

BUSY - - -

Yes, we have been busy for the past few days unpacking and decorating our store with the largest and finest stock of

.....SPRING GOODS.....

we have ever had. We invite you to call and look over our line of French Gingham, Zepher Gingham, Percales, Organdies, Art Denims, Vienna Silkolines, Alhambra Crepe Draperies, Lace Curtains, Tapestry Curtains. In Silks we have the most complete line out side of Detroit, also Dress Trimmings, we make no exceptions. A few bargains are:

Good Calico, 4c per yard
Shirting, 6c per yard
Linen Crash, 5c a yard
Good Factory, 4 1-2c yd
Ribbed Top Socks, 5c pr

A fine line of
Gents' Fancy
Shirts just
arrived from
New York.

For bargains in Groceries and Crockery call and see us. We do not give pictures but we more than make it up in prices and quality. Closing out WALL PAPER below cost.

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



After I dealt at HARRIS' Meat Market

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.

\$4,000 BUILDING.

THE CONNER HARDWARE CO. WILL BUILD ONE THIS SPRING.

It Will be a Modern Structure and an Ornament to the Town.

As soon as the weather becomes settled The Conner Hardware Co. will begin the erection of a store building on the corner Main and Sutton streets. The building which is at present occupied by this firm as a hardware store will be moved north a short distance and will continue to be occupied there until the new store is ready.

The plans for the proposed building have been prepared by Architects Malcomson & Higginbotham, of Detroit. It will be a substantial brick structure two stories high, stone foundation and trimmings. It will be 25 feet wide and 68 ft. deep, with composition roof, galvanized iron cornice and skylight, architectural and galvanized iron work. The store will be furnished with grates, plate glass, electric bells, furnace, wash-stands, water-closet fixtures, and one hand power freight elevator. The cost will approximate \$4,000.

It is a pleasure to note this evidence of prosperity and spirit of advancement in one of our most substantial business firms. The building will be a credit to the village and we have nothing but best wishes for The Conner Hardware Co. in their new quarters.

Mary S. Manning.

Died, Tuesday, March 8th, at her home on Ann Arbor street, Mary S., wife of Edward Manning, aged 66 years and 24 days.

Mary S. Safford was born in Canton, Wayne Co., Mich., on Feb 12th, 1832, and has resided in this locality ever since. On March 26th, 1858, she married Edward Manning, and three children were born to them, Joseph, Susie and Edward. The two former died when three and sixteen years old respectively, and Edward lives in Kansas, who, with her husband and many other relatives survive her.

She was of a kind and loving disposition, her friends being as great as her acquaintances.

Funeral services were conducted by Mrs. Knott, of Detroit, in the Presbyterian church, Thursday afternoon.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that hereafter the hardware firm of M. Conner & Son will be conducted under the firm name of THE CONNER HARDWARE CO., with the same capital, management and employes. All notes and accounts due the old firm are payable to the new, and all accounts owing by the old firm are payable by the new. We hope to retain all our old customers and add many new ones. Thanking the people of Plymouth and vicinity for their past patronage, we remain,

Yours respectfully,
M. CONNER & SON,
THE CONNER HDW. CO.
Plymouth, Mich., March 3rd, 1898.

We don't give you a collar button, but we will turn either collar or cuffs without breking edge or wings. 1w
Peerless Laundry.

Biliousness

Is caused by torpid liver, which prevents digestion and permits food to ferment and putrify in the stomach. Then follow dizziness, headache,

Hood's Pills

insomnia, nervousness, and, if not relieved, bilious fever or blood poisoning. Hood's Pills stimulate the stomach, cleanse the liver, cure headache, dizziness, constipation, etc. 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparil.

THE FIRE THAT CHEERS



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

If you want to have a hot time

BURN "OLD LEE" COAL.

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

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

L. C. HOUGH & SON,

Plymouth.

Telephone No. 1, both lines.

Citizen's Ticket.

A citizen's caucus with J. M. Collier, chairman, and H. C. Robinson, secretary, was held in the village hall, Friday evening last.

A. H. Dibble and E. W. Chaffee were appointed tellers.

Following is the ticket:
President—Roswell L. Root.
Clerk—Edward C. Laufer.
Treasurer—Gyrus A. Pinckney.
Trustee—John L. Gale.
Trustee—Henry W. Baker.
Trustee—Charles C. Allen.
Assessor—George Shafer.

There are now two tickets in the field and the candidates are a good lot. It is to be hoped our citizens will turn out on Monday and elect those best qualified to handle the affairs of the village.

The School House Park.

There is a matter of great importance that should be given attention as soon as possible and that is the grounds in the school park. It is noticeable that the earth around the trees has worn away so that the roots are left bare. In this condition and with so many children playing there daily it is only a matter of time when the trees will die. A park of such value as this park is cannot be let go to waste and die away for the want of proper care. Earth should be drawn in and rolled down to a sufficient depth to give the roots proper protection. It takes years to acquire a park of this kind and no one wants to see it ruined. A little attention in proper season will improve the grounds and give the trees a more healthy appearance.

"Men may come and men may go" (laundrymen not excepted) but you will find Hillmer at the same old stand near village hall. That always was and is yet, a good place to leave your laundry, especially if your shirt needs a new neck-band. 1w

A Letter.

OFFICE OF C. NAU,
FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING,
Honeoye Falls, N. Y., March 2, 1898.
BASSETT & SON,
PLYMOUTH, MICH.,
Dear Sirs,

Wish to say that the body of F. B. Tomlinson received of you a few days since was found to be in perfect condition showing clearly that you took great pains and that Imperial is a wonderful fluid.

I remain yours, etc.

E. NAU,
by W. J. NAU.

Woman's Literary Club.

The Woman's Literary Club held a very interesting meeting at the home of Miss Ella Shattuck, Friday, March 4th.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. F. N. Dewey, March 11, when Miss Vrooman will give a review of "Quo Vadis."

It is hoped that every member of the club will be present.

Here you have it in a nut shell, or rather in the MAIL. Mr. Jas. Woolley, who started the first successful laundry here, saw fit to leave Plymouth and wrote us that he would be glad if we would take the business. He gave it to us, his goodwill and wishes at least, and the trade or business in so far as he could. We took up the work as soon as we could arrange to do so. At one time we were alone in the field and found we could handle the work to the satisfaction of our patrons and with some profit to ourselves. At present the situation is this: Three laundries to do the work that could easily be done by one man and two women under one roof. Now, inasmuch as we have offered time and again to sell out reasonably and give bonds to stay out so long as the majority of the patrons would be satisfied with the work done, we think it but fair to let the public know that their interest shall in no wise suffer if they leave their laundry at Hillmer's. 1w

Something for Nothing

NOTHING?

Common sense tells everyone that, but

Honest Value for Your Money

is consistent with business principles. We are as we always have been in line with a full stock of true values in

Groceries, Provisions

Which we are selling at the Lowest Living Prices.

Our line of

DRUGS AND MEDICINES

are unsurpassed both in quality and quantity.

Everything we sell we guarantee to be just as represented or money refunded. A trial will convince you.

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. I have just received an immense new stock of

Wall Paper

Prices 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25c.
Double roll. Come and see it.

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.

J. L. GALE.

COMMON COUNCIL, VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH.

R. L. ROOT, President.
H. J. BAKER, Clerk.

TRUSTEES:

W. D. Allen, H. W. Baker,
A. J. Lapham, F. Polley,
F. Reiman, C. Brems.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1897:

WAYS AND MEANS:
Allen, Baker, Polley.

STREETS:
Reiman, Lapham.

PARKS:
Polley, Brems, Baker.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:
Allen, Baker, Lapham.

HEALTH:
Reiman, Allen, Polley.

POUNDS:
Baker, Lapham.

ORDINANCE:
Lapham, Allen, Reiman.

LICENSE:
Lapham, Allen.

FIRE:
Reiman, Baker.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM: W. D. ALLEN.
CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT: G. W. HUNTER.
HEALTH OFFICER: DR. F. H. DEWEY.
MARSHAL: JOSIAH COCHRANE.

BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES:
John M. Ward, one year; Geo. A. Birkbeath,
two years; E. C. Leach, three years.

SPECIAL ASSESSORS:
George Shaffer, Peter Gayde, Frank Park.

BOARD OF REVIEW:
J. L. Gale, W. H. Hoyt, C. C. Allen.

Owosso, St. Louis, Alma,
Mt. Pleasant, Clare, Cad-
illac, Manistee, Traverse
City and points in North-
western Michigan.

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Our own Steamship Line
across Lake Michigan be-
tween Frankfort and Ke-
wanee, Menominee and
Gladstone, and are selling
tickets to the Northwest
CHEAPER than any all
rail line.

The best trout and bass
fishing in the state is
found on our northern
division.

Sleeping cars on night trains.
Berths, \$1.50 and \$1.00.
Free chair cars on day trains.

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NEW DISCOVERY. NEVER FAILS.
A new, reliable and safe remedy for
constipation, indigestion, biliousness,
headache, neuralgia, and all
disorders of the bowels and
stomach. Sold by all
druggists.

Sold by JOHN L. GALE.

Who can think
of some simple
thing to do?
Protect your ideas. They may be
written down. Write JOHN WADSWORTH & CO., Patent Attorneys,
Washington, D. C., for their \$1.00 price order
and list of two hundred inventions wanted.

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LOOK AT THIS MAP.
RATES ALWAYS LOW AS THE LOWEST.
SERVICE ALWAYS GOOD AS THE BEST.
EXPERIENCED TRAVELERS ALWAYS
USE THE O. C.

THE ONLY THROUGH CAR LINE BETWEEN
DETROIT, TOLEDO AND COLUMBUS.
FIELD: TOLEDO, COLUMBUS,
AND CHARLESTON, COLUMBUS,
SPRINGFIELD AND CHICAGO, TOLEDO,
COLUMBUS AND CLEVELAND.
NATHAN GILBERTSON AND MANETTA
ALWAYS GOING WITH OUR CENTRAL
TRUCK LINES.

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF DIS- BURSEMENTS

OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY AUDITORS
OF WAYNE COUNTY

For the Months of January and
February, 1898.

GENERAL FUND.

