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WHOLE NO. 551



Ladies' Wrappers

We have just received a large line of Ladies Wrappers direct from the factory in New York city. Our prices are, on the best Percale, nicely trimmed Wrappers, only \$1.00; others price, \$1.50. Best Calico Wrappers, 75 cents and 79 cents; others price, \$1.00. A good Calico Wrapper, for only 59 cents.

A large and elegant line of

Ladies' Shirt Waists.

Latest styles, just received.



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

We invite you to call and look over our line of French Ginghams, Zepher Ginghams, Percales, Organdies, Art Denims, Vienna Silkolines, Alhambra Crepe Draperies, Lace Curtains, Tapestry Curtains. In Silks we have the most complete line outside 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.

J. R. Rauch & Son

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.

SEEDS

We have a full line of all kinds of Garden, Flower and Field Seeds in stock Quality HIGH. Price LOW.

SWEET PEAS—Finest stock ever shown in town. Eckford Hybrids, Choice Mixed, Catherine Tracy, Blanche Terry, Emily Henderson, Dorothy Tennant.

NASTURTIUMS—Dwarf, Mixed and Climbing.

Buy your Seeds in bulk and save money. Fertilizer for lawns in 100 pound sacks.

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

DO YOU WANT

GOOD MEAT

IF YOU DO CALL AT

.....HARRIS' MARKET.....

and he will please you. He keeps the best of meats at the Lowest Prices. Don't forget the place.

H. HARRIS.

Orders taken and delivered.

PLYMOUTH.

TWO GOOD TICKETS

HAVE BEEN PLACED IN NOMINATION FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF PLYMOUTH VOTERS.

Much Interest Manifested in the Coming Township Election.

With the closing of the polls next Monday afternoon begins a new era in the history of Plymouth township. The Northville end will be cut off and set adrift, and we have nothing but best wishes for her future welfare. Old Plymouth will plod along in the same old way just as if nothing had happened.

For several years past the township has been overwhelmingly republican, and now that the silver-democratic party seems to have a fighting chance, they are going to make a strong effort to win. The republican party also desires a hand in managing the affairs of the township under the new condition of things and will work together for the success of the ticket.

The republican caucus was held in the village hall Saturday afternoon, March 26th, with J. M. Collier and R. L. Root, chairman and secretary respectively. E. W. Chaffee, P. B. Whitbeck, and E. H. Ryder were appointed tellers.

The following nominations for township officers were made:

Supervisor—R. L. Root
Clerk—L. E. Cable
Treasurer—E. N. Passage
Justice of Peace (full term) Robt. Malden.
Justice of Peace (full term)—O. H. Loomis.
Highway Commissioner—Gifford Chase
School Inspector (full term)—E. H. Ryder
School Inspector (vacancy)—P. B. Whitbeck
Board of Review (2 years)—D. D. Allen
Board of Review (1 year)—C. W. Bradner
Constables—Daniel Smith, Lee Nowland, Walter Kinsler, John Hood.
The chair then appointed J. O. Eddy, C. W. Root and E. N. Passage as township committee for the ensuing year.

A silver-democratic caucus was held in village hall Monday afternoon, March 28. W. T. Conner was elected chairman and H. J. Baker, secretary of the caucus. E. C. Hough and William Gayde acted as tellers. Following are the nominations:
Supervisor—Geo. A. Starkweather
Clerk—Albert Gayde
Treasurer—Chauncy E. Baker
Justice of Peace (full term)—Henry Tuttle
Justice of Peace (full term)—Martin A. Vrooman
Highway Commissioner—John Root
School Inspector (full term)—F. B. Adams
School Inspector (vacancy)—Miss Delia Entrican
Board of Review (2 years)—Marcus Miller
Board of Review (1 year)—A. D. Stevens
Constables—Carl Heide, H. H. Passage, Fred Dunn, William Mott.
Township committee is, W. T. Conner, Geo. A. Starkweather and L. C. Hough. L. E. Cable refused to run and his name was replaced by the name of A. A. Taft for clerk.

Notice to Water Takers.

W. F. Markham, of the board of Water Commissioners, desires to announce that he will commence Monday, April 4th, and visit every water taker in the village for the purpose of making a thorough inspection of the water system and ascertaining if the amount of water used corresponds with the assessment roll as made out January 1st, 1898. This is necessary in order that the Board may know that the system is in a satisfactory condition and that the rates are properly adjusted.

Impure Blood in Spring.

This is the almost universal experience. Diminished perspiration during winter, rich foods and close confinement indoors are some of the causes. A good spring medicine, like Hood's Sarsaparilla, is absolutely necessary to purify the blood and put the system in a healthy condition at this season.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver tonic. Gentle, reliable, sure.

HALF-FARE.

Wm. J. Bryan at Detroit Tuesday, April 5th, '98. Half fare or fare one way for round trip on F. & P. M. railroad. Tickets good for return trip until and including April 6th, 1898. Apply to local ticket agent for further particulars as to sale of tickets.

A. PATRIARCHE,
Gen. Pass. Agent.

THE OBSERVANCE OF EASTER.

The Discrepancy in Computing the Date Was Not Corrected Until 1752.

"The observance of Easter dates back to about the year 68, at which time there was much contention among the Eastern and Western churches as to what day the festival should be observed. It was finally ordained at the Council of Nice in the year 325 that it must be observed throughout the Christian world on the same day. This decision settled that Easter should be kept upon the first Sunday after the fourteenth day of the first Jewish month, but no general conclusion was arrived at as to the cycle by which the festival was to be regulated, and some churches adopted one rule and some another. This diversity of usage was put an end to, and the Roman rule making Easter the first Sunday after the fourteenth day of the calendar moon was established in England in 669. After nine centuries a discrepancy in the keeping of Easter was caused by the authorities of the English church declining to adopt the reformation of the Gregorian Calendar in 1582. The difference was settled in 1752 by the adoption of the rule which makes Easter Day the first Sunday after the full moon which appears on or next after March 21st. If the full moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter is the Sunday after."—April Ladies' Home Journal.

Woman's Literary Club.

The Woman's Literary Club held a special meeting on Mar. 25th, at Mrs. G. A. Starkweather's, with twelve members present.

Mrs. F. B. Adams presided in absence of president.

Motion carried that fourth weekly review of book III of history, be lesson for meeting of April 1st.

Motion carried that a special meeting be held April 8th for the purpose of reading "The Merchant of Venice" by club.

An interesting paper, "Side Lights" from program of Feb. 4th, was read by Mrs. Shaw.

Miss Smith read a "Review of the Founding of England, Germany and France."

Mrs. Frank Hodge read "Lycurgus Laws of Twelve Tables" from program of Jan. 21st.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 1st, at Mrs. Margaret Hall's.

A PROSPEROUS ORDER.

Michigan L. O. T. M. Authorized to Transact Business.

Miss Emma E. Bower, great record keeper of Michigan Ladies of the Macabees, received a certificate Monday from the state insurance department authorizing the order to continue its insurance feature until March 1, 1899. This comes as a result of Commissioner Campbell's inspection of the annual statement recently sent him. Although this statement concludes January 1, 1899, the figures it contains have not been published.

On January 1 the endowment members numbered 26,380, the addition of the so-called "social members" bringing the total up to 35,736. This represents in outstanding certificates \$24,134,000. There were 128 deaths last year, death claims amounting to \$131,450 having been paid. Disability claims paid during the same time \$200,323.67. Emergency fund, \$6,847.40. Disbursements for the year, \$159,856.36. Losses in process of adjustment, \$23,850. There were three rejected claims during the year. Other liabilities amounted to \$935.50, the total assets on January 1 amounting to \$15,681.81.

The L. O. T. M. of Michigan, and Great Record Keeper Emma E. Bower, whose business ideas and executive ability have done such wonders for the order, deserve the highest compliments on its present prosperous condition.—Washtenaw Times.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION.

Their Relations Discussed by the Men's Club Yesterday.

E. M. Williams read a very thoughtful paper on "What science has done for religion," before the Men's club of the Woodward Avenue Congregational church.

"Science has opened a new heaven and a new earth to society," declared the speaker, "and given it a material universe without bounds. It has not only given mankind a nobler idea of God, but, by so doing, has given a new dignity to man. Science is exact knowledge and without the ways and means which it provides religion would be absolutely helpless."

Mr. Williams thought that the gap between science and religion, which has existed for so many years, was disappearing. He held that as the value of creeds depreciates, religion becomes less distracted and the virtue of humility is more appreciated. Infallibility, no matter of what description, has been the cause of the long contest between religion and science, he said, and science has placed the bible before the world to be judged simply by its own intrinsic worth.—Detroit Tribune.

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 Sunbeam 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.

I will furnish paper napkins free to all societies or private parties who purchase the coffee of me for that occasion.

I wish to call your attention to some of our late novelties in the Grocery line: Shredded Codfish, Burnham's Jellycon, Fig Fag, Stuffed Olives.

J. L. GALE.

TELLS OF THE MAINE HORROR

President McKinley Sends a Message to Congress.

SYNOPSIS OF BOARD'S REPORT

Complete Details Given from the Time of the Order to Send the Warship to Havana Harbor to the Time of the Explosion.

Washington, March 29.—The president today sent the following message to congress:

"To the Congress of the United States: For some time prior to the visit of the Maine to Havana harbor our consular representatives pointed out the advantages to flow from the visit of national ships to Cuban waters, in acquainting the people to the presence of our flag as the symbol of good will and of our ships in the fulfillment of the mission of protection to American interests, even though no immediate need therefor might exist.

"Accordingly, on the 24th of January last, after conference with the Spanish minister, in which the renewal of visits of our war vessels to Spanish waters was discussed and accepted, the peninsular authorities at Madrid and Havana were advised of the purpose of this government to resume friendly naval visits at Cuban ports and that in that view the Maine would forthwith call at the port of Havana.

"This announcement was received by the Spanish government with appreciation of the friendly character of the visit of the Maine and with notification of intention to return the courtesy by sending Spanish ships to the principal ports of the United States. Meanwhile the Maine entered the port of Havana on the 25th of January, her arrival being marked with no special incident besides the exchange of customary salutes and ceremonial visits.

"The Maine continued in the harbor of Havana during the three weeks following her arrival. No appreciable excitement attended her stay. On the contrary, a feeling of relief and confidence followed the resumption of the long interrupted friendly intercourse. So noticeable was this immediate relief of her visit that the consul-general strongly urged that the presence of our ships in Cuban waters should be kept up by retaining the Maine at Havana, or in the event of her recall, by sending their vessel there to take her place.

"At forty minutes past 9 in the evening of the 15th of February the Maine was destroyed by an explosion, by which the entire forward part of the ship was utterly wrecked. In this catastrophe two officers and 260 of her crew perished, those who were not killed outright by her explosion being penned between decks by the tangle of wreckage and drowned by the immediate sinking of the hull. Prompt assistance was rendered by the neighboring vessels anchored in the harbor, and being especially given by the boats of the Spanish cruiser Albatros XII, and the Ward line steamer City of Washington, which lay not far distant.

"The wounded were generally cared for by the authorities of Havana, the hospitals being freely opened to them, while the earliest recovered bodies of the dead were interred by the municipality in a public cemetery in the city. Tributes of grief and sympathy were offered from all official quarters of the island.

"The appalling calamity fell upon the people of our country with crushing force and for a brief time an intense excitement prevailed, which in a community less just and self-controlled than ours might have led to hasty acts of blind resentment.

"This spirit, however, soon gave way to the calmer processes of reason and to the resolve to investigate the facts and await the material proof before forming a judgment as to the cause, the responsibility, and if the facts warranted, the remedy due.

"This course necessarily recommended itself from the outset to the executive, for only in the light of a dispassionately ascertained certainty could it determine the nature and measure of its full duty in the matter.

"The usual procedure was followed as in all cases of casualty or disaster to national vessels of any maritime state. A naval court of inquiry was at once organized, composed of officers well qualified by rank and practical experience to discharge the onerous duty imposed upon them.

"Aided by a strong force of wreckers and divers the court proceeded to make a thorough investigation on the spot, employing every available means for the impartial and exact determination of the causes of the explosion. Its operations have been conducted with the utmost deliberation and judgment and, while independently pursued, no source of information was neglected and the fullest opportunity was allowed for a simultaneous investigation by the Spanish authorities.

"The finding of the court of inquiry was reached, after twenty-three days of continuous labor, on the 21st of March, and having been approved on the 22d by the commander-in-chief of the United States naval force on the North Atlantic station was transmitted to the executive.

