

The Plymouth Mail.

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PLYMOUTH, MICH., MARCH 18, 1898.

WHOLE NO. 549

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 Silklines, 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.

WORKINGMEN WIN.

EVERY MAN ON THE WORKINGMEN'S TICKET ELECTED.

By Majorities Ranging From Eight to One Hundred and Six.

The largest election ever held in Plymouth occurred here on Monday, the 14th inst. 279 votes were polled out of a registration of 300. Nearly every man in the village, who was in town and could get to the polls, voted.

R. L. Root, candidate for president, and C. C. Allen, candidate for trustee, on the citizens' ticket ran ahead of the ticket.

There was quite a little work done, in a quiet way, on both sides, and the large vote polled showed that considerable interest had been aroused.

Following is the result:

President—	
Geo. A. Starkweather, w.	143
R. L. Root, c.	130
Clerk—	
H. J. Baker, w.	188
E. C. Lauffer, c.	80
Treasurer—	
C. A. Fisher, w.	186
C. A. Pinckney, c.	80
Trustees—	
M. A. Vrooman, w.	156
J. L. Gale, c.	102
A. J. Lapham, w.	160
H. W. Baker, c.	99
H. C. Bennett, w.	138
C. C. Allen, c.	125
Assessor—	
C. W. Valentine, w.	168
G. A. Shafer, c.	100

Everyone Enjoyed the High School Concert.

The high school concert which was given under the auspices of the Epworth League, at the M. E. church last Friday evening, was largely attended and was a success, financially and otherwise. The other numbers of the Epworth League course have been rather poorly attended and the League has not been able to meet expenses, but the concert of last Friday night made up for all deficiencies.

The program consisted of solos, duets, quartettes and choruses, by the pupils of the Plymouth high school.

Miss Edna Dunning was the director and she deserves much credit for her patience and untiring efforts in the preparation of so excellent a program. Every number was listened to with rapt attention. The choruses were especially fine and showed a great deal of careful training.

It is hoped that the people of Plymouth will be given another opportunity of listening to a concert by the Plymouth high school.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night and with two bottles has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hammick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at J. L. Gale's Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00, every bottle guaranteed.

Clearing Out Sale.

3 brand new top buggies	\$44 00
1 nearly new top buggy	\$87 00
1 solid panel back road wagon	\$30 00
1w	Huron & Co.

Three Days from Edmonton.

LAKE LENONE, Feb. 28, 1898.

DEAR W. O.—On the trail, third day out from Edmonton. We are about 50 miles on our way, everything going well. Everyone in the best of spirits, and all right excepting some colds. It is so hot during the day that we ride with coats and gloves off, and at night it gets cold and mighty cold too, down below zero. We drove only about ten miles yesterday. Sunday, would not have driven at all but had to move in order to get water for our horses. To-day we have come about 21 miles. Got here at 2:30 but our next stop for water is ten miles further on, so we concluded to stop here. The snow is about two feet on an average and was beside the man that gets off of the well beaten trail, if he don't tip over he will most; and then his hair will raise straight up on end. There wouldn't much stand on my head, hey? It tries to all the same, but my team has got so now you can't force one of them out of the path, they don't like to drop straight down for a couple of feet. We have only a few minutes to write so will close as a man that has been driving for some other parties is going back to Edmonton, so I can send this out by him. Regards to all.

Yours, J. W. Tarrt.

Daniel Dunn.

Daniel Dunn, a resident of Plymouth township for a number of years, died at the home of his nephew, George Dunn, on Friday, March 11th. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Lee McColester, Monday afternoon in the Presbyterian church. The remains were placed in Riverside cemetery.

Mr. Dunn had been a sufferer from la-grippe for several months and the past year and a half had been confined to his bed.

He was born in Lyons, Wayne Co., N. Y., January 24, 1820, and moved to Michigan in 1885. The past sixty years had been spent in Caro and Plymouth.

The relatives of Mr. Daniel Dunn desire to thank the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted them during his illness and burial.

Council Proceedings.

March 7, 1898.

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

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

Schofield, Shurmer & Teagle	\$21.15
J. H. Shults	1.25
L. C. Hough & Son	1.82
W. J. Bradner	30.90
M. Conner & Son	5.76
Plymouth Mail	33.50
Detroit L. P. & S. L. works	10.75
H. J. Baker	25.00
J. E. Knapp	12.75
M. A. Patterson	1.00
H. C. Robinson	4.00
F. N. Dewey	25.00
Wm. Mott	18.35
L. E. Cable	3.99

The committee on claims and accounts reported favorably on all bills except that of W. J. Bradner for \$30.90 which was allowed at \$9.90.

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

Council then adjourned until Thursday evening, March 17.

H. J. BAKER, Clerk.

FOR SALE OR RENT—80 acre farm, 1/4 mile north and 1/4 mile west of Stark. 14 acres wheat and rye. 20 acres more if desired. CHRISTIAN GATES, 4w Stark, P. O. —Good sewing machine for sale, enquire of A. D. Lyndon.

THE SEASON FOR

SEEDS

IS NOW HERE.

Watch Our Announcement next week. We have a Complete Assortment.

L. C. HOUGH & SON, Plymouth. F. & P. M. ELEVATOR.

Something for Nothing NIT?

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'S

Now we are going to talk to you about

Wall Paper

I have just received three or four thousand rolls of Wall Paper, the very latest styles, bought for spot cash. The prices on Wall Paper this year are the cheapest ever known. They will run 5c, 8c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 20c a double roll. We have one band frieze as low as 3c per yard.

In Glassware

We have just received a case of Green and Gold Crystal which is something new and very handsome and will make splendid presents for Weddings, Birthdays, etc. We have also received a new stock of Sun-beam Glassware which is very handsome and much cheaper in price. Our new white dishes are selling very fast. The new patterns for 1898 are pretty.

Anyone who is posted in

Paint

Knows that Masury stands at the head in everything in the paint line. I am the agent for this town of Masury's Liquid Paint. As you can buy this brand as cheap as other paints, what is the use of buying an inferior article?

Our stock of Groceries is always new and fresh and sold at the bottom price.

Remember we are headquarters for Clover and Timothy Seed.

J. L. GALE.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"STONING OF STEPHEN," SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

From the Text, Acts VII, Verses 56 to 60, as follows: "Behold I see the heavens opened, etc.—A Sermon in Pictures.

Stephen had been preaching a rousing sermon, and the people could not stand it. They resolved to do as men sometimes would like to do in this day, if they dared, with some plain preacher of righteousness—kill him.

I want to show you today five pictures. Stephen gazing into heaven. Stephen looking at Christ. Stephen stoned. Stephen in his dying prayer. Stephen asleep.

First, look at Stephen gazing into heaven. Before you take the leap you want to know where you are going to land. Before you climb a ladder you want to know to what point the ladder reaches.

Pass on now and see Stephen in his dying prayer. His first thought was not how the stones hurt his head, nor what would become of his body.

There is not a man in this house today so isolated in life but there is some one in heaven with whom he once shook hands. As a man gets older, the number of his celestial acquaintances very rapidly multiplies.

While you long to join their companionship, and the years and the days go with such tedium that they break your heart, and the viper of pain and sorrow and bereavement keeps gnawing at your vitals, you stand still, like Stephen, gazing into heaven.

Pass on now, and see Stephen looking upon Christ. My text says he saw the Son of Man at the right hand of God. Just how Christ looked in this

world, just how he looks in heaven, we cannot say. A writer in the time of Christ says, describing the Saviour's personal appearance, that he had blue eyes and light complexion, and a very graceful structure; but I suppose it was all guess work.

On the day of his death, Stephen spoke before a few people in the Sanhedrim; now he addresses all Christians. Paul the Apostle stood on Mars Hill addressing a handful of philosophers who knew not so much about science as a modern school girl.

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I do not care what you do with my body when my soul is gone, or whether you believe in cremation or inhumation. I shall sleep just as well in a wrapping of sackcloth as in satin lined with eagle's down.

Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep.

We may be too feeble to employ either of these familiar forms; but this prayer of Stephen is so short, is so concise, is so earnest, is so comprehensive, we surely will be able to say that: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

It will be to die! This world is clever enough to us. Perhaps it has treated us a great deal better than we deserve to be treated; but if on the dying pillow there should break the light of that better world, we shall have no more regret about leaving a small, dark, damp house for one large, beautiful and capacious. That dying minister in Philadelphia, some years ago, beautifully depicted it, when in the last moment, he threw up his hands and cried out: "I move into the light!"

Pass on now and I will show you one more picture, and that is Stephen asleep. With a pathos and simplicity peculiar to the Scriptures, the text says of Stephen: "He fell asleep."

I have not the faculty to tell the weather. I can never tell by the setting sun whether there will be a drought or not. I cannot tell by the blowing of the wind whether it will be fair weather or foul on the morrow.

Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep. From which none ever wake to weep; A calm and undisturbed repose, Uninjured by the last of foes.

Asleep in Jesus, far from thee Thy kindred and their graves may be; But there is still a blessed sleep, From which none ever wake to weep.

DECAY OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL. The Average Sunday-School of To-Day Is a Rebuke to Intelligence.

In the Ladies' Home Journal Edward Bok writes on "The Decay of the Sunday-School," and points out the reason therefor. "I have in mind," he says, "not less than twelve different men who are acting as superintendents of our Sunday-schools."

What a difference there is between what we are and what we want others to be.

Learn to be contented, and you will know how to be rich.

A WORD OF ADVICE.

To Those Coming to Alaska or the Klondike Gold Fields.

One thing should be impressed upon every miner, prospector or trader coming to Alaska, to the Klondike, or the Yukon country, and that is the necessity for providing an adequate and proper food supply.

A book of receipts for all kinds of cookery, which is specially valuable for use upon the trail or in the camp, is published by the Royal Baking Powder company, of New York.

MINSTRELS' HUMOR. Witty Answer of an Irishman Who "Never Argued with a Lady."

The minstrels of Ireland are not all gone from the highways and byways of Erin, says an exchange. The mournful harp and plaintive pipe may have given way to the breezy banjo and crooning violin, but the songs which these accompany are the songs of Ireland still.

N. W. Ayer & Son. N. W. Ayer & Son, the successful newspaper and magazine advertising agency of Philadelphia, have issued an announcement stating that Albert G. Bradford and Jarvis A. Wood were admitted to partnership in the firm January 1.

FROM EVERYWHERE. Beauty may be only skin deep, but the plump girl gets the most tandem rides.

Eleven Men Burned to Death. Eleven men lost their lives in the fire which swept through the Bowery Mission house at 105 Bowery, New York City, and left it a blackened shell.

PLAGUE RIOTS.

British Health Officers Killed by Mob of Hindoos in Bombay.

Dispatches from Bombay say that a riot has broken out among the low-caste Hindoos and Mohammedans against the Europeans. It had its origin in an attack upon a plague search party.

Heat's Awful Work in Australia. Disaster and desolation beyond description have overtaken two colonies of Australia from the intense heat of their midsummer sun.

THE NEWS CONDENSED. Marquis of Salisbury, the British premier, is suffering from Bright's disease.

THE MARKETS. LIVE STOCK. New York—Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Hogs. Best grades, 1.75-2.00; 2.00-2.25; 2.25-2.50; 2.50-2.75.

GRAIN, ETC. Wheat, No. 1 red, No. 2 mix, No. 3 white. New York 1.00-1.05; 95-1.00; 90-95.

REVIEW OF TRADE. Continued activity in nearly all lines of distributive trade, but more particularly at the larger cities of the West, South and the far Northwest, continues to be the most favorable feature coming under notice.

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COMMON COUNCIL, VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH.

R. L. ROOT, President, H. J. BAKER, Clerk, A. J. LAPHAM, F. POLLEY, F. REIMAN, C. BREMS.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1897: WAYS AND MEANS: Allen, Baker, Polley. STREETS: Reiman, Lapham.

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

ANN ARBOR RAILROAD. Owosso, St. Louis, Alma, Mt. Pleasant, Clare, Cadillac, Manistee, Traverse City and points in Northwestern Michigan.

WE OWN AND OPERATE Our own Steamship Line across Lake Michigan between Frankfort and Kewanee, Menominee and Gladstone, and are selling tickets to the Northwest CHEAPER than any all rail line.

DR. PEPPER'S ROYAL TANSY PILLS. NEW DISCOVERY, NEVER FAILS. A new, reliable and safe remedy for all cases of indigestion, constipation, biliousness, etc.

Wanted—An Idea. Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth.

OHIO CENTRAL RAILROAD. LOOK AT THIS MAP. THE ONLY THROUGH CAR LINE BETWEEN DETROIT, TOLEDO AND SPRINGFIELD; TOLEDO, COLUMBUS AND CHARLESTON; COLUMBUS, FINELAY AND CHICAGO; TOLEDO, BOWLING GREEN AND CINCINNATI; COLUMBUS AND MARIETTA.



New Spring Goods!

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

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

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

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

All Winter Goods must go Regardless of Cost.

Cloaks and Overcoats at Just 1-2 Price.

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

Plymouth Cash Outfitter.

RIGGS

The Busy Big Store.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION.

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

A. D. Lyndon was in Detroit Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Bennett were in Detroit Tuesday.

E. P. Coy, of Wayne, had business in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Macomber, of Northville, visited in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Jean Albro is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Weeks.

Miss Maggie Joy returned to her home in Maple Rapids, Thursday.

Supervisor Horton, of Northville, was a pleasant caller Wednesday.

Miss Irene Baker, of Wayne, is the guest of Miss Minnie Fowler.

W. A. Brotherton, of Rochester, Oakland Co., is visiting here this week.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Chadwick, of Northville, March 3rd.

Engineer Wiggins and wife, of Saginaw, spent Sunday with Geo. Wait and family.

Salem tent, K. O. T. M., will do initiatory work at Plymouth, on Monday evening, March 28.

Mrs. H. J. Baker spent Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in Howell, the guest of Mrs. Ed Wilbur.

Alfred Lyon, who is working at the F. & P. M. depot, got his fingers pinched Saturday while trying to couple cars.

Louis Schoens, who has been working for the Markham Air Rifle Co. the past three months, left for his home in Evansville, Ind., Wednesday.

Miss Luella Rogers, who has been at the home of her uncle, W. H. Hoyt, for the past year, departed for her home in Ann Arbor on Monday last.

Chas. Decker is breaking a Douglas Harold colt that shows sure signs of developing good speed. He has already been offered a good figure for the colt.

Sept. D. C. Bliss, who has run the Northville schools six years, declines a reappointment because the board failed to place a third teacher in the high school room.

The cemetery trustees have staked out the unplatted portion of block A in Riverside cemetery into lots. There are eighteen of these lots and they will be called addition to Block A., and numbered from 1 to 18.

Rose Hawthorne, Mamie Hurd, Satie Merrell, May Tyler, Clay Hoyt, Clifford McClampha, George Lee, Jr., and George Farwell were all entertained last Sunday by Celest Merrell, warm sugar being the order of the day.

The missionary talk by Mrs. Mary C. Ninde, of Detroit, on Thursday evening of last week, was not very well attended owing to the inclemency of the weather and partly perhaps to a lack of interest in the subject of missions. But those who did attend were well repaid for their trouble. Mrs. Ninde is a lady nearly 70 and yet she is young enough to interest the youngest by her vivacious manner. She told the girls not to be afraid of being called an old maid and said there was a field for single women in the medical missionary and teacher, which, by the very condition of these people, made it impossible for men to perform, and then quoted Bishop Foster in referring to them "The Matchless Resisting Sisters." Of many interesting things she said, it seems to us the most striking was the hungry appearance of the people all through China and India, and only a little better in Japan.

Mrs. Draper visited South Lyon on Tuesday.

B. B. Bennett returned to Pittsburg, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lombard are both quite sick.

Miss Riker, of Detroit, visited relatives here this week.

Miss Anna Easton of Ypsilanti visited in town this week.

Harry Minthorn is working at the Plymouth Star laundry.

F. E. Lanphere has a new harness maker from Detroit.

Frank Bay, station agent at South Lyon, was in town Wednesday.

Addie Dibble spent Saturday and Sunday with her brother in Detroit.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry King, a daughter, on the 16th inst.

Rose Hawthorn entertained a number of her girl friends at cards on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Chaffee are spending six weeks in Florida. They left here March 5th.

"Billie" Haubennestel, who has been working for J. Tessman, has gone to Cheboygan to work.

Mrs. Downs, who has been stopping with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Collier, during the winter returned to her home in Defiance, Ohio.

Another entertainment will be given by the L. O. T. M. of this place on Friday evening, March 25th. Fifteen living pictures, a farce entitled "Darktown Bicycle Club Scandal," and a cake walk will be the particular features of the entertainment. The audience will vote for the winning couple in the cake walk. All the latest songs and dances will be introduced. For particulars see bills.

Leave your laundry at Hillmer's. You may be sure of fine work, when the most expert and skillful laundrymen the world has yet produced only claim to do work that equals it.

C. C. Chadwick, the Deering binder agent for Northville, Plymouth and vicinity, is making arrangements for two delivery days here and Northville. He has already secured 25 orders for delivery at Northville and is now working this locality. See his ad.

—A new milch cow for sale, six years old. Call by her side. 550

WM. B. WHIFFLE.