Geo H Carlisle et al, rent stenog	126 00	Water Comers, jail exp	2 50
A Drouillard et al, Inquest	12 84	Free Caskets, et al	5 00
Frank Carver et al, Inquest	2 50	January 15-	
M Weiss et al, wit pol ct	4 50	Mich. Assylum Crim Insane, care	236 67
Pat Mahady, cons Eng	10 20	of Insane	236 67
J J Sheahan et al, wit rec	10 20	Henry Lora, jury com	4 00
Henry Grant et al, wit Ecorse	10 20	R F Hartenstein, insurance	17 00
Pat Mahady, cons Eng	10 20	Pay roll, exp S & C tax	406 00
Henry Schiller et al, cons Spgl	5 25	John Lyons, exp pros atty	12 00
Chas Tolsona, rent	137 50	January 15-	
Det. Free Press Co, exp	32 20	John Nicholson, bd prisoners	256 28
Pred Pankratz, recd tax	1 65	Chas. Gosselin, et al, wit rec	7 44
Det. Courier, printing	8 00	Herschel Whitaker, sten. bd sup.	16 20
Carl Stahl, bldg com	316 69	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
H F Horner, bldg com	36 01	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
People's Sav Bk, coupons co hse	156 00	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Majestic Bldg Co, rent	150 00	Leon Wolanski, recd tax	11 50
Charlotte Bathing, et al, coupons	24 00	Chas Bissell et al, Inquest	1 11
co house	48 00	Wm Schnell et al, jur rec cb	8 75
M C Mertens, recd tax	21 00	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
January 4-		John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Deeds, postage	10 50	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Manfred Hill, exp ct com	9 01	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Alex Stephens et al, Inquest	2 27	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Jas Marshall et al, wit pol ct	2 27	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Larry Munroe et al, wit Ecor	3 25	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Fred Pattenauide et al, wit Ecor	1 81	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
John Pallister et al, wit Ham	1 47	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
John Post et al, jur Van Buren	2 00	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Wm G Perry et al, j p Ecorse	1 83	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Chas Moorey, wit Ecorse	1 83	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Jas Solo et al, cons Wyal	1 02	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Eva Buhrer, recd tax	2 85	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
H F Chipman, ch fees, bd pris	592 00	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
People's Sav Bk, coupons co hse	156 00	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Wm Richer, bldg com	12 00	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
John Drennan, trans insane	3 56	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
M S Galney, exp pros atty	24 00	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
H H Hatch, sec jur com	2 40	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
A F Fort, exp cor of	1 58	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Grunow & Patterson, jail exp	36 00	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
January 5-		John Legg, sol burial	40 00
H F Chipman, sheriff's fees	118 25	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Thos Reed, recd tax	1 81	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
H F Chipman, bd jail pris	500 00	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
J J Clippert, postmortem	14 01	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
January 6-		John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
C Wendt et al, Inquest	21 01	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
J A Weltz, exam Insane	5 01	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Wm Korte et al, sparrow bty	24 46	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Geo Rosenber, et al, Inquest	2 27	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Thos H Somers et al, j p Ecorse	7 50	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
P D Pearl et al, wit Huron	6 74	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Rose Bryant et al, wit Nankin	10 73	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Ed Martin et al, wit Spgl	10 73	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Mich Volksblatt, exp s & tax	41 04	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Record Ptg Co, exp pros atty	5 40	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Mich Ptg Stamp Co, misc	2 50	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Frank L Rives, bldg com	12 00	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Det. Courier, printing	8 00	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Greenlake Oil Co, recd tax	2 81	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
D S Phelps, supplies	78 25	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Mich Volksblatt, printing	30 48	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
January 7-		Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Pay roll, janitors	435 00	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Frank N Perrin, cons Plym	16 23	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Det. Free Press Co, exp s & tax	32 20	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Abend Post, printing	9 22	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Det Nat'l Bk, coupons co house	156 00	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
State Sav Bk, recd tax	171 15	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
January 8-		John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Howe & Legg, annotating	10 07	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Gelst Bros, sol burial	40 03	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
J C McGregor, recd tax	1 42	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Geo Livingston, recd tax	1 42	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Howe & Legg, annotating	46 00	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
B C Tewksbury, recd tax	11 27	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
M S Galney, exp pros atty	24 00	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
D Lehnhaupt, misc	1 24	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Geo H Beal et al, exam Insane	20 00	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Henry Hall et al, sparrow bty	3 19	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
H H Mills et al, wit pol ct	15 98	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Aug Taekle et al, wit Wyal	3 25	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
January 9-		John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Richmond Backus Co, exp s & tax	31 75	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Fayette Harris, bldg com	26 40	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Geo H Leshar, recd tax	21 50	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Mrs J McCormick, recd tax	18 00	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Manfred Hill, exp ct com	9 01	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Det. Courier, printing	8 00	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Justice Court, postage	5 00	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
W J Schirmer, postage coroners	5 00	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Wm A Smith, exp pros atty	2 50	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
J E Emerson et al, exam Insane	10 00	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
January 10-		John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Thos W Baldwin, pol exp	3 50	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Lillian E Baldwin, recd tax	7 92	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
County Treasurer, sol relief	1,000 01	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
John Little, postage Justices	5 00	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
B Youngblood, bldg com	56 51	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Hacker & Mackrodt, ice	13 20	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
John F Troy, postage pros atty	5 00	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Jas A Burdick, Inquest	10 00	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
January 11-		John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
John Roemer et al, Inquest	12 25	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Diers Ingels, bd, exam Insane	12 00	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
A Springer et al, exam Insane	7 98	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
John Jones et al, wit pol ct	2 12	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Isaac Cloutte et al, wit Ecorse	9 71	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Ronald Lamb et al, j p Gratiot	16 51	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
W H Brewer et al, j p Nankin	16 51	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Henry Reckling et al, cons Spgl	24 91	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Raynor & Taylor, pig and stat	72 00	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Sands & Porter, bldg com	60 00	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
John Drennan, trans insane	10 30	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Hugh McDonald & Co, misc	24 15	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Ed McNamara, atty rec ct	10 01	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
J C Moriarty, atty rec ct	10 03	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Det. Tribune, printing	91 50	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
D Dunn, recd tax	6 23	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
O L Rupprecht, recd tax	1 00	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
John O Stone, recd tax	4 20	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Raynor & Taylor, printing	340 00	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
R H Leadley, postage pol ct	10 00	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
John W War, recd tax	7 45	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
January 12-		John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Det. Telephone Co, telephone	153 80	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
John M. Taylor et al, wit rec ct	9 00	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
F R Reeves, bldg com	9 00	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Geo F Robison, atty rec ct	25 00	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
G Crutty et al, Inquest	22 07	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Henry Wagon et al, Inquest	30 00	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Henry George, chem anal	30 00	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Det. Livory et al, misc	8 50	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Mrs A E Smith, recd tax	2 75	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
B B Scott et al, wit pol ct	4 61	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Wm Tierney et al, wit rec ct	4 61	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
F X Burke et al, j p Ecorse	25 35	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
M E Vining et al, wit Nankin	16 59	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Henry Reckling et al, cons Spgl	24 91	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Det. Journal, printing	16 59	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Wm Richer, bldg com	9 01	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Det. Elec L & P Co, jail exp	188 11	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
January 13-		John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Geo C Green, atty rec ct	10 00	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
J W Donovan, ct judge	158 3 00	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Edwin Denby, atty rec ct	10 01	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Pay roll, file clerks	83 31	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Pay roll, index clerks	100 11	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Pay roll, judges clerks	104 17	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Pay roll, coroners	47 67	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Pay roll, ct of coms	435 00	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Pay roll, janitors	435 00	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Pay roll, probate ct	583 30	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Pay roll, co aud	68 67	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Pay roll, stenographers	716 64	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Pay roll, justice cts	820 78	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Pay roll, co treas of coms	85 78	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Pay roll, reg of deeds	1,065 04	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Pay roll county clerk	1,282 51	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Pay roll, deputy shifs	1,307 32	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Pay roll, jurors et al	1,500 00	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
John Berry et al, Inquest	41 61	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Jas Green, jail exp	1 00	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Laterle et al, exam Insane	10 00	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Health et al, sparrow bounty	10 20	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
A E Gue et al, wit pol ct	10 20	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
Henry Plass et al, wit rec ct	8 61	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
Wm Voss et al, wit Ecorse	2 47	Chas. J. Jurova et al, wit rec	40 00
Ed Barber et al, wit Wyal	2 47	John Northrup et al, wit Wyal	26 84
bd Public Works, misc	5 61	John Legg, sol burial	40 00
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HER FRIEND, THE SCAMP.

By E. K. Stevens.

MRS. BRENT drew her cloak closer around her and shivered. It was a street corner in the worst part of Chicago, the night was dark and she was alone.

"Another fool's errand," she sighed. "But at every hint of a clew I am ready to start afresh; if I could but find him, my baby; the years of weariness and disappointment would seem as nothing."

A powerfully built man slouched from the shadow of a doorway and in passing spoke her name. She accompanied him at once and soon found herself before a tall, shabby house, whose windows stared, dark and empty, into the squalid street.

He led the way up two flights of stairs and stood aside for her to enter a room, unfurnished, except by two chairs and a table on which a lamp was burning dimly. She hesitated.

"If you want your child, go in," said the man gruffly. She stepped forward immediately, closely followed by her escort, who proceeded to lock the door and put the key in his pocket.

Mrs. Brent shrugged her shoulders slightly and, drawing one of the chairs to the table, sat down. The man hung himself into the other.

"You sent for me," she said, quietly, "promising that if I would come here entirely alone, with five hundred dollars, you would give me my child. I am here with an unsigned check for that amount, payable to bearer, in my pocket; it will be signed and yours when you return him safely to me."

"That's business," replied her guide, with a short laugh. "And now for my side of the bargain. You will make the hundreds thousands, or you get no boy and lose your life."

As he spoke, he drew a revolver, tossing and catching it carelessly and watching the effect of his words.

"Impossible," she answered. "I have spent so much during this useless search of six years, that it was difficult to raise the five hundred."

His fist came down on the table with a mighty blow and the revolver clicked sharply as he cocked and raised it.

"This is no bluff," he growled. Leaning back in his chair, he took deliberate aim at her head. "Either you give me the thousands, or I shoot. It would not be the first time I had killed a woman."

Her eyes flashed. "Shoot, then!" she said. "Life is nothing to me without my child, and I believe that he is dead. Why should he have been stolen, but

for hope of reward? And rewards have been repeatedly offered in vain. Shoot, and reunite us!"

For a few still moments they faced each other, her unflinching gaze full on the muzzle of the pistol and the hard face behind it. Then with an oath he flung down the weapon.

"If I ever saw nerve," his strong voice rang through the room, "I have seen it to-night."

"Look ye here, lady! I don't know where your child is, but I will know and if living, you shall have him for just my expenses and no penny over. Is it a bargain?"

He held out his hand and as Mrs. Brent took it, her lip trembled for the first time, and it was with unsteady safety that she murmured, "Bring him safely to me and the five hundred is yours, but for pity's sake, be quick," her voice faltered. The man bowed his head and unlocked the door. "Go on ahead," he said. "I will see you safe to your hotel."

Weeks multiplied into months and she heard nothing from her unexpected ally, until her new born hope died within her. It was Christmas eve and she sat alone, thinking with swelling heart of the many homes where mothers were planning happy surprises for their little ones, when there came a loud knock on her door. At first, as she opened it and peered out into the darkness, she thought no one was there, but suddenly two little arms were stretched up to her and a voice, which had known but the one word when last she had heard it, cried: "Mamma." With a great sob, she gathered her child to her heart.

Pinned to the little fellow's jacket she found a card bearing these words: "A Christmas gift to a brave woman, from her friend, The Scamp."

GOT THE BACKACHE?

If You Have, Here's the Way to Rid Yourself of the Weariness and Pain Attending It.

Many people suffer with headaches, many people are worn out and weary all the time, many people have lumbago, back and backache. Few people understand the real cause of their aches, and fewer yet know how easily they can find a cure. Just a word of explanation before we prove that what we say is true. The back is the key-note of the kidneys. It aches, that's a sign that the kidneys are not working properly; it is lame; another sign, you know, are the filters of the blood, but filters sometimes get clogged up. This means in their case that the blood courses through the entire system impregnated with poisonous uric acid, bringing on many a disorder which, if neglected, means disease perhaps incurable. And now about the cure—Don't take our word for it; read what others say:

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Paris, Texas, Jan. 9, 1898.
Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., Chicago, Gentlemen—I write to accept the agency for your medicines. Will send you the amount mentioned in your letter, and please send me the remedies to begin with. I have some orders all ready. Please send as soon as you can. With many thanks to you and God, I am enjoying better health than I have for years. I feel as if I am spared to do some one else good now. Yours truly,

MRS. M. J. JAYROE.
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Should you suspect that parties who

Give the Children a Drink
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Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

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Four Women Who Owe Their Present Happiness to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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I think it is my duty to write and let you know what your medicine has done for me. For two years I suffered with female weakness, bearing-down pains, headache, backache, and too frequent occurrence of the menses. I was always complaining. My husband urged me to try your Vegetable Compound, and I finally did. I have taken three bottles and it has made me feel like a different woman. I advise every woman that suffers to take your medicine and be cured.—Mrs. GARRETT LIGHTY, 612 S. Prince St., Lancaster, Pa.

I had suffered for over two years with backache, headache, dizziness, nervousness, falling and ulceration of the womb, leucorrhoea, and about every ill a woman could have. I had tried doctors, but with no success, and it seemed as though death was the only relief for me. After using five bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and four packages of Sanative Wash, I am well. Have had no more pain, womb trouble, backache or headache.—Mrs. CLAUDIA HALPIN, Cream Ridge, N. J.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.
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March 6, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M. D.

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Friday, March 11, 1898.

FAR AND NEAR!

IMPORTANT EVENTS FROM OUREXCHANGE
CONDENSED AND RECORDED HERE.

As a rule, traveling men are a jolly open-hearted lot, but there is certainly one exception to this rule who visits Michigan towns in the interest of a wall paper establishment. He secures a bed and then buys crackers, cheese and beefsteak. The latter he takes to the depot and fries over the coals in the waiting room, as he is too stung to pay hotel fare. In one town he even went so far as to borrow a wheelbarrow and did his own draying, thereby saving 15 cents.

The local and personal items in a paper are a very desirable feature, and even big city dailies are beginning to devote considerable interest in matters of this kind. Many readers are deeply interested in the movements of their friends, the coming and going of strangers visiting our town. In order that this class of news may be kept up to the proper standard, we solicit the aid of every citizen in getting such information. If a friend is visiting you, it is courtesy to him that he be noticed; if you are going away, or your friend or neighbor is sick; if you get married (and are not ashamed of it or your wife), or in fact, if you have an item of any kind make it known to the printer and the service will be appreciated and esteemed a favor.

