan Central railroad. The thin, weak structure just burst like a cannon rocket. There was little fire to speak of. Up to the time of the explosion only an occasional faint flare was seen through the windows of the third story. It came as unexpected as a flash of lightning from a clear sky. The fire boys and citizens were working side by side, close up to the building, and no one had given the first thought of danger, although everyone knew the nature of the contents of the structure. The most remarkable feature of the disaster is the proportion of death to the size of ruins. Strange to say, also, there was not a single individual in the building when the fatal explosion occurred. Both the killed and injured were buried in the brick and mortar of the walls or struck by flying pieces. The walls of the building were but one foot in thickness and the explosion simply scattered them like grape shot from the mouth of a cannon. Pipeman Patrick McHugh who was working on a ladder at the front of the building was thrown clear across Church street and struck the wall of Clague & Son's foundry on the opposite side.

The entire basement of the building was devoted to the laboratory. The offices occupied the front part of the first floor and back of it was the labeling room and stock room. The second floor was used as a store room for empty bottles and the pill factory. The entire third floor was occupied by the Kalamazoo paper box factory. The monetary loss is comparatively slight. That of Hall Bros. & Co. is about \$25,000, and of the paper box firm \$5,000. Both firms are almost fully insured.

#### Met Death on the Road.

Lewis and Frank Nehring, of Ossineke, drove to Alpena to do a day's trading, and while returning in the evening were struck by an express train which was an hour late and was running faster than usual. Frank was driving and Lewis laid down on some straw in the rear end of the sleigh box. The train cut the box in two just back of the seat, killing Frank instantly, while Lewis was thrown 20 feet and was uninjured. One of the horses was tossed to one side instantly killed and the other was dragged 300 yards and literally cut to pieces.

#### Natural Gas at Port Huron.

A company organized at Port Huron for the development of the natural gas supply believed to be located underneath that locality, struck a gusher on the E. R. Marcotte property when down only 104 feet. The well was plugged up until a gauge could be attached and the exact pressure ascertained. If the present pressure continues the amount of gas to be obtained from the wells is said to be sufficient to supply the present needs of the entire city.

#### Pingree Names Malts to Succeed Just.

Gov. Pingree announced the appointment of George L. Malts, of Detroit, formerly of Alpena, to the office of state banking commissioner, to succeed the late Ranking Commissioner Just. The appointment was not unexpected, and it is understood the governor had received the assurance of the appointment that it would be accepted. The appointment is quite generally commended.

#### Forty families from Henry and Wood counties, O., contemplate settling in Roscommon county next spring.

Mrs. Anna A. Hannah, aged 66, wife of Hon. Perry Hannah, died at Traverse City, of which city they were the founders.

Clarence J. Herbert, a trusted employe of the Standard Oil Co., at Grand Rapids, was arrested on a charge of embezzling \$1,000.

While dressing a beef at Monroe Center Wm. Everousen, aged 53, was killed by the windlass falling over and striking him on the head.

## Michigan Press Association.

The annual meeting of the Michigan Press association was held in the Hotel Cadillac at Detroit. As the association is to hold its literary meeting in Muskegon this summer there was little business transacted in addition to the election of officers. An invitation from the Canadian Pacific road to take the editors and their families to the Pacific coast was accepted and the executive committee was instructed to make arrangements. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$465 on hand. Officers elected: President, H. R. Patengill, of Lansing. Timely Topics: vice president, B. J. Lowrey, of Howard City. Secretary, H. C. Blackman, of Hillsdale. Democrat: treasurer, E. D. Conger, of Grand Rapids Herald.

## Algonac Happy—Has a Railroad Now.

The Detroit & St. Clair Railroad Co. laid the rails through the streets of Algonac and the town made the event a gala occasion. Men, women and children paraded the street with guns, horns and a brass band, and the citizens gave an oyster supper to the railroad men at the Hotel Barry.

## MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Traverse City's council has voted for a free text book system for the schools.

William S. Dewing was fined \$5 at Kalamazoo for employing a boy under 14 years of age in his factory.

Hon. Alfred Chandler, aged 84, and wife, aged 78, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Coldwater.

There is a project to connect the independent telephone systems of Grand Rapids and Saginaw, by way of Howard City, Edmore and Alma.

It has been decided by the board of directors of the Lansing, Dexter & Ann Arbor electric railroad to extend the line from Dexter to Ann Arbor.

An investigation of Jackson county affairs resulted in the arrest of Supervisor Edward H. Howell charged with having received bribes while an officer of the county.

Mrs. Wm. H. Phillips committed suicide at Grand Rapids by taking poison. She was 40 years old, had no children and the cause of her action was trouble with her husband.

The Lako Shore house, at Essexville, burned at 6 a. m. All the inmates escaped, with the help of the firemen. The property was owned by W. Henstein, and valued at \$1,000.

Wm. Maybee, a farmer, was struck by a train at Grand Rapids and died from his injuries. He carelessly drove upon the track in front of a train and both horses were killed and his sleigh demolished.

Inspector-General Case, of the Michigan National Guard, says that should it be necessary 90 per cent of Michigan's military strength could be mobilized at any point in the state within 48 hours after the call.

Members of the river and harbor committee of the national house of representatives visited Benton Harbor and St. Joseph and investigated the need of an immediate appropriation for the improvement of the harbor.

The Otsego Sportsmen's association wired the war department that they had enrolled one full company of able-bodied young riflemen ready to fight against Spain, and could raise double the number in 24 hours' time.

Rev. John P. Ashley, S. T. B., Ph. D., has been formally inaugurated as sixth president of Albion college. Nearly 50 ministers from the Michigan and Detroit conferences were present, as well as prominent educators of the state.

The old Fourth Michigan infantry held its annual reunion at Hudson and adopted resolutions inveighing against Spanish cruelty and treachery, urging the immediate recognition of the Cuban republic and offering their services in case of war with Spain.

Mrs. George Davidson, aged 28, wife of a carpenter at St. Joseph, left her home at night dressed only in her night gown, and with her two weeks' old babe in her arms. She boarded the tug Hohn and from thence plunged into the river, and both mother and child were drowned. The body of Mrs. Davidson was recovered, but the babe was probably swept out into the lake.

A serious wreck occurred on the Ann Arbor railroad at Alma. A special freight had backed down to get water when a double header, consisting of two engines and 42 cars, came whirling around a curve and ran into the extra. This train was shoved along a block, several cars were telescoped, three being broken into kindling wood and one thrown off the track. Both engines were badly wrecked. No one was hurt.

