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We have at last succeeded in making arrangements with a firm to make our suits and jackets to order. Should you wish a suit, spring jacket, or cape and cannot find one of your size in our stock you can make a selection of cloth from samples and we will get you just what you want and made exactly to your measurement as if measured by a dressmaker, and if not the suit is ours. Try us. Suits made and ready to wear in 36 hours.

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MUCH INTEREST

IS BEING TAKEN IN THE COMING
TOWNSHIP ELECTION.

Two Strong Tickets Have Been Placed
in Nomination.

Interest in the township election which occurs next Monday increases as election day approaches. It is apparent that considerable quiet work is being done and that both parties will make an extra effort this year to win. Last year George A. Starkweather was elected supervisor by 48 majority. This year the republicans believe they will wipe out this majority and elect Elmer W. Chaffee, the republican nominee. The democrats, however, claim their chances of success are even brighter than last year and that Mr. Starkweather will be returned by a larger majority than before. Claims and conjectures, however, will not affect the result and the man that gets the highest number of votes will win.

The republican caucus was called to order Friday afternoon by J. O. Eddy, chairman of the republican township committee. W. O. Allen was made chairman and George W. Hunter secretary of the caucus. J. L. Gale and C. W. Root were elected tellers.

The following ticket was placed in nomination:

Supervisor—Elmer W. Chaffee
Clerk—Adolbert A. Taft
Treasurer—Hiram A. Roe
Highway Commissioner—Gifford Chase
School Inspector—Lina Durfee
Justice of the Peace—Oliver H. Loomis
Mem. Bd. of Review—Chas. W. Bradner
Constables—Daniel Smith
John E. Hood
Walter F. Kinsler
Elberton F. Sprague

The republican township committee for the ensuing year is A. H. Dibble, D. D. Allen and V. E. Hill.

The democratic caucus was held Friday evening. Chairman W. T. Conner called the meeting to order. M. A. Vrooman was made chairman, H. J. Baker, secretary, Chas. Birch and Frank Wilson, tellers. Following is the ticket:

Supervisor—George A. Starkweather
Clerk—Harry C. Robinson
Treasurer—Charles A. Frisbee
Highway Commissioner—John F. Root
School Inspector—Delta Entrican
Justice of the Peace—Henry W. Tuttle
Mem. Bd. of Review—Orlow W. Brown
Constables—George W. Springer
Carl Heide
Burton Brown
Fred Dunn

L. C. Hough, W. T. Conner and M. A. Vrooman were elected as township committee.

Constitutional Amendments.

Four amendments to the constitution of the state will be submitted to the voters at the annual election on April 3rd:

1. Proposed amendment to section 49 of article 4, relative to the laying out, construction, improvement and maintenance of highways, bridges and culverts by counties and townships. As proposed to be amended, the legislature may provide for such work by counties and towns, and may authorize counties to take charge of any highways within their limits, and may modify, change or abolish the powers and duties of township commissioners and overseers of highways; but the tax raised in any one year shall not exceed \$2 on each thousand valuation. No county shall incur any indebtedness for any purpose in excess of three per cent on last assessed valuation, and no such indebtedness beyond one-half of one per cent shall be incurred unless authorized by the majority vote of the people therein. Provided that any country road system provided by law shall go into operation only on a majority vote thereof of the people in the county.

2. Proposed amendment to section 22 of article 4, relative to furnishing supplies and to the establishment of a state printing office.

3. Proposed amendment to section of article 6, relative to the dividing of the state into judicial circuits and the election of one circuit judge for a term of six years in each, except where more than one judge may be provided. In addition to the salary provided by the constitution each circuit judge shall receive such salary as the board of supervisors may from time to time determine.

4. Proposed amendment to section 1, 5, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 19 and 20 of article 6, relative to the judicial department. This amendment provides for the establishment of an intermediate court between the circuit and supreme courts and powers relative thereto.

Auction Sale.

The undersigned, having sold his farm, will sell at public auction on the farm known as the Jewell farm, one mile south and two miles east of Plymouth, Tuesday, April 4th, his live stock, farm implements, machinery, etc. John Bennett is the auctioneer.

H. E. HEYWOOD.

MORSE ROHNERT.

A POPULAR YOUNG ATTORNEY WHO
HAS BRAVELY WON HIS SPURS.

A Most Worthy Nomination for Circuit
Judge—His Qualifications are Unques-
tioned—His Friends and Admir-
ers Are Legion.

Having been honored by the Republicans of Wayne county with the second place on the county judicial ticket, Morse Rohnert will demonstrate that the confidence in him was not misplaced by coming in under the wire on April 3 with one of the biggest majorities that will be cast for candidates on the Republican ticket. Being eminently fitted for the honorable position of Circuit Judge by his knowledge of the law and its practical application and his long experience in the county tribunals, his strict integrity and good judgment, coupled with his immense popularity and well known quality of a "hustler" are bound to secure to him the honor and the position which he seeks.

Practically from his 16th year, Morse Rohnert has made his own way in life and through his own exertions has achieved an enviable position among the local practitioners. Born of German parents in Detroit on Feb. 29, 1864—an odd date, which will not allow him to celebrate his next birthday anniversary until the year 1904—he entered the public schools and graduated from the high school in 1880. He then studied at the University of Michigan where he obtained the degree of B. A. in 1883. He was the youngest of his class by over a year, and one of the youngest graduates of that institution. Returning to his native city, he studied law with John G. Hawley and was admitted to the bar March 13, 1885. He had been engaged in the practice of law but a little more than a year when, without any solicitation on his part, he was asked by Judge Durfee to take the position of journal clerk in the Probate office, being subsequently promoted to the office of deputy register. During a period of nearly ten years, while connected with the Probate Court, Mr. Rohnert came in contact with almost every family in Wayne County, and by his uniformly courteous treatment of all who had business in that court, he acquired a host of friends, who will vie with each other in securing his election. Three years ago he resigned his position in the Probate office to again enter upon the active practice of law, opening an office at 14 and 15 McGraw building where he is still located. His studious habits, evinced by the fact that he graduated so young, impelled him to devote much of his leisure time, while connected with the Probate office, to a thorough study of the various branches of jurisprudence. Thus, when he resumed practice, he was an up-to-date attorney, and it was his knowledge, experience and ability which brought him a host of clients and which at once gave him a practice that is surpassed by few attorneys in the city. A staunch Republican, he has always had the welfare of his party at heart. He is a member of the Michigan Club, and during the last presidential campaign he was secretary of the Republican county committee, in which position he did yeoman service for the party.