Did you ever stop to think how dear your local paper becomes to an absent friend who has wandered away from his childhood's home. It is often the only friend who remembers to bring news to the absent, and if you could see how eagerly they open and scan each page, and how dear the little gossip items become you would feel paid for your efforts in sending it. You know even in your own case how glad you are to get hold of it, even if you haven't been away but a week. If you are not already on the MAIL list, or your friend's name, let us put it there.

There are two things in a woman that a man of refinement admires equally as much as, if not more than beauty, and those are a pleasant voice and a cheerful disposition. There is not a man in the world brave enough to cope with a woman who whines. He will put himself to any amount of trouble to avoid her. Fortunately, though, whining is going out of fashion. It is now considered, and rightly, more womanly to meet trials and troubles, both small and great, cheerfully.

A clergyman, whose salary had not been paid for several months told the trustees that he must have his money as his family were suffering for want of the necessities of life. "Money!" exclaimed one of the trustees, noted for his stinginess. "Do you preach for money? I thought you preached for the good of souls." The minister replied: "So I do, but I cannot eat souls. And if I could, it would take a thousand such as yours to make a meal."

There is something exceedingly amusing in the life of a newspaper man, if down beneath the surface of tragic events he can see the humorous side of his fretful existence. There is hardly a man without a grievance which he wants aired in the paper. He would not sign his name to it for \$10 a line yet he expects the editor to compose the article, set it up, print it and stand all the responsibility for nothing.

Parents should bear in mind that in order that the pupils may derive the highest benefit from the school, regularity in attendance and punctuality are ab-

olutely necessary. The pupil who leaves school without having the habit of being regular and punctual possesses one less of the important factors of success. In so far as business or in any profession.

To describe the coming Easter hats and bonnets must surely try the pen of even a capable writer on fashions as Isabel A. Mallou. In the March Ladies' Home Journal she pictures the feminine head-dress that will have its first airing on fashions great show day—Easter. The united effort of pen and pencil bring the conviction that the vogue gives the widest range as to shape of head-dress and that the plumage of almost every known bird will be brought into requisition, beside a tistic duplicate of every flower of the hothouse, garden and field will be called upon to supply the ornamentation. The velvets and ribbons may be as rich as the purse can buy, and the woman can select almost anything in the line of colors or combinations and yet be entirely within the bounds of vogue.

Lon Hilmer is still at the old stand near village hdl. That's the place to leave your laundry. Your work will be done by the latest and most improved methods, will be handled in the most careful manner. Dilapidated neckbands replaced with new ones free of charge. Mending done free of charge. Regular lever, pointer lever and ball top buttons with celluloid backs free of charge. We want to do business with you, we make it an object for you to do business with us.

UPPER PLYMOUTH.

Mrs. Ed. White, is very sick.
Mrs. D. C. Shattuck is on the sick list.
Mr. and Mrs. D. Jolliffe were in Northville Sunday.

Mrs. Ward, of Northville, visited Plymouth friends, Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Smitherman and her mother are both very sick with la grippe.

Mrs. Geo. A. Starkweather is spending a few days with Ypsilanti friends.

L. L. Lewis returned Friday from New York state where he had been on business.

Dan Jolliffe was in Northville Tuesday to see his brother-in-law Duncan Leach who is very sick.

Coal transferring is becoming lively in the F. & P. M. yards. Eight men transfer night and day.

The F. & P. M. R. R. has just finished three large engines for freight traffic, No. 87, 98 and 100.

Miss Blanch Starkweather has decided not to return to Chicago, where she has been studying music.

J. A. Robins, of Salem, was in town Tuesday on business. Mr. Robins expects to be settled in Howell by the end of the week.

If you want to see the finest lot of cabbage plants ever raised in this town, just step into G. A. Starkweather's green house.

Chas. Brems is doing a hustling business. He has just contracted to make 20 buggies, 8 road wagons and several lumber wagons.

Mr. George Wheeler and sister Mrs. N. E. Ryder, of Salem, were the guests of Mrs. McHenry on Tuesday last. Mrs. Ryder, remained a few days visiting friends.

Mrs. B. Hodge, of Detroit, who has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Crosby, returned home Tuesday.

After spending a month with his sister Mrs. Chas. Grainger, Mr. Geo. Singer, returned to his home in Thamesville, Can., March 1st.

Miss Lottie Smye, who for some time has been a resident of Plymouth, returned to her home in Dundas, Ont., Wednesday morning.

A letter has been received from Mrs. Etta Benton, (nee Hilmer) from Seattle where they arrived Thursday. They report a pleasant trip.

Thursday night 5 o'clock train was delayed until 7:10 on account of the new bridge. One span had been taken out and was being replaced.

Carl Heide is transplanting his cabbage plants to the cold frames, hardening them for the field. He expects to set them out by the last of the month.

Mrs. H. Fuller was called from Flint, Sunday evening on account of the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. Ed. White. She will make Plymouth her home for some time.

The members of the Phoenix Hose Co. met Monday evening for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The old officers were all re-elected.

The new D. G. R. & W. railroad bridge now being erected, is to be made entirely of iron, will be ten feet shorter, six inches higher and will stand twice the weight the old one would. Fully 200 people were there last Sunday watching the huge wooden derricks being put in place. They claim no trains will be delayed during the construction of the bridge.

Quite a large number of friends gathered at the home of Horace Smith last evening in honor of his sixtieth birthday. A beautiful repast was spread which reflected much credit on the hostess, Mrs. Arthur, after which Mr. Smith was presented with a beautiful arm chair. Mr. Smith, expressed his thanks in a few well chosen words and the party broke up with many happy remembrances of the occasion.

**OUR GREAT
SLAUGHTER SALE**

Has met with such great success that we have concluded to extend the sale one more month. We will continue to give you some of the most liberal values ever offered in Furniture. All previous sales in our career are dwarfed into insignificance compared with this. It is literally a Sacrifice Sale against Time. The people are getting the benefit, and carrying off our perfect merchandise—all of it brand new this season—for less money than ever before. The big end of the bargain is yours every-time. The cutting the price is deep and radical.

THIS MEANS BUSINESS.

Our stock of Carpets and Mattings is right up to date. Bring your whole family along. There are good things going, and only good things, and things you needn't be ashamed to show your neighbors and tell them where you bought them.

Call and see us and call often.

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PLYMOUTH, MICH.**

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" " 80x84 in., 6 lbs., 1 25
" " 84x90 in., 7 lbs., 1 50
All Wool Blankets, 5 to 7 lbs., \$3 00 to 7 00
Black Fur Robes, 4 00 to 8 50
Plush Robes, 2 50 to 9 00
Wool Robes, 2 00 to 7 50

Trunks and Valises at prices that down the world.

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Rakes,
Corn Harvesters.**

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**C. C. CHADWICK, Agent,
Northville, Mich.**

The Detroit & Lima Northern Railway.
Time Card in effect Nov. 14, 1897.

No. 41	No. 41	No. 45	No. 45	No. 49	No. 49	No. 49	No. 49	No. 49	No. 49
Daily	Daily	Sunday	Sunday	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
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7:15 am	3:30 am	7:15 am	3:30 am	12:15 pm	6:15 pm	12:15 pm	6:15 pm	12:15 pm	6:15 pm
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STONE MADE FLOUR

Why Do Doctors Say It Is the Best for Health?

Why do doctors say: "Stone made flour is the best for health?" For the reason that the stone made flour to which they refer, contains all the flour of the wheat; not because it is ground upon the mill-stone, but in the way it is handled after it is ground. It is not the aim of the miller to see who can make a flour with the most starch, but who can make the best flour and have it contain all the flour of the wheat. As I claim, (and all old millers will bear me out in it,) that if you want a good, sweet, moist loaf of bread, you must have all the flour of the wheat to make it. But the good housewife says "it is too dark; it is not pleasing to the eye," and it matters not with the rest of our bodies if the eye is only pleased.

I have erected a new steam mill where the farmer can get a flour made from his own wheat in the old way of milling, also feed grinding by stone process. Graham and bolted meal always in stock. The stone process of grinding gives the only flour for moisture, taste and health combined—a flour which contains the gluten as well as the starch; and in fact, all of the bread-producing qualities of the wheat which, is the only healthy flour made.

"Why is some flour so much whiter than others?" It is not the fault of the wheat or the mill but in the way it is milled. Starch is the whitest part of the wheat; gluten is the sweetest and the darkest. Therefore the whiter the flour, the less gluten and the sooner the bread will try out. This flour you will find where mills make three grades of flour at the same time; viz: "Patent," "Clear" and "Low Grade." My aim is to please the public and give a good honest flour, and I would like to have everyone try it.

Hoping that you will give it a trial and have a good, sweet, moist loaf of bread, I remain,
Your humble servant,

**L. L. LEWIS, PLYMOUTH
STEAM MILLS.**

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE
The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever, Sore, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chillsblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. **Prepared by John L. Gale.**

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE
First National Exchange Bank**
at Plymouth, in the State of Michigan, at the close of business, February 24th, 1898.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts	\$ 90,714 25
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,490 02
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
U. S. Bonds	1,075 00
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures	7,833 41
Due from approved reserve agents	20,381 81
Notes of other National Banks	2,043 00
Fractional paper currency, tickets, and cents	215 61
Specie	6,388 70
Real estate notes	6,388 70
10-coupon fund with U. S. Treasurer	502 50
5 per cent of circulation	502 50
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund	37 50
Total	\$ 142,955 84

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	5,500 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and interest paid	189 90
National bank notes outstanding	10,700 00
Dividends unpaid	60 00
Individual deposits subject to check	28,434 24
Demand certificates of deposit	48,221 61
Total	\$ 142,955 84

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
County of Wayne,
I, E. W. CHAFFEE, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of March, 1898.
EUGENE F. LOMBARDO, Notary Public, Wayne Co.

Correct—Attest: E. W. CHAFFEE, Cashier.
W. H. HOYT, R. C. SAFFORD, Directors.

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE
PLYMOUTH SAVINGS BANK,**
at Plymouth, Michigan, at the close of business February 18, 1898.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts	\$189,488 40
Stocks, Bonds, Mortg., etc.	42,759 79
Overdrafts	778 55
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures	4,500 00
Furniture and fixtures	5,022 98
Other real estate	11,550 00
Due from banks in reserve cities	17,042 92
Due from other banks and bankers	174 23
Exchanges for clearing house	174 23
Checks and cash on hand	1,425 69
Niches and coms.	21 89
Gold coin	3,679 10
Silver coin	1,511 78
U. S. and Nat'l Bank Notes	27,872 07
Total	\$387,220 00

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided Profits, less taxes, expenses and interest paid	217 50
Dividends unpaid	2,501 26
Commercial deposits	42,398 71
Certificates of deposit	36,528 46
Savings deposits	86,579 07
Total	\$387,220 00

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
County of Wayne,
I, E. C. HOUGH, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of March, 1898.
EUGENE F. LOMBARDO, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: L. C. HOUGH, Cashier.
E. C. LEACH, L. H. BENNETT, Directors.

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

Present, EDGAR O. DUFFEE, Judge of Probate, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claim, and that the next of kin of said minor and all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license should not be granted to said guardian to mortgage real estate as prayed for in said petition. And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the PLYMOUTH MAIL, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Wayne.

EDGAR O. DUFFEE, Judge of Probate.
(A true copy.)
HENRY S. HULBERT, Deputy Register. 546-49

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

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will hold the store of George W. Hunter & Co. in the village of Plymouth in said county, on Wednesday the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1898, and on Friday, the 25th day of July, A. D. 1898, at one o'clock p. m. of each said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that six months from the 25th day of January, A. D. 1898, were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

JOHN B. BERDAN, GEORGE W. HUNTER, Commissioners.
Dated February 9th, 1898; 546-7

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Office at Residence, Plymouth, Mich

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

In effect Nov. 14, 1897.

Trains to Plymouth as follows:
STANDARD TIME.

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

Trains Nos. 3 and 9 run through to Alpena.
Train No. 1 connects at Ludington with steamer for Manitowac and
Train No. 5 connects at Ludington with steamer for Milwaukee, (during season of navigation), making connections for all points West and Northwest.
Sleeping Parlor Cars between Alpena, Bay City, Saginaw and Detroit.
Train No. 8 runs daily from Bay City to Detroit. On Western Division it runs daily, except Sunday Connections made at Port Huron and Detroit Union depot for all points South, Canada and the East.

For further information see Time Card of the company.
ED. PELTON, Local Agent.

DETROIT, Grand Rapids & West
NOV. 21, 1897.

GOING EAST	GOING WEST
Ex. Sun.	Ex. Sun.
Grand Rapids	7:50
Alpena	7:30
Lansing	8:20
Saginaw	10:35
Plymouth	10:50
Detroit	11:50

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

HARRY C. ROBINSON, Livery and Sale Stable.