The attendance at the annual Michigan club banquet at Detroit was quite large and the speeches particularly enjoyable. Senator Burrows acted as toastmaster; Gov. Pingree took opportunity to roast trusts and monopolies; Senator Fairbanks paid the Republican party a glowing eulogy; Senator Davis, of Minnesota, spoke upon Cuba, Hawaii and other interesting subjects and advised patience and conservatism in passing judgment as to the cause of Maine disaster; W. E. Gurley, of Nebraska, said that the Republicans would win again in 1900 with the monetary platform of the St. Louis convention.

The government has been collecting information as to the strength of the militia in the United States and also the number of men who would be available for service in case of an emergency. The returns from the states are interesting in view of the prospect of trouble with Spain. The total militia force of the United States and the territories, as shown by the returns, is 114,948, and the total number of men available for military service is 10,301,339.

Secretary of War Alger returned to Washington from Old Point Comfort decidedly improved in health.

## Notes on the War Situation.

Spanish Premier Sagasta scorns the suggestion of Prince Bismarck that Spain submit the Cuban trouble to arbitration.

More than \$10,000 was realized by the benefit performance for the relatives of the Maine victims, at the Metropolitan opera house, New York.

The double-turreted monitor Terror has been sent to New York harbor and the new monitor Puritan has taken her place at the Norfolk navy yard.

The work of naval construction and armament is being pushed by the Spanish government with the greatest activity at the Ferrol arsenal and dockyard.

Gov. Rogers, of Washington, has ordered that the 12 companies composing the National Guard of Washington shall be immediately recruited to their full strength.

Havana: Consul-General Lee has informally advised Americans not necessarily detained here to leave for home at once. Many families will sail as soon as possible.

The Madrid Imparcial blames Spanish weakness in the Alliance, Venadito, Competitor and other affairs as encouraging the United States in their present bellicose attitude.

Martin Redding, a diver who was taken to Havana to work on the wreck of the Maine, has returned to Key West. It is said that he talked too much and displeased the court of inquiry.

Rep. McCleary, of Minnesota, says that as the Maine entered Havana harbor with her guns loaded for action Spain had a right to place her over a mine or destroy her, as she saw fit, if she had reason to suppose that the Maine's intentions were warlike and Mr. McCleary contends that they were.

Senator Proctor, of Vermont, has gone to Havana as the personal representative of President McKinley to meet Consul-General Lee and receive a complete statement of the actual conditions in Havana and information on the Maine disaster which was of too vital importance to entrust to mail or telegraph.

The greatest activity known since the rebellion is now witnessed at the Watervliet, N. Y., arsenal and the entire force is working night and day. Several carloads of 12-inch projectiles have already been shipped to Fort Hamilton. Orders have also been received for the shipment of all projectiles now on hand to the several forts about New York and to forward all completed guns as speedily as possible to the proving grounds at Sandy Hook.

The cruisers Columbia and Minneapolis, the double-turreted monitor Miantonomah and the ram Katahdin, all at the League Island navy yard, have been ordered to go into commission with dispatch. Both cruisers have skeleton crews aboard, while the monitor has been lying at dock for several years and the Katahdin since last winter. The work of enlisting men will continue until orders to stop have been received from Washington.

Madrid: The cardinal archbishop of Valladolid has published a pastoral letter blaming America for the prolongation of the Cuban war. His eminence says: "The hypocritical friendship of the United States fosters the rebellion and wastes Spain's resources in order the better to attack her when weakened." He exhorts all true Spaniards to "unite in defending the rights and honor of the nation." The letter has caused widespread comment.

The Correspondencia Militar, organ of the Spanish army, says: "The prevailing impression is that war between Spain and United States will break out in April." A former captain general of Cuba (presumably Marshal Martinez Campos), is reported as saying: "I never entertained a doubt that if the rebellion were not suppressed before 1898, war with the United States, would become an accomplished fact. Unhappily my prophecy will be fulfilled."

In reply to the strong denial of Senor du Bose, Spanish charge d'affaires at Washington, that there are mines in the harbor of Havana, the diplomats show that Senor de Lome frequently alluded to Havana's magnificent defenses. At the time Senator Mills said in the senate, "Let us take Cuba," de Lome remarked contemptuously to an American professor of history who was visiting him at the time: "Let them take the mines from Havana harbor first. Even Constantinople is not more safe from this threatened invasion."

A gloomy tone pervades political circles in Spain on the reports of a split in the Cuban ministry. The autonomists, Senor Gibenga and Senor Amblard, are, it is believed, secretly treating with the separatists in the direction of independence for Cuba. Senor Govin, the Cuban secretary of the interior, is accused of treason by the Imparcial. El Pais says: "Spain should treat with the rebels direct rather than tolerate the traitor Govin." El Correo Espanol says: "Govin is a traitor to his country. Whoever supports a traitor is likewise a traitor."

Henry W. Corbett, who was appointed as senator from Oregon by the governor of that state, was denied admission to the Senate by a vote of 50 to 19.

The interstate commerce commission has suspended the operation of the long and short haul clause of the interstate commerce act in favor of railroad lines in the U. S. in competition with the Canadian Pacific road to allow them to meet the rate cutting of the latter.

Regardless of the winter months, the prospectors have been prosecuting their work without intermission in south Alaska along the coast and their perseverance has been rewarded by a large number of finds. This portion of the territory is more accessible than any other, and their is room for thousands.

## BEGINS TO LOOK WARLIKE.

### Investigation of the Maine Disaster Shows Treachery.

### UNCLE SAM IS GETTING READY.

#### Will not be Caught Napping if War Should be the Outcome of the Affair—Consul-General Lee Advised Americans to Leave Havana.

Special cables from Havana state that the naval court of inquiry has practically concluded its investigations at Havana and will now secure testimony of survivors of the Maine at Key West. It is believed that the court is unanimously of the opinion that the Maine was destroyed by an outside explosion. Unfortunately, for the public is eager for an official settlement of the vexed question of who caused the Maine's loss, it is not certain that a public announcement of the conclusions reached by the board will follow immediately. Upon the report of these conclusions to the secretary of the navy, in the discretion of the department, it is not unlikely that public action may be somewhat delayed. It is even possible that, for prudent reasons, the filing of the board's report may itself be delayed beyond a date when its expeditious work would seem to warrant a conclusion of its labors.

Botting up navy officers by threats of a court martial does not prevent the leading facts of the Maine inquiry becoming known. The divers are developing important results. From examination of the interior wreckage they have secured evidence which seems conclusive that the explosion came from underneath the ship. Some of the smaller magazines may have exploded. The main 19-inch magazine did not explode.