The Women's Literary Club met at the residence of Mrs. F. N. Dewey, Friday afternoon, March 11th. Miss Vrooman read a review of "Quo Vadis," which occupied the whole session. The paper was well rendered and heartily received. Miss Mary Smith will entertain the next meeting at her home, Friday afternoon, March 18th.

A. M. Potter will be compelled to place an ad in the MAIL in order to let people know where he is at. His place of business has been changed beyond recognition by a new plate glass front. The interior has also been fixed over.

A saw edge on a collar is bad for the neck. You would do most anything to save your neck. Leave your laundry at Hillmer's, do him a good act, save your collar and save your neck, kill three birds with one stone, as it were. 1w

At a meeting of the township board held at Northville, Thursday evening, E. P. Lombard, R. L. Rook, J. M. Ward and P. B. Whitbeck were elected as a board of registration, board of election commissioners and board of election inspectors for the annual township election in this precinct.

Postmaster Baker received an order from the Postmaster-General last week to raise the rental of boxes. After April 1st, call boxes will be 20 cents per quarter, small lock boxes, 35 cents per quarter, medium lock boxes, 50 cents per quarter and large lock boxes, 60 cents per quarter.

UPPER PLYMOUTH.

LOCAL GLEANINGS AND OTHER NEWSY ITEMS.

St. Patrick's day Thursday.

Harmon Smith, of Wixom, was in town Tuesday.

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

The northern lights were beautiful Monday night.

Duncan Leich, of Northville, was in town Saturday.

V. E. Hill commenced work on his new house this morning.

Rev. Ward, of Northville, was a Plymouth visitor Tuesday.

Chas. Butterfield spent Sunday with his mother in Webberville.

Mr. C. Fisher, of Detroit, spent Sunday with his brother, Lew Fisher.

Carl Heide sold 100 boxes of flowers to an Ypsilanti firm Tuesday.

Ed. White will occupy the house recently vacated by Chas. Wilson.

W. J. Adams and Geo. A. Starkweather had business in Detroit Tuesday.

A large number from here attended the debate at Northville Saturday evening.

F. F. Pankney has had charge of the Salem cheese factory this week, Mr. Leach being sick.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smye are rejoicing over the arrival of an 8 pound baby girl. Born Sunday morning.

Mrs. Ed. White is growing worse instead of better. She has been confined to her bed for over a week.

Albert Steaver has been sick the past week and Rudolph Rupert has been filling his place at Gayde's market.

Mrs. Wm. Smitherman and her mother, Mrs. Fitzhugh, who have been very sick the past two weeks, are convalescing.

Chas. Wilson, a freight conductor on the F. & P. M. has been transferred to Bay City, where he will move this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Church were suddenly called to Inkster, Tuesday, on account of the death of Mrs. Church's mother.

The 12 year old son of Geo. Gettings badly lacerated his lip Tuesday by fooling with an air gun. "Didn't know 'twas loaded."

W. C. McArthur, a representative of Clough & Warren, of Detroit, was in town this week looking after the piapo business.

The tramp nuisance is getting almost intolerable at this end. Mrs. Chas. Brems fed no less than five in a group one day this week.

Prof. Wilcox, of the University of Michigan, one of the judges at the debate last Saturday evening, spent Sunday with Prof. and Mrs. Ryder.

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Carl Heide starts in Monday morning if the weather remains good to set out 70,000 cabbage plants. He has 100,000 on hand, but has sold 35,000.

Hermann Rupert, who was here visiting his parents some time ago, left Reed City Friday, March 4th, for the Klondike with a large party from Kalamazoo.

Sunday afternoon the large derrick used for holding up the bridge when a span is being removed, fell out of place, severely injuring one man and cutting two others very badly.

Cllo, the 12 year old son of Elmer Willet, while playing on the new railroad bridge, fell from near the top of the bridge, striking on a rock below and inflicting a bad wound on the forehead. He was unconscious for a short time.

The D. G. R. & W. train which gets here about 5 o'clock, P. M., had to go around by the way of Wayne Wednesday night, to get to Detroit. The bridge builders were just placing a span in the new bridge and the train would have been 3 hours late if she had waited to cross.

Don't forget the L. O. T. M. entertainment at village hall next Friday evening. Light Bramah eggs for setting 50 cts for 13. 3w

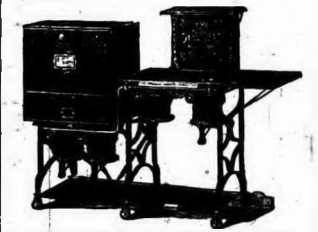
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Plymouth Markets.

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

Wheat, No. 2 red,	80
Wheat, No. 1 white,	87
Oats, No. 2,	35
Rye, No. 2,	45
Butter,	14
Eggs,	9
Potatoes,	55 60
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

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

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Will Not be Undersold.

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

Fish, Game and Oysters in Season.

WM. GAYDE, Plymouth
THE CASH MARKET.

RARE BARGAINS IN GROCERIES



AT BOGERT & CO.'S

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

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

Highest Market price paid for Butter and Eggs.

LOOK AT THESE REDUCTIONS.

Chow Chow from 10 to 8c Heinz's Mixed Pickles from 10 to 8c
Heinz's Spiced Pickles from 10 to 8c Bananas 20c doz
Heinz's Olives 25c bottles for 15c. Lemons 20c doz
Sweet Pickles from 15 to 12c Oranges 12 and 25c doz.

Try Lewis's Stone Ground Flour.

BOGERT & CO. Plymouth.

AN INTERESTING QUESTION

Truthfully Explained by

The - Plymouth - Star - Cash - Laundry.

Our Laundry is not the biggest in the world, but we really believe it is equal to the best. Size of the Laundry and size of the city has nothing to do with the style of the work. The things that make your goods look nice is good material and a good laundryman. Every piece of goods that comes into our Laundry is honestly done up as you want it. That you can depend upon absolutely. Our proposition is to do your Laundry work better than nine laundrymen out of ten. There is no reason why we should not have a trial bundle from every person who likes to wear well done up Laundry and who likes to have it done up at home, for it equals that which is being sent away.

REA BROS., Proprietor.

PAINT IT--IT PAYS

Paint the House	with S. & W. prepared paint.
Paint the Floor	with S. & W. porch floor paint.
Paint the Walls	with S. & W. interior colors.
Paint the Barns	with S. & W. creosote paint.
Paint the Little Things	with S. & W. family paint.
Paint the Wagon	with S. & W. wagon paint.
Paint the Buggy	with S. & W. buggy paint.
Paint the Bathtub	with S. & W. bath enamel.
Paint the Bicycle	with S. & W. bicycle enamel.

TAKE NO SUBSTITUTE.

We have the agency for the Sherwin & Williams Paint.

The Conner Hardware Co

PLEASE LOOK AT THESE PRICES.

For a limited time I will offer the following articles for cash:

A new line Wall Paper at the following prices:	3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15 and 20 cents a double roll
A new line Clothing, suits ranging from \$5, 6, 7, 8 and \$10	
Granulated Sugar,	5 1/2 c per lb
Lion and McLaughlin's XXXX Coffee,	9c
Raisins, good,	4 1/2 c lb or 6 lbs for 25c
4 Crown Raisins,	7c lb or 4 lbs for 25c
Prunes, good,	4 1/2 c lb or 6 lbs for 25c
9 bars Queen Anne Soap,	25c
10 bars Santa Claus Soap,	25c
Kingsford's Silver Gloss Starch,	7c
Bulk Starch,	4c per lb., 7 lbs. for 25c
Arm and Hammer Saleratus,	7c
Delands' Saleratus,	5c
Best Japan Rice,	7c lb or 4 lbs 25c
New Orleans Molasses,	20c per gal
Vail & Crane best V Crackers,	4 lbs. for 25c
10 lbs. good Rolled Oats,	25c
Indian Queen Smoking Tobacco, per lb.,	12c
12 boxes good Parlor Matches,	10c
Silver Drip Syrup, per gal.	20c
Good Dust Tea, per lb.	15c
Japan Tea,	20, 25, 35 and 50c lb
Sweet Corn,	7c a can or 4 for 25c
Best Salmon,	15 cents a can 2 cans for 25c
Clothes Pins, per dozen,	1c
A few pieces of Print to close out,	3 1/2 to 4c
A new line of Men's and Ladies' Shoes at low prices.	
A new line of Toledo Plows at the lowest prices ever sold.	\$10.00
Goods delivered anywhere in the corporation at these prices.	

A. J. LAPHAM'S,

North Village.

THE NAVY IS IN FIGHTING TRIM

Ships, Men and Money Uncle Sam's Strength.

Congress Authorizes Vast Additions for New Battleships—The Maine to Be Replaced—Marines Also Being Inlisted Under Special Orders—State of War Exists All Along Our South Atlantic Coast—Movements of Our Warships.