BUS AND TRUCK LINE.
Horse Clipping a Specialty.

Home-seekers and One-Way Settlers' Rates, South.

Home-seekers' 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.



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 **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.

A Carpenter's Story

Sciatic Rheumatism Compelled Him to Give Up Work -- Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures Rheumatism, Catarrh and Heart Trouble.

"I had an attack of sciatic rheumatism and took medicines for two months without permanent benefit. I then began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and improved at once. After I had used two bottles I was able to resume my work, which is that of a carpenter. I took three bottles in all of Hood's Sarsaparilla and it entirely cured me of rheumatism and also of catarrh and heart trouble. A year afterward the rheumatism returned, but after taking two more bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla I was entirely relieved, and I have never had the disease since that time. My wife is taking Hood's Sarsaparilla for catarrh and it is helping her." Gmo. P. MARRS, Tustin, Michigan.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5.

Hood's Pills cure nausea, indigestion, biliousness, constipation.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Register tomorrow.
Robins are numerous.
M. Klayton left for Dakota Wednesday.
E. K. Bennett had business in Detroit Wednesday.
George Curtis went to Buffalo Wednesday night.
Mrs. A. O. Lyon entertained company Thursday, March 3d.
—Good sewing machine for sale, enquire of A. D. Lyndon.
The Business Men's club have purchased another billiard table.
Gov. Pingree has issued a proclamation setting apart April 29th as Arbor Day.
—House and barn and two lots for sale. Apply to J. R. RACON.
Landlord Streng, of the Hotel Plymouth, has built a new walk in front of his hotel.
Miss Lillian Fairman left for the South Wednesday. She expects to be gone some time.
C. H. Bennett arrived home Wednesday night and will probably remain till Sunday.
James Murdock has gone to Richmond, Mich., to start a barber shop. Isaac Wright will assist him.
Frank Park, who is now sales manager for the Crescent Gun Co., Saginaw, Mich., is spending the week at home.
It is economy to profit by the experience of others. Thousands have been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, why not you.
Messrs Hubbard, Sprague and Cooper went to Detroit Wednesday for the purpose of painting W. F. Markham's yacht.
Louis Steel returned Wednesday, from Gowan, where he had been sent as relief operator, and left today, (Friday) for Portland, Mich.
Am now prepared to do the very best work on short notice. Have the latest improvements for turning collars and cuffs. Peerless Laundry, over A. A. Taft. 1w
The village lawsuit has been in progress this week before Referee Davock, of Detroit, who was appointed to try the case. It will probably be finished next week.
Light Bramah eggs for setting 50 cts for 13. 3w
D. G. WILDEY.
For Sale.—Sow and seven pigs. 1w
D. G. WILDEY.

R. G. Terry is improving.
E. H. Briggs was in Detroit this week.
Mrs. M. R. Weeks was in Detroit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens drove to Detroit last Sunday.

Hiram Roe and Miss Howlett spent Thursday in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Passage were in Detroit the fore part of the week.

We learn on going to press that L. C. Hall has been recommended by Hon. George Spalding for Postmaster at Plymouth.

Henry Chappel, brother of L. H. Chappel, died in Detroit, Thursday morning, of pneumonia. He returned from the South about two weeks ago where he had been living the past year.

Quarterly meeting next Sunday in the Methodist church. Preaching in the morning by Rev. Connolly, of Detroit, in the evening by Rev. W. H. Shier, presiding elder.

Rev. Connolly and Struble will conduct a series of revival meetings in the Methodist church all next week. They are said to be very fine speakers and have been very successful in their special work.

The MAIL office is now prepared to do all kinds of wedding and card printing both in plain and engraved work. If you have a plate of your own, bring it to us and we will furnish you cards of the latest style, and save you time and money. Our plain printing is surpassed only by engraving and to note a distinction is difficult.

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

The memorial service, at the M. E. church, Sunday evening, in honor of the late Francis E. Willard, conducted by the ladies of the W. C. T. U., was attended by a full house. The service was very impressive and the papers presented by the different ladies drew out the leading points of Miss Willard's noble life. The M. E. choir rendered several of Miss Willard's favorite hymns, and Mr. M. F. Gray sang a beautiful tenor solo entitled "Gat-istied," which was very appropriate for the occasion. The service cannot help but endear the memory of Miss Willard to all who attended.—Con.

The last debate between the Northville and Plymouth high schools will occur tomorrow (Saturday) evening at the opera house, Northville.

Auction Sale.

The undersigned will sell at public auction on the George Scott farm, one mile west of Waterford, on Tuesday, March 15th, his horses, cows and other live stock, farm implements and tools. Sale will commence at nine o'clock. Lunch at noon. John Bennett, auctioneer. 1w

CALVIN AUSTIN, Prop.

The undersigned will sell at public auction on the premises known as "Shackletons' Forty" in Canton township, on Monday, March 14th, at one o'clock sharp, his live stock, farm implements and tools. John Bennett, auctioneer.

CHAS. RANKS, Prop.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has lame Back, Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at J. L. Gale's Drug Store.

Mrs. J. R. Rauch has been in Milford this week on account of the severe illness of her niece, Miss Skinner.

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

The France-Rella Comedy Co. which played here a week ago came over from Northville Monday morning, taking the D. G. R. & W. train to Fowlerville where they play this week.

Do not monkey with the buzz saw, even collars with saw edges are dangerous. Your collars will be free from saw teeth if you leave them at Hilmer's. 1w

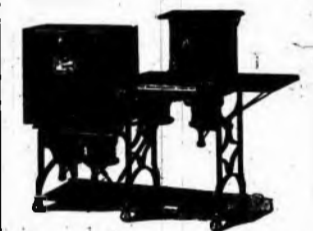
Landlord Streng, of Hotel Plymouth, has been asked to commence his Sunday dinners. Mr. and Mrs. Streng go to considerable expense in preparing these dinners and when those desiring them fail to appear they are considerably out of pocket. If citizens who desire Sunday dinners prepared for them at the hotel, will guarantee the purchase of tickets each Sunday, the same will be provided, otherwise no extra meals will be provided. One can readily see how Mr. and Mrs. Streng would be the losers if dinner was prepared for say 25 and only 10 appeared.

—For a good clean collar, shirt and cuffs go to the Peerless Laundry (over A. A. Taft's.) 1w

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

Wheat, No. 2 red.	91
Wheat, No. 1 white.	90
Oats, No. 2.	26
Rye, No. 2.	45
Butter.	14
Eggs.	10
Potatoes.	55 80
Beans, according to sample.	60-70

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

Hueston & Co.'s
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MICHIGAN NEWS SUMMARY.

Doings of the Week Recorded in a Brief Style.

CONCISE AND INTERESTING.

Supreme Court Considering an Important Tax Title Case—State Will Protect Homesteaders—Probable Murder at Pinconning.

Important Tax Title Case.

The supreme court has taken under advisement the now famous tax title case of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. against the auditor-general and Eugene B. Wood. The supreme court recently decided in favor of the former, but granted a rehearing. The state's attorneys argue that if the court reaffirms its former decision, the immediate effect would be to exempt about \$4,000,000 of delinquent taxes from collection, and that 6,000 people who had bought 1,500 homesteads, aggregating 126,000 acres, and had made improvements valued at \$450,000, would be rendered homeless, to say nothing of the \$750,000 of taxes that would be canceled on those lands. Such a decision would bankrupt the treasuries of the state and municipalities; paralyze the collection of the revenue; necessitate rewriting the books of the auditor-general's office; necessitate a new law nullifying the work of the 1892 tax commission; prevent the collection of taxes assessed and returned prior to the law of 1891; bury the supreme and circuit courts under an avalanche of litigation; invalidate all but the first year's sales; cause a loss to the state of hundreds of thousands of dollars on advertising fees and charges; destroy the state tax land lists; and cause the utmost confusion in pending legal proceedings.

A Mysterious Death at Pinconning.

The death of Henry Buck, a farmer near Pinconning, aroused the suspicions of the authorities and an investigation showed four bruises on his head. Some of the neighbors claim that the family did not live in harmony. The father was a peaceable man and highly regarded by his neighbors. The officers learned that at noon on the day of his death Mrs. Buck found her husband lying near the back door of the house in an unconscious condition. She called to her son Charles, who was in the barn, and they carried him into the house and laid him upon the floor, where he remained unconscious up to the time of death at 4 p. m. No physician was called to attend him. Near the spot where Buck was found by his wife there was picked up on the day of his death a small blacksmith's hammer. One edge of the hammer is broken off. The contour of the wounds on his head was exactly the same as the irregular contour of the hammer, convincing the officers that the cause of death was blows with the hammer. Charles Buck, son of the deceased, was arrested, to be held pending the investigation of his father's death. He seems very little concerned about it. Buck, the deceased, was 53 years of age and was the father of five boys and five girls.

Died in the Dentist's Chair.

Mrs. Frank Berry, of Grand Blanc, drove to Flint after her husband, who is employed in one of the carriage factories. Having been troubled with the toothache she and her husband went to Dr. Monroe's dental parlors where it was found necessary to extract three teeth, and as she was in a delicate condition a physician was called to administer chloroform. The teeth were extracted but the shock was too much for Mrs. Berry and she expired in the chair. Besides her husband she leaves two children, aged 4 and 2 years.

State Will Protect Homesteaders.

A number of homesteaders in Montmorency county recently received letters from Alpena lawyers inviting them to call and settle. They were informed that the supreme court had declared the tax title illegal and the original owners, whom the lawyers represented, demanded a settlement. Land Commissioner French denies that the court has ever passed upon this question and tells the homesteaders to stick to their farms.

Sorrow and Pain Caused Suicide.

Henry Buehler, aged 47, committed suicide at the residence of Joseph Huber, on Lapeer street, Saginaw, by taking morphine. Last summer his wife was thrown from a wagon and instantly killed. Subsequently Mr. Buehler met with an accident from which he suffered the loss of one of his legs, and despondency is supposed to have urged him to suicide. He has no relatives.

He's Had Enough of Alaska.

Warren Fisher, of Delton, Barry county, who was a member of the Kalamazoo Mining & Prospecting Co., has returned from Alaska. He accompanied the party about 12 miles into the interior from Skaguay and got all he wanted of life in Alaska. He says Michigan is good enough for him.

Coal has been found in 20 places in Bay county.

John Hall, an Oakland county pioneer, died at Birmingham from the result of a fall by which his hip was broken.

A movement is on foot to raise a fund for aged Chief Pokagon, whose humble home near Dowagiac was recently destroyed by fire.

Wallace Lee, a teamster, was rolling on a log on a skid near Mt. Morris, when he slipped and it rolled on his leg, crushing it terribly.

The young sons of Jack Simmons and Frank Johnson, colored, were both drowned in Bowen's ice pond on the outskirts of Adrian.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

There are 40 applications for the superintendency of the schools at Ann Arbor.

The livery barn of John Chamberlin burned at Carson City, but the stock was saved.

The Masons of Belleville have advertised for bids for a \$3,000 addition to their hall.

Arthur Crane, of Moscow, killed an American eagle measuring eight feet from tip to tip.

The residence of Mrs. A. B. Buck, of Moscow, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$1,500; insured.

Parker Divine, aged 6, was drowned by falling through a hole left by ice-cutters at Lakeview.

Maria Degan, a young woman, was found in a shed at Ann Arbor dead drunk and half frozen.

Gov. Pingree has contributed \$25 for the relief of the families of the Kalamazoo explosion victims.

H. C. Hamill, for 9 years publisher of the Alpena Pioneer, has sold out to Dr. E. B. Meers, of Kenosha Wis.

The Fox Light artillery, of Grand Rapids, has offered its services to Uncle Sam in case of an emergency.

Wool-growers of Calhoun county have organized a county association for protection and mutual benefit.

The house of Ernest Botsford, four miles north of St. Johns, was totally destroyed by fire. Loss about \$1,200.

Mrs. Sarah Gates, aged 47, has been taken to Detroit; 65 days for assaulting her 73-year-old mother at Lansing.

The St. Joseph county grand jury, having returned 70 indictments during the past four weeks, has finished its work.

The Jenks Shipbuilding Co. will establish a steel plant at Port Huron. Hitherto only wooden boats have been built there.

E. O. Grosvenor, Michigan's food and dairy commissioner, attended the national meeting of food commissioners at Washington.

Fannie McCracken, an art teacher at Benton Harbor, has fallen heir to about \$100,000 by the death of a relative at St. Cloud, Minn.