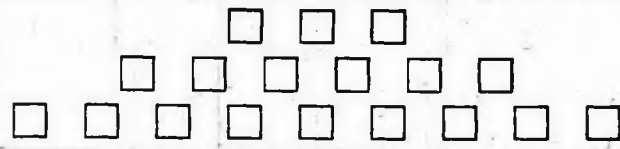
If Mr. Rohnert is not on your ticket and you wish to endorse his public service kindly mark a cross (X) in front of his name and draw a line across some name on the other ticket.

Mrs. Perlia F. Nichols for School Commissioner.

The democrats of Wayne county have nominated Mrs. Perlia F. Nichols, of Northville, for commissioner of schools. Mrs. Nichols is a native of Cass county, where we became acquainted with her a number of years ago, when she was Miss Ferris, the daughter of D. B. Ferris, a prominent educator in that part of the state, since deceased. She is a graduate of the Cassopolis high school and of the state normal, and has taught successfully at Cassopolis, Marcellus and Northville. If she is elected the people of Wayne county will be served faithfully, intelligently and energetically, for Mrs. Nichols has not only pedagogical but executive ability, and is capable of ordering the affairs of the schools of the most populous county in the state in a manner highly creditable to herself and to the patrons and taxpayers. Besides her experience as a teacher, Mrs. Nichols has served an apprenticeship in a newspaper office and can do anything in the line from the composing room to the chair of the editor-in-chief. For this reason alone, if there were no other, we would be partial to her candidacy, but her friends need not fear to ask for votes in her behalf on any score of fitness. We hope that she will be elected.—Oakland Co. Advertiser.

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J. L. GALE.

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PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Men who do foolish thing when half seas over should remain on land.

The acts of some so-called variety actors vacillate between bad and worse.

Gen. Gomez is beginning to find out what it means to have a congress on his hands.

Love makes the world go round—and the attraction of gravity worries a lot of people.

There is more power in kindness than there is in dynamite, but it takes longer to find it out.

A cynical bachelor who has evidently loved and lost says the Boston girl's affinity is a snow man.

Forget the good you have done to others and the evil they have done to you if you would be happy.

Some women wear their sweetest smiles when they want favors of their husbands and some start the flow of their briniest tears.

Boston is taking sufficient interest in the war with Spain to rise and remark that nobody has yet dared to say the beans were embalmed.

They are having a hot time in old Havana every night, and do you expect a change until the annexationists carry out the scheme they are nursing?

No one questions the existence of many varieties of Democrats, but history fails to record, under any circumstances, the actual materialization of a non-partisan Democrat.

One of the current magazines has an article entitled: "Our Daughters; What Shall We Do With Them?" There is no use worrying over this question. Our sons will see that the girls are taken care of.

Mr. Choate, the new American ambassador to the court of St. James, is being highly praised by the London papers. Mr. Choate is undoubtedly an able man, but it must be remembered that as England is afraid of a war with Russia it would be hard to find any respectable American who would not make an instantaneous hit over there.

The naval appropriation bill was passed by the United States senate March 1st, after a debate of less than five hours. In that time, however, it was amended radically in one respect. The price to be paid by the government for armor plate was fixed in the bill at \$300 a ton, a reduction of the amount fixed by the house of \$145 a ton. In addition the secretary of the navy was authorized in the event of the refusal of the armor-plate companies to supply armor at \$300 a ton, to proceed to the construction of an armor factory to cost \$1,500,000, and placing in the secretary's control \$2,000,000 with which to operate the government plant.

A gentleman of sixty is frank enough to tell the readers of Popular Science that in his youth he was so completely under the domination of the passion of anger that he was brought to the brink of crime and delirium. At twenty he became discreetly aware of the danger and ashamed of the weakness. Then he set about the task of self-conquest, and with such success that for the last twenty years he has not once given rein to anger. In all ages men have committed acts of violence against each other in hot blood; but the doctor would probably say that a much greater number have shortened life, besides impairing its quality, by the nervous expenditure wasted upon an irritable temper.

A breach of promise suit for two weeks occupied public attention in one of our large cities. The defendant, who was recently married, was sued by a young woman who asserted that he was betrothed to her. The jury having awarded the plaintiff a large sum, the case is said to be closed. Is it closed? The affairs of not only the principals in the suit, but those of the innocent young wife and the other members of three families have been dragged through the courts and have become the subject of public jest and comment. All their lives the taint of this suit will follow the actors in it. It is not a pleasant theme, but the frequency of these legal trials calls for plain speaking. Engagements formed hastily, without mutual respect and esteem, and which are not intended to be fulfilled, are but the first step in a series of degradations from which character can never wholly wipe the stain.

The steamer Gaelic, which arrived at San Francisco recently from Hongkong, brought news of the raising of the United States flag over the island of Guam, Feb. 21st. Capt. Taussig of the United States ship Bennington is the first American governor of the island, and the paymaster of the Bennington has been made collector of revenues. Capt. Coleman of the Brutus, which touched at Guam Jan. 1st, says that all the stories of revolt in Guam against the United States' authority following the departure of the Charleston are pure fiction.

INSURGENTS IN RETREAT.

It Is Thought They Will Make Their Final Stand at Malolos.

THE ENEMY LOSES 100 KILLED

Pelo, Malabon, Melcauayan and Malinto Taken by Americans—Hard Fighting Has Been Done—American Loss About Forty—Dispatch from Otis.

Manila, March 23.—A thousand Filipinos, composing the rear guard of the rebel army, which is retreating on Malolos, Aginaldo's headquarters, made a stand today in some strong intrenchments about Marilao, across the Marilao river. In the engagement six Americans were killed, including three officers, and forty were wounded.

Gen. MacArthur's division spent the night and morning at Maykawayan, the next station beyond Polo. After reconnoitering his front he pushed along the railroad this afternoon toward Malolos.