It has been discovered that the forward part of the keel of the Maine, with its ribs and plates, was stove so far upward that parts of the shattered double bottom show out of the water, and in places sections of the green-painted outer hull are visible.

The hull is now imbedded in the mud to the depth of eight feet. The divers sink to their armpits in the mud and have the greatest difficulty in prosecuting their work.

A message has been received at the state department from Consul-General Lee, expressing the opinion from what he knows that the disaster to the Maine was not an accident. This, of course, is not the final verdict of the court of inquiry, but it gives the administration warning of what is to come. The New York Herald, which has been very conservative, says: "There is no longer any reason to doubt that the explosion which wrecked the Maine came from underneath the vessel and that her magazines had nothing to do with the initial explosion, and played a much smaller part in the general disaster than was at first supposed."

The Washington Star, which is extremely conservative and strongly administration, states guardedly that the administration has concluded that war is inevitable, but is determined to postpone it as long as possible, in order that we may be better prepared. A member of the foreign relations committee is authority for the statement.

There is no use mincing words or using qualifying phrases, President McKinley is being forced into war. It is now practically only a question of ways and means. His long delay in taking action on the Cuban question was to induce Spain to sell Cuba to the insurgents, and it is believed the he would prefer to settle the Maine matter by Spain paying a large indemnity in case it is shown that the destruction of the Maine was not accidental. But the voice of a patriotic people burning for vengeance is being heard from all sides and the President will be found in line with the people. It is believed that it will be well to delay the inevitable as long as possible. We are ready, in a general way, but there are certain points of weakness which it is imperative should be strengthened before active hostilities are invited.

There is not a department in the government in which their is wanting the active evidences of the fact that every one in authority believes there will be trouble and it is high time to prepare for it. In the navy department there is manifest the greatest activity. One of its earliest steps following the destruction of the battleship was the issuance of an order to the commander of the European squadron calling all of his vessels out of the Mediterranean sea. It would have been exceedingly foolish, to have allowed these ships to have remained in that inland sea, where they might have been caught by the Spanish navy at a disadvantage. These ships will rendezvous off the Portuguese coast in the vicinity of Lisbon, where they will await further orders. It is probable that they will at once be ordered to the United States.

At no time since the war of the rebellion has the military branch of the government been so active as it is today. It does not follow that war will come, but activity in both the war and navy departments is too unmistakable to be concealed.

Waiting is the word that characterizes the attitude of the administration. The President waits with anxiety for what the board of inquiry may report. There can be no doubt that he will be ready to act when that report is received, no matter what its nature may be. Should the board report that, in its opinion, the investigation shows that the government of Spain, or a citizen of Spain, was responsible for the destruction of the Maine, the President's task will be easy, for no talk about a money indemnity would stop the people from taking the case in their own hands, and with his approval.

## State of Silver Coinage.

In reply to a Senate resolution Secretary Gage has made a statement relative to the coinage of standard silver dollars from bullion purchased under the provisions of the act of July 14, 1890. Fine ounces purchased, \$46,694,682; cost, \$155,931,002; coinage value, \$218,084,438. From Aug. 13, 1890, to Feb. 1, 1898, there were coined from this bullion 36,047,285 standard silver dollars, containing 27,011,250 fine ounces, costing \$29,110,180, giving a seigniorage of \$6,977,098, from which there were paid for expenses, from Aug. 13, 1890 to Nov. 1, 1892, \$99,905 and the remainder, \$6,877,193, was paid into the treasury. (From Nov. 1, 1892, to Feb. 1, 1898, there were coined from this bullion 37,735,572 standard silver dollars, containing 29,186,106 ounces of fine silver, costing \$25,922,916, giving a seigniorage of \$1,812,655, all of which has been deposited in the treasury of the United States. The balance on hand Feb. 1, 1898, was: Fine ounces, 111,531,136; cost, \$100,835,363; coinage value, \$144,179,389, which when coined into silver dollars will give a seigniorage of \$43,344,025.

## McKinley Will Interfere in Cuba.

It is announced that within 60 days President McKinley will present a demand to Spain that the war in Cuba must cease, but the terms will not be arranged or expressed until after the Maine investigation has been concluded. This step does not necessarily mean war, but does mean peace in Cuba. The President will insist that hostilities cease and that Spain and the United States appoint a commission to treat with the Cubans and devise a solution. The President may mention, as one possible means of settlement, the surrender of Cuba by Spain for a large money indemnity, the United States to guarantee the payment of the bonds, this country holding control of the Cuban customs meanwhile for security.

There is a strong belief at Washington that Spain will accept the President's proposal. She will surely do so if her government can control her people.

## Daughters of the American Revolution.

The seventh continental congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held at Washington with 800 delegates present, and Mrs. Adlai Stevenson, the president, in the chair. There were 65 charters issued during the year. Applicants for membership numbered 3,080. The number of real daughters of revolutionary soldiers is now 268, and their average age 91 years. The report of the treasurer showed the finances to be in a healthy condition. The plan to erect a Continental hall at Washington for the display of revolutionary relics was announced to be progressing nicely—\$42,000 having been contributed. Medals were presented to the founders of the society, Miss Mary Desha, Mrs. Ellen Hardin Wallworth, Mrs. Eugenia Washington and Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood. Mrs. Daniel McLean was elected president general.

## Zola Found Guilty and Sent to Prison.

Paris, M. Zola, who has been on trial for the allegations which he brought in the Aurora, published by M. Perriex, against the conduct of the Esterhazy court martial, was found guilty on all counts. He was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and to pay a fine of 3,000 francs.

M. Perriex, the manager of the Aurora, was condemned to four months' imprisonment and to pay 3,000 francs fine.

There was a big demonstration outside the court when the audience rushed out announcing the verdict, with cries of "Down with Zola!" "Death to the Jews," and "Vive la armee."

## THE NEWS CONDENSED.

A rich strike is reported on American creek, 150 miles from Dawson, in U. S. territory.

The British ship Asia was wrecked in a gale off Nantucket, Mass., and 18 people were drowned, including Capt. Dakin, his wife and daughter.

President McKinley was the Washington day orator of the annual celebration given by the University of Pennsylvania.

The House passed the sundry civil appropriation bill after four days' debate. The most important action was the elimination of the appropriation for our representation at the Paris exposition on a point of order.