Miss Nan Shephard, an elderly maiden lady, of Traverse City, will take up a claim at Cook's Inlet, Alaska, and do sewing for miners.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Metamora. They were married at the same town.

In a three-style wrestling match at Calumet, between Rowett, the Cornish champion and "Farmer" Burns, Rowett was defeated by Burns.

An electric railroad to run from Pontiac to Flint is being projected, via Drayton Plains, Waterford, Ortonville, Goodrich and Grand Blanc.

Wm. Huldane, founder of the Grand Rapids furniture industry, died in that city, aged 91. He started a chair and furniture works in 1836.

The postoffice at Dundee will be raised from fourth class to a presidential office April 1. The salary of the postmaster will be \$1,000.

Gov. Pingree has appointed Henry J. Moesner, of Menominee, as a member of the Ontonagon relief commission, to succeed James Mercer, resigned.

While digging a well on the farm of Mrs. Anna Hobart, about a mile from Eaton Rapids, workmen struck a vein of coal about four feet thick at a depth of 150 feet.

Saginaw Knights of the Grip have adopted resolutions against the proposed two-cent railroad fares, claiming that they would concentrate trade in the large cities.

Mayor Stove, of Grand Rapids, is stirring up manufacturers to give employees a Saturday half-holiday during the summer, and several have consented to do so.

Mrs. Maggie Isbell, a bride of four months died after an illness of four days, at Stockbridge, aged 19. Her birth, marriage and death all occurred in the same room.

Thomas G. Greedy has been appointed postmaster at South Lyon, Oakland county. Congressman Snover has recommended William J. Seltzer for postmaster at Palms, Mich.

Mrs. Robinson, colored, was found dead in an old wood shed at Lapeer. She had apparently been dead for two weeks and it is thought by some that she died from starvation.

Mrs. Robert Mantell, whose stage name is Charlotte Behrens, who has been ill at the Hotel Harrington at Port Huron for the past few weeks, took a turn for the worse, sank rapidly and died.

Fred Oppen, an old soldier, living near Fraser, committed suicide at his home by shooting himself. He had been suffering for some time with a cancer of the throat and feared starving to death.

John Kropenhoff, an old farmer, was found dead in his home near Muskegon. He had apparently been dead several days, and the cause was probably old age. He lived alone, a cat and a chicken being his only companions. As far as is known, he leaves no relatives.

Henry Aldrich, a prominent resident of Tekonsha, committed suicide by shooting himself through the chest with a shotgun. The death of his wife, following close upon the death of his children, and the complete loss of his property caused him to be exceedingly melancholy.

The farm residence of John Showers, seven miles southeast of St. Louis, burned. Loss about \$1,200, with no insurance. Mrs. Showers was at a neighbor's at the time and her six months old baby was in the house. Mr. Showers discovered the fire just in time to get the baby out as the roof fell in.

Dr. J. H. Lancashire, of the Alma Sanitarium company, says coal underlies the entire village. At the depth of 535 a vein several feet thick has been struck; and at 1,050 a vein 30 feet in thickness was found.

The Crump Manufacturing Co., of Bay City, has received a large order for dynamite and cartridge boxes. As the government manufactures its own boxes to meet ordinary demand this must be an emergency order.

Ex-Secretary of State J. W. Jochim, of Ishpeming, announces his candidacy for the office again. Gov. Rich removed him for neglect of duty in connection with the salary amendment frauds, and Mr. Jochim wants a vindication.

Emerson A. Holmes, publisher of the Cross Roads Weekly, brought suit at Metamora against 26 signers to the petition to the village council declaring him to be a public nuisance. The charge is slander and \$10,000 damages is asked.

Congressman Wm. Alden Smith, of Michigan, is off for Cuba on an investigating tour. He is accompanied by his wife and a party of congressmen. They all sailed on the private yacht of Editor Hearst, of the New York Journal.

The demand for state lands is increasing. The receipts of the state land office for February were \$8,383, an increase of \$2,100 over February of last year. The lands disposed of were for the most part primary school and Agricultural college lands.

Secretary Baker, of the state board of health, sent three samples of St. Clair drinking water to the U. of M. for analysis. He has been advised that it was very bad water. There is no doubt that the epidemic of typhoid fever is due to the water.

Sheriff Ooonan, of Pontiac, went to Jackson prison after Benny Campbell, whose five-year term for burglary has expired. Campbell was rearrested on the charge of grand larceny, the offense being committed while he was out on bail awaiting his other trial.

There are 46 cases of fever in St. Clair. Some physicians say it is malaria and others claim it to be typhoid. Two deaths have occurred. It is alleged that the sewage from Port Huron is the cause, as the people obtain their water supply from the St. Clair river.

Chris Keenan and Frank Shane, night watchmen employed by merchants at Menominee, have been enemies for years. About 2 a. m. they met and began firing at each other with revolvers. Keenan was wounded in the wrist at the fourth shot. Shane gave himself up.

Owen McArron was convicted of manslaughter at Port Huron for causing the death of Kilbourne Seaback on the night of July 25, 1897. McArron was tried twice, the first time being for murder and the jury disagreed. The trial just closed was for manslaughter. The evidence was entirely circumstantial.

The state board of education has granted state certificates, good for life, to the following teachers who have passed the required examination: Franklin C. Dauecke, Gladstone; Clark B. Chaffee, Farwell; George L. Norcross, National Mine; J. A. O'Leary, Paw Paw; C. F. A. Adams, Detroit; Frank E. Burkhead, Moline, Ill.

Christopher Rathfon, of Ypsilanti, who committed suicide in a Ypsilanti hotel, was a poor orphan farmed out by a Boston asylum 25 years ago. He prospered at Ypsilanti and four years ago married a daughter of John Ellsworth, a wealthy farmer. He disappeared a short ago, and leaves a fine home and a widow with two children.

Mrs. Enoch H. Jones, a respectable colored woman who resides near the C. & G. T. shops at Battle Creek, was outraged by two white men, supposed to be tramps, who hang around the yards in great numbers. One of the men had a red handkerchief tied over his face. The other had a revolver and knife in hand. They also took \$18 in money from her person.

The poor authorities at Kalamazoo were called upon to aid Dell Lucas, a colored man, whose 9-month-old child died in Alma, Van Buren county, a week before. Lucas says he applied to a supervisor for assistance in burying the infant, but was brusquely refused. An effort to get help at Paw Paw resulted the same way. The body was decomposed when buried at Kalamazoo.

A frightful accident occurred in Clark & Acker's shingle mill at Wetmore. The boilers blew up, entirely destroying the mill, killing two men and fatally injuring others. The dead are: Hugh Long and Peter Morris. George Moore, of Au Train, ex-sheriff of Alger county, is perhaps fatally injured. Peter Brix and Herman Zantz are both badly wounded, while several others have slight injuries. The loss is estimated at about \$2,000.

St. Joseph has been deprived of its great industry of fishing by the present state fish law, which provides that the mesh in nets now in service are illegal. Benning & Grimm, with \$5,000 worth of nets, have moved their entire outfit to Waukegan, Ill. Mollhagen Bros. have moved to Michigan City, Ind., where their nets can be used. All leading fishermen state that it is impossible to make a living with the present legal nets from Michigan ports.

The grand jury of St. Joseph county returned indictments for violation of the liquor law against Ed Schaffer, of Stevensville; Chas. F. Kitterer, Robert Chambers, Wm. Tinsler, and Rudolph Wahrab, of Niles; David Scherer, Edward Brant, Timothy Talbot, and Court Van Riper, of Benton Harbor; Chester W. Gibon, of Coloma; Van Rogers, of Glendora; E. S. Curran and Reynolds & Dakke, of St. Joseph. Charles I. Bainton, a member of the village council of Buchanan, was indicted on the charge of receiving a bribe of \$100 for voting to issue a saloon license.

ITS A WAITING GAME NOW.

Uncle Sam Awaits the Report of the Court of Inquiry, but

IS PREPARING FOR WAR, AND

Will not be Caught Napping if War Should be the Outcome of the Maine Disaster—President McKinley Will Take Prompt Action When the Time Comes

Awaiting the report of the naval court of inquiry as to the cause of the Maine disaster there is very little change in the situation. There are rumors and rumors as well as multitudinous surmises, conjectures and theories as to the cause of the destruction of the warship, the probable report of the board of inquiry and the proposed action of the administration at Washington. Notwithstanding all this uncertainty there are certain surface indications which are observed with interest by all who are watching the progress of affairs. Among these may be mentioned an interview given out by Secretary of the Navy Long at the close of a meeting of President McKinley's cabinet, in which he expressed the opinion that "in his judgment any official participation by the Spanish government in the blowing up of the vessel had been eliminated." The query that arises in the public mind is on what facts the secretary bases that opinion, for up to this time the department has announced that every dispatch bearing on the disaster has been given to the public. It is well that the Secretary in his statement does not use the word "responsibility," for whatever the report of the court may be there is little doubt but that this government will hold the Spanish government responsible in damages for the loss of the battleship and lives of the men.

At the capitol there has been a great deal of adverse criticism of the administration for its apparent policy of peace at any price. Where there was a few days ago an evidence of a strong policy on this question and an indication that Spain would be dealt with in a firm but just manner, there is now a complete change of sentiment, and the administration is beginning to talk of the possibility of settling the whole affair through the ordinary channels of diplomacy. Diplomacy, it is contended by many public men, cannot deal properly with this subject, for diplomacy means delay and aggravating postponements of the final day of reckoning.

However, congress may intervene. It has the constitutional power to declare war. Once Capt. Sigsbee is exonerated it will be difficult to restrain the representatives of the people. Already there are mutterings against the acceptance of an indemnity for the murder of our brave sailors and more than one member of the House has said that unless the administration takes satisfactory action without unnecessary delay the representatives will take a hand in the case. There are threats that the Spaniards will not be humored in procrastination. The stiff announcement from Madrid that Spain never will consider an offer to purchase Cuba has shown with what contempt that people will regard our talk of money for the loss of the battleship Maine.

Secretary of War Alger is showing a spirit which is gratifying to patriotic Americans, although he has won the disapproval of certain conservative statesmen who "don't want business disturbed by warlike action." Gen. Alger gave an order to the Carpenter Steel Co., the Midvale Steel Co. and the Fifth Sterling Steel Co., for \$1,000,000 worth of projectiles to be delivered as soon as the Lord will let those concerns make them. Some of the grunters objected to this kind of action and intimated that congress might refuse to make an appropriation to pay for the projectiles, when a prominent congressman replied tartly: "Secretary Alger is all right. He has made other contracts for material, and as long as he is secretary of war this country will have the material to fight with, appropriation or no appropriation. He is placing our military forces upon a splendid footing and if by the congress of the United States does not appropriate money to pay for it Gen. Alger will pay it out of his own pockets."

Without adding unnecessarily to the flood of conjecture concerning the finding of the court of inquiry it is fair to say that as a matter of fact most of the naval officers at Havana and at Key West incline to the opinion that the court will find that the disaster to the Maine was caused by the explosion of a floating submarine mine under the port side of the ship forward. Opinions agree, not only as to the existence of mines in the harbor, but also that this one was laid purposely near the buoy where foreign vessels were directed to moor, and was fired from an electric battery on shore. It is further regarded as settled by the evidence before the court that the port side of the hull forward was completely blown to pieces and that the only explosion on the Maine, except of isolated cases of fixed ammunition, was that of 2,000 pounds of saluting powder, stored forward, and of which no trace can be found.

Senator Proctor, who is making a personal investigation of the situation in Cuba, has seen much in a short time, and there is good authority for saying that he will make the results of his observations known in a strong speech in the Senate on his return to Washington. In Matanzas, Miss Clara Barton and Senator Proctor saw extremes of suffering they had never conceived possible. Four persons died in one ward while the party were there. Senator Proctor was reticent on the subject, but others of the party declared that the whole east of the island was under the control of Gen. Gomez.

MILLIONS FOR DEFENSE.

Congress Will Back the President in Any War Expenditures He May Make.

Washington: A conference of great importance was held at the White House which was attended by Secretary of the Navy Long; Acting Secretary of State Day; Justice Harlan, of the U. S. supreme court; Senator Allison, chairman of the Senate committee on appropriations and leader of the Senate finance committee; Chairman Cannon, of the House committee on appropriations; Chairman Dingley, of the House committee on ways and means; Mr. Hopkins of the same committee; Senator Hale, chairman of the Senate committee on naval affairs; Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, a very close and confidential friend and adviser of the President, and Senator Mason, of Illinois.