"It is herewith laid before congress, together with the voluminous testimony taken before the court. Its purpose is, in brief, as follows:

coal bunkers and storage compartments are passed in review, with the conclusion that excellent order prevailed and that no indication of any cause for an internal explosion existed in any quarter.

"At 8 o'clock in the evening of Feb. 15 everything had been reported secure and all was quiet. At 9:40 the vessel was suddenly destroyed.

"There were two distinct explosions with a brief interval between them. The first lifted the forward part of the ship perceptibly, the second, which was more prolonged, is attributed by the court to the partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines.

"The evidence of the divers establishes that the afterpart of the ship was practically intact and sank in that condition a very few minutes after the explosion. The forward part was completely demolished.

"At frame 17 the outer shell of the ship, from a point eleven and one-half feet from the middle line of the ship and six feet above the keel when in its normal position, has been forced up so as to be now about four feet above the surface of the water; therefore about thirty-four feet above where it would be had the ship sunk uninjured.

"The outside bottom plating is bent into a reversed 'V' shape, the after wing of which, about fifteen feet broad and thirty-two feet in length (from frame 17 to frame 25), is doubled back upon itself against the continuation of the same plating extending forward.

"At frame 18 the vertical keel is broken in two and keel bent into an angle similar to the angle formed for the outside plates. This break is about six feet below the surface of the water and about thirty feet above its normal position. In the opinion of the court this effect could have been produced only by the explosion of a mine situated under the bottom of the ship, at about frame 18 and somewhat on the port side of the ship.

"The conclusions of the court are: "That the loss of the Maine was not in any respect due to fault or negligence on the part of any of the officers or members of her crew.

"That the ship was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine, which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines; and

"That no evidence has been obtainable fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons.

"I have directed that the finding of the court of inquiry and the views of this government thereon be communicated to the government of her majesty, the queen, and I do not permit myself to doubt that the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate a course of action suggested by honor and the friendly relations of the two governments.

"It was the duty of the executive to advise the congress of the result, and in the meantime deliberate consideration is invoked.

(Signed) WILLIAM M'KINLEY.
Executive mansion, March 28, '98.

REFERRED WITHOUT DEBATE.

Message Received With Burst of Applause in the House.

Washington, March 29.—There was an outburst of applause in the galleries and on the floor of the house when the message was received. Immediately afterward the death of Representative Simpkins was announced.

The president's message was referred with a debit to the committee on foreign affairs under the rules. No motion was made. Immediately after the announcement of Representative Simpkins' death the house, at 12:28 p. m., adjourned.

In neither senate or house was there any debate on the reference of president's message or other documents to committees having charge of Cuban relations.

TEXT OF COURT'S REPORT.

Maine Destroyed by Explosion of Mine Under Her Bottom.

Washington, March 29.—The following is the full text of the report of the court of inquiry:

"After full and mature consideration of all the testimony before it, the court finds as follows:

"1. That the United States battleship Maine arrived in the harbor of Havana, Cuba, on the 25th day of January, 1898, and was taken to buoy No. 4, in from five and one-half to six fathoms of water, by the regular government pilot. The United States consul-general at Havana had notified the authorities at that place the previous evening of the intended arrival of the Maine.

"2. The state of discipline on board the Maine was excellent, and all orders and regulations in regard to the care and safety of the ship were strictly carried out. All ammunition was stowed away in accordance with instructions, and proper care was taken whenever ammunition was handled. Nothing was stowed in any one of the magazines or shellrooms which was not permitted to be stowed there. The magazines and shellrooms were always locked after having been opened, and after the destruction of the Maine the keys were found in their proper place in the captain's cabin, everything having been reported secure that evening at 8 p. m.

"The temperatures of the magazines and shellrooms were taken daily and reported. The only magazine which had an undue amount of heat was the after 10-inch magazine, and that did not explode at the time the Maine was destroyed.

"The torpedo war heads were all stowed in the after part of the ship under the wardroom, and neither caused nor participated in the destruction of the Maine.

"The dry gun cotton primers and detonators were stowed in the cabin

aft and remote from the scene of the explosion.

"The waste was carefully looked after on board the Maine to obviate danger. Special orders in regard to this had been given by the commanding officer.

"Varnishes, driers, alcohol and other combustibles of this nature were stowed on or above the main deck, and could not have had anything to do with the destruction of the Maine.

"The medical stores were stowed aft under the wardroom and remote from the scene of the explosion. No dangerous stores of any kind were stowed below in any of the other storerooms.

"The coal bunkers were inspected. Of these bunkers adjoining the forward magazines and shellrooms, four were empty, namely, B 3, B 4, B 5 and B 6. A 15 had been in use that day, and A 16 was full of New River coal. This coal had been carefully inspected before receiving it on board. The bunker in which it was stowed was accessible on three sides at all times, and the fourth side at this time, on account of bunkers B 4 and B 6 being empty. This bunker, A 16, had been inspected that day by the engineer officer on duty.

"The fire alarms in the bunkers were in working order, and there had never been a case of spontaneous combustion of coal on board the Maine.

"The two after boilers of the ship were in use at the time of the disaster, but for auxiliary purposes only, with a comparatively low pressure of steam, and being tended by a reliable watch. These boilers could not have caused the explosion of the ship. The four forward boilers have since been found by the divers, and are in a fair condition.

"On the night of the destruction of the Maine everything had been reported secure for the night at 8 p. m. by reliable persons, through the proper authorities, to the commanding officer. At the time the Maine was destroyed the ship was quiet, and therefore least liable to accident caused by movements from those on board.

"3. The destruction of the Maine occurred at 9:40 p. m. on the 15th day of February, 1898, in the harbor of Havana, Cuba, being at the time moored in the same buoy to which she had been taken upon her arrival.

"There were two explosions of a distinctly different character, with a very short but distinct interval between them, and the forward part of the ship was lifted to a marked degree at the time of the first explosion.

"The first explosion was more in the nature of a report like that of a gun; while the second explosion was more open, prolonged and of greater volume. This second explosion was, in the opinion of the court, caused by the partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines of the Maine.

"4. The evidence bearing on this, being principally obtained from divers, did not enable the court to form a definite conclusion as to the condition of the wreck, although it was established that the after part of the ship was practically intact, and sank in that condition a very few minutes after the destruction of the forward part.

"The following facts in regard to the forward part of ship are, however, established by the testimony:

"That portion of the port side of the protective deck, which extends from about frame 30 to about frame 41 was blown up aft and over to port. The main deck, from about frame 30 to about frame 41 was blown up aft and slightly over to starboard, following the forward part of the middle superstructure over and on top of the after part.

"This was, in the opinion of the court, caused by the partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines of the Maine.

"5. At frame 17, the outer shell of the ship, from a point eleven and one-half feet from the middle line of the ship, and six feet above the keel, when in its normal position, has been forced up so as to be now about four feet above the surface of the water; therefore, about thirty-four feet above where it would be had the ship sunk uninjured. The outside bottom plating is bent into a reversed V shape, the after wing of which, about fifteen feet broad and thirty-two feet in length (from frame 17 to frame 25), is doubled back upon itself against the continuation of the same plating extending forward.

"At frame 18 the vertical keel is broken in two, and the flat keel bent into an angle similar to the angle formed by the outside bottom plating. This break is now about six feet below the surface of the water, and about thirty feet above its normal position.

"In the opinion of the court this effect could have been produced only by the explosion of a mine situated under the bottom of the ship at about frame 18, and somewhat on the port side of the ship.

"6. The court finds that the loss of the Maine, on the occasion named, was not in any respect due to fault or negligence on the part of any of the officers or members of the crew of said vessel.

"7. In the opinion of the court the Maine was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine, which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines.

"The court has been unable to obtain evidence fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons.

Cargo of Smokeless Powder.

New York, March 29.—The Atlantic transport liner Michigan, which arrived from London today, brought 200 cases of smokeless powder to order. Information as to the destination of the powder could not be obtained, but it is believed to be the navy department.

Cabinet in Special Session.

Washington, March 29.—Notices were sent from the executive mansion this morning for a special cabinet meeting at 10:30 o'clock.

MICHIGAN NEWS SUMMARY.

Doings of the Week Recorded in a Brief Style.

CONCISE AND INTERESTING.

Uncle Sam Will Build 10 Torpedo Boats on the Great Lakes in Short Time—Two Men Killed at Reed City by a Boiler Explosion.

Torpedo Boats to be Built on the Lakes.

F. W. Wheeler, the Bay City ship builder, visited the navy department at Washington and had a long conference with Assistant Secretary Roosevelt and offered to throw his whole yard open to the government at any moment. He said that he would willingly undertake to make a complete 24-knot torpedo boat in four months and to turn out one every two months thereafter as long as there was necessity for it. Mr. Roosevelt said the department expected an appropriation for 30 torpedo boats, and that he expected to give rush orders for 10 of them to builders on the lakes. As soon as a bill appropriating the money passed he would take advantage of Mr. Wheeler's offer.

Two Killed by a Boiler Explosion.

The whole city of Reed City was shaken by a terrific explosion of the boiler in the flour and feed mill of the Babcock Grain Co. Engineer Peter Young and Clark Grant, son of one of the proprietors, were both instantly killed. A bolt was blown through Grant's body and the engineer is disfigured beyond recognition. Young was a married man with a large family. Grant was a young man 23 years of age and unmarried. The mill was almost completely wrecked, and the loss will be heavy. Debris was thrown several hundred feet. A large number of windows were broken.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. Edgar Maricham, of St. Louis, Mich., was drowned in Grand river, near Grand Ledge.

The postoffice at Springbrook, Kalamazoo county, has been discontinued. Mail will go to Richland.

Lewis Davey, little son of John Davey, hotel keeper at Emmet, fell into a cistern and was drowned.

An electric road is being projected from Grand Rapids to Lake Michigan, via Zeeland and Holland.

M. Burke, charged with stealing a yoke of oxen eight years ago has just been arrested at Merrill.

Andrew Haleita, aged 40, a Pole, was killed by a Grand Rapids train on the Michigan Central tracks at Jackson.

Wm. S. Butler, a Michigan Central employe at Jackson, broke his leg and died while undergoing an operation.

Grand Rapids and Detroit capitalists are pushing the proposed electric railway from Muskegon to Grand Rapids.

The old homestead of Cornelius Croley, a wealthy wool merchant of Lapeer, was destroyed by fire. It was one of the first houses erected in Lapeer county.

More new Michigan postmasters: Viola, Mackinac county, A. B. McArthur; Wilderville, Calhoun county, E. S. Eilers; Monroe Center, Grand Traverse county, Chas. B. Dye.

Wm. Dolan, a prominent millwright of Ontonagon, was instantly killed by being crushed while supervising repairs on one of the Diamond Match company's log loading machines.

An infant was found in a box 18 inches long, near Flint. The box was painted red and was lying about 15 rods from the river as if washed up there by the late flood. It looks like foul play.

Chas. Schafer, aged 23, a Bay City mill hand, ended a week's spree by swallowing a dose of carbolic acid at a saloon in Essexville. His companions started to carry him home, but he died on the way.

Paul Leverance, a Michigan Central brakeman, whose parents live at Three Rivers, fell from a train. The lower part of his body was badly mangled and he died in a short time.

Escaaba will soon have another railroad which will tap the hardwood country of the upper peninsula as far north as Republic and will make connections with the Ann Arbor car ferries.

The straits of Mackinac were opened by a southwest gale, which rapidly drove the ice into Lake Huron. The straits are now practically clear of ice. This is the earliest opening for the 63 years of which records have been kept.

George Sweetland, a farmer near Charlotte, was returning home after seeing his wife safely aboard a train bound for California, when his team ran away. Both of the farmer's legs were broken and he was otherwise injured, probably fatally.

Sophia, the 3-year-old daughter of Elizabeth Mitchell, died at the hospital at Grand Rapids, as the result of alleged neglect and starvation while at home. Mrs. Mitchell is the woman under arrest on the charge of starving her four-months-old babe to death.

Charles Verrette of Clare, was walking on the Michigan Central track when he was struck by a train. His skull was fractured, right leg crushed and left ear torn off. He lay beside the track all night before being discovered, and then died a short time afterward.

Wm. H. Somers, aged 29, an employe of Holmes & Son, was found in a pool of blood near the St. Paul road, at Pembine. A big club, covered with blood, lay three feet away. Somers' skull was crushed in and physicians say he was murdered. He had \$200 on his person, which is missing.