The navy department has now reason to believe that it has secured the two warships, Amazonas and her sister ship, now building in England for Brazil. It was stated at the cabinet meeting by Secretary Long that the naval attaché at London, Lieutenant Colwell, had almost completed the negotiations for the purchase. So far, however, the final notification from him that his offer has been accepted has not yet reached the navy department.

Authorizes Three New Ships.

Three new battleships of the stanchest type afloat were authorized by the house committee on naval affairs Saturday, and a provision for their construction was inserted in the naval appropriation bill. At the same time, the committee agreed on a maximum price of \$100 per ton for armor plate for our vessels, increased the force of naval marines by 475 men and put matters in fair shape for a decision tomorrow on the location of dry docks, probably four in number, capable of accommodating the largest sized war vessels. The committee was in session practically all day and before the decision on the increase of ships was reached there was a long and interesting discussion. Representative Tate, while favoring an increase, believed two vessels would be ample, and that further expenditure beyond the point of necessity should be avoided. Representative Loudenburger of New Jersey protested that if the strength of the navy were increased at all it should be to the extent of three new vessels, built and armed to meet any vessel afloat.

Hawley Wants One Cruiser.

Representative Hawley of Texas moved that a cruiser be ordered for one of the battleships, but subsequently withdrew the motion. When the vote was taken there was but one dissenting voice. Mr. Tate insisted that two battleships would

be sufficient to meet present needs. The new warships provided for will be of the latest pattern. It will be two years, doubtless, before they can be placed in commission.

One Will Be Named the Maine.

One of them, the committee decided, should bear the name of the ill-fated Maine. The appropriation for their construction was not fixed, being referred to the subcommittee on appropriations, which will report to the full committee tomorrow. The cost, it is expected, will be about \$5,000,000 each, though for the fiscal year covered in the bill the amount of expenditure may not exceed \$2,000,000 each. An important question was raised as to whether the expenditures for the new ships should be defrayed out of the \$50,000,000 emergency bill, but this subject was passed over.

The committee also agreed on a provision authorizing the secretary of the navy to purchase armor plate, by contract or otherwise, at a cost of not exceeding \$100 per ton. This was agreed to, however, only on the express proviso that this item include the nickel used in the armor, for which a large outside percentage heretofore has been paid by the government. This limit of armor contract price has been generally expected and, with the exception of the insertion of the proviso as to nickel, met with little opposition in the discussion.

Increase Number of Marines.

One of the most important features of the work on the bill was an agreement on an appropriation of \$15,000 for outfitting, rationing and uniforming 475 additional marines. This increase in the naval force was made the subject of a special and urgent request sent to the house after the submission of the regular recommendations. The question of establishment of new dry docks was thoroughly discussed today, and the outlook is that four new dry docks would be authorized, two on the Atlantic coast, one on the Pacific coast and another on the gulf. If the present expectations are materialized tomorrow these docks will be authorized to be constructed at Boston, Mass., Algiers, New Orleans, Mare Island, Cal., and League Island, Philadelphia.

Carries an Enormous Total.

With the amounts to be paid for dry docks and for armor plate in the aggregate not yet determined that bill as it stands carries in all something like \$28,000,000, which, however, will be largely augmented by the other items. Rapid progress has been made with the bill, and it is likely it will be in shape to report to the house Monday or Tuesday.

Tells All to Practice Economy.

Secretary Long has determined that there shall be no wasteful extravagance in the department in the expenditure of the funds so generously provided by congress, and to this end he has addressed the following letter to the assistant secretary of the navy, the colonel command-

ant of the marine corps, and to each of the bureau chiefs of the navy department: "Sir—Under the emergency appropriation of \$50,000,000 made Wednesday you will incur no expense or liability except after written statements and estimate made by you and approved by the president and secretary, all in writing. A special record must be kept of every such requisition. If any such liability or expense has been incurred by you by oral direction make such written statement and estimate and submit it at once for such approval.

"By order of the president.
Very respectfully,
JOHN D. LONG, Sec'y.

Big Item for Carnegie.

Lieutenant Stone, representative of the Carnegie Steel Company, was at the navy department in conference with the officials respecting the naval work in progress. The torpedo flotilla at Key West will soon be re-equipped by two fine boats, which have been under repairs. The Winslow sailed this morning from Charleston for Key West and the Foote from Norfolk for the same.

The commandant of the Mare Island navy yard reported that the cruiser Mochan had sailed with her cargo of ammunition, which she will tranship at Honolulu to the Baltimore for the Asiatic squadron. The naval officers who are endeavoring to effect the purchase of ships abroad have encountered an obstacle that promises to give some trouble. This is found in the difference between the callers of the guns mounted on foreign built ships and the United States navy standards. Not only do these guns differ in caliber from our own in most cases, but as they are almost all designed for the use of smokeless powder their combustion chambers are too small to use the ordinary brown powder with which the American navy is still supplied.

Must Buy Powder Abroad.

This obstacle is serious, but not insurmountable. It will require the procurement in Europe of a large quantity of ammunition in special sizes for these ships, as it would require a good deal of time for our domestic ammunition makers to change their plants and make the special sizes. Commander William H. Emery has volunteered to command the auxiliary cruiser St. Louis in the event that vessel's impressment into the naval service, and he will be ordered to join her before her departure from New York next Wednesday. In a capacity similar to that which caused Commander Brownson to sail on the St. Paul, Commander Emery has selected as his immediate staff Lieutenant Nathan Sargent as executive officer, at present recorder of the board of inspection and survey of the navy department, and Lieutenant Frank F. Fletcher

as navigator, now of duty at the torpedo station at Newport.

May Arm Whalebacks.

Captain Alexander McDougall of the American Steel Barge Company at Duluth has received a telegram from Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the navy department, asking his opinion as to the feasibility of converting whaleback steamers into vessels of war.

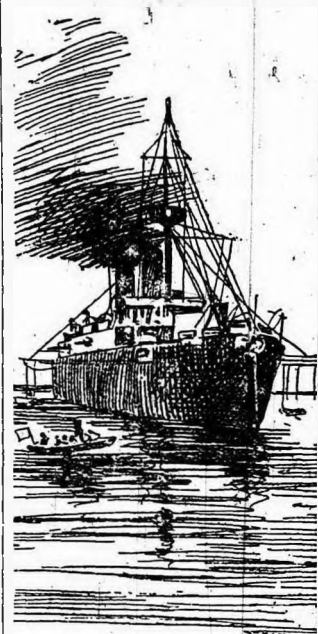
The captain says, however, that there is not much probability of the government taking any, as it would require some time to get many of the larger type through the Welland canal.

Captain McDougall says he has a plan now whereby he thinks he could attain greater speed with the whaleback type, which might make these vessels of use, aside from defending a harbor. He suggests a steel ram and two turrets as requisite changes for war purposes.

Foreign Warships Needed.

Speaking of the possibility of the United States obtaining naval vessels abroad, John Platt of Thorpe, Platt & Co., of New York, American representatives of John I. Thornycraft & Co. of Chiswick, England, one of the largest constructors of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers in Great Britain, said: "I have just returned from Washington and I was assured that this government desires now more than any other class of vessel a fleet of torpedo boat destroyers, and had it been considered practical by the navy department to have the boats built in England, the Thornycraft company would have by

this time begun work on several vessels of the Thornycraft type for use here. Acting upon suggestions received in Washington, however, I have consulted members of three or four shipbuilding concerns in this country relative to the quick construction of vessels of the Thornycraft type. I have been assured by them that, with the detailed working plans of the vessels in their possession and under an ordinary commercial contract—that is, a contract free from all unnecessary red tape—they could collectively complete, by working night and day, a fleet of ten such vessels within seven months. The representative of one firm assured me that it could send out the first vessel within six months. I am authorized by cable by the Thornycraft company to offer to dispose of complete plans of the Thornycraft vessel to this government at practically a moment's notice. The vessels are 210 feet

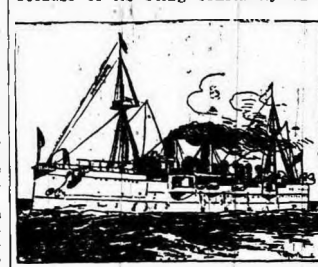


THE Y PERANGA. (One of the New Warships Slated for Purchase by the United States.)

long and 275 tons displacement, mounting four six-pounders and one thirteen-pounder, and equal to thirty knots. They are considered the most successful type of torpedo boat destroyers ever constructed. England has already about sixty of them and others building and Thornycraft & Co. are constructing a number of them for Germany and Japan. The plans of this type of vessel can be obtained from the Chiswick yards within three days, and I have every reason to believe that the government will order them."

A Magnetic Island.