The conference resulted in assuring the President that whatever expense might be incurred congress would ratify his action and he now knows officially that congress will stand by him in whatever war measures he may undertake. He may buy ships; he may build forts; he may buy or construct guns, and buy or make ammunition. He may enlist soldiers and sailors, and he has carte blanche for it all. Whatever the sum needed congress will appropriate it after the time has passed when such legislation will give information to the enemy.

As a result of the conference, and within a few hours after its close Chairman Cannon, of the appropriations committee, introduced the following bill in the House: "That there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the national defense, and for each and every purpose connected therewith, to be expended at the discretion of the president, and to remain available until June 30, 1899, \$50,000,000." The bill was referred to the committee on appropriations.

Senator Mason, of Illinois, was present at the conference by special invitation. He had previously publicly announced that he would call up in the Senate his intervention resolution, introduced long before the loss of the Maine, unless he received authoritative assurances that he would thereby anticipate the action of the administration. He had declared that if he received no such assurances he would move to release the committee on foreign relations from further consideration of the matter into the Senate, where it would get immediate consideration. Since the Senator has been called to the White House it is inferred that he will be requested to withhold his resolution on the ground that it is superfluous and in fact he said that he was satisfied that his resolution would be superfluous.

WILL NOT RECALL LEE.

Uncle Sam Firmly Refuses Spanish Demands.

Spain has demanded the recall of U. S. Consul-General Lee from Havana and the demand has been firmly refused by President McKinley. Spain also requested that merchant vessels carrying the relief supplies to Matanzas and Sagua la Grande instead of the two U. S. warships. This request was also spurned by the President.

There are several unusual and important phases of this incident which do not appear on the surface. In the first place the demand for the recall of Gen. Lee was made through U. S. Minister Woodford, at Madrid, instead of through the Spanish legation at Washington, as is the usual custom in such cases. The demand was made directly to President McKinley instead of through the state department and the President promptly, and without consulting his cabinet, refused to grant it. The matter was kept a profound secret at Washington in order to avoid further stirring up the public mind, but a cable from Madrid disclosed the situation and the Washington authorities then gave the necessary information to the press.

Later, Spain has withdrawn her request for the recall of Consul-General Lee and it is now believed that the incident is practically closed. The withdrawal came in the shape of an official communication from U. S. Minister Woodford.

Spain Buying More Warships.

Spain has purchased two cruisers which the Armstrongs have been building for Brazil, the Amazonius and a sister ship, unnamed, of 4,000 tons each, 23 knots and 10 guns. Spain is also negotiating for and will probably secure two cruisers of a similar type which have been building in France for Brazil. The Spanish government is also endeavoring to secure guns and large supplies of ammunition in England and on the continent for immediate use.

In reply to a suggestive question a naval official at Havana said: "The court of inquiry has not had to depend upon divers testimony alone"—then, realizing that he had said more than he intended, the officer resumed his habitual reserve. It is believed that the testimony of Lieutenant-Commander Wainwright was highly important as bearing on the question of the existence of submarine mines in Havana harbor.

"On the day that the white squadron opens fire on Havana Maximo Gomez at the head of the Cuban patriot army will begin an attack by land. He will keep on fighting until Havana surrenders or nothing is left of it but a heap of ruins." These were the words of Col. Emilio Nuñez, of New York, who commanded the filibustering expedition which has just been landed in Cuba from the steamer Dauntless.

Two Spanish divers have begun work about the wreck of the Maine, and it is understood, they will report to the Spanish board appointed to inquire into the cause of the disaster.

CUBANS SLAY 1,000 SPANIARDS

Great Victory After Five Days' Fighting—Only 50 Cubans Killed.

Reports of the recent battle at Holguin, province of Santiago de Cuba, have been received from Cuban sources. Instead of the battle being a Spanish victory, as represented from Havana, it was a disastrous defeat, followed by a retreat on the part of the Spanish forces. Guns and ammunition shipped from Long Island less than a month ago were used in the fight.

The Spanish forces were commanded by Gen. Linarez, who, for some time has been at Holguin making preparations to march to the city of Santiago de Cuba. His army included cavalry and artillery, the most valuable in the Spanish army, many of them having been on the island for three years. Ten miles from Holguin the road becomes hilly and the rocks afford protection equal to any modern fortification. The Cubans under Col. Roderiguez took their stand in this natural fortification, near the town of San Francisco. Owing to the character of the country, less than 2,000 of the Spanish troops could be brought into action when the Cubans opened fire.

The road, a winding one, was a regular death trap. Linarez used his artillery as much as possible, but the Cuban force of less than 1,000 men could not be dislodged. For two days the Spaniards were held in check until Gen. Garcia and his command could reach the field with the newly arrived Long Island expedition. Gen. Garcia's command did not reach its full strength until the fifth day after the fighting began. On this day the Spanish columns retreated in confusion, carrying the wounded to Holguin and leaving 300 dead on the field.

The Cubans lost less than 50 killed in the five days' fighting. The Spanish loss is not exactly known, as the dead and wounded were taken from the field at night. It is estimated that 1,000 were killed and wounded.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

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

The House committee on naval affairs agreed on items of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of smokeless powder; \$92,000 for the erection of buildings on government ground for the manufacture of smokeless powder, and \$60,000 for arming and equipping the naval militia.

The Senate adopted a resolution providing for the erection of a bronze memorial tablet in the Capitol, commemorative of the officers and sailors who lost their lives in the Maine disaster in Havana harbor.

During the debate in the House on the Loud bill to regulate second-class mail matter Mr. Kitchen (Dem., N. C.) attempted to make a political speech, but was called to time by Speaker Reed who announced that hereafter the members on both sides would be obliged to speak on the subject under discussion at the time.

The Loud bill to correct the alleged abuses of the second-class mail matter privilege was buried under an overwhelming majority by the House. The vote was not taken directly upon the bill, but on a motion to lay it on the table. By a vote of 162 to 119 the motion was carried.

After a debate lasting several days the Senate passed the bill extending the homestead laws and providing for right-of-way for railroads in the district of Alaska. Comparatively little discussion of general interest was created by the bill except on Sec. 13, which provides for the extension to Canada of the bonding privileges on Alaskan trade with Canada at the port of Wrangell in Alaska on condition that certain concessions are given this country by the Dominion government among them being the right of our fishermen to enter Canadian ports for the purchase of bait or other supplies.

Two more appropriation bills have been sent to the President, the pension bill and the consular and diplomatic, both of which went through their final stage in the House.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

	New York	Chicago	St. Louis	San Francisco	Portland
Best grades	8.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
Lower grades	3.00	4.75	3.50	5.00	4.20
Best grades	4.00	5.25	4.00	5.50	4.15
Lower grades	3.50	4.75	3.00	4.25	3.80
Best grades	4.25	5.50	4.25	5.50	4.05
Lower grades	2.75	4.00	3.00	4.50	3.85
Best grades	3.00	4.25	3.00	4.50	4.00
Lower grades	2.50	3.75	2.50	4.00	3.80
Best grades	3.00	4.25	3.00	4.50	4.15
Lower grades	2.50	3.75	2.50	4.00	3.80
Best grades	4.25	5.50	4.25	5.50	4.05
Lower grades	3.00	4.25	3.00	4.50	3.80
Best grades	4.00	5.25	4.00	5.50	4.15
Lower grades	3.50	4.75	3.50	5.00	3.80

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat	Corn	Oats
New York	\$1.07	87	32
Chicago	1.01	84	29
Detroit	98	84	30
Toledo	99	84	29
Cincinnati	98	84	30
Cleveland	98	84	29
Pittsburg	98	84	30
Buffalo	98	84	30

Rochester has 14 patriots who are looking for the postmastership.

Rep. Sam W. Smith opposes the free homestead amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, which would rob the Michigan Agricultural college of \$40,000.

The Senate committee on military affairs recommended authorizing the abandonment of the government expedition for the relief of the miners in the Klondike region, which was authorized last December. The resolution provides for the sale of both the reindeer and the supplies purchased.

FROM GLOOM TO SUNLIGHT

THE USURERS DAUGHTER.

BY CHARLOTTE M. BRAEME.

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CHAPTER XVIII.

"HILDED," said Lord Caraven, "Captain Fane will dine with us this evening. Try to get some one else to meet him."

She was in the library, busily engaged in writing letters to St. Roche, and her husband's sudden entrance startled her. It was a bright morning, and the sun shone on her graceful head. She wore a pretty morning costume, dainty white lace encircling the white throat and arms. A man's heart might have warmed to her with exceeding great love—Lord Caraven did not; he never even stopped to look at her, to make any inquiries about her, or to speak a few words of kindly greeting.

"Captain Fane dines with us this evening," he repeated, and then Hildred laid down her pen and looked into his face.

"I do not like Captain Fane," she said, quickly.

"Possibly—but then, you see, that has nothing to do with the matter."

He spoke quite good humoredly, but his wife saw a slight flush in his face.

"Captain Fane, you may be surprised to hear, was rude to me when I saw him at Lady Redley's ball."

"Indeed! I have never heard anything against him of that kind. If he really was rude, you must have annoyed him."

"I did nothing of the kind, Lord Caraven," she replied, quietly.

"What did he do or say?" he asked.

"I decline to tell. You evidently disbelieve what I say; but, if Captain Fane dines here, I shall not."

"That is as you wish," he replied.

"I mean it, Lord Caraven. If Captain Fane dines here, I shall not enter the dining room."

"Then I must make an apology for your absence, and say that you have a headache," he replied.

"I will give no orders for dinner for Captain Fane," said Hildred.

"I think you will, Lady Caraven; if not, they will be given for you. Mind, there is a limit to my patience—you must not often abuse it. It is plain that you dislike Captain Fane because I like him."

"No, it is not so, I assure you, Lord Caraven. I was told not many days since that Captain Fane was strongly suspected of some unfair dealings at cards, and would be requested to leave your club."

"I do not believe it," he said, abruptly. "It is mere gossip—it is not true."

"It is true, for the Duchess of Morley told me. She said she would tell me whom to know and whom not to know; among the latter was Captain Fane."

"It is all nonsense," he said, but he began to fear there might be something in the story.

"You are at liberty to believe or to disbelieve," returned his wife, haughtily. "I will say no more—only that I refuse distinctly to meet Captain Fane."

The earl then quitted the room, really angry at last. He was naturally of an even temper. He was perhaps too indolent to be any other, but he was really angry this time.

"A school girl like that to defy me in my own house," he said—"It is quite unendurable."

He rang for the housekeeper and gave orders for a recherche dinner.

"She shall see," he thought, "that those girls will not do with me."

Hildred had gone to her room. She would not permit the servants to know that there was anything wrong. Her only resource was to shut herself up in her room and leave them to imagine that she had a bad headache. Shut up there, she heard all that passed. She heard Captain Fane's arrival, and dinner being served. She heard the sound of laughter—then came a silence, and she knew, just as though she had been present, that the earl and his guests were playing cards.

Captain Fane did not leave the house until after two in the morning, and then Hildred heard her husband go to his own room.

She was deeply mortified. Of how little use, of how little value she was in the house after all! She expressed decided disapprobation of a person, and she was received with all honor. She had said she would not enter the room if he were there; he came, and she was compelled to remain away. She had no influence—no command—she was merely a cipher. She walked quickly up and down the room, her beautiful face all flushed, her eyes bright with anger, her fingers interlaced.

"I cannot hear it much longer," she said. "I am beginning to hate him—heaven help me—to hate him! What shall I do?"

That night no sleep, no rest came to her. She was thinking hour after hour what she was to do. The prospect before her frightened her. She saw no light in the dark clouds, no hope, no help—the years stretched out dark and dreary, and she wept the silent hours away. She felt half nervous on meeting her husband again; although there was no love, no af-

fection between them, still it was not often that they had angry words.

It was the close of the afternoon when he came in, and went at once in search of her.

"Hildred," he said, "I have come to apologize to you—to beg your pardon for my want of civility yesterday. I am afraid that I lost my temper."

She bowed with cold politeness.

"Now, Hildred," he cried, "I will not be put off with a ceremonious bow. Do you know that the fact of quarreling and making friends with you again makes me feel that we ought to be on the best of terms? Do not bow to me; say that you accept my apology!"

"I accept it," she replied, "and beg your pardon if I have displeased you."

"That is satisfactory. Now I have to tell you that you were right and that I was wrong. Captain Fane is a cheat and a rogue. I won a hundred pounds from him last evening. I have returned it today—I would not soil my fingers with his money. What the duchess told you was quite true—he was detected cheating at cards. A long farewell to Captain Fane! He was not worth quarreling about, was he, Hildred?"

"No," she replied, and something of happiness, to which she had long been a stranger, sprang up in her heart because he spoke so kindly to her.