Ex-Congressman Wm. S. Linton has been appointed postmaster of Saginaw. The school and Sunday school children of New Haven have donated \$8 to the starving Cubans.

Congressman Sam Smith has decided to leave the choice of a postmaster at Holly to a postal card vote.

John Huling, a woodcutter living at Fincham village, died from injuries received by a tree falling on him.

Wm. Bell, of Ypsilanti who was bitten by Charles Reinhart's dog at Ann Arbor has recovered \$465 damages.

Mrs. Sarah Russell, aged 106, of Sterling, has made a large patch work quilt this winter, besides doing household duties.

The body of A. C. Dunton, of Battle Creek, who disappeared from West Branch, Jan. 31, has been found in the woods.

Eddie Zimmerman and Willie Ermingham were fooling with a gun at Mancelona when it went off, instantly killing Ermingham.

Postmaster C. A. Downer, of Northville, was among the injured in the C. P. railroad accident, near Winnipeg. He was on his way to Alaska.

The C. & W. M. has a bad washout between Coloma and Watervliet. The Big Four and M. B. H. & C. tracks have been under water near Benton Harbor.

Capitol grange is arranging to call a mass meeting of farmers of Ingham and Eaton counties to induce capitalists to establish a beet sugar factory at Lansing.

Wm. King, aged 30, an unmarried farmer near Hillman, went to town to see a doctor. He got out of his buggy, stepped upon the sidewalk and tumbled over dead.

An unknown dead woman was discovered in the Bruce hygon at Spring Lake. The body had no clothing, except black stockings, and was badly decomposed.

Abraham Watts was found dead in bed at his home, 1102 Third street, Bay City. He had committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. Watts took his recent dismissal from the police force very much to heart.

It is now said that the proposed aqueduct to supply all the towns from Port Huron to Detroit with pure water, from Lake Huron is entirely impracticable. A pipe 20 feet in diameter and 60 miles long would be required.

The Michigan Central and C. S. & M. tracks between Bay City and Saginaw have been submerged and washed out in several places by the floods and will require large sums for repairs. The mines also will have to spend a lot of money pumping out water from the shafts.

The body of an unknown woman was found in Grand river, near Grand Haven. The body had apparently been in the water several months. Both arms were gone as well as a part of the head. The only clothing worn were shoes and stockings and a black corset.

Some more new Michigan postmasters: Arbeta, Tuscola county, Geo. W. Matthews; Hammond, Presque Isle county, Catherine Violintine; Melita, Arenac county, Jesse A. Hamlin; New Baltimore, Macomb county, Robert A. Heath; Pomona, Manistee county, Geo. L. Dupuy; Rightie, Alcona county, Robert Hastings.

The U. S. Senate has passed a resolution introduced by Senator Burrows, calling on the secretary of war for information as to the cost of improving the Saginaw river, with a view to securing a 16-foot channel 150 feet wide from the head of the river to Third street, thence a channel 200 feet wide to the Saginaw bay.

Mrs. Jane Foster died at the Lapeer county house, aged 99. She was born in England, and was refined and well educated. Mrs. Foster saw Queen Victoria when she was a babe in her mother's arms, saw her crowned and was present at her marriage. She knew Gladstone when he was a boy and often met the duke of Wellington.

Rev. O. D. Taylor, a former Baptist preacher of Saginaw, who was convicted some time ago on charges of embezzlement and fraud, has been sentenced to six years' imprisonment and hard labor at the Jackson state prison. While pastor of a church in Oregon Taylor inveigled a number of Saginaw people, including several widows, into a land swindle.

The Fourth regiment, M. N. G., has been divided into two battalions, Gov. Pingree signing the order. This was decided upon after a consultation with Adjt.-Gen. Irish and Quartermaster-General White. One battalion will be commanded by the major who holds over this year. In the other, commissioned officers will elect a captain as major, unless the governor decides to detail one of the present captains as acting major.

C. H. Hackley, Muskegon's millionaire philanthropist, has asked permission of the council to erect in Hackley park statues of Lincoln, Grant, Sherman and Farragut. The figures are to be of imperishable bronze mounted on granite, and will cost \$20,000. The park itself was donated by Mr. Hackley, and a magnificent soldiers' monument has already been erected therein. Mr. Hackley's gifts to Muskegon aggregate \$300,000.

Nearly five months ago the 18-year-old daughter of farmer Caster, near Harrisville, left home for a neighbor's, two miles distant, but never arrived there. Her brother found that a young man with whom Miss Caster had "kept company," had left home about the same time. It was generally agreed that the couple had eloped, and further search was abandoned.

A neighbor, going along an old log road, last week, found the girl's cape, hat and stockings in the woods. Further on were the coat, hat and vest of the young man. It is feared they are dead and search is being made for the bodies.

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CHAPTER XXII.—(Continued.)
Lord Caraven went over to him at once, shook hands with him warmly, and asked him how he had spent the day.
"Very happily, thanks to Lady Caraven," he replied—"she has been all kindness to me."
The earl looked both pleased and impatient.
"You certainly seem better," he remarked. "We shall have you well yet, Raoul."
"Please heaven," said the soldier, reverently. "And when I am well I shall rejoin my regiment."
Sir Raoul saw that, instead of joining in the conversation, Lady Caraven walked away to the other end of the drawing room, never paying the least attention to her husband—her behavior as cold, indifferent and neglectful as his had been to her.

whole days together the earl did not see his wife, and oftener now than ever he dined from home.
One evening the earl was more than usually disagreeable. Some friends were dining with them, and during dinner Lord Caraven began to speak of one of his acquaintances who had gone abroad for his honeymoon.
"Another added to the long list of victims," he said—"another name written on the scroll of folly. He was a man who had everything he desired, yet he got married—I want a word for such folly."
"Ulric," said Sir Raoul sharply—"pardon me—that is not the way a married man should speak."
"Pardon me," said the earl, laughing—"it is only a married man who can speak so. You outsiders know nothing of the matter. 'Distance lends enchantment,' you know."
Sir Raoul saw a crimson flush mount to Hildred's white brow. Suddenly the young countess spoke. Her voice sounded pitilessly sweet and was as clear as a bell.
"I quite agree with Lord Caraven," she said; "if there be one folly greater than all others, it is that which we call by the name of marriage."
There was a dead silence for a minute; even Lord Caraven felt that he had gone too far—that he had spoken in an undignified, ungentlemanly fashion; then came Sir Raoul to the rescue.

"It is an old institution," he said; "we will not abuse it. Talking of abuse, has any one read the Saturday's stinging review of Captain Hartlake's great military work?"
This changed the conversation; but that night, when the young countess was about to retire, she went across the room to Raoul, and her soft fingers closed over his.
"I want to say good-night and to thank you," she said. "I want to say also that you have been very kind, and that I feel sure you believe in what is good; so pray for me—pray for me for I am frightened at myself."
He repeated the words after her, wondering at them. "Frightened at herself, poor child!"
Amongst the friends who came to see Sir Raoul was Lumley Atherstone, the famous artist—a genius who lived for art.
He was sitting one morning talking to Sir Raoul when Lady Caraven entered. He had not seen her before, and he at once admired her. When Hildred had spoken to Sir Raoul, and talked for a few minutes with the artist, she went away. With dreamy eyes Lumley Atherstone looked after her.

"I will tell you one thing, Ulric," he said; "if I do recover, I shall owe something to your wife; she is the kindest nurse I have ever met with."
"Is she?" asked the earl, languidly.
"If you ever fall ill yourself, you will believe it, Ulric."
"I hope I never shall," returned the earl; "if I do I shall not expect the Countess of Caraven to nurse me."
"Ulric," said Sir Raoul, in a low voice, "what induced you to tell me that your wife was tall and dark—nothing more?"
"So she is," he replied.
"Soldiers are pretty good judges—"



A COLD, HAUGHTY LOOK.
they see the women of many lands—believe me when I say that I never met or saw a more beautiful woman than your wife."
"If she be not fair to me, what care I how fair she be?" quoted the earl. "I am glad you think so. I do not admire her style of beauty. If anyone else does, so much the better—I do not object. There is the bell. Isn't it dreadful that the sound of the dinner bell has a greater charm for me than the discussion of a lady's beauty?"
Lady Caraven hastened forward. Her husband said something to her; she answered him with a cold, haughty look. Sir Raoul spoke; it was quite another face that she turned to him—brilliant, tender, beautiful. She begged him to take her arm. He looked at her laughingly.
"It would be cruel to take so fair an arm," he said, "with a strong one like Ulric's near."
"Mine is strong with good-will," she said, smiling.
And Sir Raoul could not refuse. He leaned as lightly as possible on the lovely, round arm, but his heart was warmed by her kindness.

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TALKING TO SIR RAOUL.
pictures so tantalizing and so beautiful that I can not reproduce them. If she will but consent, I can make her and myself immortal. When may I ask her?"
"I do not understand much about the etiquette of such matters, but I should have thought it would be etiquette to speak first to Lord Caraven."
"To be sure—you are quite right; he might not like his wife's lovely face to be shown to the world. But in that case I should blame him; a man can not be better after having seen such a face as that."
"I do not think he will refuse; but I should most certainly speak to him first."
He told the artist that he believed Lord Caraven was even then in the house, and that if he pleased he would send for him. The earl came in, wondering what could have induced Lumley Atherstone to ask for him. The artist soon explained. Lord Caraven looked at him in wonder.
"You wish to paint Lady Caraven's portrait?" he said, blankly. "But I

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"Why, how could that be?" "Well, sir, some of us went to the rear of the train and found that the front of the engine had somehow or other, in some of our curves, got coupled into the rear of our last car. The engineer was asleep, and we had been going in a circle all day."
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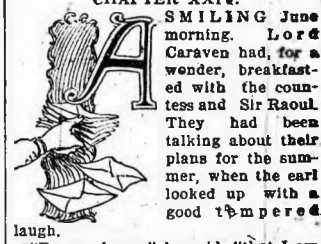
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thought you were rather particular, you know."
"I hope I am, my lord," was the cold reply. "No artist could have a fairer subject for his pencil than Lady Caraven."
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Feared Insanity

Severe Pains in the Head Owing to Catarrhal Trouble

Invalids of Seven Years Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"I had a severe catarrhal trouble, and was under medical treatment in several places with little benefit, and at great expense. I became reduced in flesh, so I weighed only 96 pounds. I had such severe pains in my head that I feared I should become insane. I tried external remedies without obtaining relief. Finally I was inspired to give Hood's Sarsaparilla a trial, and I am very grateful to the proprietors of this wonderful medicine. I have taken seven bottles and it has cured me, after I had been an invalid for seven years. I have gained 28 pounds in flesh, and my friends are surprised at the improvement in my condition." Mrs. R. C. WARR, Howard, Michigan.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—the One True Blood Purifier. \$1; six for \$5. C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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

PLYMOUTH MAIL.

H. J. BAKER, Editors and
M. F. GRAY, Proprietors.

\$1.00 a Year, in Advance.

Single copies 5 Cents.

Entered at Plymouth P. O. as second class matter.

Cards of Thanks extra.
Resolutions of Condolence extra.
Paid notices set a word, in local sets a word.
Reading notices where charges are made sets a line.

Friday, April 1, 1898.

FAR AND NEAR!

IMPORTANT EVENTS FROM OUR EXCHANGE CONDENSED AND RECORDED HERE.

My friend a kiss on your cheek, I asked,
She nodded her sweet permission;
So we went to press and I rather guess
We printed a large edition.

What a howl would go up, if newspapers were to criticize the individual as freely as many people criticize the newspapers. Every issue of a live and reputable newspaper is a mantle of charity and the matter left out—truth and not gossip of dames—would often more than equal in volume the matter published. If an editor could get out a cold fact edition of his paper some day, and then get up a tall tree and watch the results—wow! what a picnic it would be.—Oakland Excelsior.

Pingree tells the farmers that they "pay the freight" and he is their only true friend. He brings suit to compel the railroad company to sell him a ticket at his own price and the dear people pay the freight in the sum of \$1,063. He has now called another session of the legislature that will cost all the way from \$25,000 to \$35,000 and here again Pingree's prophecy is true, the people "pay the freight!"—Pontiac Post.

James Murdock, of Plymouth, has purchased the barber business of M. C. Green at this place, and also the Blouch residence on High St. He will move here as soon as he can make repairs on the house and will take possession of the barber business about the 4th of next month. Mr. Murdock is a first-class workman and comes highly recommended.—Belleville Enterprise.