If the statement of the thirty-five prisoners captured is true, the main body of the enemy has retreated to Malolos. But there are no trenches to encounter, although over thirty villages, including the larger settlements of Bulacan and Guadalupe, intervene.

At every railroad station circulars have been posted, signed by the Filipino commander in chief, Antonio Luna, ordering all spies and bearers of news to the enemy to be shot without trial, and instructing that all looters and ravishers be treated in the same manner. Further, all towns abandoned by the Filipino troops are first to be burned.

While deploring the existence of war the circular maintains the undeniable right of the Filipinos to defend their homes, lives and lands against "would-be dominators who would kill them, their wives and children," adding that this motive ought to impel all Filipinos to sacrifice everything.

The shelling of Paranaque was not premeditated. The turret ship Monadnock anchored off the town and the insurgents, emboldened by the long silence of the war ships on guard duty, opened fire on her with muskets, with the result that one man was killed and three were wounded. The Monadnock then destroyed half the town, including the church.

The Washington regiment had an exciting experience and displayed much gallantry. The soldiers found a band of insurgents concealed in a stone house over which the French flag was flying. A private volunteered to set fire to the building. He did so, and the troops approached while it was burning and the Filipinos had apparently fled. But they were greeted with a sudden volley from the balcony of the house, resulting in the building being cleared of the enemy in short order.

Washington, March 23.—The following dispatch from Gen. Otis reached Washington at 8:55 this morning: "Manila, March 27.—Adjutant-General, Washington: MacArthur holds Malillo. Severe fighting today, and our casualties are about forty.

"The insurgents have destroyed bridges which impeded progress of train and artillery.

"Our troops met the concentrated insurgent forces on northern line, commanded by Aginaldo in person, and drove them out with considerable slaughter.

"They left nearly 100 dead on the field and many prisoners and small arms were captured.

"The column will press on in the morning. OTIS."

Manila, March 23.—Pelo, to capture which the American forces have done some of the fiercest fighting of the war, is now in the hands of the United States forces and the battle around Manila still rages.

The rebels, finding the place untenable, applied the torch and fled, burning in their flight a number of smaller villages.

The American troops, having reached the railroad, are advancing and at almost every step a bitter fire is encountered.

Malabon, Melcauayan, where there were 3,000 rebels, and Malinto have also been captured, though the former had been reduced to ashes by the natives, who fled toward Malolos, where Aginaldo himself is in command and where the Filipinos will probably make their last stand.

CONCENTRATE IN MALOLOS.

Filipino Rebels Are Driven Out of Malabon by Our Troops.

Manila, March 23.—Closely pressed by the United States troops, the Filipino army is falling back to Malolos, the seat of the so-called government. The large part of the city of Malabon, the most formidable of the native strongholds on the way to the capital, has been burned and it is believed that the retreating soldiers will destroy their elaborate fortifications in the outskirts of the city rather than see them fall into the hands of the Americans. United States gunboats have been dropping shells into the blockhouses and forts, with the result that the native force has been gradually withdrawing and moving inland, out of range.

The Americans have passed all the rougher portion of the country and are now on comparatively level ground. With their present position and the district to the rear cleared of all natives the advance from now on will be easy. It will be only a matter of hours before the United States forces are in possession of Aginaldo's headquarters.

The troops under Brig.-Gen. Lloyd

Wheaton captured the town of Malinta, beyond the Tullahan river Sunday, after a sharp fight. Col. Harry C. Egbert of the Twenty-second regular infantry was killed. Prince Lowenstein, formerly aid-de-camp on the staff of Brig. Gen. Miller at Iloilo, somehow got in front of the firing line and was shot in the side, dying almost instantly. A German who accompanied him was wounded.

The American casualties Sunday were much lighter than those of Saturday, the total losses thus far reported since the engagement commenced being forty-five killed and fewer than 200 wounded.

Gen. Wheaton entered Malinta, which is a small village of huts, at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The Filipinos made a fierce resistance to the American advance up the railroad to Malinta. In addition to the fatal wounding of Col. Egbert, several men of the Twenty-second infantry and several members of the Oregon and Kansas regiments were killed.

Gen. MacArthur's advance guard, the Third artillery and the Twentieth Kansas regiment, joined Gen. Wheaton's brigade shortly after Manila was taken, approaching along the Novaleses road westerly. The soldiers were much exhausted and there were several prostrations from the heat, which was intense. The dead and wounded were collected in the shade of the trees and carried on stretchers by Chinese across the river to the train. After lunch Gen. MacArthur's division advanced toward Polo.

Gen. Wheaton's brigade, with the remainder of Gen. MacArthur's division, marched along the railroad to Newcanayan. This place was fortified and for 300 yards from it there were trenches on each side of the track. These were taken possession of by the American troops.

The Filipinos, realizing that the railroad is the crucial line, have constructed row after row of trenches, running diagonally on both sides of the track at a distance of a few hundred yards apart. This work was designed most intelligently and has evidently been done under the direction of experts. It represents an enormous amount of labor. Most of the native positions are protected by thick earthworks, a majority of them topped with stone and provided with loopholes. Some have sheet iron roofs.

In the fighting west of Malinta the Oregonians captured a Spaniard, but he denied that he was taking part in the battle.

The surgeons from the fleet and the British cruiser Powerful volunteered their assistance and were indefatigable in their services at the front.

MAY BE A TURNING POINT.

War Officials Believe That the Decisive Blow Will Soon Come.

Washington, March 23.—The report of the meeting with Aginaldo on the extreme northern line—which is the critical position in the vicinity of Novaleses—is believed by war department officials to mark the turning point of the battles. The defeat of the insurgent leader is expected to effect the demoralization of his forces and another day's fighting is expected to crown the American campaign with decisive victory.

The evacuation and burning of Malabon is a gain for our troops, though rather an empty victory as its strategic importance is small, and its property value has been destroyed. Gen. Corbin and Acting Secretary Melkjohn are watching the late dispatches with great interest, as it is expected that they are to tell the story.

Positions of American Fleet.