For a day or two after that little incident matters were more pleasant between them. Then the old-indebtedness came back, and the young wife's misery with it.

May was drawing to a close, when Lord Caraven one evening received a letter which appeared to give him the keenest delight. He read it, and then went with it to his wife.

"Hildred, here is good news; but I am too busy—perhaps you will not think it good news."

"If it pleases you so much I shall," she replied, gently.

"You have heard me speak of my cousin, Sir Raoul Laureston, the 'hero of a hundred fights'?"

"No," replied Hildred. "I have never heard his name."

"That seems strange," said the earl. "Not at all," she replied, quietly.

"You forget that you have never spoken of your family to me at all. I do not know the name of a single relative that you have."

He looked incredulously at her.

"I am very careless," he said, "but I did not think that I was so bad as that. I will make amends now by telling you about Sir Raoul Laureston."

"Raoul," repeated Hildred. "Is he—no, he can not be a Frenchman, Lord Caraven, if he is a relative of yours."

"No, but the name has puzzled many people. His mother was a French lady, of noble birth, and one of her ancestors, named Raoul de Courcelles, distinguished himself greatly in the first wars; it was her fancy to name the boy after him."

Hildred repeated the word "Raoul."

"I like the name, Lord Caraven," she said, slowly.

"And I like the man," he told her. "I do not know any one in the world whom I like better than Raoul. Yet he gives himself great airs with me. He is—you will laugh when you hear it—he is my master—at least used to be in years gone by. But what I wanted to tell you is this—he is coming back to England, and he has always made his home at my house; he has never lived anywhere but at Halby House or Ravensmere—never—and I hope never will."

She looked up at him wonderingly.

"I understand. But what has that to do with me?"

He looked somewhat confused.

"After all, you are the mistress of the house, the chatelaine, and I should not like to ask anyone to make their home with us who would be at all—now let me see how to express myself diplomatically—who would be displeasing to you."

"Thank you," she said, briefly.

"After all, home—whether it be happy or miserable—is always home, and I should not like to make years really uncomfortable. If you say that Sir Raoul will be in your way at all, I will not ask him—if you think you will be happy with him as without him, then I shall be pleased to see him in his old place."

"I thank you for your consideration,"

she replied, with dignity; "but, as nothing could possibly make what you call 'home' more unhappy for me, and the coming of a stranger, who may prove a friend, will be some little comfort, I say, unhesitatingly, 'Yes.'"

He looked at her half sadly.

"Are you really unhappy—really not happy?" he asked.

"If living were no friendly face ever smiles on me, were no friendly voice ever reaches my ear, were no one cares for me or takes the least interest in me, be happiness, then I must be very happy," she said, bitterly.

"Is it so bad as that?" he asked—and there was a shadow of pain in his face.

"It is worse," she replied. Only a few short weeks since her heart would have beaten fast with happiness to hear words spoken so kindly; now she turned away, and from her heart her lips rose the unspoken prayer, "Heaven help me, for I am beginning to hate him!"

CHAPTER XIX.

THE name of Raoul Laureston was known throughout the land; he had proved himself to be a hero. It was not merely in the government dispatches and newspaper paragraphs that he was praised; his name was on men's lips when they gathered together and talked of old England's glory and of her gallant sons; when they told how English soldiers fought and died, with the strength of lions, the bravery of heroes, they always mentioned the brave Colonel Raoul Laureston.

He was not wealthy, but he was the younger son of the younger branch of the house of Caraven; he had no great patrimony; his whole fortune amounted to about five thousand pounds. But he was a soldier, born and bred; he could never have been anything else. He was as brave as a lion; he knew not fear.

He was knighted for his bravery, and then, as though fortune did not know how to lavish favors upon him, he succeeded to a large fortune, left to him by a comparative stranger, his godfather. But the brave soldier never quite recovered from a terrible wound he had received in battle. The slightest effort, the least exertion, brought on an attack of illness that was always dangerous. And across his brow, just over the right temple, was a deep red scar, left there by the bayonet of a foe. He was sent to France and to Italy. It seemed as though his military career was ended.

It had been a terrible grief to him to give up his profession and live abroad. He said to his doctors:

"While I have life I shall hope; the health and strength I have lost may return to me—I may hold a sword again. Heaven is kind."

But for the last four years he had been at Nice, and had grown weaker; and a great longing had come over him to see England again. "If I must die," he said, "let me die there. And, seeing that the home-sickness was a bar to his recovery, the doctors allowed him to return. It was strange—the journey did him good—he was stronger when he reached London than he had been for some time. Then he wrote to the only relative he had, Lord Caraven, asking if he should, as usual, make his home with him. He had not heard of the earl's marriage—Lord Caraven never wrote a letter unless he was compelled to do so—and Sir Raoul had not read the notice of it in the English newspapers. Had he known of the marriage, he would never have dreamed of going to his kinsman's home.

(To be Continued.)

RIO GRANDE TACTICS.

River Which Makes Life Miserable for Dwellers on Its Banks.

"The Rio Grande can practice more eccentric dodges than any other stream I know of," said Mr. Joseph Copeland of Laredo, Texas, to a Washington Post man. "Its navigable uses are almost nil, owing to the numerous sandbars that obstruct the channel, and it isn't deep enough to interfere to any extent with smugglers, who carry on a lively trade between the two republics. It is when a big freshet comes along that the Rio Grande is really in its glory and shows to best advantage. It will take a strip of Texas territory and land it over on the Mexican side—or put greaser soil under the protecting wing of the stars and stripes—with the greatest impartiality. It plays no favorites, that river doesn't, when it is in a mood for transferring real estate from one government to another. Last summer it played a trick on the United States garrison at Fort Ringgold. The soldiers get their drinking water from it, but a heavy rain came along and when the flood subsided the channel was away out of its old bed and the pipes were left high and dry 200 feet away from any moisture. Then dispatches were sent on to Washington and the dam was repaired at considerable expense. Hardly had the works been put in condition again when here comes another rise, and once more the stream left Ringgold in the lurch for its water supply. At this the commanding officer waxed wrath, and sent a letter begging that the post be abandoned. Life was too short, he said, to waste it trying to accommodate one's self to a river that was liable to change base every time a hard rain descended and rather than to be subject to the vagaries of the Rio Grande he preferred to move. The war department, however, concluded to give it one more trial, and the post is still there."

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Around the Farm.

Last harvest, owing to the wet weather, a certain flat in one of my fields was so wet as to measurably drown the oats which were sown upon it. There were more or less oats, however, all through it, and a huge crop of sour grass and various sorts of weeds. I cut and stacked it. Today the stock prefer it to bright, threshed timothy. I had sown the flat to timothy and clover and wanted the land clean, which was the chief reason for mowing the mixed oats, weeds and sour grass. I shall never despair again of getting some good out of even a first-class stand of weeds.

The blanket of snow has prevented the ground from freezing to any extent. Hence fence posts can be driven with less labor than in the fall. The cracks through the fields made by the drouth I see are closed, and the ground is damp a foot down or more. This is cheering, for the cracks prevented the flow of water to the reservoirs.

In my opinion the wide-awake farmer will keep over a few hundred bushels of corn, at least until he is reasonably sure of another sufficient crop. Also, he will save a few tons of hay.

There has been a slaughter of rabbits this winter beyond any other season within my knowledge. The taste for fried bunny is on the increase among the people. I am glad of it. It will save blackberry gardens and young fruit trees, for, singular as it seems, many farmers neglect the ounce of preventive so long in such matters that they are compelled to use the pound of cure. The only objection any farmer can have to gunners hunting rabbits in his fields is, he don't want them to kill his quails, and he wants them to be careful about shooting towards stock. A neighbor had two valuable Angora goats killed this winter by careless gunners.

In an adjacent neighborhood I am credibly informed that some sort of a pest is killing off the rabbits; that many dead ones are daily found. It may be they are mistaken. The dead rabbits are perhaps those which have been wounded and escaped, and afterwards died. The neighborhood, however, says no to this suggestion.

Renters seem determined not to pay cash for land. They are willing to give a larger share of grain than hitherto. Some are now willing to give half the crop. The rule hitherto for some years has been two-fifths in the bushel and crib and half the hay. That is what I have rented for a number of years past. I have made careful estimates and find that, one year with another, I have done as well, and sometimes better, than those who have rented their land for cash. I have had one renter seven years, and he has done as well by his portion of the farm as I myself would have done. The great trouble with many renters is they hog the land over. It runs down under their hands. The fences, the house, the barn and the door-yard and orchard look as if a very poor widow lived there and had no help whatever. This kind of farming makes the owner harder in his demands than he would be if the renter took a little pride in keeping the place in good condition. I have no use for a slovenly renter.

EDWARD B. HEATON.

Training Grape Vines.

E. G. Lodeman, Department of Agriculture Report: Training, on the other hand, is almost wholly a matter of convenience. It does not affect the strength of the vine or the value of the crop in any essential particular. The training of a vine refers to the disposal or arrangement of the various parts of the vine after pruning has taken place. The method of training adapted determines the operator to leave certain growths in certain positions, not because more or better fruit is expected, but for the reason, perhaps, that the fruit may be harvested with greater ease, that a laborious operation may be wholly dispensed with, or that there may be less danger to the maturing crop from winds or other natural agencies. The method of training adopted by a vineyardist is largely the result of personal preference or of education, although soil and variety are important factors in the selection of a system. The health and vigor of the vine are rarely affected by the method in which it is trained, and although some systems of training must be adopted in every vineyard, still altogether too much weight has been laid by most horticultural writers upon the peculiar merits of the various systems, while the actually ruinous effects of bad pruning have not always been sufficiently emphasized. A vine properly trained is desirable, but a properly pruned vine is essential to the highest success. The importance of this subject necessitates a somewhat detailed statement of the principles which are vitally connected with the proper pruning of the vine. These principles serve also as the foundation for all systems of training, and they can not be ignored without more or less injury to the plants.

(1) The amount of fruit which a vine can bear and mature in highest perfection is limited; when this limit is exceeded the fruit deteriorates.

(2) Upon the fruit the effect of over-production is to reduce the size of the berries and of the clusters, and probably also to impair the quality; the vine makes a poor growth, the foliage is small and the vigor of the plant is generally reduced. When a vine has been allowed to overbear, especially when it is young, years may some-

times be required before the vine returns to its normal condition.

(3) A plant that is carrying less fruit than it is capable of maturing generally produces a very heavy foliage and an excess of wood. This may probably be explained by the supposition that the energies of the plant are directed almost entirely to vegetative activity.

(4) The most difficult and important feature of grape pruning is to be able to judge of the kind and amount of wood which should be allowed to remain upon the plant. This amount is dependent upon soil, variety, climate character of the season, and to a limited extent upon the method of training. The paramount importance of having a properly balanced top and root system is most fully realized by American vineyardists of long experience. Years of study, especially the study of the variety of grape and of the soil upon which it is growing, are brought to bear upon each individual vine when it is pruned, and in no direction can the skill of the vineyardist be more clearly demonstrated than in questions regarding the amount and kind of bearing wood that is allowed to remain. No rule-of-thumb will cover a living and sensitive organism like the grape-vine; in pruning judgment must be exercised at almost every step. But it is fortunate that considerable variation may be allowed without serious consequences or the profitable culture of the grape would indeed be a hopeless task. Yet the less the reliance placed upon this allowed variation, the better will be the vine.

Getting Wild Honey.

The usual way when a bee tree has been found is to cut it down, stupefy the bees with smoke as well as may be, and take their honey. This, of course, destroys all future harvests of sweet from that tree or swarm. Possibly Daniel Johnson, an old bee hunter, of Dedham, Me., has discovered a better way. The bees provided against their tree being cut down and their stores destroyed by selecting a tree which overhung a deep ravine. If the tree were cut down it would fall into the ravine, smashing the tree and destroying the honey. So he inserted a gas pipe from a hollow near the ground, running it up the tree until the honey was reached. Then he built a fire at the foot of the tree. So soon as the fire warmed the honey inside, it began to run down, where it was caught in pails. It nearly filled a barrel. Mr. Johnson thinks he has a permanent hive of bees on that tree so long as it does not succumb to the effects of fire at its roots. He thinks there is enough honey left to winter the bees, and that next year they will go to work and fill the empty combs. But it is very possible that heat sufficient to melt honey comb has killed the bees, and that the barrel of honey this year is the last he will get from that tree.

Experience.