The Kentucky colonel who sent a bottle of whiskey, 100 years old to be used in christening the new cruiser, "Kentucky," was greatly chagrined when he found that the dignitaries presiding on that occasion considered his whiskey too good to lose and drank it themselves, providing a bottle of wine to be employed instead.—Ex.

The tendency of young men born and reared on farms to leave the country for towns and cities is certainly an unhealthy movement in large sense and unprofitable to many of those who embark in it. Properly and steadily followed there is no safer business than farming, not any more certain to yield satisfactory results; in very many instances those who abandon it for city life live to regret the change. The institutions and the farmers themselves ought to be able to develop a higher interest in the occupation.—Chelsea Herald.

The "funny man" of an exchange was recently assigned to write up the market report and produced the following: "Butter is strong at 12 cents and is able to hold its own. Yeast cakes are rising steadily. Bananas are slipping along at the same old price, with an occasional drop. Cheese is lively and stirring. Syrups are sticking to the former price and are about a pint more to the quart than they were last winter. Green apples are gradually growing less. Dried apples are swelling the market. Chickens are picking up a little."

It is suggested by those who are in position to know that if the council will make it a point this year to draw all the cinders it can get hold of from the factory engines here upon our streets we will soon have a most desirable pavement. They should be placed on the streets when it is muddy and the mixing of the clay and cinders will be automatically and scientifically accomplished. For this purpose it is presumed that any quantity of cinders can be obtained gratuitously at any of the factories and mills. The awful, muddy condition of our streets during the past few weeks apparently warrants some steps being taken towards a pavement that is more permanent than a few loads of gravel.—Northville Record.

It might be well for the trustees of Plymouth to take the above suggestion under consideration as our streets are in about the same condition.

OUR GREAT DRESS REFORMER.

The Meeple Did What All Else Failed to Do.

It is hardly to be supposed that the dress-reforming spirit is a product of modern times, since we find the necessity of it enjoined upon women as far back as Bible times, says Scribner's. But for present purposes it is sufficient to go back to forty years ago, when the women of this country began to look timidly and tentatively (much as the little fish in the fable looked at the fly on the hook) toward the mere possibility of such changes in the garments, they wore as should conform them, in some degree at least, to the demands of beauty or health or convenience or adequate bodily protection.

A few women, looking at the matter quite simply and directly, and conceiving, therefore, that dress reform was a matter solely of individual and private concern, shut themselves into the privacy of their homes, snipped and sheared and stitched industriously, coming forth at last to shock the gaze of a waiting world with a curious hybrid garment, neither male nor female, lacking the stern practicability of the masculine garb, lacking also all the sweet appeal of the flowing feminine line, lacking even that long "petty-coat," without which, as the acute Mr. Pepps observed, "nobody could take them for women." It is not strange that the reform received a blow, then and there, from which it staggered along unsteadily, upheld only by the occasional enthusiasm of a business-like prophet, or a Rainy Day club or a woman's congress (where it crept in with other more popular and less necessary reforms) until about three years ago. Then, without any seeming movement, without declaring itself at all, suddenly, like light at the creative fiat, it was. And it was, not through any tempest of organization, or any whirlwind of enthusiasm, but through the still, small wheels of the bicycle, bringing forth the one thing that was necessary and had been lacking all the time—reason enough.

HARD TO BEAT A BOY.

Sells Anti-Cigarette League Pamphlets and Buys Cigarettes.

A cigar dealer in the west end said to a reporter for the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune: "It takes a mighty sharp man to get ahead of a boy, for a fact. One of them came in here not long ago and he was old enough to buy cigarettes and wanted a package. I sold them and got the money. In a minute a neighbor came in and wanted to know what the boy bought. I told him.

"Well," said he, "that beats the devil. Do you know what that boy did? He was in my store about five minutes ago, and asked me to buy a pamphlet that is issued by the Anti-Cigarette league, whatever that is. He told me that the boys in the public schools were trying to sell them everywhere, to do away with the bad habit of cigarette smoking among the schoolboys. I thought it was a good thing and I bought one from him. He sold some others in the same neighborhood. Now that little rascal comes in here and spends my money for cigarettes, and I'll bet a dollar that you'll find him around here somewhere near smoking for all that's out. I'm going to look him up."

"The next day I asked him if he had bought the kid, and he said: 'I did. He and some chums were having a good time of it, and, more than that, all of them were in the same business. They thought it was a good joke, and I suppose it was—on me—but if they come around my store again they'll get hoisted out.'"

"But," said the cigar dealer, "they are too sharp to get caught. They only work one man at a time and none of the gang ever goes back again. They keep a list and I expect an examination will show that they have been to every store in that whole neighborhood. Where they get the pamphlet I do not know, but I imagine some of the good people of the league had them printed for gratuitous circulation and the boys concluded to sell them. They're pretty slick."

Lincoln's Present to the Little Girl.

Mrs. George B. Smith, of Russell county, is the proud owner of a string of beads presented to her by Abraham Lincoln. She was a school girl at New Salem, Ill., at the time Lincoln was running a store there, and one day her teacher sent her to Lincoln's well to get a bucket of water. "Please, Mr. Lincoln, may I get a bucket of water?" said she to the tall young storekeeper. "Of course you may," responded Lincoln. "I thank you ever so much," said the little girl with a courtesy. "You are the politest little girl I ever saw," said Lincoln, with a smile. "Come into the store and I will give you a present." And this is how Mrs. Smith came into possession of her string of beads.—Kansas City Journal.

The Farmer in the Lighthouse.

A farmer had secured an appointment as lighthouse keeper in a Maine coast lighthouse. The first night he went on duty he lighted up promptly at dusk and at 11 o'clock carefully extinguished the lamp. The next day, of course, there was trouble, and when he was taken to task, he replied that he supposed 10 o'clock was late enough to keep the light going, as he thought that all honest men should be in bed at that hour.—Boston Herald.

Orders for the Men's Corns Pared.

Major General Bengough, of the British army, who died recently, became famous in India for a divisional order commanding the medical staff to pare the corns and cut the toe nails of the men in order to improve the marching efficiency of the division.

Liver Pills

Like biliousness, dyspepsia, headache, constipation, sour stomach, indigestion are promptly cured by Hood's Pills. They do their work easily and thoroughly.

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Best after dinner pills. 25 cents. All druggists.

Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

The only pill to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Township Proceedings.

Northville, June 29, 1897.
A meeting of the Township Board was held at the home of Wm. H. Nichols on June 29, 1897. Present, E. S. Horton, Chairman; Wm. H. Nichols, B. G. Webster, C. C. Chadwick.
The following bills were read, audited and an order drawn for the same: R. H. Purdy, \$1.25; R. A. Wheeler, 3.00; C. R. Penney, 1.00; J. N. Gallier, 1.00; T. J. Richardson, 4.00; Northville Record printing, 2.00; Henry Baker, Board of Review, 3.00; H. Holmes, do. do.; C. L. Dubuar, School Insp., 1.50; R. H. Seal, road warrant, 2.00; Jas. K. Lowden, do. do.; Wm. H. Nichols, School Insp., 1.50; E. S. Horton, Board of Review and road warrants, 11.00.

Bill of Dr. M. A. Patterson for medical attendance given the Johnson family be cut down to \$15.00. Motion carried.
Moved and supported that E. D. Horton be paid \$50.00. Carried.
Moved and supported that Dr. A. L. Blanchard be Health Officer. Carried.

Moved and supported that the Miller bridge be replaced by a new bridge. Carried.
Moved and supported that the balance left in the Woodchuck Fund be placed in the Clerk's hands to pay for scalps. Carried.
Moved and supported the Highway Contr. be authorized to fix the bridge and abutments on the Kellogg road. Carried.

Moved and supported that C. C. Chadwick be appointed Black Knot commissioner. Carried.
Moved and supported that the so-called trade between Novi Township and the village of Northville be not recognized by the Township Board of Northville Township. Carried.

Moved and supported the Town Board be allowed their pay. Carried.

Board adjourned.
Wm. H. NICHOLS,
Town Clerk.

Northville, July 1, 1897.

The Town Board of the Township of Plymouth met at the home of Wm. H. Nichols on July 1, 1897.

Present, E. S. Horton, Chairman; Wm. H. Nichols, B. G. Webster, C. C. Chadwick.

Said bill was made by Chairman Horton to buy bridge for Miller place and to place the old Phoenix mill bridge. Plans and specifications were duly submitted by the Iron Bridge Co.

Moved and supported that the "Plate Girder" at \$400 be purchased and the work to be done right away. Carried.

Moved and supported that the Highway Commissioner be instructed to go ahead and build the abutments at the "Cass Benton bridge" so-called; said work to be done under instruction from the Town Board, abutments to be built to hold the old Phoenix mill dam bridge. Carried.

Communication from Dr. M. A. Patterson was duly received.

Moved and supported that Dr. M. A. Patterson be allowed \$50.00 more on his bill "Service rendered the Johnson family." Carried.

Board adjourned.
Wm. H. NICHOLS,
Town Clerk.

Northville, Sept. 21, 1897.

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the township of Plymouth, held in the office of J. K. Lowden on the 21st day of September, 1897, the following were present: E. S. Horton, Chairman; C. C. Chadwick, J. P. E. Lombard, J. P. M. S. Nichols, Deputy clerk.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The following bills were read, audited and orders drawn for the same: Poor fund, I. F. Chilson, \$1.50; A. A. Taft, 3.50; G. Hunter, 1.50; J. L. Gale, 2.00; C. R. Penney, 1.00; T. G. Richardson, 3.00; A. Sessions, 5.00; Geo. Houston, 1.00; Wm. H. Nichols, 17.00; Dr. Murdoch, 5.70; Fred Kern, 2.50; Contingent fund, E. P. Lombard, 1.50; Dog fund, N. Sly, 5.00; S. Sly, 35.00.

Motion made, supported and carried that an order be drawn on the treasurer for \$60 to pay W. H. Nichols for services rendered as clerk.

Motion prevailed that the board receive their pay. J. K. Lowden, for reviewing dead sheep at two different times, \$4 from dog fund; E. S. Horton, for three board meetings, 4.50; B. G. Webster, one meeting, 1.50; C. C. Chadwick, one meeting, 1.50; M. S. Nichols, one meeting, 1.50, from the contingent fund.

Motion prevailed that \$200 be taken from the contingent fund and be placed in the road and bridge fund.

Motion made, supported and carried that the license coming under the Act relative to hawking and peddling be \$15 per year.

Motion prevailed that the Clerk draw up a set of suitable resolutions as required by an Act passed covering hawking, peddling, etc., and have the same published in both Plymouth and Northville papers.

Motion prevailed that Frank S. Harmon be appointed Clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Wm. H. Nichols. Roll call showed four yeas, no nays. Frank S. Harmon declared elected.

Motion prevailed that the Board adjourn.
M. S. NICHOLS,
Deputy Clerk.

Northville, Oct. 4, 1897.

At a special meeting of the Township Board of Plymouth township held in the Clerk's office, there were present: E. S. Horton, C. C. Chadwick and F. S. Harmon.

It was moved, supported and carried that \$100 from the dog fund and \$150 from the poor fund be transferred to the road and bridge fund. Board adjourned.

F. S. HARMON,
Town Clerk.

Northville, Dec. 7, 1897.

Town Board met at the store of A. S. Harmon. Present, E. S. Horton, C. C. Chadwick, Eugene Lombard and F. S. Harmon.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with by motion.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid: Poor fund, A. E. Oliver, \$3.00; H. K. Lum, 15.00; Harrisport Willis, 10.00; Sands & Porter, 25.00; Contingent fund, Record Printers, 1.00; Yeas & Harmon, 4.00; F. S. Harmon, 1.50; M. S. Nichols, 1.50; C. L. Dubuar, 3.00; Poor fund, Stark Bros., 7.50; Gust Blonck, 1.87; F. H. Dewey, 43.58; Contingent fund, McConer & Son, 1.00; Poor fund, L. E. Cable, 6.00; J. L. Gale, 3.00; Dog fund, Frank Miller, 5.00; Ed. Starkweather, 5.00; Geo. Gibson, 2.00; Richard Goodale, 4.50; J. H. Bradner, 16.00; J. K. Lowden, 8.00; Israel Chilson, 4.00; Road and bridge fund, Cass Benton, 150.00.

Adjusted until 10:30 a. m., Dec. 5, to meet at the Miller bridge.
F. S. HARMON,
Town Clerk.