Washington, March 23.—Admiral Dewey has cabled the navy department the situation and positions of the American vessels of his fleet. The dispatch follows:

Manila, March 27.—Secretary of the Navy, Washington: The Olympia and the Oregon, the Monadnock and Monterey, Callao, Manila and the Helena occupying strategic positions at Manila bay. The Boston and Charleston, the Concord and the Petrel cruising in the islands to the south. The Baltimore and the Yorktown cruising off Luzon. Have sent the Bennington to Hongkong to dock. The Princeton is at Singapore, repairing; propeller is broken. The Nansha has gone to Guam. The Iris will sail shortly for Iloilo with coal. Will dispatch the Solace as early as possible.

DEWEY.

War Department Is Satisfied.

Washington, March 23.—Satisfaction is expressed at the war department with the situation in the Philippines. It is said the dispatches of Gen. Otis and the press reports show, that the column is pressing steadily forward, and that the troops are vigorously in earnest and in good condition. The belief is expressed that the insurgents will soon get tired of being constantly fought, defeated and driven back with loss. Great confidence is expressed in the ability of Gen. Otis to finish the war because of his determination to give the forces of Aginaldo no rest.

Guests Jump from Windows.

Buffalo, March 23.—Fire started in the Northern hotel, Washington and Exchange streets, early this morning, but was under control in twenty minutes. There were about a dozen persons in the building, all of whom were rescued without serious injury. Several of them were slightly hurt by jumping. The loss will not exceed \$5,000.

Canadians Cease Rights.

Seattle, Wash., March 23.—News comes from Skaguay that Canadian officials are again selling liquor being conveyed by American customs officers beyond the white pass.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"LIFE'S ACIDITIES" LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

"When Jesus Therefore Had Received the Vinegar"—From John, Chapter xix, Verse 30—Some Palm Sunday Thoughts for Christians.

The brigands of Jerusalem had done their work. It was almost sundown, and Jesus was dying. Persons in crucifixion often lingered on from day to day—crying, legging, cursing; but Christ had been exhausted by years of maltreatment. Pillowless, poorly fed, flogged—as bent over and tied to a low post, his bare back was inflamed with the scourges interwoven with pieces of lead and bone—and now for whole hours, the weight of his body hung on delicate tendons, and, according to custom, a violent stroke under the armpits had been given by the executioner. Dizzy, nauseated, feverish—a world of agony is compressed in the two words: "I thirst!" O sakes of Judea, let a drop of rain strike on his burning tongue! O world, with rolling rivers and sparkling lakes, and spraying fountains, give Jesus something to drink! If there be any pity in earth or heaven or hell, let it now be demonstrated in behalf of this royal sufferer.

The wealthy women of Jerusalem used to have a fund of money with which they provided wire for a powerful opiate to deaden the pain; but Christ would not take it. He wanted to die sober, and so he refused the wine. But afterwards they go to a cup of vinegar and soaked a sponge in it, and put it on a stick of hyssop, and then press it against the hot lips of Christ. You say the wine was an anesthetic and intended to relieve or deaden the pain. But the vinegar was an insult.

In some lives the saccharine seems to predominate. Life is sunshine on a bank of flowers. A thousand hands to clap approval. In December or in January, looking across their table, they see all their family present. Health rebound. Skies flamboyant. Days resplendent. But in a great many cases there are not so many sugars as acids. The annoyances, and the vexations, and the disappointments of life overpower the successes. There is a gravel in almost every shoe. An Arabian legend says that there was a worm in Solomon's staff, gnawing its strength away; and there is a weak spot in every earthly support that a man leans on. King George of England forgot all the grandeur of his throne because, one day, in an interview, Beau Brummel called him by his first name, and addressed him as a servant, crying: "George, ring the bell!" Miss Langdon, honored all the world over for her poetic genius, is so worried over the evil reports set afloat regarding her, that she is found dead, with an empty bottle of prussic acid in her hand. Goldsmith said that his life was a wretched being, and that all that want and contempt could bring to it had been brought, and cries out: "What, then, is there formidable in a fall?" Correggio's fine painting is hung up for a tavern sign. Hogarth cannot sell his best painting except through a raffle. Andrew Delsart makes the great fresco in the church of the Annunziata, at Florence, and gets for pay a sack of corn; and there are annoyances and vexations in high places as well as in low places, showing that in a great many lives are the sourer greater than the sweeter. "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar."

It is absurd to suppose that a man who has always been well can sympathize with those who are sick, or that one who has always been honored can appreciate the sorrow of those who are despised, or that one who has been born to a great fortune can understand the distress and the straits of those who are destitute. The fact that Christ himself took the vinegar makes him able to sympathize today and for ever with all those whose cup is filled with the sharp acids of this life. He took the vinegar!

In the first place, there was the sourness of betrayal. The treachery of Judas hurt Christ's feelings more than all the friendship of his disciples did him good. You have had many friends; but there was one friend upon whom you put especial stress. You feasted him. You loaned him money. You befriended him in the dark passes of life, when he especially needed a friend. Afterward he turned upon you, and he took advantage of your former intimacies. He wrote against you. He talked against you. He microscopized your faults. He flung contempt at you when you ought to have received nothing but gratitude. At first you could not sleep at nights. Then you went about with a sense of having been stung. That difficulty will never be healed, for though mutual friends may arbitrate in the matter until you shall shake hands, the old cordiality will never come back. Now I commend to all such the sympathy of a betrayed Christ. Why, they sold him for less than our twenty dollars! They all forsook him and fled. They cut him to the quick. He drank that cup to the dregs. He took the vinegar.

There is also the sourness of pain. There are some of you who have not seen a well day for many years. By keeping out of draughts, and by carefully studying dietetics, you continue to this time; but oh, the headaches, and the sideaches which have been your accompaniment all the way through! You have struggled under a heavy mortgage of physical disabilities, and instead of the placidity that once characterized you, it is now only with great effort that you keep away the brightest crowns in heaven will not

from irritability and sharp retort. Difficulties of respiration, of digestion, of locomotion make up the great obstacle in your life, and you tug and sweat along the pathway, and wonder when the exhaustion will end. My friends, be given to those who, in stirrups, dashed to the cavalry charge, while the general applauded and the sound of clashing sabers rang through the land; but the brightest crowns in heaven, I believe, will be given to those who trudged on amid chronic ailments which unnerved their strength, yet all the time maintaining their faith in God. It is comparatively easy to fight in a regiment of a thousand men, charging up the parapets to the sound of martial music; but it is not so easy to endure when no one but the nurse and the doctor are the witnesses of the Christian fortitude. Besides that, you never had any pains worse than Christ's. The sharpness that stings through his brain, through his hands, through his feet, through his heart were as great as yours certainly. He was as sick and as weary. Not a nerve or muscle or ligament escaped. All the pains of all the nations of all the ages compressed into one sour cup. He took the vinegar!