No advice, however good, can take the place of experience. There is no way that the novice in poultry keeping can become efficient except by experience. Many people think they have experience, but later find to their cost that they had not obtained for a number of years, has a little touch of poultry diseases, cures the troubles with ease and imagines that he knows all about them and that he can fight off anything that comes. When any of his neighbors has a like trouble he cheerfully gives them his advice and knows, or thinks he does, that if they follow the recipes they will have no further trouble. But later he finds that he knew less than he supposed. One of the same diseases attacks his flock again. He tries the old remedies and finds they will not check this new invasion. The enemy comes on fearlessly and creates havoc in his yards. He now gets a little more experience and perhaps comes down to the old remedy—the hatchet. Thereafter he says that there is no cure for this or that disease. Is he right? Who knows? We all need more experience and more systematic investigation.

Canada Thistles.

Any reader of The Farmers' Review that can answer the question will oblige G. L. Having several patches of these plants in a pasture of two hundred acres, we know those thistles to be rich in sugar; cut, too, within the spring cattle prefer them as fodder better than rank grass. We have known field mice to climb the main stem, to eat the seed in its capsules. Thistles and grass growing together cut with a scythe in mowing will make excellent hay for cows, increasing their flow of milk; that produces sweet butter. The dry spines being sharp, are very disagreeable to bare hands. When stacked in large barns the saccharine matter sweats vigorously and sometimes fires the stacks by spontaneous combustion. If the sod containing thistles is then broken by plowing, planted with potatoes for two seasons thistles are destroyed. In Great Britain many persons use them for edible greens, before cabbage comes.

RICHARD BAKER, JR.

Monument to the Potato.

A curious monument has been discovered in the dense undergrowth of the so-called Brantford, in the Upper Hartz. It is a granite block, about 7 feet high, resting on a stone pedestal, and on an iron tablet attached to it is the following inscription: "Here, in the year 1747, the first trials were made with the cultivation of the potato." The German peasant at the time did not take kindly to the potato plant on introduction to the country. It had, however, a great friend in the king, Frederick II., who was convinced of its value, but who was obliged to use forcible measures to get the people of Pomerania and Silesia to plant it.—Ex.

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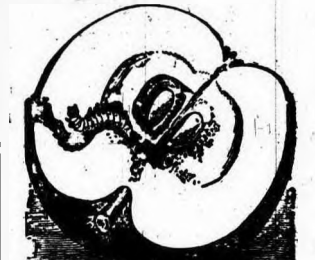
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CORRESPONDENCE.

Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chales Dethloff visited friends in Wayne last Sunday.

We are pleased to learn that Charles Fowler, has secured a position on the Ypsilanti fire department.

Emmons L. Gill has commenced to move his goods to his uncle's farm, south of Cherry Hill, which he expects to work the coming season.

John Quartel had the misfortune to lose a light bramah cockerel that he prized very highly.

Justice Quartel's court is running full blast this winter.

Daniel Bryant has rented his sister Rachel's farm also his brother Harris' farm and will work them the coming season.

Mat Francisco, who has so long been on the sick list, is slowly recovering.

Mrs. Jacob Straub is improving slowly.

East Livonia.

The K. O. T. M. of this place went in for a good time on Wednesday night, the 9th inst. The tent chose sides to kill sparrows, the losing side to pay 25 cents apiece to help pay for an oyster supper and the state bounty to pay the balance. The hunters were captured by William Hood and George Shaw and there was some scrambling to see who would be the victors. Wm. Hood's side killed 508 sparrows and Shaw's 397, giving Hood's side 111 the better. There was a good crowd out, considering the bad roads. The supper was served at J. R. Shaw's house and all had an enjoyable time and all went home happy, thanks to the lady bees.

Riley Wolfrom and Marvin Griger killed two very large raccoons the other day whilst cutting saw logs in Robert Lyons' woods.

W. B. Criger and wife, of Northville, called on his brother, ye scribe, Sunday last.

Mrs. Claribel Criger, of this place, has this winter helped to saw, split and pile 25 cords of stove wood.

The weather here has been so warm of late that mosquitoes have put in an appearance. This is no "snake story," but a fact.

Some of the farmers here are making maple syrup and those who have tapped their trees say they are having a good flow of sap this spring.

The indications are we will have an early spring, as the blue birds and robins have commenced their songs.

The great excitement here at present is the war with Spain. If the report is true, all the men here want to enlist to fight Spain. The Yanks are a gritty people when aroused.

Hey there, Elm, Perrinsville and Pike's Peak! What is the matter? Were you out of supplies or out of news last week? Wake up, here some style about you, spring is on hand, get a wiggle on.

There will be a dramatic entertainment at Elm K. O. T. M. hall, entitled, "The Last Loaf," given by home talent, on Wednesday and Thursday nights, March 16 and 17. Admission, 10 cents. The proceeds are to go towards building a new Maccabee hall.

Livonia Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gow, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Base.

The Ladies Aid Society, met at the church Wednesday but owing to the bad roads there was not a very large turnout. We have not been informed where the next meeting will be held.

J. C. Ferguson, of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting his uncle, C. L. Ferguson.

Plenty of mud in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Benton, of Waterford, and Miss Ada Criger, of East Livonia, visited Mrs. Stringer last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Criger, spent Saturday at C. L. Ferguson's. John was trying his luck at shooting sparrows.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Minkley, went to Redford to visit her grand-daughter Miss Zou Herrick.

Horace Kingsley, and son Dick took a trip to Detroit Saturday.

We are having a week's vacation at the Center school owing to the sickness of our teacher. It is hoped she will be able to again attend school Monday.

Newburg—Hankin P. O.

The item last week in regard to the L. A. S. should have read "tenth anniversary," and "March 11." All are invited to come and have a good time.

Church and Sunday school were well attended last Sunday. All teachers and officers were in their places. This will tend to build up the interest in the school.

At the League meeting there was a large attendance. A lively discussion on "Resolution" was had in which Pres. C. G. Curtis, of the Plymouth League, Mr. Dolph, of Northville, 4th vice-pres. and secretary of the district respectively, took part. Next Sunday the discussion will be "Push."

A large number of the friends of Chas. H. Armstrong met at his home and celebrated his birthday Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong again proved themselves excellent hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Gale, of Superior, and

Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith and daughter, of Wayne, visited friends here last week.

Newburg's own family orchestra is becoming deservedly popular. They rendered the instrumental music at the elocutionary contest last Wednesday evening.

The N. H. A. box-night-cap social was a success and all seemed to enjoy themselves. We can now get up a nice music and literary program without much trouble.

J. J. Stark has purchased part of Mrs. Brown's farm.

Mrs. Grovenstein is improving.

Mr. L. Picket, of Northville, visited his parents here last Saturday.

Michigan Crop Report.

LANSING, MICH., March 8, 1898.

Just previous to the middle of February the ground in southern Michigan was bare of snow, or nearly so, for a few days, but the weather was not severe and the wheat plant suffered little if any injury. During the balance of the month the fields throughout the State were well protected by a more or less heavy covering of snow, and wheat has not yet been materially damaged.

In answer to the question, "Has wheat during February suffered injury from any cause?" 63 correspondents in the State answer "yes" and 638 "no." In the southern counties 44 answer "yes" and 411 "no," in the central 13 answer "yes" and 144 "no," and in the northern 6 answer "yes" and 78 "no."

In answer to the question, "Has the ground been well covered with snow during February?" 285 correspondents in the southern counties answer "yes" and 15 "no," and in the central counties 119 answer "yes" and 42 "no."

The average depth of snow in the southern counties February 15 was 3.50 inches, and at the end of the month, 8.50 inches. In the central counties the average depth, February 15 was more than eight, and at the end of the month, nearly thirteen inches. In the northern counties there was about 15 inches of snow February 15, and nearly 18 inches at the end of the month.

Snow has covered the ground fairly well to the present date in March, but during the past few days it has slowly melted away, and by to-morrow (March 9), the fields in southern Michigan will be practically bare. The weather forecast for to-morrow is for higher temperature with rain.

The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed in February is 1,095,536, and in the seven months, August-February, 11,359,400. This is 4,481,937 bushels more than reported marketed in the same months last year.

The amount of wheat in farmers' hands March 1, that may yet be placed on the market, was probably about 5,165,000. This total is arrived at in the following manner:

The crop of 1897, as estimated by this Department last October was 24,925,000 bushels. The amount used for seed was, approximately, 2,400,000 bushels; amount held by farmers to supply their families for one year, 6,000,000 bushels; amount reported marketed to March 1, 11,359,400 bushels, making a total of 19,729,400 bushels disposed of, and leaving 5,165,600 bushels yet to be disposed of.

It will of course, be understood that this year's acreage is not yet definitely known, but the data available indicates about 1,800,000 acres. The farming population is assumed to include the entire population living outside of cities and incorporated villages, which, in 1894, the date of the last census, numbered nearly 1,300,000. A year's supply for this population is not far from 6,000,000 bushels.

Correspondents, with very few exceptions report that no damage to apple and peach buds is yet apparent.

Live stock is in good condition. The figures for the State are, 96 for horses, cattle and hogs, and 97 for sheep.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten millions trial bottles of this great medicine and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the throat, chest and lungs are surely cured by it. Call on John L. Gale, Druggist, and get a trial bottle free, regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

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Without extra exertion, languid, dull and listless, your blood is failing to supply to your muscles and other organs the vitalizing and strength-giving properties they require. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures that tired feeling by enriching and purifying the blood. It will give you energy and vigor.

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

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

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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. Dible'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 full dose of Down's 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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A Magazine Which Builds Homes.
The readers of The Ladies' Home Journal are about as responsive a clientele as any magazine possesses. About six months ago the Philadelphia magazine started to publish a series of practical architectural plans showing how artistic houses could be built at moderate cost. It employed a special architect, and his work was certainly artistic. Besides the plans it agreed to furnish complete specifications of each house at a minimum cost. Thousands of people liked the plans given and the series has been a great success for the magazine. This spring the building of over five hundred houses, varying in cost from \$1,500 to \$7,000 each, will be started in different parts of the country by Journal readers, in addition to over one hundred other houses which have already been built.

Late Postal Billings.

Postal card duns are mailable provided a threat of placing the account in a collector's hands does not accompany it. For instance the following is mailable: "Please call and settle account which is long past due, and for which our collector has called several times, and oblige."

And the following unmailable: "You owe us \$1.50. We have called several times for same. If not paid at once, we shall place with our law agency for collection."

Prizes offered for the greatest collection of wrappers or coupons, or for guesses upon the nearest number of votes, are not violations of the lottery law.

The Act of Congress providing limited (\$10.00) indemnity for loss of registered mail matter will not be enforced until Congress provides an appropriation for indemnity.

Laws for Klondike Mining.

For the benefit of those who contemplate going to Klondike we publish the Canadian laws in substance. They are reliable as they are taken from the B. C. Mining Citizen:

Every miner and employer of miners is required to pay certificate fee, which will be \$10; in case of a company it will be \$50 or \$100 according to amount of the capital stock.

A miner's license will confer the right to mine, fish, hunt, and cut timbers necessary for mining.

Provisions will be made for obtaining miners' certificates at a number of towns: Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver and Victor a.

The general size of the mining claims will be 250 feet. Discoverers may claim 500 feet. Every alternate ten claims shall be reserved by the government of Canada.

Subaqueous mining rights are to be granted subject to Queen's mining leases, to be issued in five-mile sections, with a fee of \$100 per mile per annum, and the usual royalty. The fee for recording and renewing mining claims will be \$15.

Any number of miners, not less than 5 nor more than 100 miles distant from the office of a mining recorder, may appoint a recorder, who will record claims within three months, transfer the record and fees to the nearest mining recorder.

A royalty of 10 per cent on the gold mined shall be levied and collected by the government officials appointed for the purpose, but provision is made for exemption on the annual product of any mining claim up to \$2,500, so that claims which do produce more than \$2,500 a year will not be liable for royalties.

Provisions are made to prevent speculation in claims, by throwing any claim open to entry which has not been worked for a certain number of days, unless reasonable cause is shown, providing that a record shall not be issued for more than one claim to any miner in the same locality.

Sheep Shearing.

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INVITATION.

DEAR ENDEAVORERS:
The Saginaw State Convention for which we have been planning and praying so long is only three weeks away. Are you ready for it? The Saginaw Committee is making preparations for the largest convention Michigan has ever held. The program will be of unusual interest. Among the speakers you will notice that we are to be especially favored in having with us John Willis Baer, of Boston, Secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor. Send as many delegates as you can. Elect them at once and forward their names to the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. The more delegates you can send the greater benefit you will derive from the convention. Come prepared to receive a great blessing and to be a blessing to those with whom you come in contact at Saginaw.

Finally, will you not pray as never before for the presence of Holy Spirit to rest upon that entire convention especially upon those who shall speak to us.
Yours for Christ and the Church,
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