A most phenomenal island is that of Bornbohn, in the Baltic, belonging to the kingdom of Denmark. It is famous for its geological peculiarities, consisting as it does almost entirely of magnetite, and its magnetic influence is not only very well known to the navigators of those waters, but also much feared by them, on account of its influence on the magnetic needles, which make the steering of a ship correctly a matter of much difficulty. In fact, this influence is felt even at a distance of miles, and so palpably that, on the island being sighted by mariners on the Baltic, they at once discontinue steering their course by the needle, and turn, instead, to the well-known lighthouses and other holds to direct their craft. Between Bornbohn and the mainland there is also a bank of rock under water, which is very dangerous to navigation, and because of its being constantly submerged, vessels have been frequently wrecked at that point. The peculiar fact in this case is that the magnetic influence of this ore bank is so powerful that a magnetic needle suspended freely in a boat over the bank will point down, and, if not disturbed, will remain in a perfectly perpendicular line.



THE CRUISER PHILADELPHIA. (Ordered to Join the South Atlantic Squadron—The Swiftest Armored Vessel in the World.)

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WHAT MAY HAPPEN.



LOWERING A WOUNDED MAN TO THE SICK BAY ON A MAN-OF-WAR.

CALL FOR AN EXTRA SESSION

Gov. Pingree Wants Corporations to Pay More Taxes.

LEGISLATURE MEETS MARCH 22

The Railroads Will Receive Particular Attention—Governor Says Taxes are Unequally Borne and in Some Cases are Becoming Unbearable.

The long-expected call for an extra session of the state legislature has at last been issued by Gov. Pingree. The date for the meeting of the extra session is Tuesday, March 22. The governor's proclamation is as follows: To all whom it may concern, greeting: By Sec. 6 of Art. 5 of the constitution of the state of Michigan, it is provided that the governor shall take care that the law be faithfully executed.

By Sec. 7 of the same article he is given the power to convene the legislature on extraordinary occasions.

By Sec. 11 of Art. 14 it is made the duty of the legislature to provide an uniform rule of taxation.

By Sec. 12 of the same article "all assessments hereafter authorized shall be on property at its cash value." These provisions have been a part of the fundamental law of the state since 1850.

In violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of these provisions of the constitution, laws have been passed from time to time, by which railroad companies, express companies, telegraph and telephone companies now owning, according to their own sworn returns, at least one-third of the property of this state, are required to pay only about one-twenty-sixth of the taxes levied for state, county and municipal purposes, leaving their just proportion of supporting our schools, asylums and other public institutions and defraying the public expenses to fall upon the farmers, laborers, manufacturers and other property-owners of the state.

Taxation has, in many parts of the state, become in the nature of confiscation, the amount levied being greater than the property taxed can be made to produce.

The situation has become almost unbearable, and demands an immediate remedy, which can only be given by the legislature.

It is the duty of the governor, under his oath of office, to see that the constitution of the state is obeyed and the laws faithfully executed, and to submit to the legislature, from time to time, his views upon existing mischiefs, so that a remedy can be provided.

In obedience to this duty, I hereby call the legislature of the state to meet in extraordinary session on Tuesday, 22d day of March, 1898, at noon of that day, to consider the question of taxing railroad companies, express companies, telegraph and telephone companies and such other matters as shall be submitted by a special message.

(Signed) H. S. PINGREE, Governor.

The proclamation was issued after a lengthy conference between Gov. Pingree and his lieutenants, and within two hours after it had been signed certified copies of it had been made and were at once mailed by registered letter to every member of the legislature.

The fact that the governor ignored the two-cent railroad fare question in his call is a surprise to many, as it was quite generally supposed that this would be a strong card in favor of a special session.

State Insurance Commissioner Milo D. Campbell says that a bill has already been prepared which provides for the creation of a state board of assessors who will appraise the value of the taxable property of all railroad, telegraph, telephone and express corporations in the state, and levy a tax exactly in proportion to the average taxes levied on other property. If railroad taxes are now too high they will be lowered by this bill. If they are too low, they will be raised. In other words, the bill does not fix the rate the railroads shall pay. It says nothing about the rate, but simply provides for a fair valuation and an assessment on an exact par with what other property holders pay. The average ratio of taxes to valuation on other property throughout the state is easily obtainable from the records of the state and of the counties.

Gov. Pingree's lieutenants have counted their men and confidence in the passage of such a bill is being expressed. There is said to be no doubt of the passage of the bill in the House. In the Senate 15 votes are counted as solid for the measure, while five are classed as doubtful. Among those who are believed to be doubtful are Senators Lawrence and Merriman. Senators Jibb, Thompson, Westcott, Latimer, Mason and Covell head the list of anti-Pingree members.

The special message which Gov. Pingree is preparing to send to the legislature will, among other things, contain a review of the entire history of corporation taxation from the earliest days in Michigan. The records, state documents, laws and other sources of information have been delved into to the bottom, and the subject will be treated more exhaustively than ever before.

Alfred Worden, aged 79, of Pewamo, was arrested charged by W. S. Irish, a barber, with assault and intent to commit the crime of murder. Worden is said to be of a very disagreeable and quarrelsome disposition. He fired a shot from a revolver through a window at Irish.

Daniel Smith, of Bridgeport, Saginaw county, is 106 years old and a veteran of the Mexican war. He says he never felt better, and is not only good for a campaign against Spain, but is anxious for a brush, and if Uncle Sam would not take him he would go to the front anyway.

Populists Could Not Agree.

A conference between the state committees of the middle-of-the-road and fusion wings of the Populist party was held at Lansing, but it did not result in the anticipated reconciliation, but rather tended to widen the breach, much harsh language being indulged in by the two factions.

The middle-of-the-roaders made a proposition to organize a new committee from both factions and issue a call for a state convention to nominate a straight Populist state ticket independent of all other silver parties. This was rejected by the fusionists, who proposed the appointment of a joint committee to meet with representatives of the Democratic and silver Republican parties in Detroit on April 5, for the purpose of arranging a fusion on a state ticket similar to the one effected two years ago. This proposition was also rejected after a long and bitter wrangle, and then all attempts to come to an agreement were given up.

The middle-of-the-road faction, which the courts have recognized as the regular Populist committee, promptly issued a call for a state convention to be held at Grand Rapids, June 21, and the program of the leaders is to head off the Republicans by nominating Pingree for governor.

The other faction will participate in the Detroit conference and arrange a fusion.

A Turning Over at the Soldiers' Home.

The annual meeting of the Soldiers' Home board resulted in a general turning over of the official staff of the home and the election of a new crew. Gov. Pingree attended the meeting and urged some of the changes, with the result that Commandant James A. Crozer is retired, Col. Bishop is no longer treasurer, and the insurance policies, the occasion for the last home scandal, are ordered canceled. The rule requiring veterans to pay for their clothing out of their pension money was rescinded.

Capt. George E. Judd, of Grand Rapids, was elected commandant; John Northwood was elected president pro tem, E. F. Grabbill clerk, and W. S. Turk treasurer. The minor officers were not chosen, but a general shaking up is expected.

Gov. Pingree remarked that he had nothing personal against Col. Crozer nor against his administration, but thought two years' service was enough under the circumstances.

A Rich Thing for Insurance Companies.

Commissioner Milo D. Campbell reports business done by life, casualty, assessment and fraternal insurance companies in Michigan last year, as follows: Policies issued, \$27,850,705; an increase over 1896 of \$3,959,569; insurance in force, Dec. 31, \$136,571,766, an increase over \$6,646,516; premiums received, \$4,572,319, an increase of \$220,340; losses incurred, \$1,903,218, an increase of \$320,031. During the year, 35 companies were authorized to do business.

The Michigan business of fraternal associations was as follows: Certificates written, 45,570; amount, \$44,805,225; certificates in force at the close of the year, 187,057; amount, \$24,067,830; losses paid, \$1,722,876; mortality assessments, \$1,896,076.

Another Extra Session Proclamation.

Gov. Pingree has issued another proclamation on the railroad question. This time it is addressed to the prosecuting attorneys and justices of the peace in the state particularly, as well as to the public in general, and declares war on the givers and users of free railroad passes. The governor proclaims his intention of seeing to it that the laws of Michigan relative to the granting of material favors to executive, legislative, or judicial officers, with a corrupt intent to influence legislation or the interpretation of the laws, are enforced. He claims that the railroad companies grant passes on their lines in this way and that they and the users of these special privileges are not only guilty of a crime, but thus deprive the school children of moneys that would otherwise be theirs.

The governor wants the officers of the state to proceed with prosecutions in all cases where they can obtain evidence, and cites the law to show their authority.

Extra Session Notes.