The navy department has just completed the allotment among the states of the appropriation of \$50,000 made for the assistance of the naval militia organizations. Of this amount Michigan receives \$2,084; Ohio, \$2,332.

The final step in the program of the sale of the Kansas Pacific railroad was taken at Topeka, Kas., when the entire line from Kansas City to Denver was sold under the consolidated mortgage for \$5,000,000 it being bid in by Alvin W. Kreh for \$8,000,000 on behalf of the reorganization committee.

A mob fired the home of Postmaster Baker, colored, at Lake City, S. C., and then shot several volleys from rifles into the house. Baker and his infant child were killed and their bodies cremated. Mrs. Baker and her son and two daughters escaped from the burning building, but were maimed for life.

The Cuban autonomist government has confirmed the appointment of Senor Manuel Rafael Angulo, delegate of the colonial government at Washington to prepare a commercial treaty, according to instructions, which he will receive from Senor Montoro and Senor Rodriguez, colonial secretaries of the treasury, and of commerce respectively.

Senor Louis Polo y Bernabe, the new Spanish minister to the U. S. has sailed from Gibraltar for New York.

The bill to increase the U. S. artillery force by two regiments passed the Senate by a vote of 52 to 4.

## DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

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

A sweeping reduction of over \$8,000,000 from the amount carried by the current law is made in the sundry civil appropriation bill, reported to the House, the aggregate appropriation carried being \$44,749,893. The total is \$13,234,541 less than the regular and supplemental official estimates made for the fiscal year 1899 and \$8,861,890 less than the appropriations made for the current fiscal year. A reduction of \$5,367,899 is made in the appropriation for river and harbor work and this greatly affects Michigan.

Congressman Henderson, of Iowa, has introduced a bill to revive the grade of lieutenant-general of the army. Mr. Johnson, an Indiana Republican, delivered a speech in opposition to the Hawaiian treaty that electrified the House and the galleries in denunciation of what he termed an attempt to entice loose from the traditional policy of the United States and enter upon a scheme of colonization that had proved the ruin of empires and of nations. He used some very strong language, but his remarks were enthusiastically applauded.

The Senate adopted the resolution of Mr. Morgan instructing the committee on naval affairs to inquire and report whether a man-of-war, equal at least to any warship in the seas, to be named the George Washington, can be built, armed and commissioned within a period of twelve months.

While the Senate had under consideration the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill a sharp debate on the Cuban situation was precipitated by Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, who offered as an amendment the resolution passed by the Senate a year ago recognizing the belligerent rights of the Cuban insurgents. The debate became general and occupied nearly four hours. Mr. Morgan, in opposition, said the passing of the amendment would be practically a declaration of war against Spain and he didn't like that way of doing it. If a plain straightforward declaration of war was presented he would vote for it. Mr. Teller did not accept Mr. Morgan's position that the adoption of this amendment would be a declaration of war. He had, he said, reached the conclusion that the recognition of belligerency rested with the executive. Mr. Teller declared that if the matter rested with himself exclusively he would recognize the belligerency of the Cubans, if he knew it would bring war tomorrow. Mr. Foraker announced his intention to vote against the amendment, explaining his reason to be the fact that it was sought to make it a rider on an appropriation bill. He added: "I expect at no very distant day that there will be an appropriate occasion for further remarks upon this question. I think the time is coming for action." Mr. Thurston said he had never ceased to regret that Cuban belligerency had not been recognized when the barbarities of Weyler should have won for the United States the sympathy of the world. He was of the opinion, that we are drifting into a war with Spain, but he thought that while the court of inquiry at Havana was conducting its investigation the Senate should maintain a most circumspect attitude and be calm and quiet. Mr. Allen made an extended reply to the arguments advanced against his position. He maintained this was the first time that the belligerency proposition had been presented to the Senate when there was any chance of its being effective. The House would be brought face to face with it and it would be brought to a vote in that body. It could not be buried in a committee as the previous resolution passed by the Senate had been. Mr. Hale made the point of order against the amendment that it was general legislation and had under the rules no place in the bill. The vice-president sustained the point and Mr. Allen took an appeal from the ruling, but was voted down.

### The Ohio Oil Co. drilled in a 100-barrel well on the Urban farm near Findlay

### THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.			
	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs
New York	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2
Best grades	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2
Lower grades	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2

GRAIN, ETC.			
	Wheat	Corn	Oats
New York	1 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2
Chicago	1 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2
Detroit	1 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2
Toledo	1 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2
Cincinnati	1 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2
Pittsburg	1 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2
Buffalo	1 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2

"Detroit—Hay No 1 Timothy, \$2.00 per ton. Potatoes, 7c per bu. Live Poultry, large, 1c per lb; chickens, 7c; ducks, 7c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 15c per doz. Butter, dairy, 15c per lb; creamery, 2c.

A dispatch from Madrid says: "As the question of the purchase of Cuba is again being pushed in Washington, it may be of use to state on the highest authority that Spain will never, no matter what government is in power, consider any such suggestion, or any compromise in Cuba beyond the broad measure of autonomy drafted by the liberals. This is an absolute, irrevocable decision. People who suggest anything else are only wasting time and arousing unfounded hopes."

Gaylord Catholics are about to erect a fine stone church.



# A FRIEND'S ADVICE.

And what it led to.

It is not a common occurrence that a friendly word should be the means of giving us a long and happy life. In the case of the person mentioned in the above article, the friendly word was given by a young man, and it was the result of a long and happy life. The friendly word was given by a young man, and it was the result of a long and happy life.

many a younger woman. Ever since my recovery I have taken a couple of bottles of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla each spring, and am quite satisfied that I owe my good health to this treatment. I give this testimonial purely in the hope that it may meet the eye of some poor sufferer. — MARY LINDGARD, Woodstock, Ont.

# FROM GLOOM TO SUNLIGHT

## THE USURER'S DAUGHTER.

BY CHARLOTTE M. BRAEME.

INTERNATIONAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER XVII.  
N A WEEK after this little incident Arley Ransome called to see his daughter; he wished to congratulate her on her success in society, to tell her all that he had heard in her praise, and how his most sanguine dreams were being realized. As the father of Lady Caraven, people thought it worth their while to conciliate him. He was invited to houses which before this marriage he had never hoped to enter; he had been made welcome in the drawing rooms of Belgravia and Mayfair. What was even better, his practice was increasing. Arley Ransome was a happy man.