There is also the sourness of poverty. Your income does not meet your outgoings, and that always gives an honest man anxiety. There is no sign of destination about you—pleasant appearance and a cheerful home for you; but God only knows what a time you have had to manage your private finances. Just as the bills run up the wages seem to run down. You may say nothing, but life to you is a hard push, and when you sit down with your wife, and talk over the expenses, you both rise up discouraged. You abridge here and you abridge there, and you get things snug for smooth sailing, and lo! suddenly there is a large doctor's bill to pay, or you have lost your pocketbook, or some debtor has failed, and you are thrown abeam- end. Well, brother, you are in glorious company. Christ owned not a house in which he stopped, or the coat on which he rode, or the boat in which he sailed. He lived in a borrowed house; he was buried in a borrowed grave. Exposed to all kinds of weather, yet he loved only one suit of clothes. He breakfasted in the morning, and no one could possibly tell where he could get anything to eat before night. He would have been pronounced a financial failure. He had to perform a miracle to get money to pay a tax-bill. Not a dollar did he own. Privation of domesticity; privation of nutritious food; privation of a comfortable couch on which to sleep; privation of all worldly resources! The kings of the earth had chased chances out of which to drink, but Christ had nothing but a plain cup set before him, and it was very sharp and it was very sour. He took the vinegar.

There were years that passed along before your family circle was invaded by death, but the moment the charmed circle was broken everything seemed to dissolve. Hardly have you put the black apparel in the wardrobe before you have again to take it out. Great and rapid changes in your family record. You get the house and rejoice in it, but the charm was gone as soon as the crane hung on the door-bell. The one upon whom you most depended was taken away from you. A cold marble slab lies on your heart today. Once, as the children romped through the house, you put your hand over your aching head and said: "Oh, if I could only have it still!" Oh, it is too still now. You lost your patience when the tops, and the strings, and the shells were left amid floor; but oh, you would be willing to have the triangles scattered all over the floor again, if they were scattered by the same hands. With what a ruthless ploughshare bereavement rips up the heart! But Jesus knows all about that. You cannot tell him anything now in regard to bereavement. He had only a few friends, and when he lost one it brought tears to his eyes. Lazarus had often entertained him at his house. Now Lazarus is dead and buried, and Christ breaks down with emotion, the convulsion of grief shuddering through all the ages of bereavement. Christ knows what it is to go through the house missing a familiar inmate. Christ knows what it is to see an unoccupied place at the table. Were there not four of them—Mary and Martha, and Christ and Lazarus? Four of them. But where is Lazarus? Lonely and afflicted Christ, his great loving eyes filled with tears! Oh, yes, yes! He knows all about the loneliness and the heartbreak. He took the vinegar!

Then there is the sourness of the death hour. Whatever else we may escape, that acid-sponge will be pressed to our lips. I sometimes have a curiosity to know how I will be when I come to die—whether I will be calm or excited; whether I will be filled with reminiscence or with anticipation. I cannot say. But come to the point I must and you must. An officer from the future world will knock at the door of our hearts, and serve on us the writ of ejectment, and we will have to surrender. And we will wake up after these autumnal and wintry and vernal and summery glories have vanished from our vision; we will wake up into a realm which has only one season, and that the season of everlasting love.

But you say: "I don't want to break out from my present associations. It is so chilly and so damp to go down the stairs of that vault. I don't want anything drawn so tightly over my eyes. If there were only some way of breaking through the partition between worlds without tearing this body all to shreds! I wonder if the surgeons and the doctors cannot compound a mixture by which this body and soul can all the time be kept together? Is there no

escape from this separation? None; absolutely none. A great many more tumble through the gates of the future, as it were, and we do not know where they have gone, and they only add gloom and mystery to the passage; but Jesus Christ so mightily stormed the gates of that future world that they have never since been closely shut. Christ knows what it is to leave this world, of the beauty of which he was more appreciative than we ever could be. He knows the exquisiteness of the phosphorescence of the sea; he trod it. He knows the glories of the midnight heavens, for they were the spangled canopy of his wilderness pillow. He knows about the lilies; he twisted them into his sermon. He knows about the fowls of the air; they whirred their way through his discourse. He knows about the sorrows of leaving this beautiful world. Not a taper was kindled in the darkness. He died physicianless. He died in cold sweat and dizziness and hemorrhage and agony, that have put him in sympathy with all the dying. He goes through Christendom, and he gathers up the stings out of all the death pillows, and he puts them under his own neck and head. He gathers on his own tongue the burning thirsts of many generations. The sponge is soaked in the sorrows of all those who have died in their beds, as well as soaked in the sorrows of all who perished in icy or fiery martyrdom. While heaven was pitying and earth was mocking and hell was deriding, he took the vinegar!

To all those to whom life has been an acerbity—a dose they could not swallow, a draught that set their teeth on edge and a-rasping—I preach the omnipotent sympathy of Jesus Christ. The sister of Herschel, the astronomer, used to spend much of her time polishing the telescopes through which he brought the distant worlds nigh; and it is my ambition now, this hour, to clear the lens of your spiritual vision, so that looking through the dark night of your earthly troubles, you may behold the glorious constellation of a Savior's mercy and a Savior's love. Oh, my friends, do not try to carry all your ills alone. Do not put your poor shoulder under the Apenines when the Almighty Christ is ready to lift up your burdens. When you have a trouble of any kind, you rush this way and that way; and you wonder what this man will say about it, and what that man will say about it; and you try this prescription, and that prescription, and the other prescription. Oh, why do you not go straight to the heart of Christ, knowing that for our own sinning and suffering he took the vinegar?