There are several changes in the roster of the legislature. Rep. Henry Lee, of Lapeer county, and Rep. Wm. Rowley, of Macomb, died during the last year leaving vacancies. It is now too late to elect successors at the spring election. The Pingree men might make a fight to unseat the anti-Pingree senators, Covell and Preston, who hold government jobs, but it is the general opinion that they will not be molested. No effort, on the other hand, will be made to unseat Senator Hughes, who has removed from the Barry-Eaton district. Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson having died and Sergt. Strong, of Cassopolis, having been appointed postmaster, Assistants Wm. Stocking, of Antrim, and Moses Pearselsky, of Detroit, may each be advanced a notch.

The anti-Pingree men talk of investigating the executive and other departments as to the charges of extravagance.

The impression is general that the extra session will last the full twenty days for which the legislators are permitted by the constitution to draw pay. Each member will, of course, be entitled to mileage in addition to per diem.

The senate chamber, representative hall and the committee rooms are being brushed up and put in order, and the various departments are preparing to meet whatever demands the legislators may make upon them.

Members of the legislature are already dropping into Lansing from different sections of the state.

Street Railway Strike at Saginaw.

The street railway system of Saginaw, was completely tied up by a strike of 90 motormen and conductors. The men have asked for regular hours, and pay for overtime. They have worked from 14 to 16 hours per day. Every conductor and motorman is a member of the union. Both the Union and Consolidated lines are in the hands of receivers, and the latter have advertised for new men. Trouble may result.

Later.—The circuit court judges took a hand to settle the strike, and with great success. An order for the receivers to take back all men who applied within 24 hours, and fixing 10 hours as a day's work with wages at \$1.55 per day, was obeyed. The strikers at once returned to work. The court stated that if the strikers have any grievances they should have been brought to the court for adjustment, that course lies open to them in the future.

A Big Klondike Expedition.

Probably the best equipped party from Michigan that will seek fortune in Alaska this year departed from the "So" for Seattle from this city in a private car. The party numbers 20 and includes leading business and professional men. The departure of the party was made the occasion of a big demonstration, about 800 people repairing to the depot with a brass band. The Soo-Yukon Mining & Transportation Co., as the party is named, will sail from Seattle for St. Michaels April 1 on a schooner chartered for the trip. The company will build two light draft steamers at the mouth of the Yukon, the timbers and materials being taken from Seattle. Powerful sand pumps and dredging and diving outfits are included in the plant, the object being to prospect the streams for gold. The supplies and outfits of the company cost approximately \$40,000.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Oxford citizens raised \$40 for Cuban sufferers.

Gov. Pingree has designated Tuesday, April 29, as Arbor day.

Agents of an Ohio company have leased many acres near Owosso and will begin at once to drill for coal.

Arrangements are being made for the assembly of the state Baptist Young People's Union at Orchard Lake in August.

Only three members of the House voted against the bill authorizing two more regiments of artillery, and one of them was Mr. Todd, of Michigan.

The annual field day meet of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic association will be held at the Michigan Agricultural college, June 3 and 4.

George H. Jacks, ex-chief of Muskegon, has been held to the criminal court at Chicago to answer the charge of murdering Andrew McGee, an old milkman who was found dead and robbed in a hallway two weeks ago.

The coroner's jury declared that Stephen Sprague came to his death near South Haven, from the effects of two bullets fired by some party unknown. Jeff Davis is under arrest on suspicion. The evidence is purely circumstantial.

Mrs. Robinson, a widow who resides at Augusta, has been made almost penniless by trusting in C. J. Tolliver, a young man who came to Augusta a year ago. He induced her to raise \$600 to start a drugstore and as soon as he got the money in his hands he disappeared.

Gov. Pingree sent out blanks for signatures to a petition asking the legislature to pass his corporation tax bill, and within 24 hours replies began to pour in. He suggested that those to whom he sent the blanks should secure 20 names. Some secured as high as 80. His petition is likely to reach several hundred thousand.

An aged woman dropped dead on the corner of Dubois and Clay streets, Detroit, and for four days the body was unidentified, until Jeremiah Enright, of Warren, went to Detroit to trace his mother, who had started from Warren to visit her children in Detroit, and then it was found that the unknown was Mrs. Catherine Enright.

Joseph Bennett, a well-known citizen of Saginaw, had an in-growing toenail. A month ago he stubbed the toe, and it was found necessary to take the nail off. Blood poisoning set in, and the toe was amputated a few days later. Then there were signs of gangrene and the leg had to come off just below the knee, but it availed nothing and death resulted.

The members of the common council of Munising and Banker C. W. Case, who were arrested at the instance of Timothy Nester, president of the village, were discharged as there was no evidence to hold them. The charge was boding in connection with the purchase of the new waterworks system. Banker Case has caused the arrest of Nester out of the charge of slander.

Miss Emma Adax, created a sensation at Lansing by commencing a suit for \$5,000 damage against Attorney Geo. R. Heck for breach of promise. She now says that it was all a joke and that she didn't know the papers were going to be filed. She admits that she had been trying to frighten Heck and that she had had talks with lawyers, who had called upon her with requests to settle.

Edgar Webb, who left Bay City last September for the Klondike, has returned and brings anything but a rosy description of what he saw and experienced. He says only a few make strikes. Others return penniless after long months of toil. People are returning to Dyea and Skagway and selling outfits, which cost \$300 or \$400, for \$25, or enough to take them back to Seattle.

Fire destroyed the house of F. C. Tuttle, north of Niles, causing a loss of \$1,500. Mr. Tuttle was away from home and he lost everything but the clothes he wore.

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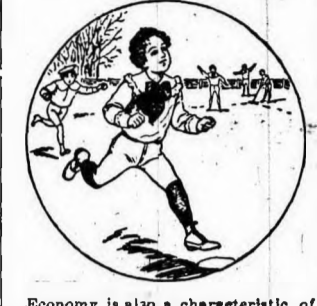


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The editor of the "Brown City, Michigan, Banner," recently paid a visit to Western Canada, and speaking of a garden that he saw in the Edmonton District, says: "On August 23rd we had the pleasure of visiting the model seven-acre garden at Edmonton, owned and operated by one Donald Ross, a typical Scotchman, and as whole-souled, good-natured old gentleman as you often meet. He gave the Yankees each a hearty handshake as we were introduced in succession by the Canadian Government Agent, who was our guide and pilot while at Edmonton, and to whom we are indebted for many courtesies conferred. Mr. Ross informed us that he cleared from \$800 to \$1,000 annually from the sale of roots, vegetables, flowers and plants. We here state that we never before saw such a growth of vegetables at that season of the year. He said that he raised 750 bushels of onions to the acre. Beets were growing as large as your arm, turnips the size of one's head, and cabbages as large as a patent pan. Following are prices that Mr. Ross gave us as receiving for his produce: Beets, 50 cents per bushel; carrots, 40 cents; onions, \$1.25; turnips, \$5 per ton; cabbage, 4 cents each; green corn, 25 cents per dozen; tomatoes, \$1.50 per bushel; potatoes, 25 to 30 cents; cauliflower, \$1.00 per dozen; cucumbers, 15 cents per dozen; strawberries, 25 cents per box; squash, 4 cents per lb., and other produce in proportion. He kept a hot-house 12x180 feet, heated by a furnace by means of flues. One man beside himself attended this garden, except at time of gathering the crop."

Agents of the Canadian Government are now located at different points in the United States, and using their efforts towards securing settlers on the fertile lands of Western Canada, to which the gold fields are tributary.

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CHAPTER XIX.—(Continued.)

He heard of it from one of his brother officers, who had hastened to welcome him to England, and was at first incredulous. He had always loved the handsome, willful boy, who looked up to him with such affection, and it had been a bitter source of trouble to him to find him inclined to go the wrong way in life. Raoul Laureston was many years older than the earl, but they had always been good friends. In his light, frank way he had scolded the handsome boy—now he scolded the man. He had done his best to exercise a wise control over the earl. There

It was with positive incredulity that he heard of the marriage. When Major Vandeleur told him the news, the brave soldier refused to believe it. "Caraven would never have married without telling me," he said. "He has not written to me for years, but he would have written if that had been the case."

"I assure you," declared Major Vandeleur, "that I was present at the ceremony. He was married at St. George's, Hanover Square."

"I must not dispute what you saw with your own eyes," said Sir Raoul. "That granted, then, whom has he married?"

"A Miss Ransome," was the brief reply.

"Ransome? I do not remember the name," Major Vandeleur laughed. "No, you have probably never heard it—though there are few young men in the army who could say as much. Ransome is a lawyer and a money-lender."

The soldier's face fell. "A money-lender! You cannot be serious? Caraven marry a money-lender's daughter! I cannot believe it."

"It is true. I remember the lady's name—Hildred Ransome. I did not see her, although I was in the church during the marriage; the crush was so great, I could not. The bridegroom's tall head towered above the crowd; I saw a vision of white and silver, but not the bride's face or figure."