Excursion Rates to New Orleans

April 2, 3 and 4.

On account of the Hotel Men's Convention to be held at New Orleans, La., the Ohio Central Lines will make a rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale April 2, 3 and 4, good returning until April 15th. 1wk

An Entertaining Druggist.

There are few men more wide awake and enterprising than J. L. Gale who spares no pains to secure the best of everything in his line for his many customers. They now have the valuable agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. This is a wonderful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. Call at above drug store and get a trial bottle free or a regular size for 50 cents and \$1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

Clearing Out Sale

3 brand new top buggies \$44.00
1 nearly new top buggy \$37.00
1 solid panel back road wagon \$30.00
HUSTON & CO.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

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

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BOGERT & CO.'S

Sugar, with \$1.00 order, 5/8c per lb.

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

Highest Market price paid for Butter and Eggs.

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.

Trade With Lamphere.

Wool Robes
Plush Robes
Mummy Lap Dusters
Green Cloth Lap Dusters

Nickel Trimmed Single Strap Buggy Harness, \$ 8 00
One and one-half inch Team Harness, 25 00

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Manufacturer and Dealer in
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JUST RECEIVED A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

**LADIES' METAL BELTS,
SHIRT WAIST SETS,
WATCHES, CLOCKS,
JEWELRY AND
SILVERWARE**

Of latest styles and patterns at reasonable prices.

Call and see them.

C. G. DRAPER, Sutton Street
JEWELER, Plymouth.

Millinery Spring & Summer 1898.

I will display the Largest and Handsomest line of Flowers ever opened in this town for the spring trade. Prices right. In Straw Hats and Fancy Braids I have a Choice Selection in Novelties and Staple Shapes for Ladies and Children, also see my line of Straw Tams. An attractive lot of new Ribbons in stripes, plaid, and plain colors. The new Shirred Chiffon, Mousseline de Soie and other gauzes and veilings. A line of Pattern Hats and Bonnets will be opened Tuesday, March 29. All are cordially invited to call at

Maud Vrooman's Main street,
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Don't go to Alaska for
Gold Dust

but stay at home and save the gold by buying your

**Dry Goods, Hats and Caps,
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Just Received...

a very large line of Wall Paper at almost any price you may want. Also a very fine line of spring styles of Hats and Caps. New Spring Dress Goods both in Wash Goods and Wool, Hosiery, etc., etc. at prices to compete with city or country.

A. A. TAFFT.

Wedding Invitations and Address Cards,

Just like engraved work at The Mail.

For Sale Cheap.

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

FANNY M. COLEMAN, Plymouth.

CYCLE REPAIRING

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Pneumatic Tires, Inner Tubes, Outside Casings, Valve Stems, Valves, Steel Balls, Nipples, Air Pumps, Spokes, Tire Cement in bulk or liquid, Tire Tape, Rubber Solution to repair Tires and Tubes, Plungers, Caps, Springs, Patching Rubber, Linen Thread, Cork Handles, Wrenches. Lubricant for Chains, and Chains in Stock.

New and second-hand Bicycles for sale.

BICYCLES TO RENT.

W. N. WHERRY, PLYMOUTH, MICH.

HARRY C. ROBINSON,

Livery and Sale Stable.

BUS AND TRUCK LINE.

Horse Clipping a Specialty.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne, ss.
At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Wayne, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Detroit, on the 27th day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Present, EDGAR O. DURFEE, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of URSULA M. CLEMENT, deceased.

An instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, having been delivered into this court for probate.

It is ordered, that the 27th day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for proving said instrument.

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.

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HENRY S. HULBERT, Deputy Register. 550-25
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NOV. 21, 1897.

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GOING WEST

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F. & P. M. R. R.

TIME TABLE.

In effect Nov. 14, 1897.

Trains leave Plymouth as follows:

GOING SOUTH

GOING NORTH

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

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

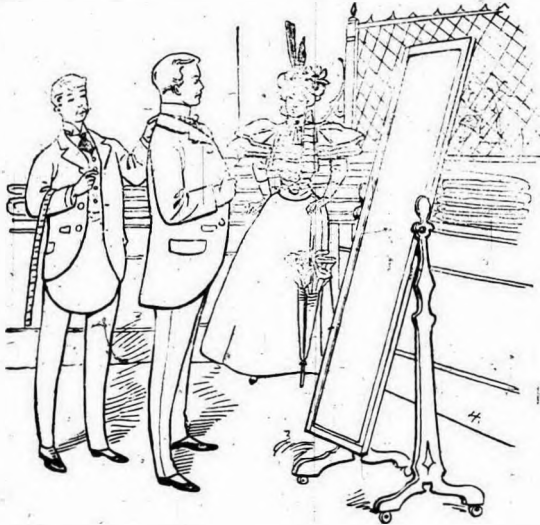
Sleeping Parlor Cars between Alpena, Bay City Saginaw and Detroit.

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

For further information see Time Card of company.

ED. PELTON, Local Agent.

All Ready For Spring.



OUR Spring Stock of Clothing is now COMPLETE, from the pretty dainty little outfits for the little gents, sizes 3 to 7, and elegant little Double Breasted Suits, sizes 8 to 15, and the nobby handsome young men's suits, to the more quiet patterns for the middle aged and old gentlemen.

There's not a Break in the Line.

and a better variety of FASHIONABLE CLOTHING has never been shown in the country. We have just bought from an eastern manufacturer 225 Sample Suits—fine things for the spring trade, and made fully equal to custom tailor work, at 60 cents on the dollar. We give our customers the benefit of the purchase and will be sold at less than cost to manufacture.

Special Things We Wish to Mention.

\$1.98. Little fellows Suits, age 3 to 7, all braided and finely made. Worth double the price. Blue, black, tan, green.	\$2.98. Boys double breasted Suits, all colors. Worth from 4 to 5 dollars.	\$5.00. Young men's Suits, age 14 to 19, nobby patterns, fully guaranteed. Worth double the price.
\$5.00. Men's Suits up-to-date patterns and dressy, stylish goods, worth from 7 to 8 dollars.	\$10.00. Handsome checks and plaids, fully equal to custom made Suits, tailored up to the latest fashion. Worth fully 15 dollars.	\$7.50. Handsome gray mixed and pin checks, strictly all wool, soft and fine. Worth at least 10 or 12 dollars.

We are showing the new things in Hats, Caps, Nobby New Shoes, Ladies' Dress Skirts and Shirt Waists. Have you seen our new line of CORSETS

Take a look at them, they are fine and prices very low. Also see our great line of LACE CURTAINS. Be sure and see our line of spring goods before buying, as we can surely save you money.

RIGGS, Plymouth Cash Outfitter.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION.

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

Easter Cards and Booklets at Potter's. E. C. Corwin will spend Sunday at home. Complete fountain pen for 25 cents at Potter's. Don't fail to see if you are registered tomorrow. Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett, of Wayne, visited in town this week. Miller & Adams have painted the front of their sample room a real dark black. Put your heads together and let the Peerless do your laundering. Isaac Wright is in Belleville learning the undertaking business with H. W. Potter. Misses Nellie Long and Rea Widmaier visited Miss Vena Schoof, of Northville, over Sunday. Morris Smith shipped two settings of eggs from his celebrated white Plymouth Rock stock on Wednesday. Guy Lyon left Monday for Saginaw to take charge of the nickel plating department in the Crescent air gun shops. Mr. Soames, who has been working here the past few months, left for Alhambra, Ill., to accept a position in a hardware store. Miss Eleanor Woodworth, of Springwells, and Miss Eleanor Truesdal, of Canton, were guests at the home of Mrs. Mead this week. R. A. Ludwick and Miss Katharine Covert, with Master Roswell Covert Pickette, of Leslie, were guests of R. L. Root and sister over Sunday. Easter egg dyes at Potter's. Battle Merrills entertained about twenty of her friends at progressive whist Tuesday night. Miss Murdock had a clean score winning every game. A progressive whist party was given last Saturday night by Auntie Millard at her home. Refreshments were served and the company enjoyed a pleasant time. "White as snow on the mountain's topmost peak" is the verdict passed on linen laundered at the Peerless laundry. W. H. Hoyt has purchased the Panches property on Main street and will probably begin improving the same in a short time. It is hoped that the old buildings which have been an "eyesore" for so long a time will be replaced by a brick block of stores or tenement houses. WANTED—Girl for dressmaking over A. A. Taft's store. Mrs. Taft.

The B. Y. P. U., of the Baptist church, have engaged Herbert Leon Cope to give one of his matchless entertainments in the church. Mr. Cope has appeared before a Plymouth audience before, but returns even better than ever. The date will be announced next week.

Two dogs got in a "scrap" in the rear of H. C. Bennett's shoe store Monday and when they had finished they presented a sorry looking spectacle. In the melee they overturned a pail of blue paint and in a very short space of time you couldn't tell one dog from the other.

Speaking of the raise in post-office box rentals, the Northville Record says, "The fact of the matter is the rentals have been so very low, especially call boxes, for the past years that the revenue derived therefrom has no where near paid its proportion of the expenses, and Uncle Sam decided on a raise." The fact of the matter is Uncle Sam is going to make the people in the rural districts pay for a little more free delivery in the cities.

It is reported that one of our neighboring towns sent a petition to the postmaster-general through their congressman to have their post-office box rentals reduced to their former price and it was granted. If that is true and our people feel that the increased rates is an unjust and uncalled for burden, perhaps, with a little effort, we might be able to do something in the same direction.

This week will no doubt end the taking of testimony in the village law suit. The matter has hung fire for a long time and an ending to the controversy will relieve the people. The outlook is very favorable to the village. The contentions of the contractors are so foreign to the real issue that to substantiate their claims by evidence is difficult. The matter is being tried before a referee who is fully capable to cope with such an important issue. The village will feel fully satisfied no matter what the finding of the referee may be.

Herbert Leon Cope, who appeared at the First M. E. church, called out by far the largest audience of the season, standing room being at a premium. Mr. Cope ranks easily among the most charming entertainers of the day. At times his audience was moved to tears, and again convulsed with laughter. No novelist has more truly portrayed the peculiarities of the people, and no humorist has more mirthfully described the ludicrous in human nature, than was illustrated by this talented young man.—Bay City Times Press.

Hotel Plymouth has been undergoing extensive repairs. The parlors and bedrooms on the first floor have been newly papered and painted, new furniture has been added, and in a few weeks patrons will have the benefit of hot and cold water baths. Sunday News, Tribune at Potter's.

April fool!

A. A. Taft has a new ad in this issue. Regular meeting of the council next Monday night.

Mrs. E. Pelton and June were in Detroit, Tuesday.

Mrs. Voorhies, of Ann Arbor, visited in Plymouth this week.

Salem Maccabees visited Plymouth tent Monday night and did initiatory work.

Several from here are attending the teachers' examinations at Detroit this week.

Mrs. W. H. Brigham, of Northville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter Riggs, this week.

People will be more at a loss than ever to know where Northville is located after Monday's election.

Mrs. H. Evans has been very ill for the last two or three weeks but at this writing is slowly recovering.

Major Safford, who has been spending the winter in Plymouth, will return to his home in Lansing Saturday.

Minnie Fowler expects to leave for Detroit next Thursday where she will spend the summer with her sister.

All those who attended the surprise party at Miss Vena Schoof's, of Northville, last Friday report a good time.

A meeting of Royal Hose Co. will be held in J. R. Rauch & Son's store this Friday evening at 7:30. Election of officers.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Dickerson, of Buena Vista, Cal., will spend the year with Mrs. Dickerson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Shattuck.

E. K. Bennett, E. C. Hough and F. N. Dewey constitute the citizens' committee in the village, and L. C. Hough, H. B. Jolliffe and W. Kensler, the workingmen's committee.

Mrs. A. McIntyre, who has been cooking at Hotel Plymouth for the past two years, left Thursday for St. Thomas, Ont., to keep house for her son.

Mrs. E. L. Riggs has been spending the week in Richmond. She went Monday with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Reed, who spent last week in Plymouth.

George Curtiss left Wednesday for Athens, Pa., where he will engage in the newspaper business. He has purchased a daily paper there, and if ability counts will undoubtedly make it a "humming" success.

The MAIL office has just put in a new stock of script type and it is fine—just the thing for calling cards and invitations. Do not send to Detroit for engraved work; we can equal it in looks and beat it in price. Call and see sample.

—FOR SALE—House and lot on Bowery street. Inquire at the MAIL office.