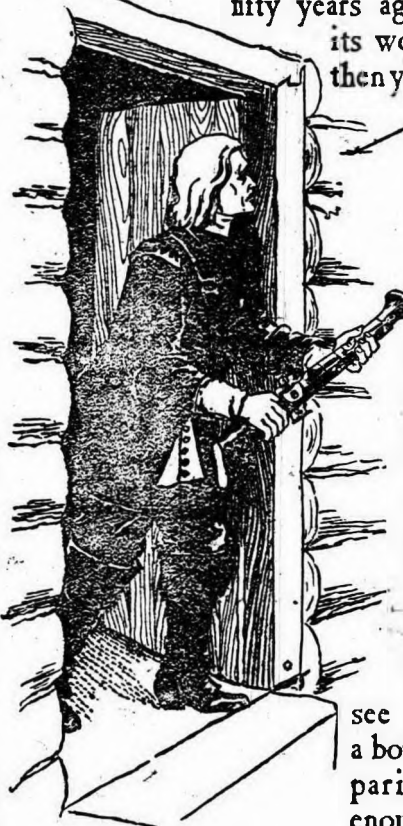
There was a vessel that had been tossed on the seas for a great many weeks, and been disabled, and the supply of water gave out, and the crew were dying of thirst. After many days they saw a sail against the sky. They signaled it. When the vessel came nearer, the people on the suffering ship cried to the captain of the other vessel, "Send us some water. We are dying for lack of water." And the captain on the vessel that was hailed responded: "Dip your buckets where you are. You are in the Amazon, and there are scores of miles of fresh water all around about you, and hundreds of feet deep." And then they dropped their buckets over the side of the vessel, and brought up the clear, bright, fresh water, and put out the fire of their thirst. And so I hail you today, after a long and perilous voyage, thirsting as you are for pardon, and thirsting for comfort, and thirsting for eternal life; and I ask you what is the use of your going in that death-struck state, while all around you is the deep, clear, wide, sparkling food of God's sympathetic mercy? Oh, dip your buckets and drink and live forever. "Whosoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely."

Yet there are people who refuse this divine sympathy; and they try to fight their own battles, and drink their own vinegar, and carry their own burdens; and their life, instead of being a triumphal march from victory to victory, will be a hobbling on from defeat to defeat, until they make final surrender to reticent disaster. Oh, I wish I could today gather up in my arms all the woes of men and women, all their heart-aches, all their disappointments, all their chagrins, and just take them right to the feet of a sympathizing Jesus. He took the vinegar. Nana Sahib, after he had lost his last battle, in India, fell back into the jungles of Iheri—jungles so full of malaria that no mortal can live there. He carried with him also a ruby of great lustre and of great value. He died in those jungles and his body was never found, and the ruby has never yet been recovered. And I fear that today there are some who will fall back from this subject into the sickening, killing jungles of their sin, carrying a gem of infinite value—a priceless soul to be lost forever. Oh, that that ruby might flash in the eternal coronation! But, no. There are some, I fear, who turn away from this offered mercy, and comfort, and divine sympathy, notwithstanding that Christ, for all who accept his grace, trudged the long way, and suffered the lacerating thongs, and received in his face the expectorations of the filthy mob, and for the guilty, and the discouraged, and the comforted of the race, took the vinegar. May God Almighty break the infatuation, and lead you out into the strong hope, and the good cheer, and the glorious sunshine of this triumphant Gospel!

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"Never!" cried M. Bourgeuil, rising hastily and throwing his napkin down on the table.

"Never! You understand!" As the master mason paced up and down the dining-room turning about like a bear in a cage his wife beat over her plate and her eyes were moist as she mechanically munched her almonds.

For the last two years the same dispute had come up between the couple at intervals, for it had been just two years since they had discarded their son Edward because he married a girl picked up, no one knows where, in the Latin Quarter, where he was finishing his studies. How they had doted on this Edward, their only son, and spoiled him from childhood. He had come to them after ten years of marriage, when they had renounced all hopes of offspring. After his birth Bourgeuil—already a builder on a small scale—had said to his wife:

"You know, Clemence, Paris is to be reconstructed from one end to the other. Building will be lively, and if it keeps up I will have made a fortune in ten or fifteen years. So I hope that this little chap won't have to mount a scaffolding as his papa has done, and come home nights with spots of plastering on his gray coat. We'll make a gentleman of him, hey Bourgeuil?"

Things turned out as the father had predicted. Edward was a brilliant pupil at the Lyceum Louis le Grand, and Bourgeuil, the Limousin peasant, who had come to Paris with two gold pieces tied up in the corner of his handkerchief, had the pride of seeing his son congratulated by the minister as he received the prize of the Concours General. He would certainly have no trouble in the future in obtaining a licentiate's or doctor's degree, which would open to him almost any career.

"We will leave the youngster 25,000 good livres," said Bourgeuil, patting his wife on the back with his broad hand. "We must soon look about for a wife for him, hey? We must find a pretty girl, as well educated as he is, who will make him happy and be a credit to us."

Alas for these fine projects! The young man had already met a girl who had inspired him with love. Yielding to his ardor he had neglected his studies, and at 25 he had not yet obtained his degree. Very sad and disheartened the old parents had not yielded to despair.

They said to themselves: "Youth, with its follies, will soon pass away." One day, however, the foolish boy had the audacity to tell them that he adored his doll and that he wished to marry her. It was a wonder that Father Bourgeuil did not have a stroke of apoplexy. The hot blood rushed to his head as he drove his son out and cut off his entire allowance. "If you give my name to that creature," cried the old man in his anger, "you will not get a sou from either of us till after our death." The wicked, ungrateful boy followed his own desire to the end and broke off entirely with his parents. Now he was married and lived on a clerk's pittance in the outskirts like any other poor man.

It is true that the old folks had suffered much during the two years since they had seen their son. Lately the situation had grown worse. It was the mother's fault, of course. She had lost all her anger and only chagrin remained. She was inclined to pardon the delinquent. At last she braved her husband's anger by mentioning her wish to him.

But he only grew terribly angry, shouted out a "never" which made the

"Well, I must tell you, Bourgeuil, that you have a heart of stone."