"You are very unreasonable, Hildred," he said, slowly.  
"What have I to live for?" she cried.  
"I have no one to love me. My husband is a stranger to me; he values me less than his horse or his dog; he would not miss me if I died tomorrow; he has my money, he does not want me. There is no one in all this wide world so forlorn, so desolate as I am."  
"You forget that I love you, Hildred."  
"No, you never loved me, papa," she declared. "I am quite sure."  
"I am sure," interrupted Arley Ransome, "that Lord Caraven always seems kind to you."  
"Kind!" he repeated. "He does not beat me; he is just as kind to his favorite dog as he is to me. Kind! That is not the relationship that should be between husband and wife; he does not love me, and he never will. Think of that—remember how young I am, how lonely. How am I to live through the stretch of years? My husband, papa, rarely speaks to me; he never takes the least interest in me. I do not believe that if I fell dead at his feet he would attempt to raise me from the ground."  
"You exaggerate, my dear; it will all come right in time," he said, soothingly.  
"It will never come right for me, papa—and you know it."  
With a passionate gesture she rose from her seat. She went over to him and laid her hands on his shoulders. She raised her sad, beautiful face to his.

said, dreamily. "Papa, I am so frightened at myself. Do you know that I do not want him to love me now? I am beginning to dislike him—the sound of his voice is positively unpleasant to me. I would far rather be broken-hearted, longing for his love, than be what I am now. I should be a better woman if I wept for his love, instead of feeling as I do now, that it is not worth having. My better self is dead."  
"My dear Hildred, all this is most absurd. You do not know what you want. You tell me that your husband does not love you—you make that the groundwork of your complaint—and then you tell me you can not regret his want of love. The fact is, my dear, you are not yourself—you are over-tired. After your quiet life at St. Roche, all this excitement is too much for you. I should advise you to keep quiet for a few days, and then you will be all right." The tragedy of sorrow seemed to pass from her face.  
"Thank you, papa," she replied. Her hands fell listless. "You speak as you think. It is not your fault that you do not understand me. We will say no more about it."  
"That is right," said Arley Ransome, looking greatly relieved. "Now you speak like a reasonable woman. Philistophers say that women have impulse, but no reason—I shall begin to think that they are wrong."  
He talked with his usual brisk cheerfulness about many different subjects, and then took his leave. But, although he had silenced his daughter, he was not disposed to allow this kind of thing to continue, if he could help it. It would end badly—his own knowledge of the world told him that. So he called at the earl's club, and there he found him as usual.  
"I have just been to Halby House," he said, "and have been spending half an hour with Hildred."  
The earl raised his eyebrows, which was the only mark of interest he thought it worth his while to bestow.  
"I did not think that she looked very well, and, what was worse, she did not appear happy."  
"Women never do unless they have new diamonds every day," declared the earl.  
"I do not think that Hildred requires new diamonds, but I think perhaps that if you—"  
"I interrupted the earl—"I have nothing to do with it. I have a nervous dread of people who do not look happy. Pray do not appeal to me. Hildred is all right—I see nothing to complain of."  
"I should not like to see anything that called for complaint," said Arley Ransome, sternly.  
"Speak frankly," cried Lord Caraven, "I understand plain English. Has your daughter been complaining about me?"  
"She has not," was the reply.  
"So much the better for her," said the earl, "and so much the better for me."  
Arley Ransome owned to himself that the events of the day had not been altogether pleasant.  
(To be continued.)

LATCH KEYS FOR WOMEN.  
One of the Last Male Perquisites Seized by the Bachelor Girl.  
Latch keys have ceased to be a male perquisite since the old-fashioned spinster has been replaced by the bachelor maid. The bachelor girl is nothing if not determined, and so she has adopted one of the last remaining articles that man could call his own. When the key came the pocket had to come with it, of course, and now it is cut in the back of the dress skirt very near the belt line and with a bit of a flap over it to conceal the fact that a pocket is missing. And thus it is that the freed woman goes on her way, conscious that she may at least enter her own doors at all sorts of coveted and fascinating hours without arousing everyone from the butler to the aged grandparent who "disapproves." When the pocket came the key chain had to follow in its wake and, behold, from a button proudly sewn to the tailor girl's "waist" hangs the jeweler's device, for she has not been emancipated long enough to leave off sterling silver and take to plain nickel plate. When the bachelor girl went into business, she was forced into some of the needs of a man and some of his patented rights had to come to her, and so there came the key ring, in the train of the key and chain, and there was another chance for the smithy to turn out pieces of artistic workmanship. They are oftener heart-shaped wires of silver, solid and wide. So it seems that woman never gets so "new" that she cannot carry hearts around. Other designs are serpents and over their spring-set tails go the door key, the mail box key, the scribbler key and all the rest of the lot that used to be always "among the missing." And now the bachelor maid is free from care unless she forgets chain and ring and keys.

Owned by Colored People.  
Baltimore Sun: The only cotton mill in the country, it is claimed, owned exclusively by colored people, is now approaching completion at Concord, N. C., and the last brick will be laid before the close of the present year. The mill is to have from 7,000 to 10,000 spindles and from 150 to 200 looms. The building is a handsome three-story brick structure, 120 feet long and 80 feet wide. Besides the main building there are also engine and boiler houses and a tower for water purposes. It is expected the mill will be put in operation by the 1st of April. The colored people of Wilmington alone have put \$4,000 in the mill, which promises to be a monument to the enterprise and thrift of the colored people of the old north state.  
"I wish that I had refused him," she

# PECULIARITIES OF APPLE CROPS.

Orchards All Go on a Strike in Certain Years.  
When the apple crop is short the scarcity is always likely to affect prices most late in the winter, says the Cleveland Leader. Now the picking of the russets and Baldwins has only just ceased, where there were any to pick, and yet apples cost about three times as much in Cleveland as fruit did one year ago. This, it is true, is an extreme instance of the difference between an "off" season for orchards, and one which was very much "on." The crop is unusually deficient this year, even for a time when no great yield could be expected, and the abundance of orchards broke all records in their lavish yield. Still, the rise of 300 per cent in the price of the most staple fruit of the United States and of many other countries in the temperate zone is so great as to be a reproach to modern horticulture. So great a change from one year to another should not be possible. It is always up and down in the apple market. One year brings a good crop and the next a small yield, with hopeless persistency of alternation. It is not a question of climates, because in any country where apples are grown there will be single orchards of separate trees in nearly barren orchards that bear all the fruit which could ever be expected of them, while all around there are empty boughs. The trouble appears to be the habit of bearing alternate years, with nearly all the orchards keeping the same seasons of rest and activity. It ought to be possible for science and skill to change this uniformity of habit into a more equal division of favors between the years. That would give the apple growers much greater profits, and the consumers, who are virtually the whole population when apples are cheap and abundant, would have much better supplies of wholesome and useful food. Such a reform in fruit culture would be worthy of the highest ambition. It hardly seems possible. If it is not beyond human power it ought to be brought about, for the general good and to the great profit of the men who learn how to make apple trees bear in the off years and rest, if they must be, in the years of plenty.