Parties from Chicago are in the state endeavoring to buy up the shares of Michigan stockholders in the Granite State Provident Association, now in the hands of receivers. They are offering 10 cents on the dollar. Deputy Atty.-Gen. Chase advises the Michigan people not to sell, as their claims are worth more than 10 per cent in any event. Furthermore there is now pending in the United States court of appeals a case, which is being carried on at the expense of the state, to establish the right of Michigan stockholders in the Michigan assets. If the Michigan law is upheld the shareholders in this state will get nearly 100 per cent.

A special meeting of the common council was held on Tuesday evening to consider the question of granting a franchise for an electric railway. All the members of the council were present besides the representatives of the proposed Railway Co. and a large number of interested citizens. The ordinance was read by sections and discussed. After a number of suggestions had been made and several had expressed themselves as to the most desirable route through the village, on motion the ordinance was referred to a committee of five consisting of G. A. Starkweather, M. A. Vrooman, A. J. Lapham, L. C. Hough and W. T. Conner. This committee will make whatever changes they consider best when the ordinance will again be placed before the council for their consideration.

The L. O. T. M. entertainment and cake walk last Friday evening was a grand success socially and financially. The opera house was packed to its utmost capacity and all enjoyed the evening immensely. The "Darktown Bicycle Club Scandal" farce was the opening piece, and for the short time given in preparing was well rendered. The "living pictures" with a lecture by Mrs. W. J. Bradner were certainly fine. Had they been produced in two parts they would have been better appreciated. The high school male quartet furnished selections in a pleasing manner, winning a hearty applause. The cake walk was the star event. Five couples participated, led by J. W. Jones. Mr. Czar Bradner and Mrs. E. L. Riggs were the winners of the cake, having received 137 votes out of 345. Mr. C. H. Rauch and Mrs. Walter Riggs were a close second with 110 votes. The efforts of the "walkers" were received by continuous applause and the audience enjoyed this part of the program thoroughly. Mr. Jones, as a leader, was simply a whole cake walk himself and won merited applause. At the conclusion, Zaida Briggs, in behalf of the L. O. T. M., presented Mr. Jones with a beautiful bouquet as an appreciation of his kindness in drilling and leading the contestants.

FOR SALE—Two bicycles cheap, lady's and gent's. W. O. ALLEN.

People who drop items in the item box should be careful and sign their name if they desire to have them published. We do not publish the signatures but we want to know where the item comes from.

The L. O. T. M., of Plymouth, desires to thank all who assisted in the entertainment given by them last Friday evening, especially Miss Maud Markham, pianist, and J. W. Jones, leader in the cake walk, whose services were highly appreciated. Plymouth L. O. T. M.

UPPER PLYMOUTH.

LOCAL GLEANINGS AND OTHER NEWSY ITEMS.

Mrs. James Howell and children have returned from Port Huron.

J. A. Robins, of Howell, was in town Saturday.

Wm. Maloine, an employe of Chas. Brems, got his hand severely hurt Tuesday while working on a buggy wheel.

P. B. Slemmer is in Detroit and Lapeer this week on business.

Geo. A. Starkweather and Wm. Alexander have both purchased one of Brems' home made wagons for their plant trade. Both are beauties.

Miss Lizzie Lilly, of Belden, is spending the week at V. E. Hill's.

F. F. Pinckney is cheesemaker at Salem during Mr. Leitch's absence.

Mrs. P. Gayde is visiting friends in Detroit this week.

Henry Lutz is nursing a sore finger this week, a hammer the cause.

G. Boulious will build a new two story frame house this spring on the same old site.

Chas. Miller began his second year with C. C. Allen this week.

V. E. Hill resumed his duties on the railroad, Wednesday.

Chas. Brems has just turned out a very fine delivery wagon, made expressly for G. A. Starkweather.

Mrs. J. A. Robins and family, of Salem, visited in town Thursday.

Mrs. E. Ryder, spent three days this week at Saginaw, as a delegate to the Christian Endeavor Convention.

One hundred and seventeen cans of milk were shipped to Howell, Monday. Although honey may be a little scarce, this can be truly called a land of milk. \$160 cans were shipped during the month of March.

Miss Nettie Leitch, of Northville, visited at D. Jolliffe's Wednesday.

F. Reeves, of Toledo, is spending the week with his father-in-law, Mr. C. Spring.

FARM TO RENT; in the village of Plymouth, at the corner of Mill and Ann Arbor streets. Enquire for particulars of Mrs. Geo. VANFLEET, Flushing, Mich.

—FOR SALE—Pigs and shoats. 52 T. S. CLARK. Sunday New York World at Potter's.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her that she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's new discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well, now does her own housework and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at J. L. Gale's drug store, large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

A prominent lawyer says: "Seventy-five percent of all divorces granted are on the ground of cruelty and desertion, but I have never known a single such decree when the woman concerned was a good cook and housekeeper."

Milford people are kicking vigorously on the order which raises their post-office box rents and the most of them have signed an agreement not to pay them.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sank, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at J. L. Gale's drug store.

Down on Him.

Young Mr. Cumauphen, who has one of the cunningest little cream-colored mustaches in the world, so faint and modest that he has to color it in order to establish its identity, called again last evening. "I've just been dying to see you, Maud," he gushed, soon as he got his cane through the parlor door. Maud looked him over with a critically unfavorable eye. "I see you have," she said coldly;

Today!

A Tremendous Combination of Sensational Bargains.

We have just received a large line of Fancy Floor Mattings which will be sold at very low prices. If in need of anything in that line, it will pay you to see our assortment.

We also are strictly in on Carpets as we have a large line to select from.

Our Picture Frame department is right up to date. Styles and prices on this line will surpass all previous years. Bring in your pictures and get them framed for a nominal sum.

Is it for your interest to look into our Prices on Furniture? The price is what makes the goods move and they move at these prices. Remember, our sale on Furniture will last a few days longer.

DON'T LET THESE BARGAINS GO BY.

BASSETT & SON, Masonic Temple Bldg., PLYMOUTH, MICH.

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, 10c
- 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
- 12 boxes good Parlor Matches, 10c
- Silver Drip Syrup, per gal. 20c
- Japan Tea, 20, 25, 35 and 50c lb
- Sweet Corn, 7c a can or 4 for 25c
- Clothes Pins, per dozen, 1c
- Good Salmon, per can 10c
- A new line Window Shades, 10, 15, 25, 45c
- New stock Detroit White Lead Works Mixed Paints, \$1.25 gal
- 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

A. J. LAPHAM'S.

North Village.

STRIKES THEM HARD.

DOV. PINORE'S MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE.

Assesses Railroads of Evading Taxation and Says the Legislature Must 'Em do it After Giving Them Big Land Grants—After Other Corporations, too

The special session of the state legislature opened promptly at 12 o'clock in both houses with nearly all of the members chosen at the last regular session at their places. The desks of the late Representatives Lee and Rowley, in the House, are draped in mourning and decorated with flowers. The late Representative Wm. Stocking was chosen to fill the vacancy of Sergeant-at-Arms Gibson. All of the Representatives were in their places except Edgar, Colvin, Oberdorfer, Peck, Tefft, Vought and Williams. Colvin came in later. All of the Senators were present at roll-call, except Covell. In the Senate protests were made against the seating of Senators Covell and Preston, because they are now federal officeholders and against Senator Hughes, because he has moved out of his district. The protests were referred to a committee of five. Sergeant-at-Arms Armstrong tendered his resignation, and First Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Moses Parselsky, of Detroit, was promoted to fill the vacancy. Three stenographers, representing the governor, were granted space on the floor of the Senate during the session.

The two Houses met in joint session and heard the reading of the governor's message with close attention.

Gov. Pinore's message to the joint session of the legislature is an extraordinary one. It contains three quotations and a proclamation calling for the extra session, and then continues, in substance, as follows:

You are called upon to consider the question of taxing railroad companies, express companies, telephone companies and other corporations. It is not permitted to continue for another year. I have therefore called you together in extraordinary session to consider it and to provide proper legislation. I have called it because I deemed it the most practical way of obtaining prompt action upon this important question. When convened in extra session the legislature is enabled to give the subjects submitted careful and deliberate consideration which cannot be afforded in the regular session. No one can read the constitution of Michigan without coming to the conclusion that its framers intended that all taxes to be levied should be based upon the cash value of the property. While it permits the legislature to provide for the collection of specific taxes under certain conditions, it expressly requires that all assessments thereafter authorized shall be upon property at its value. This provision of the constitution applies as well to specific and to general taxes. It is not intended that the legislature should adopt specific taxes except upon values, well known to the legislature at the time.

Taxes are levied to be borne by persons or property to raise money for public purposes. The power to tax is a power which is conferred in every sovereignty. No constitutional government can exist without it, and no arbitrary government, without regular and speedy taxation, could be maintained. It is a power which is conferred upon the people and is not to be exercised by the legislature without their consent. It is a power which is conferred upon the people and is not to be exercised by the legislature without their consent. It is a power which is conferred upon the people and is not to be exercised by the legislature without their consent.

The governor then quotes Chief Justice Marshall on this point, and continues: "The first essential of just taxation is that it shall be equal. To exempt one person from the tax is to tax another. To provide a low rate for one and a high rate for another is despotic. In my message of January 6, 1907, I stated my intention to refer to this subject and suggested that a board should be appointed which should determine the exact value of all corporate property and also the value of the subject matter of the same proportion as private property now taxed. In my message of May 6, 1907, I again called your attention to the subject and suggested that you should take prompt action upon this subject. In my message of January 6, 1908, I again called your attention to the subject and suggested that you should take prompt action upon this subject. In my message of January 6, 1908, I again called your attention to the subject and suggested that you should take prompt action upon this subject.

The system of taxing earnings is wrong in principle and unsatisfactory in results. In places where the state has a monopoly, such as the Michigan Central and Lake Shore & Michigan Southern companies, the two most wealthy and powerful companies in the state, it is not fair to tax them as they are taxed. They are protected from the tax by their special charters. It is not fair to tax them as they are taxed. They are protected from the tax by their special charters. It is not fair to tax them as they are taxed. They are protected from the tax by their special charters.

Railroad companies in this state are not bearing their share of the tax. For the purpose of illustration I desire to call your attention to the official figures of 1906, which are not materially different from those of 1907. The total value of the property of the railroad companies in 1906 was \$1,129,654,453. The total value of the property of the other corporations in 1906 was \$1,129,654,453. The total value of the property of the other corporations in 1906 was \$1,129,654,453.

The average rate of taxation, as fixed by the board of review for the year 1907, is reported to me as 3 per cent. The taxes to be paid by the railroads are not materially different from those collected in 1906.

We are confronted with this situation: The ordinary taxpayers of the state are bearing an annual burden of 3 per cent upon the value of their property. The railroad companies are paying less than one-quarter of 1 per cent upon their properties and less than one-eighth of the proportion borne by others. One set of taxpayers is bearing an excessive share of the public burdens. Another set of taxpayers are almost exempted from any share.

The system of taxing earnings has been applied to only a part of the property of the state, cannot be continued for any great length of time without producing great injustice. It is not fair to tax the property of the state at a fixed rate determined upon the value of the property at the time it is assessed. It is not fair to tax the property of the state at a fixed rate determined upon the value of the property at the time it is assessed.

most population of the city of Detroit. The commerce of the state was comparatively undeveloped. It is interesting to note that the wonderful development in this state, as every session of the legislature the people have been asked upon to make extraordinary sacrifices for the benefit of the state. The extraordinary sacrifices made during the years of the war between 1861 and 1865, during which the burdens upon the taxpayers were increased, were not made in vain. The rate of taxation for state purposes was less than one-third of 1 per cent upon the value of the property of the state. In 1906 the rate of taxation for state purposes was less than one-third of 1 per cent upon the value of the property of the state.

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ownership described in said application, a certified statement of the value of the property returned assessed upon the descriptions of property returned. It shall be the duty of such treasurer or other officer to assess the property returned upon such county treasurer as may become necessary under the provisions of this act, which shall be made a part of the assessment roll to be made by the auditor-general.

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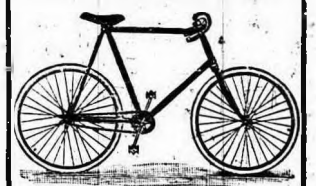
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If you wish to be healthy in esteem, you must associate only with those who are estimable. The less people know about each other the politer they are to each other.