Their conversation was interrupted by the arrival of a note for Sir Raoul. "It is from Caraven," he said, as he hastily broke the seal.

As he read it, his whole face brightened, a light came into his eyes. "I knew the boy's heart was in the right place," he remarked. "There could not be a kinder letter than that. He will not hear of my remaining here or going elsewhere. I am to go to Halby House at once, where everything is at my service, and his wife joins in begging me to go. The boy is not changed, you see. His heart is good."

And the major, having some little respect for Sir Raoul, forbore to tell him what rumor said about the handsome earl and his heart.

"I shall go," said Sir Raoul—"this has quite decided me. You think I

am right—do you not?" he added, seeing a strange smile on the major's face.

"Certainly. I was thinking of the earl, not of you," and long after the two friends had parted Major Vandeleur looked very grave.

"It is like going into a wasp's nest," he said. "Raoul is a noble, simple-hearted soldier. He will have little patience with the earl—perhaps even less with his wife."

No such thought troubled Sir Raoul; to him it seemed quite right and just that his kinsman should extend the hand of welcome, that his wife and himself should beg him to visit them, that their home should be his.

"I may be able to do some good," said Sir Raoul. "Ulric always listened to me."

So he was full of hope as he drove to Halby House.

"What will this young wife be like?" he wondered. "A money-lender's daughter—nothing very noble or brilliant; but Ulric loved her, I suppose. She will be a city demoiselle. Let us hope, for Ulric's sake, that she is pretty and accomplished."

He caught himself wondering more than once what she would be like, and then he laughed at himself for his pains.

"I have so few relatives," he said, "that the fact of finding a new one is something wonderful."

His worn face flushed with emotion, as the carriage stopped at Halby House.

"When a man has but few friends he knows how to value them," he said to himself. "I know Ulric will be pleased to see me again."

CHAPTER XX.

THE earl was at home expecting Sir Raoul. He was shown into the library, and there in a few moments he was found by his kinsman. They met with outstretched hands and warm words of greeting, but the earl looked sorrowfully into his kinsman's face.

"You have suffered very much, Raoul," he said, quietly.

"Yes, and never thought to see you again. You are changed, too, Ulric—I feel inclined to ask where is the sunny faced boy whom I loved so dearly?"

"The truth is, Raoul, I have not turned out very well. I may have been a good boy, but I have scarcely been a good man."

"A fault acknowledged is often half amended," said Sir Raoul. "Yes," admitted the earl, carelessly; "but I feel no great desire to amend—I half wish that I did."

"I hear wondrous news, Ulric—that you are married. Is it true?"

"Yes," he replied, gloomily, "I am married."

"And your wife, I have been told, had a large fortune."

"That is true," he said. "Have they told you anything else?"

"No, except that she was Miss Hildred Ransome, the great lawyer's daughter."

"The great money lender and schemer's daughter," corrected the earl.

"She will not be answerable for her father's faults. What is she like, Ulric, this young wife of yours? I never had a sister, and my mother died when I was a boy. It will be quite a novelty to me to claim kinsmanship with a lady."

"All the novelties are not agreeable ones," was the mbody reply. "This one will be, I am sure. I shall be quite proud to address 'My cousin, Lady Caraven.'"

"You are a preux chevalier, Raoul—you believe in the sex," said the earl. "And do you not, Ulric?"

"No, not in one of them. The fact is, I feel quite certain that you will not like my wife, and it annoys me."

"Like her?" echoed Sir Raoul. "How strangely you speak! Certainly I shall do more than like her, your wife and my cousin. I tell you that the thought of seeing her is a positive pleasure to me."

With hasty steps Lord Caraven walked up and down the room. He seemed as though about to speak, but then stopped abruptly. He stood at last in front of his cousin.

"Raoul," he said, "I am not good at keeping a secret. The truth is, I do not like my wife."

"Not like her, Ulric! You are jesting, surely."

"I wish that I were! I know I am a prodigal, a spendthrift, but I think sometimes, now that I am a little older, that I might have been a better man had I been happily married."

"But, if you did not like her," said Sir Raoul, with an air of utter astonishment, "why did you marry her?"

"That is the question. I think the answer is—because her father wished her to be a countess."

"What has his wish to do with you, Ulric?"

"Some day I will tell you all," he replied. "It is not a pleasant theme. But, with all my faults, I dislike deceit—and I would not have you think that you are about to enter upon a scene of domestic felicity."

"But the lady herself," said Sir Raoul—"since you confide in me I may speak—does she know that you do not love her?"

"Yes, there has never been any pretense of affection between us."

"Then," said Sir Raoul, slowly, "it seems to me that the lady is the one to be pitied—between her father and you."

"You can pity her if you like—she can hold her own remarkably well," returned the earl. "I do not want to talk about it, Raoul. Every man pays the price of his folly sooner or later—I am paying it now. I do not care ever to mention the matter again, but I thought, if you had some idea of entering an earthly Eden, you had better be disabused."

"I wish that it were an earthly Eden," said Sir Raoul, slowly. "My wife brought me a large fortune—a fortune that saved me from ruin—and I insist always upon all respect being shown to her. She is, as she ought to be, entirely mistress of the house. I am always particular about that. Now that we have finished with the matter (there is, perhaps, one thing more that I should say. My wife will be very pleased to see you; she will make you very welcome."

"And you do not like her?" interrogated Sir Raoul.

"Well," replied the earl, "you see, she is not my style—not at all my style. I like fair women—she is dark; besides I never think that a man loves a woman whom he is compelled to marry."

"You were compelled to marry her, then?" said Sir Raoul.

"It was either that or ruin—such ruin as would have left me penniless."

I did hesitate for some time whether I should purchase a revolver or marry Miss Ransome."

"My dear boy, why did you not send to me?"

"There are things that a gentleman can not do," said the earl, proudly. "I could not borrow from my friends."

"People have different ideas of honor—some of them are very strange ones. For my part, I should think it a thousand times more honorable to borrow from an old friend than to marry a girl for her money, knowing that I disliked her."

"The alternative was forced upon me. Besides, Raoul, all that you had in the world would not have been sufficient."

"Was it so bad as that?" he asked. "Yes, it could not have been worse. Do not let me be a hypocrite, Raoul. That lesson would have lasted some men their lives—but it has not been sufficient for me. I do not think, honestly speaking, that I am one whit a wiser man than I was. The only thing is that fortune has been with me instead of against me."

"Poor boy," said Sir Raoul, pityingly; "we must hope for better things. Shall I see your wife tonight?"

"No, I think not. Lady Caraven has gone to Covent Garden—a favorite opera of hers is being played. She will not be home until late. You look very tired, Raoul—I should advise you to go to bed. We shall not remain many weeks in London. You will, of course, go to Ravensmere with us?"

"If you desire it; if you are kind enough to invite me, I shall be very pleased. I might have twenty places of my own, but none of them would seem as much like home as Ravensmere."

And Sir Raoul laughed. Fatigued as he was, he seemed in no hurry to leave his kinsman.

"I am rather disappointed," he said at last. "I had hoped that I should see my new kinswoman tonight."

"I can hardly believe that you are serious," he exclaimed. "Do you really desire so much to see my wife?"

"I do, indeed," replied Sir Raoul, earnestly.

"I do not understand it," said the earl, with an amused smile. "You are slightly curious about her personal appearance? Well, I am not a judge, as I like fair people, and she is tall and dark. These are the only two points in her which have struck me. Yes, there is one thing more—she sings with ravishing sweetness. I have never heard a finer voice. I think, too, that she has a will and spirit of her own; but I repeat—though I do not intend to repeat it—that I do not like her."

"Tall and dark." Sir Raoul immediately pictured to himself a somewhat forbidding masculine looking girl, with a hard face and a hard manner.

He retired to his room, slightly disappointed and disenchanted. He could not sleep. By-gone scenes in his own life rose up before him. It was long

after midnight when he heard the roll of a carriage, and then the soft rustle of a silken dress as light footsteps passed his door.

"That is the young-countess," he said to himself—"my new cousin—tall and dark."

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Sea Shells That Explode. A contributor to the National Druggist describes the curious phenomena of explosive sea-shells. He says: "Walking along the beach on Mollie bay, a young woman, a relative of the writer, picked up a handful of little shells, left by the tide and among them several shells of a small marine 'snail,' the largest of which was probably a half-inch in diameter and the smallest some three-eighths of an inch. She dropped them into her pocket and forgot all about them until several days afterward, when an unpleasant odor in her wardrobe attracted her attention to them. On taking them out of her pocket some fell on the floor, and in recovering them she placed her foot on one. The act was followed by an explosion, quite sharp, and loud enough to be heard all over the floor on which her room is. Astonished, she concluded to try another, and the same result followed. The shells were then brought to the writer, who on examination found the mouth of each firmly closed by a membrane of greater or less thickness, formed by the drying of the animal slime. This had probably occurred soon after removal from the moisture of the beach, and the little inhabitant of the shell dying, the gases of decomposition had quite filled its internal space.