# WHISTLER'S PECULIARITIES.

Said to Be Eminently a Cosmopolitan in Art.  
Very rare is the artist with personality so strong and so individual in its expression that the accident of his domicile counts for nothing, says Harper's Weekly. But such a one is James McNeill Whistler. He is eminently a cosmopolitan in art. It may count for a good deal that he is a son of Massachusetts, for something that he was educated at West Point, and studied art under Gleyre in Paris, but apparently for nothing that his manhood has been divided between London and Paris. They have not influenced him. It is in the direction of Valdesquez and Japanese art that one must look for sources of any outside impressions. But for the most part his work, whether in oil, water color, pastel, crayon or etching, reflects one man—Whistler. His is a personality of extraordinary interest, exhausting a whole gamut of characteristics, from devilry up to subtlest spirituality. Perhaps the simplest analysis of this complex equipment is to regard it as a dual nature, compounded of the artist and the man. The real Whistler is the artist, made known by his works; the man of the world, the cynic, wit and caustic writer, is the artificial shell which surrounds the other. It is not unusual to find a man of tenderest emotions erecting round himself a breastwork of coarser material to keep an unsympathetic world from prying too freely upon his secret self. Whistler had much need of self-protection. That part of him which a true man in any part of life holds most sacred, his ideal, was one that very few at first could understand. He had no one to interpret him, as Ruskin did Turner, and a sensitive man can not interpret himself. So he met the ridicule and satire of the world, not by sulking and bowing to it, but with the world's own weapons, only that in his hands they were made finely tempered.

That's It.  
Puck: Willie McCorkle—"Papa, what is meant by kitting checks?" Mr. McCorkle—"It is one way of raising the wind."

# SUPERLATIVE DECREE.

The largest mass of pure rock salt in the world lies under the province of Galicia, Hungary. It is known to be 550 miles long, twenty broad and 250 feet in thickness.  
King Humbert of Italy is the most heavily insured man in Europe, the amount carried being over \$7,500,000. The late Czar Alexander III. was insured for \$5,000,000.  
Wales is the richest part of Great Britain in mineral wealth. England produces annually about \$10 to each acre, Scotland a little less than \$10, but the product of Wales amounts to over \$20 per acre.  
Some of the oldest trees in the world are to be found in Great Britain. The tree called William the Conqueror's oak, in Windsor park, is supposed to be 1,200 years old. The famous Bantley and Winfarthing oaks are at least two centuries older.  
The largest house in the world is in Winden, a suburb of Vienna. In this domicile there are 1,400 rooms, divided into 400 suites of from three to six rooms each, and they at present shelter 2,112 persons, who pay an annual rental of over 100,000 florins.  
Time wasted is existence; used is life. —Young.

Nobody but a coward will accept praise that he doesn't deserve.

The Fullness Thereof.  
Amid the discomforts of life and the fullness thereof, reaching to every family, there is that which can so easily mitigate or entirely cure, the wonder is why we endure and suffer so much. From big pains to little aches, which are the wear and tear of the physical structure of man, there are always remedies good, better and best. The choice should be always for best as the surest and the cheapest. In chronic or acute suffering with rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica or lumbago, or with the minor ailments of sprains and bruises, or of soreness and stiffness, the efficacy of St. Jacobs Oil and the fullness thereof is so many complete and perfect cures make it stand out as the best remedy for pain. Why, then, should we stand on the order of going for it, and not get at once? In numberless cases the aggravations of discomforts and pains are from delay. Why should we suffer?

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Eggs are preserved by electricity.

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.

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A copy of the new edition of Miss Parlow's Choice Receipts will be sent postpaid to any of our readers who will make application by postal card or note to Walter Baker & Co., Limited, Dorchester, Mass.

Scald head is an eczema of the scalp—very severe sometimes, but it can be cured. Doan's Ointment, quick and permanent in its results. At any drug store. 50 cents.

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OH, WHAT SPLENDID COFFEE. Mr. Goodman, Williams, Co., Ill., writes: "From one package Salzer's German Coffee Berry costing 15c I grew 200 lbs. of better coffee than I can buy in stores at 30 cents a lb."

A package of this and big seed catalogue is sent you by John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., upon receipt of 15c stamps and this notice. w.n.f.

When some people want counsel they proceed to consult their own interests.

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Doubles the Pleasure of a Drive. A fine carriage doubles the pleasure of driving. Intending buyers of carriages can save dollars by sending for the large free catalogue of the Elkhart Carriage and Harness Manufacturing Co., of Elkhart, Ind.

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A powder to shake into your shoes. It cures Corns and Bunions, Chills, Swollen, Nervous, Damp, Sweating, Smarting and Callous feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

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Clean beauty means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

When we are good in the right way we are good for something.

SEATTLE, unquestionably best and cheapest starting point and outfitting station for Alaska and Klondike, does not ask or advise you to go, but you will find Seattle's facilities, stocks and experience unsurpassed and prices the very lowest. Washington state has Klondike of its own. Seattle is the chief city. Strangers are protected by Public Comfort Bureau. Address Chamber of Commerce, Seattle, Wash.

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To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. U.S. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Pink's Cure for Consumption is the best of all cough cures.—George W. Loitz, Fabucher, La., August 28, 1895.

The wicked are in the most danger when they feel the safest.

# One of Mrs. Pinkham's Talks

Concerning a Mother's Duty to Her Young Daughter. Together with a Chat with Miss Marie Johnson.

The balance wheel of a woman's life is menstruation. On the proper performance of this function depends her health. Irregularity lays the foundation of many diseases, and is in itself symptom of disease. It is of the greatest importance that regularity be accomplished as soon as possible after the flow is an established fact.



Disturbance of the menstrual function poisons the blood. In young girls suppression develops latent inherited tendencies to scrofula or consumption, and no time must be lost in restoring regularity. Many a young girl goes to her grave because this difficulty has been thought lightly of, and mother has said, "Time will bring about a cure; she is young, I don't worry about her."