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The darkest days of husband and wife are when they come to look forward to a childless and desolate old age.

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Frequent backache and distressing pains accompanied by offensive discharges and generally by irregular and scanty menstruation, indicate a nerve degeneration of the womb and surrounding organs, that unless speedily checked will result in barrenness.

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DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—No one could have suffered from female troubles more than I. I had tumors on the womb, my ovaries were diseased, and for fifteen years I was a burden to myself. I was operated upon three different times, with only temporary relief; also tried many doctors. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended to me by a lady friend, and after taking four bottles I was like a new woman. I had been married nine years, and had no children. I now have a beautiful little girl, and we feel assured she is the result of my taking the Compound.—MAY B. WILSON, 323 Sassafras St., Millville, N. J.

Modern science and past experience have produced nothing so effective in treating diseases of the female organs as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Sensitive Wash used according to special directions.

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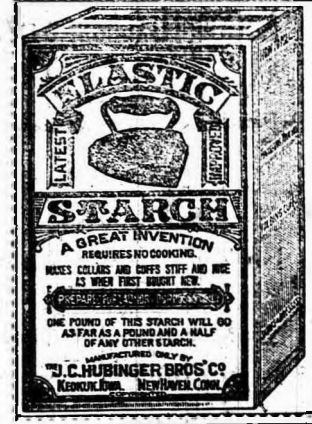
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DEVASTATING FLOODS.

Many Rivers Overflow and do Enormous Damage in Ohio and Indiana.

Large portions of Ohio and Indiana have been swept by floods of a most remarkable and destructive character. The Ohio river and its tributaries became particularly ugly from heavy rains. Nearly all railroads in central and southern Ohio were either crippled or totally disabled because of dangerous washouts and destroyed bridges and the like. All over Ohio and Indiana, except in the extreme northern parts, railroad traffic was demoralized. The Muskingum, the Hocking, the Scioto and the two Miami rivers in Ohio broke their record from source to mouth for high stages on water and for damage and destruction. Reports from Indiana indicate that the same may be said of rivers and streams in that state.

At Columbus, O., the Cleveland division of the Big Four railway, and the south line C., S. & H. V. were the only two of 15 railroads that could move trains. The west side levees gave way and about 1,500 people were forced to take refuge in the upper stories of their homes.

At Zanesville there were 4,000 people driven from their homes. There have been several deaths, a score of narrow escapes and more than 50 persons are missing. The number of lives lost is still a matter of conjecture. The only bodies so far recovered are those of Mrs. Church and John Leach, drowned in their homes before being rescued. Mrs. James Breunann and child fell out of a skiff in which they were being rescued. Tim Jones fell from a bridge. The supply of skills was wholly inadequate. Every railroad entering the city is tied up and all of them have experienced accidents. The same situation as to traffic was reported from Steubenville where 500 families had to abandon their homes; at Springfield where \$1,000,000 loss was sustained and James Donnelly was drowned; at Canal Dover where 60 families had to be taken to places of safety in boats and the employes of the American tin plate mills were rescued from the mill in the same way. Delaware, Coshocton, Urbana and a score of other places report heavy damage and almost total cessation of traffic business. Loss of life is reported at Hamilton, O., where the Great Miami swept away two cottages and drowned six inmates, namely: Mrs. Charles Whitman and her three small children and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Springman. Samuel Hager and wife, north of New Hagerstown, were drowned while crossing the McGuire creek.

Near Columbus, Ind., a train consisting of a passenger coach, caboose and locomotive with a wrecking crew of 24 men was wrecked. The river broke over its banks and the scene of the wreck is surrounded by water for a mile and can only be reached by boats. The engineer cannot be found. The fireman was washed away and swam to a tree, where he is now waiting to be rescued, but on account of the darkness and the swift current it was impossible to reach him. Nearly every man of the twenty-four were more or less injured. Six or eight are badly injured and may die.

Pittsburg: Three great rivers—the Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio—are now in a flooded condition and there is every indication that the loss to coal operators, manufacturers and property holders in general will eclipse that of the freshet of 1891. Already river coal interests have suffered losses aggregating \$1,000,000. Reports received from towns on either side of the three great valleys show great damage to valuable property on the lowlands, and with the water still rising grave fears are entertained of even heavier losses.

The House unanimously passed the bill for relief of the survivors and the heirs of the victims of the Maine disaster. The bill reimburses the surviving officers and men for the losses they sustained to an amount not to exceed a year's sea pay, and directs the payment of a sum equal to a year's pay to the legal heirs of those who perished.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

New York—Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
Best grades	4.80-5.25	3.00-3.50	6.00-6.50
Lower grades	4.00-4.75	4.00	5.50-6.25

GRAIN, ETC.

Wheat, No. 2 red	No. 2 mix	No. 3 white
New York \$1.02-1.04	94-96	92-94
Chicago 1.00-1.02	92-94	90-92
Detroit 98-100	90-92	88-90
Toledo 96-98	88-90	86-88
Cincinnati 94-96	86-88	84-86
Cleveland 92-94	84-86	82-84
Pittsburg 90-92	82-84	80-82
St. Louis 88-90	80-82	78-80
Buffalo 86-88	78-80	76-78

REVIEW OF TRADE.

The favorable features of the week in distributive trade have been the reports coming from the west and southwest and marred only by the check to business and shipments caused by heavy rains and high water in the Ohio valley. The unsettled conditions of our relations with Spain is credited with exciting some effect upon immediate demands and upon future undertakings in the east. With more than \$1,000,000 gold received or on its way since this movement began, with a small stock of reserves and treasury reserves, with no stringency in the money market and sterling exchange weak, and with failures nearly 50 percent smaller than last year and 60 per cent smaller than in the same month of 1892, there is not much visible ground for panic, even if earnest efforts should fail to keep pace with hoard.

GAINED 22 POUNDS IN 5 WEEKS

From the By-Stander, Macomb, Ill.

Alderman Louis W. Camp, of our city, has quite astonished his friends of late, by a remarkable gain in weight. He has gained 22 pounds in five weeks. Those of his friends who do not know the facts of his sickness will read with interest the following:

"I was broken down in health and utterly miserable," said Mr. Camp to our reporter. "I was unable to work much of the time and had difficulty with a form of stomach trouble that life was a veritable nightmare. I tried various remedies, but during the six months of my sickness I obtained no relief. I had always been a robust, healthy man and sickness bore heavily upon me. About two years ago I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I purchased one box and received so much benefit that I used five more and was entirely cured. I gained twenty-two pounds in five weeks. Since I stopped taking the pills I have scarcely had an ache or pain."



Intersting the Alderman.

"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills restored me to health and I most heartily recommend them."

L. W. Camp on oath says that the foregoing statement is true.

W. W. McLEAY, Notary Public.

Following is the physician's certificate as to Mr. Camp's present condition.

I am a regularly licensed physician of Macomb, McDonough County, Ill. I have very recently examined Mr. L. W. Camp as to his general physical condition, and find the same to be all that could be desired. Appetite and digestion good, sleeps well, and has all the evidences of being in a good physical condition. SAML RUSSELL, M. D. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 1897.

W. W. McLEAY, Notary Public.

Finding fault with others is usually a round-about way of bragging on self.

The way of the transgressor, as a general rule, is to plead not guilty.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Could Not Weaken Such Testimony As This.

(From the Kalamazoo Telegraph.)

The following statement is one of great interest to many a citizen of Kalamazoo, and a man as well known as Mr. Wallace should carry more than ordinary weight with our readers. Here it is as taken down by our representative:

"My name is John A. Wallace. I am a member of the firm of J. A. Wallace & Co., doing business as tinners, etc., at 108 Eleanor Street, Kalamazoo, in which city I also reside. For the past nine or ten months I have been having attacks of kidney complaint, the pain in my back over my hips was very severe at times; my urinary system was also in a bad state of derangement, sometimes the urine was scanty and then again the amount would be excessive, and a difficulty of passage always existed. I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills at a time when I felt that I was going to be sick, but their use warded off an attack, and I am now feeling very much better, the urinary organs have regained a normal condition, and the terrific pain in my back is much reduced in severity, while it is now fast going away altogether. I am continuing the use of Doan's Kidney Pills, with positive feeling that they will effect on me a permanent and speedy cure. I have unbounded confidence in Doan's Kidney Pills as a remedy for all kidney ailments; have good reason to be, as they have done so much for me."

Can you ask any more than this? Doan's Kidney Pills are relieving more backs of the burdens they have been forced to bear through the kidneys than all other means, devised, and, better still, they are doing this right here in Michigan. Ask any one who has ever taken them and see what they will say.

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers, price, 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no other.

Never steal a neighbor's good name even if your own is worn out.

Ask for Allen's Foot-Paste.

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

One cannot know what a man really is by the end of a fortnight.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup seems especially adapted to the needs of the children. Pleasant to take; soothing in its influence. It is the remedy of all remedies for every form of throat and lung disease.

Money talks—but it doesn't always reply when spoken to.

Ten thousand demons gnawing away at one's vitals couldn't be much worse than the tortures of itching piles. Yet there's a cure. Doan's Ointment never fails.

You can't save a drowning man by any fancy swimming.

Burdock and Bitters gives a man a clear head, an active brain, a strong, vigorous body—makes him fit for the battle of life.

Heat travels faster than cold. Anybody can catch cold.

Croup instantly relieved. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Perfectly safe. Never fails. At any drug store.

Liberty, justice, mercy, love—these are words abounding in happiness.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. At all druggists.

It is not so much what we have as how we use it, and to what purpose.

A handsome line of illustrated descriptive Florida tourist and immigration literature is being distributed by the State Press Bureau of Tallahassee, Fla., which will be sent free for the asking. This is the best illustrated descriptive literature ever sent out from the south.

VISITED WESTERN CANADA.

Report of Delegates Sent from Michigan to Alameda District.



The following letters have been selected from a large number of those sent by delegates to report on Western Canada to their friends in Michigan, and as a result of which hundreds of people expect to leave this spring for the Free Grant Lands of Western Canada.

Alameda, N. W. T., Aug. 31, 1897.

Dear Friends of Saginaw:—Those desiring to secure a good and safe home will do well to take our advice, and examine the land in the neighborhood of Alameda, as we know that everyone who sees this land will be agreeably surprised. Before seeing this land we were partly in doubt as to moving here, but after looking it over we at once decided to make our home here, and we beg those of our friends who are desirous of securing farms, not to let this chance slip by, as the soil is of the best and the water can not be excelled. The finest wheat we ever saw is also raised here. We shall return home in haste, straighten out our affairs, and move here at once.

Yours truly,

(Signed) WILLIAM GOTTOWSKI, ALBERT MAI, WILLIAM RIEDEL.

Of Saginaw.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 10, 1897.

Mr. M. V. McInnes, Chief Colonization Agent, Detroit, Mich. Dear Sir:—We are pleased to state to you that we have found the country in the vicinity of Alameda fully up to what you and Mr. Keller had represented it to be. It is, in fact, an ideal location for mixed farming. The soil is the best we ever saw, and as the farmers were all busy at threshing, we had an excellent chance to see its productive quality, which cannot be surpassed anywhere. The cattle could not be in better condition. We saw two year old steers equal to three year old raised in most places, and these, as are all other about Alameda, were fed on native hay in winter and herded in summer. As we had previous to this visited the Northwestern States in behalf of a large number of farmers, to locate suitable land for mixed farming, we are now in a position to say that the Alameda district of Western Canada surpasses them all. The country is equal to that about Thuringen in Germany. We were rather sceptic before starting, and our intention was to settle in spring, if we were suited, but we have now decided to move at once; that is, as early this fall as we possibly can. We left Mr. Riedel at Alameda, and take back his report, and we will take his family and effects with us when we go.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) ALBERT MAI, FRED GOTTOWSKI.

Ludington, Mich., Nov. 1, 1897.

M. V. McInnes, Esq., Colonization Agent, Detroit, Mich. Dear Sir:—We have just returned from the West, and were exceedingly well pleased with the country. We are going back to take up our homesteads in early spring. We received \$35 per month and board working for farmers, and the board was the best we ever had—the beef and mutton especially were excellent. The fine flavor is owing to the fine grasses which the cattle and sheep feed upon. The people are very hospitable, and treat their hired help with much kindness.

The grain is much heavier than here: wheat being 62 lbs. to the bushel; oats 48 lbs., and barley often 55 lbs.