"And I tell you, old lady, you are a simpleton!" Saying this the master mason went out, slamming the door after him. Then, sitting down alone by the evening lamp, the old mother softly cried over her knitting. Bourgeuil, who could not endure the sight of her sad face, took refuge in a neighboring cafe, where he passed his evenings at cards. In the pauses of the game he bemoaned the degeneracy of the times, when the authority of parents was despised by their children, and when every day saw family respect grow less. He, at least, would set a good example and would be severe to the last with the disobedient son. As this was his sole topic of conversation, in spite of the prestige given him by his fortune, his companions did not hesitate to call him behind his back a "bore" and an old "miser." In his presence, however, they praised his firmness. One, whose pipe was especially offensive, invariably responded to the old man's imprecations with the remark:

"Bravo, Father Bourgeuil! You deserve to be a Roman!"

Now, Father Bourgeuil possessed very confused notions, concerning antiquity. Still, he had a vague knowledge of the story of old Brutus, and the thought that he was a man of that stamp flattered his vanity exceedingly. For all that, when he left the cafe and found himself alone in the darkness he said to himself—very softly—that that same Brutus had a hard heart, and



"BRAVO, FATHER BOURGEUIL!" that it was frightful to condemn his son to death.

Easter Sunday came with its bright sun and chilly wind. In spite of the cold Paris had holiday appearance. The women whose winter toilets looked so dingy in the sunlight had bunches of boxwood protruding from their muffs. There was boxwood everywhere; even the horses on the cabs had little sprigs of it on their bridles. M. Bourgeuil, who had stayed at the cafe until midnight the night before, awoke late. He was in a wretched humor. At dinner the previous evening his wife had again spoken to him of Edward and had tried to excite his sympathy. She had been making inquiries and had learned that the wife of this son—for after all they could not deny that he was their son—was not at all a good-for-nothing, as they had thought at first. A poor girl, without doubt, who had been a carpet-maker. But then, what were they, the parents? Successful working people, and that was all. They had never expected to introduce their son into the Faubourg Saint Germain. When Edward had first become acquainted with his Angelina—a silly name, but that was not her fault—she was rather giddy. But since her marriage nothing had been said against her. Would he not have a little indulgence for those unfortunate children?

"For my dear," she concluded, "they are in want, yes, in want! I have learned from the insurance company where our Edward works how much he gets. Two hundred francs a month is all; not so much as you spend for your cigars and at the cafe. Oh, I do not ask you to see them. Only help them a little. Since we have so much, would it not be right to do so?"

The poor old lady took courage as her husband did not reply, but thoughtfully twirled the glass he had just emptied. She rose from her place and went around to the other side of the table and placed her hand timidly on the shoulder of the formidable head of the family. Vain effort! Papa Bourgeuil, all at once remembering that he was a "Roman," burst into maledictions and ended with his eternal "Never!"

Still this morning the master mason was singularly sad. He was nervous, too, and cut himself twice while shaving. No, indeed! He would not be soft enough to give a sou to his gentleman son. He was a "Roman!"

He went down to the parlor; that parlor that interested him so much when anything interested him. He looked at the clock. It was only 11, and the good man impatiently thought of how he would have to wait until noon for his breakfast.

Then Mother Bourgeuil came back from mass, carrying a great bunch of boxwood, which she laid down on the table, and whose fresh, strong odor filled the room.

Father Bourgeuil was no poet; neither did he have a sensitive nature; but he had sensations, like all mortals, and with him as with others these sensations awoke remembrances.

As the old lady separated the branches to decorate the room the pungent odor disturbed the old man's mind. He recalled an Easter morning—long, long ago—when he was still an apprentice, and when his wife went out to sew. It was their honeymoon, for they had been married just before Lent. As to-day, she had brought from church some sprigs of boxwood and had hung them around their poor little room: How pretty she was, and how he loved her! Then in a moment his memory ran over their long years of wedded life, during which she had

been so industrious, so economical and so devoted. And it was this woman whom he was making suffer because of their unworthy son. But was he really so unworthy? Of course one should honor one's father and one's mother. Still, perhaps there are excuses for faults of youth.

Just as he had reached this point in his sad reflections the old lady took a bunch of the boxwood and hung it over the photograph of their Edward, taken when he was a collegian, at the time he had won all the prizes.

The old mason hardly knew where he was for a moment, so strong was the flood of memory. His head swam; the odor of the boxwood intoxicated him; but it was with pity and generosity. He went up to his wife, took her hands, and after a glance at the picture, he said:

"Shall we forgive him, Clemence?" Ah! her cry of joy pierced his heart! And her husband had called her Clemence, as in the days of her youth. It had been more than fifteen years since he had given her that name. She understood that he loved her still.

She hugged him and kissed him many, many times. Then, taking his head in her hands, she whispered something in his ear. She could keep the secret no longer. The Sunday before she had gone to see her son. He was so penitent for having offended them, but he would have asked for pardon many times had he dared.

"And you know," she added in a loving voice, "you know, I saw his wife. You could not have asked for a sweeter one, I assure you. So, dainty and pretty? She adores our Edward; one could see that at once. She keeps her poor little house as neat as wax. Her past? Yes, I know. But, since Edward loves her—and then, in our humble sphere one is not so severe. And besides, father, in a short time we shall be grandparents."

Father Bourgeuil tremblingly said: "Enough, mother. Have the table laid for four and send for a carriage. Wait; take one of the branches as a token of peace—and bring them back with you."

While the mother, overcome with happiness, wept on her husband's breast, he—where now was ancient Brutus, the "Roman"—broke down and sobbed like the weakest of women.

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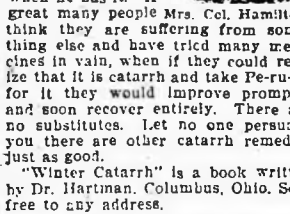
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Dry Goods for the spring and summer trade: Wash
Goods, Gingham, Wool Dress Goods, and other goods
too numerous to mention.

A. A. Taft.

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Friday, Mar. 31, 1899.

Woman's Literary Club.

The Woman's Literary Club met at the residence of Mrs. T. C. Sherwood, Friday afternoon, March 24th, with fifteen active and one honorary member present. Roll call was responded to by quotations on music.

The following members were appointed by the president to act as the program committee: Mrs. E. W. Chaffee, chairman, Mrs. F. B. Adams, Mrs. E. H. Ryder, Miss Sherwood and Miss Allen.

After the report of critic, Miss Fairman read the life and distinctive work of each. Michael Angelo, Ben Johnson, Francis Bacon.