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Newburg.

Mrs. J. Grovenstene is worse again. The church sheds are now complete. Ed Kerr is working in the carriage factory at Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Tuttle's baby has been quite sick, but is some better.

Mrs. Lizzi Crane, nee Davy, and baby, are visiting her parents here.

Mrs. Baker and baby, of Saginaw, are visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Bassett.

Republican caucus in Livonia township will be Friday, March 26th, at 2 p. m.

Mrs. D. Brown will sell her personal property at auction, Thursday, March 24-Lunch at noon.

The people from Detroit who rented H. Peter's farm for 3 years, have moved out. Hugh says he will make it warm for them.

There was a social and oyster supper at Newburg hall for Newburg hall association, Wednesday evening, March 16th, which was a success as everything is that they give lately.

Epworth League elect new officers next Sunday evening. All should come out and elect good officers. There was a good meeting last Sunday evening and a lively discussion on "Push." They have a good program every meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Norris returned from their visit to Rochester, N. Y., last Wednesday. They left her sister very sick with but little hopes of her recovery. Mr. Norris was under the doctor's care while there and has improved but little since his return.

At the meeting of the L. A. S. last Friday, the following officers were elected: Mrs. W. J. Smith, president; Mrs. G. N. Dean, vice president; Mrs. J. G. Bennett, secretary; Mrs. D. Hall, treasurer; Mrs. J. King, cor. secretary. The secretary gave a very nice report of the nine years work of the society, showing that they had done a great amount of good.

Robert Rutter, who has carried the standard to victory for many candidates, is mentioned as a winning candidate for supervisor of our township. Such support from the G. O. P. as he has rendered to it will safely land him. Do not forget the date of the caucus. Come out, lend your aid and cast your vote for those who will add strength to good republican principles.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bassett, Mr. Thomas W. Davey to Miss Estella Bassett, on Tuesday evening, March 15th, 1898. Miss Emma Bassett, sister of the bride, acted as bride's maid and A. W. Zanders was best man. Rev. J. B. Oliver officiated. The bride carried pink carnations, was dressed in grey novelty goods trimmed with cream chiffon and spangled trimming, silk front. The bride's maid was in white. Seventy-five friends ate supper with them. The following is a list of the beautiful and useful presents: Jolliffe Bros. and wives, Mr. and Mrs. C. Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. F. Springer, set of 100 dishes; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bassett, cook stove and dish pan; Mr. and Mrs. J. Grovenstene and James, water set; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith and family, clothes wringer and tub stand combined; Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, tinware, set of Post's Irons; Miss Bernice Davey and Dell Knapp, rocking chair; Mr. and Mrs. Baker, one-half dozen china plates and wooden spoon; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Davey, mirror and four pictures; Mr. and Mrs. C. Minehart, Miss Flora and Alrie, table cloth and spread, one-half dozen silver spoons and towel; Mr. and Mrs. C. Rutter, table spread; Mr. and Mrs. R. Rutter, towels; Mr. and Mrs. E. Rutter, one dozen napkins; Mr. and Mrs. J. LeVan, towels; Mrs. Boehm and George and Adah, one-half dozen china plates, clothes line and clothes pin bag; Miss Latchinger, eight dollies; Will Davey, one-half dozen silver spoons; Mrs. Jannette Smith, glass dishes; Mr. and Mrs. R. Richards, glass fruit dish; Mr. and Mrs. C. Ryder, paper holder; Mr. and Mrs. W. Coats, towel, salad dish and china plates; Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Dean and Miss Grace, sauce dish and celery dish; Mr. and Mrs. Crane, rug; Mr. and Mrs. Pickett and Miss Edith, bread board, rolling pin and tinware; Mrs. Zanders and Albert, bed spread; Miss Emma Bassett, bed quilt; Mr. and Mrs. F. Crane, China teapot

stand, broom, dust pan and glass plate; Mr. and Mrs. J. Cochrane and Miss Bessie, nickel teapot and teakettle; W. R. C., bed spread; Mr. and Mrs. George Chilson and Miss Mabel, tinware.

Canton.

Mrs. Theodore Harmon is on the sick list.

Look out for a wedding in the near future.

We are pleased to note that Mrs. Jacob Straub is gaining rapidly.

Fred Lewis' new house will be ready for the plasterers the last of this week.

Alfred Lyndon has already commenced to move on to his farm in this township.

Squire Quartel is under the doctor's care this week with an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Charles Dethloff has moved to Mr. Peter Gill's tenant house south of Cherry Hill. Mr. Dethloff expects to work for Mr. Gill the coming season.

Fred Schrader has the material on the grounds for his new duck house. He expects to go into the duck raising business extensively the coming season.

We can plainly see that the township election is drawing near by the pleasant smiles some men wear, and the hearty handshake they have for everyone.

W. C. T. U.

That aggressive and fearless prohibition paper, The New York Voice has recently been making some startling revelations concerning the prevalence and patronage of saloons in those towns which are the seats of great American institutions of learning. In the issue of February 17, it is boldly stated that by actual investigation there have been found 66 liquor shops within a radius of two blocks from the Campus and green of Yale College. Mrs. Edwin M. Poteat, wife of the pastor of the Calvary Baptist church of New Haven said before the International Convention of Christian Workers: "New Haven has 400 saloons. All these are open to Yale students and no restraint appears to be put on their patronizing them. At least three conspicuous saloons in the center of the big city secure their patronage in large part from the undergraduates, and one caters exclusively to the upper classmen. The University Club (for juniors and seniors) has its bar; 'could not meet expenses without it.' The secret societies have their drinking places; the best element thinks moderate drinking no serious matter."

The Voice in calling attention to the tolerance of the use of spirits at Princeton and Yale Colleges has given the public food for thought. Such scenes of demoralization as that at the Yale-Princeton football game are a reproach to those in authority and a menace to the welfare and happiness of the students who attend these institutions. Samuel Dickie says truly, "That an educational institution where dissipation is either encouraged or permitted is worse than a pest-house."

SUPT. OF PRESS.

Livonia Center.

John Stringer is on the sick list.

John Base, Sr. is quite poorly with rheumatism.

Mrs. Wm. Cook and daughter, of Wixom, are visiting Mrs. C's mother, Mrs. John Base.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Benton, of Waterford, and Mrs. A. Stringer took a business trip to Detroit Monday.

Married at Stark, Wednesday, by the Rev. Blanchard, of Plymouth, Miss Grace Maynard to Mr. John Kubn. May happiness follow them through life is the wish of their many friends.

Mrs. Geo. Edwards, of North Livonia, died suddenly last Sunday morning. The funeral was held Tuesday at Farmington. She leaves a husband and a large family of children to mourn her loss.

Meads Mills.

Mrs. Bunt who has been on the sick list is again able to be out.

Mr. Bert Hughes has moved from Northville into David Barber's house.

Miss Lucy Thomas, who has been sick with inflammatory rheumatism is improving.

After an absence of three weeks on account of sickness, Miss Rotta Atchinson is again able to attend school.

We do not take much stock in people who say: patronize home industry, when we know they are putting in about two words for themselves and one for home industry, which happens to be their own particular industry. Some people will say most anything to get your laundry work. Of course we are not saying a word, only that Hillmer wants your laundry work, and that's no lie. 1w

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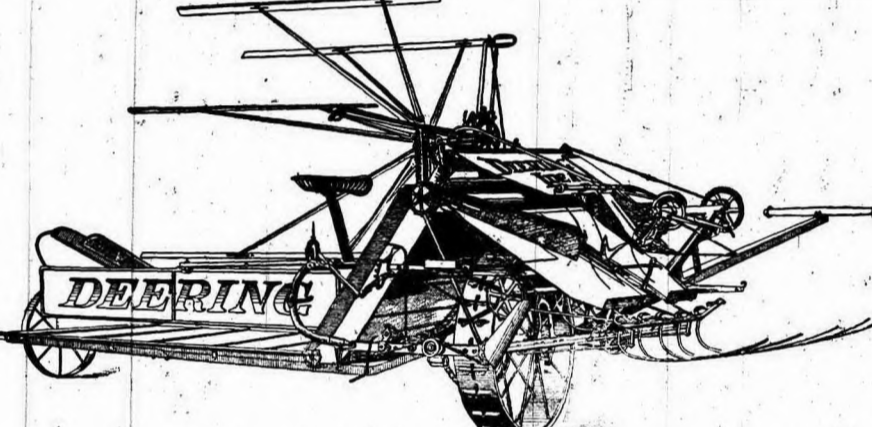
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