Any man with a good team and money enough to buy provisions and seed for six months can become rich there in five years. Many people who arrived there five years ago with little or nothing, are well off now. One man I met held his wheat from last year and was offered \$16,000 for this year's crop and what he had held over from last year, and is holding at \$1 per bushel. We are going back in the spring to work for this same farmer until seeding, after which we will homestead between seeding and harvest. We think we will settle on the Manitoba & Northwestern R. R.

You can refer any one to us for this part of the country, while we are here, and we will cheerfully answer any questions which anyone may wish to ask.

Yours truly,

(Signed) CHAS. HAWLEY, JOSEPH DOLA.

Executive ability is the faculty of getting somebody to do your work.

No Time Lost in Chicago.

As an example of Chicago enterprise we may mention the firm of Sweet, Wallace & Co., who suffered so severely in the recent disastrous fire at 221 Wabash avenue. The fire occurred about noon on March 16, and by noon March 17 they were installed in new quarters at 84 Wabash avenue and filling orders as promptly as usual.

Our past never dies: it only sleeps.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York. Cure Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 10,000 testimonials. They never fail. At all druggists, 25c. Sample free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Strength is the reward of virtue.

Lane's Family Medicine.

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

Morality makes a great people.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.

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

Cotton of 12 different colors grows in Peru.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5c.

Love's burden's are never too heavy.

Go to your grocer to-day and get a 15c. package of Grain=0

It takes the place of coffee at 1/4 the cost. Made from pure grains it is nourishing and healthful.

Insert that your grocer gives you GRAIN=0. Accept no imitations.

One of the Godlike things of this world is the veneration done to human worth by the hearts of men.

The best workers are those who know best how to rest.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoky Your Life Away

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c. or \$1.00. Guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Fortitude is a fortress affording a safe refuge in adversity.

Take Care Constipation Forever.

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Plymouth Markets.

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

Wheat, No. 3 red.	88
Wheat, No. 1 white.	86
Oats, No. 2.	26
Rye, No. 2.	45
Butter.	18
Eggs.	8
Potatoes.	50-55
Beans, according to sample.	60-70

CORRESPONDENCE.

Canton.

Mr. George Barber has built a new hog house with all the modern improvements.
Mr. John Quartel entertained friends from Redford last Saturday.
The township board held a meeting at Sheldon's Corners last Monday and granted the Plymouth and Northville Railway Company a franchise to run through their township. The board also met in the town hall last Tuesday and settled all accounts for the past year and find everything satisfactory and the township in good circumstances financially.
It is with sorrow that we have to chronicle the death of Samuel, the 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Truesdell on March 29th. Samuel was a bright and promising young man and the family have the sympathy of the community in this their sad bereavement.
The democratic party of this township held their caucus in the town hall last Saturday and nominated the ticket as follows:

Supervisor—Henry F. Horner
Clerk—Frank Winzor
J. of P. (full term)—C. E. Andrews
J. of P. (vacancy)—John Huston, 2nd.
J. of P. (vacancy)—Wm. Hannan
Treasurer—G. W. Smith
Highway Commissioner—B. W. Huston
School Inspector—Arthur Huston
Board of Review—Spencer Clark
Constables—Fred Schrader, Wm. Harmon, Bert Harmon, James Gunn.
The republican party of this township held their caucus in the town hall last Monday and nominated the following ticket:
Supervisor—T. S. Clark
Clerk—O. Stevens.
J. of P. (full term)—H. P. Truesdell.
J. of P. (vacancy)—G. Cross.
J. of P. (vacancy)—L. Truesdell.
Treasurer—A. E. Cole
Highway Commissioner—N. Cole
School Inspector—W. Cross
Board of Review—N. Pooler
Constables—L. Wyles, W. P. Dicks, W. F. Monroe and W. Sherman.

Newburg.

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Wm. T. Rattenbury, Miss Bessie Rattenbury to Mr. Chas. Dunning, Wednesday eve, March 30, 1898, Rev. J. B. Oliver, officiating. Miss Edna Dunning, sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Will Rattenbury, brother of the bride was best man. The bride carried roses and was dressed in white basiste trimmed with lace. The bridesmaid was dressed in white and carried pink carnations. The ceremony took place in front of a beautiful bank of flowers. The dining room was decorated with festoons of similar and pink carnations. After the ceremony, ninety guests partook of ice cream, furnished by the Detroit Catering Co., cakes, lemonade, etc. The bride and groom stole a march on their friends and started on their wedding tour without the customary salute of rice, old shoes, etc. Numerous and costly were the presents received.

Miss Nellie Davey and Mr. James Grovenstone were married Wednesday evening, March 30, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Davey. Rev. J. B. Oliver performed the ceremony. Miss Gertrude Shields, cousin of Mr. Grovenstone, was bridesmaid and Mr. George Davey, brother of the bride, acted as groomsmen. The bride and bridesmaid wore tan novelty goods with cream lace and silk front and carried pink carnations. After partaking of a bountiful repast the wedding party disbanded wishing the young couple a long and prosperous life. After the wedding, Russell, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Crane, and nephew of the bride, was baptized.

Mrs. M. King is very sick.
Mrs. Grovenstone is improving.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Armstrong both have the grip.

Election of officers at Sunday school next Sunday.

Mrs. Brown and family have moved to Plymouth.

Strong talk of an electric road through here. It would be a good paying investment we believe. We seem to be sure of a daily mail soon and ought to have it, then we want a telephone.

The W. R. C. will give a Klondike social at the hall Wednesday evening, Apr. 6. Refreshments will be served.

Newburg Hall Association will give a maple sugar social at the hall, Saturday evening, April 9.

Buried from Newburg church, Tuesday afternoon Mar. 29, 1898, Miss Sarah M. Bond, aged 78 years and 5 months. Deceased was an aunt to Mrs. G. N. Dean, Sela B. and James Stoneburner and had lived with Sela for a number of years. She was a member of the M. E. church since a little girl. She leaves a sister 83 years of age in Parma, N. Y.

South Salem.

Too late for last week.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith on Wednesday. Warm sugar was on the bill of fare, and the gentlemen were allowed to partake.

Miss Fanny Bailey spent part of last week visiting friends in Ypsilanti.

Mrs. John Renwick visited Northville Saturday.

Miss Edith Quackenbush, the school-marm in the town line district, is spending her spring vacation with her sister, Miss Zada, at Grand Ledge. Zada is spending the school year with her uncle, Prof. E. Quackenbush, and attending school.

Misses Nellie Smith and Cora Bussey, of Ypsilanti high school, spent Sunday with their parents here.

Miss Louie Rich, teacher in Free Church district, is at home for a three weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Angell, of Grand Rapids, is visiting at the home of Joseph Doane.

M. H. Withee and wife, of Detroit, spent last week at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Withee.

The memorial service last Sunday afternoon, at the Baptist church, for the late Francis E. Willard was largely attended, showing respect to the devoted president of the National W. C. T. U., also a growing interest in the part of the community in the doings of the Salem Union.

Anson Hearn has hired out to Burton Galpin, near Ann Arbor, for the season.

Calvin Bussey, wife and baby, spent Sunday at Mr. Luther Bussey's.

East Livonia.

One day last week, Albert Ratenbam and Miss Winters, both of this place, left for parts unknown.

Our deputy sheriff nearly lost an eye by coming in contact with Mrs. Dedrick Johnson's 2nd which made the eye black. It was a narrow escape.

Robert Bredon has improved the looks of his new wood house by giving it a good coat of paint.

Wm. Crum's new saw mill is doing fine work, sawing ten thousand feet of lumber per day.

The county ditches here abound with fish this spring and the boys have great sport spearing them with pitchforks.

Leroy Nailor's new windmill has arrived and will be put in position in a few days which will be a great improvement to the looks of his farm, to say nothing of the convenience it will afford the kitchen.

John Baur is hauling lumber for the purpose of building an addition to his house.

John Bentley is anticipating building a new hog house and repairing his residence.

George Green is about to move on his farm in Nankin township four miles west of Wayne.

Lew Garas will build a burglar proof henery.

J. J. Vrooman plowed a large share of his corn ground last week. It looks as if he intends to be prepared for an early spring.

Archie Blue, of Elm, is about to move back to his home on National Ave., Detroit. He moved out here one year ago to take charge of the milk house for Mr. Stringer.

The new saw mill recently purchased by Fred Milroy is now idle. The head sawyer, Burt Neuman, undertook to force the feed when the carriage was loaded and broke the feed gear, now Burt has gone on his own expense to Cleveland for repair. We say, be more careful, Burt.

Abner Oston and Marvin Criger are both sick with la grippe at this writing.

Riley Wolfrom, while working in the saw mill, met with a painful accident by having a heavy piece of timber fall on his foot.

Will the editor of the MAIL please inform us how it is that we cannot get the Plymouth MAIL here at the Elm post-office until Monday and oblige ye scribe.

The editor of the MAIL would refer the Livonia correspondent to the mail clerks on the D. G. R. & W. trains. We place them in the office here Friday afternoon.

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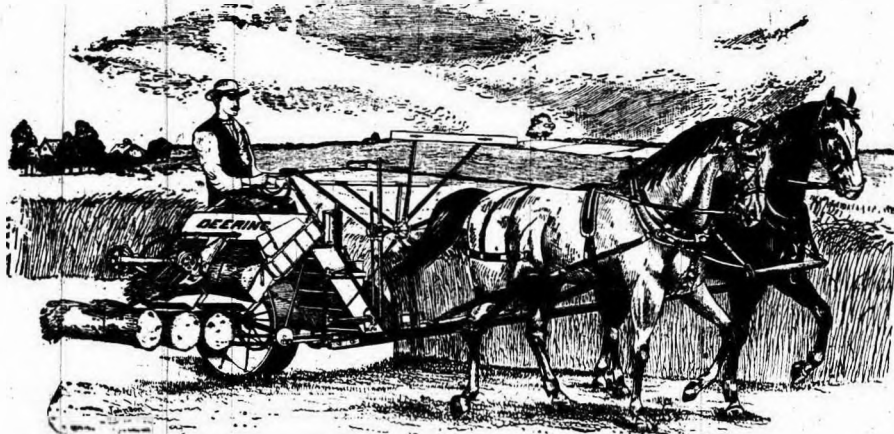
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Livonia Center.

Mrs. A. Stringer, who has been sick for some time, is now under the care of Dr. Oliver, of Plymouth.

Mrs. Frank Peck was taken very sick last Wednesday night and was so much worse Thursday that Dr. Collier, of Plymouth, was called. She is now on the gain but slowly.

John Base is also on the sick list. He is confined to his bed with sciatic rheumatism. Dr. Oliver is attending him.

Mrs. A. Turnbul is in Detroit visiting her daughter, Mrs. Allie Fairchilds.

There has been a good deal of moving going on around the Center this week. Will Smith has moved onto his farm just purchased of Mrs. Durfee, Harmon Leipschaw to Redford, and Mr. McLaughlin, to the Livonia tenant house, west of the cheese factory.

Mrs. E. L. Norton and Mrs. Geo. Draper and son, of Perrinville, visited Mrs. C. L. Ferguson, Wednesday.

Miss Grace Peck is confined to her bed with a severe cold.

Mr. Leon Sherman, of Perrinville, called on his cousin, C. L. Ferguson, Wednesday.

Will Base is still wrestling with Job's comforts.

Mr. Chas. Colby, of Northville, visited John Stringer Tuesday.

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A man who will go across the street to avoid meeting his tailor or his washer woman.

A man who is better acquainted with the billiard ball than with the ax handle.

A man who "can almost earn his own living," and thinks his wife ought to help "some."

A man who always looks around to make sure that all ladies are absent before he tells a story.

A man whose nerves are so unsteady from cigarette smoking that he cannot keep his hand from shaking.

A man whose pockets are filled with nothing but his hands, and whose principal occupation is standing on guard at the street corners and painting the sidewalks with tobacco juice.

A man who makes long prayers standing in the synagogue, and at the dinner table howls at his hard working landlady for not serving fried chicken and strawberry short cake six days out of seven, and roast turkey and ice cream on Sunday.

A man who is so conceited that he thinks all the girls are after him; who spends more on hack fares and operas for his "best girl" than he ever expects to do his wife; who is so thoroughly selfish that he can sacrifice none of his creature comforts for his mother or sisters; who enjoys the atmosphere of the street and club room better than that of the home; in short a man who has not all the virtues and wisdom and good qualities that he thinks his wife ought to have, should never marry.

For man was made only a little lower than the angels, and when he degenerates he falls so far that one of the archangels, even, could not make him happy.

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

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