Mother, when you see your daughter languid and indifferent to things that usually interest a young girl, when you note that flush on her cheek, that glassy appearance in her eyes; when your daughter tells you that even the weight of her dress waist oppresses her, and that she has terrible pains in her stomach shortly after eating, don't ignore these signs! If you do, you will be following your daughter to the grave, for she will die!

This is gospel truth—she is developing consumption of the bowels! Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the greatest regulator known to medicine. Make haste to use it—the first appearance of the tell-tale symptoms; it will restore all the female organs to their normal condition. Miss Marie Johnson's letter to Mrs. Pinkham, which follows, should interest all mothers and young ladies. She says:

"My health became so poor that I had to leave school. I was tired all the time, and had dreadful pains in my side and back. I would have the headache so badly that everything would appear black before my eyes, and I could not go on with my studies. I was also troubled with irregularity of menses. I was very weak, and lost so much flesh that my friends became alarmed. My mother, who is a firm believer in your remedies from experience, thought perhaps they might benefit me, and wrote you for advice. I followed the advice you gave, and used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills as you directed, and am now as well as I ever was. I have gained flesh and have a good color. I am completely cured of irregularity. Words cannot express my gratitude, and I cannot thank you enough for your kind advice and medicine."—Miss MARIE F. JOHNSON, Centralia, Pa.



"THERE IS SCIENCE IN NEATNESS." BE WISE AND USE

# SAPOLIC



**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**East Livonia.**

Great excitement prevails here over the explosion of the battleship Maine. All are ready to take up arms in behalf of Cuba if necessary.

We are having good sleighing here at present and all are taking advantage of it. There is strong talk of having a new K. O. T. M. hall built at Elm soon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Criger visited their daughter, Mrs. Pearl Gillott, in Nankin, a few days ago and found their little grandson, Harry Gillott, very sick with malaria fever, with Dr. Adams, of Plymouth, in attendance.

Leroy Nalor of this place has purchased a Star windmill of the Wallingford M'fg. Co., agent, Giles Foster, to be erected April 1st, 1898.

John Myers has moved his sawmill on to E. C. Leach's farm and will convert all of the sawing timber into lumber the coming spring, for Detroit parties.

Wm. Crum, of this place, has purchased a new steam traction engine, 17 horse power, and thrasher, and a portable sawmill and will commence running the sawmill in a few days on the Wait farm sawing a large bill of lumber for Fred Milroy.

Mrs. Augusta of this place is poorly at present. Dr. Moore, of Farmington and Dr. Holcome, of Southfield are attending her.

Mrs. Harry Rattenbury had a grand surprise on Thursday night by having two large sleigh loads of friends from Detroit call on her. They came blowing horns and playing music and staid until the small hours when they wended their way homeward. All enjoyed themselves as Mrs. Rattenbury is an expert entertainer.

Old Mrs. John A. Vrooman, of this place, died on Thursday evening, aged 84 years. She had been a patient sufferer for some time and a dear old friend of all who knew her. Her remains were interred in the Livonia cemetery at the Center on Sunday last, attended by a large concourse of friends. She had been a resident of Michigan over 50 years.

Old Mr. John Baur, of Stark, is just alive at this writing. He is an old man and has had two paralytic strokes of late. There is no hopes of his recovery.

Mrs. Chas. Ferguson has a collection of nine hens' eggs, the productions of her own hens, the smallest on record. The largest is 4 inches caliber and the circumference 4 inches. The smallest one 2 inches caliber, length 2 inches and the circumference 2 inches, and one that is the shape of a finger, a curiosity indeed, 4 1/2 inches long and 4 inches around. The rest of the nine are all smaller. The nine weigh 2 ounces.

On Saturday night last a large number of air knights and lady Maccabees met at Sir Knight George Shaw's and the ladies furnished supper which was a grand success as the lady bees know how to entertain by filling the inner man. There was good music, card playing, and a matched game of checkers by Sam McKinnis and Fred Rorhing. All spent an enjoyable time until 12 o'clock when the gathering broke up and all went home happy.

Henry Cort, of this place, who was married the twenty-second, will settle with his bride 1 1/2 miles west of Clarenceville on a farm and we hope success will be with them through life. Henry is a worker and if health and strength holds out will soon make a home of his own.

**Newburg-Nankin P. O.**

Mr. Hines, of Stanton, president of the Michigan Live Stock Commission, was at Mr. LeVan's at the anniversary party and gave our farmers some very valuable hints on caring for stock and other lines of advanced farming. He with Health Officer LeVan visited Clarenceville to assure the people there that no harm could come from using the poultry that had been with the affected swine. He positively assures all that if the pork is cooked as it certainly should be, no bad effects will come from it, and he hopes this will be a lesson to all who hear of it to be sure and cook their pork as they should. They found the owners of the infected swine had killed one of them and sent a piece to Detroit for examination, where it was found to be full of the deadly trichina. Then President Hines ordered the rest killed, the meat well cooked and then buried.

The Ladies Aid will meet and have dinner at the hall, Friday, May 11. It is election of officers, and all should be present as it is their thirteenth anniversary. All ladies will please bring some article of tinware which will be auctioned off. All the proceeds except regular dues will be given to Newburg Hall Association.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Norris started last week Friday for a visit at Rochester, N. Y. Wm King is slowly improving.

Wedding invitations for Mr. Thomas Davey and Miss Stella Bassett for March 15, are out.

There will be a dramatic, musical and literary entertainment and box night at the hall Saturday eve., Mar. 6. The ladies will bring a box of provisions for two and two night cups. The gentlemen will bring money to pay for the same. All invited.

Rev. Oliver, having to attend the funeral of Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Hill, superintendent of Plymouth M. E. S. S.

gave us a very pleasant talk. All expressed a wish that he come again.

F. W. Smith, superintendent of our S. S. being away, Mrs. James Rawson acted as superintendent in a very pleasant manner. Our teachers are all taking turns in acting so they can all be prepared.

Mrs. Grovenstone is quite sick. Mrs. Passage is on the sick list. Mrs. Tahaah is sick.

N. H. A. people visited Ferrisville and presented "One Too Many for Him" and "Box Cox" at their hall, last Thursday eve. to a good house.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. James LeVan to the number of ninety visited them last Friday to celebrate the 44th anniversary of their wedding. All had a fine time. Vice-President Ida Rawson, in behalf of the L. A. S., presented them with a fine parlor lamp.

Mr. Lumley and sister, Mrs. Firman, who are visiting Mrs. G. N. Dean, were at the anniversary party.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerr visited friends in Detroit last week.

**Livonia Center.**

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Adams, of Farmington, visited Mrs. A. Stringer last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Garfield and family, of Northville, visited Mrs. A. Turbul Saturday evening.

Married at Bell Branch, Tuesday, Feb. 23, Miss Myrtle Croft, of Southfield, to Henry Cort, of Livonia. May happiness follow them is the wish of their many friends.

Married in Detroit Feb. 23, by the pastor of the 12th street church, Miss Bessie Wilkinson, of Northville, to Fred Millard of this place. Their many friends wish them joy and happiness.

Will Kenner and Will Shaw, who have been spending some time with Will Smith returned to their homes in Detroit Sunday.

Miss Era Smith came down with the chicken pox last Thursday at school.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bently, of Elm. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chilson and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kerr, of Newburg, spent last Saturday evening at Horace Kingsley's. Pedro was the order of the evening.

Mrs. A. Turbul returned home Saturday evening after spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Annie Fairchild, of Detroit.

The funeral of Mrs. Nancy Vrooman was held at the center church Sunday. She was 88 years, 10 months and 25 days of age. She was born in the state of New York on March 30, 1814 and was married to John A. Vrooman July 22, 1834. They moved to Michigan in 1856 where he died in 1894. She leaves six children, four sons and two daughters, and a large number of relatives to mourn her loss. Her son J. J. Vrooman and wife wish to thank their many friends who assisted them during her sickness and at the funeral. She joined the M. E. church when young and still attended when able. Rev. Lloyd, of Farmington, conducted the funeral services. He took his text from the 9th Psalm, 13th verse.

R. Z. Millard visited his brother, Emery, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Millard visited his brother, R. Z., and family last Thursday.

Miss Emma Garco is spending a few days with her sister Mrs. Fent of Farmington.

Hearafter when the men go to play pedro nights they want to be sure and take their lanterns no matter if they are old, that is if you intend to stay after midnight.

Miss Anna Base accompanied by little Madeline Bennett, of Plymouth, called on Mrs. John Base Monday afternoon.

**Auction Sales.**

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.

**AUGUST MAO, proprietor.**

How Veterans of the Late War may be Buried at Public Expense.

**EDITOR MAIL.**

The question regarding the burial of old soldiers at public expense has been discussed more or less recently, and by request I give your readers the law regarding the same.

The law in regard to the matter, may be found on page 234, Public Acts of 1885, or in Howells annotated statutes, Vol. No. 3, page 2887. Part of the first section No. 1, act No. 170, reads as follows:

The people of the State of Michigan enact:

That it shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors of each county in this state to appoint in each township and ward in their respective counties, a suitable person, other than those designated by law for the care of paupers and the care of criminals, whose duty it shall be in his township or ward, to look after and cause to be interred in a decent and respectable manner in any cemetery or burial ground within this state—other than those used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead—at an expense not to exceed forty dollars—the body of any honorably discharged union soldier, sailor or mariner, having at any time served in the army or navy of the United States who shall hereafter die and not having means sufficient to defray the necessary funeral expenses. This is only part of the act passed by the legislature of the State of Michigan, June 10th, 1885. But it is sufficient to show that no soldier is entitled to a burial at public expense, unless it can be shown that he did not leave means sufficient to defray funeral expenses.

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**ONE OF TWO WAYS.**

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

**CAUSE.**

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much, is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for 24 hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar.

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**Registration Notice.**

To the electors of the village of Plymouth, county of Wayne, state of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Registration of the above named village, will be held at A. H. Dibble's store in said village, on Saturday, March 13th, A. D. 1898, for the purpose of registering the names of all such persons who shall be possessed of the necessary qualifications of electors, and who may apply for that purpose; and that said Board of Registration will be in session on the day and at the place aforesaid, from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose aforesaid. By order of the village Board of Registration.

HERBERT J. BAKER, Village Clerk.

Dated, Friday, March 4th, 1898.

**Election Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that the annual village election of the village of Plymouth, county of Wayne, state of Michigan, will be held at the village hall in said village, on Monday, March 14th, A. D. 1898, at which time the following officers are to be elected: one president, one clerk, one treasurer, three trustees, 2 years, one assessor.

The polls of said election will be opened at 7 o'clock, a. m. and will remain open until 5 o'clock of said day of election. By order of the village Board of Election Inspectors.

HERBERT J. BAKER, Village Clerk.

Dated, Friday, March 4th, 1898.

**Sunday Disturbance.**

Every one was sorry for those people in church last Sunday, who were suffering with a distressing cough. A fall 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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**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.

**Benton-Hilmer.**

A quiet home wedding was celebrated at Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hilmer on Wednesday, March 2nd, the contracting parties being Miss Etta Hilmer, and Mr. R. P. Benton, of Northville.

The Rev. E. M. Blanchard performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives of the young couple. The bride was attired in white silk, and carried white roses. Miss Lydia Joy, the bridesmaid, wore white muslin and carried pink carnations. Harry Clark, of Northville, acted as best man.

After the ceremony a dainty wedding supper was served, in a manner which reflected credit to those having charge.

Presents both useful and ornamental were given, which will be gentle reminders of this event in after years.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton left the same evening for Seattle, Wash., taking with them the best wishes of their many friends.

Fire destroyed Carl Kingsley's feed mill at Pikea Peak, Saturday evening last, and did considerable damage to his saw mill. Incendiarism is charged.

Leave your laundry at Hilmer's, near the village hall. Laundry called for and delivered when so desired. 1w

**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:

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7:15 am	1:30 am	6:00 pm	6:00 pm	Lv	Ar	12:15 pm	5:15 pm	12:15 pm	12:15 pm
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8:30	4:35	7:05	7:05	Ann Arbor	Ar	11:10	4:20	11:10	12:35
8:45	5:07	7:20	7:20	Ypsilanti	Ar	10:55	3:50	10:55	11:50
9:20	5:30	4:30 pm	7:40	Tecumseh	Ar	10:35	3:30	9:30 pm	11:30
9:30	5:50	4:50	8:00	Adrian	Ar	10:15	3:10	9:10	11:10
10:05	6:15	5:30	8:40	Dresden	Ar	9:55	2:55	8:45	10:50
10:31	7:00	6:20	9:10	Washtenaw	Ar	9:35	2:35	7:55	10:20
11:20	7:30	6:45	9:30	Napoleon	Ar	9:20	2:20	7:30	9:35
11:55	8:05	6:40	9:55	Malinta	Ar	9:05	2:05	7:10	9:20
11:35	8:30	6:54	10:30	Hamlet	Ar	8:50	1:50	6:55	9:04
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