Miss Sherwood handled the topic, "American Literature," which a vote of thanks was extended to her by the club.

A letter from Mrs. Mary Sly of the Northwestern University of Chicago, in reply to an inquiry of the club, was read by Mrs. John Shaw.

Adjourned to meet in two weeks with Miss Fairman at residence of Mrs. E. W. Chaffee.

MAUD V. PACKARD, Sec. pro tem.

State Printing.

A statement is being widely circulated by persons who are directly interested in the continuation of the present expensive system of doing the State printing, to the effect that the State of Pennsylvania has abandoned its State printing plant and returned to the contract system.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. Pennsylvania never had a State printing plant, all the printing in that State being done under the contract system as provided by the constitution. The circular which is being sent out to Granges throughout the State is evidently an attempt to deceive the public in order to secure votes against the proposed constitutional amendment for the establishment of a State printing office.

It is believed that a State printing office would be the means of saving many thousands of dollars to the people of Michigan annually. It is not a new thing, as the national printing office at Washington has done all the official printing of the federal government for many years.

Anthony Hope's New Romance.

Anthony Hope's new romance, which he has just finished, is called "The Countess Emilia," and has been purchased by The Ladies' Home Journal, in which periodical it will immediately begin. The story is about a beautiful Countess. She has quarreled with her husband, and they have decided to live in seclusion in separate wings of the castle. This they do until Captain Dieppe, who becomes a member of the household, inadvertently opens a door, through which are revealed to him the apartments of the exiled Countess, with the beautiful occupant standing in a doorway. The Captain falls in love with the young woman, and from this point there is not a moment's cessation in the romantic adventures which ensue in the castle, its gardens and neighboring places of rendezvous.

An Adrian young lady visiting in the country has worked in a whole vegetable garden in the following clever composition: "We have a calf that beets anything in the county. Its color is a radish-brown, peppered with white. It sags in three months and when it gets older we will dehorn it so that no one can get gourd by it. It does not carrot all what you feed it, will not turnip its nose at anything. At first we named her Salsify, but now we cauliflower of the flock. Uncle Rastus says, 'By god, I've got one tomatoer.' 'Yes,' I says, 'like kull you have.' She should make a good family cow, as none of her ancestors were ever owned by the milk man, hence she has no pumpkin. I expect it will make her spinach to carry this load. We did intend to sell her but father has squashed the proceedings and will not let her, why celery'll have to that's all. I tell him he don't know beans, that if we don't sell her someone will cabbage her, for every night she runs out doors. Peas in the family is as essential as peace in Spain. In order to maintain it we will say no more about selling her."—Adrian Messenger.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine, and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on J. L. Gale, Druggist, and get a free trial bottle. Regular size 50c. and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded.

Baker makes all kinds of photos at the lowest prices.

Weak and Diseased Stomachs.

Is it to be Wondered At?

Because you have made the stomach a receptacle for almost everything, from childhood, regardless of its adaptation, and it has broken down, you rebelled under this outrageous abuse, you try to patch up a truce by dopping it with bill-board remedies, regardless of name or merit, because they are extensively advertised. The result is, that having tried several of these nostrums, with little or no benefit, being deceived by all, you lose faith in medicine, become hopeless, and consider your disease incurable.

To such we say, make one more grand effort in the purchase of a package of Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer; if this fails to convince you of its efficacy to cure any case of stomach and nerve trouble, and if you do not clearly realize a marked change for the better, don't buy any more.

Don't be fooled with substitutes. Ask for Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer. For sale by John L. Gale, druggist.

A valuable book on Stomach and Nerve troubles, their various symptoms, Caudure, free at the above drug store.

Salem.

Mrs. Burnett, of Wayne, is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Tousey.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Westfall and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Westfall and son, of Ypsilanti, visited Mrs. F. C. Wheeler on Monday.

Mrs. Amelia Perkins was summoned to Stowe, Pa., Monday, on account of illness of her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Craze.

The Knights of Pythias gave a maple sugar social in their hall last Friday evening. There was a large attendance and everybody reported a good time.

There will be services in the Congregational church next Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Bailey, mother of ex-Supervisor Bailey, died at her home in Emery, last Friday. Funeral from the house Sunday afternoon, Rev. E. A. Coffin officiating.

Mrs. Bert Rich, of Detroit, is ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Austin.

Mrs. O. M. Thrasher is receiving a visit from her brother, Francis Church.

Mrs. Ella King, of Plymouth, is visiting her niece, Mrs. F. C. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, of Highland, are visiting at the home of Rev. Thrasher.

Fred Sober, of Detroit, was in town Monday.

Mrs. C. M. Fuller is on the sick list.

Dan Murray made a business trip to Saginaw Wednesday.

Clarence Alsbro is moving into the Smith house recently vacated by Walter White.

The Republicans have named Charles Kingsley as their candidate for supervisor and Miss Alice Quackenbush for school inspector. The democrats nominated our popular druggist, S. D. Chapin, for supervisor and Jennie E. Wheeler for school inspector. Mrs. Wheeler is a staunch democrat although the wife of our republican postmaster.

Rev. Hannaford and family left Monday for Athens, Mich., their future home.

Red Hot From The Gun

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman, of Newark, Mich., in the Civil War. It caused horrible Ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures cuts, bruises, burns, boils, felons, corns, skin eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. 25c. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by J. L. Gale, Druggist.

HOMESEEKER'S EXCURSIONS, APRIL 4 AND 18, VIA OHIO CENTRAL LINES.

To points on C. & O. Ry. and N. & W. R. R. in Virginia and to points via said lines in North and South Carolina.

For tickets, rates and full information call on agents of Ohio Central Lines or address W. A. Peters, M. P. A., Detroit Mich. 605

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

Present, George S. Homer, acting Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Nathan T. Bradner, deceased.

An instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, having been delivered into this court for probate and on reading and filing the petition of Miss F. H. Hines praying that administration with the will annexed of said estate may be granted to her or some other suitable person.

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

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said time of hearing, in the PLYMOUTH MAIL, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County, of Wayne.

GEORGE S. HOMER, Clerk of Court for said County, acting Judge of Probate. HENRY S. HILBERT, Register. 601-603

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE In the matter of the estate of PETER F. ALBION, deceased.

It is ordered, that the estate of Peter F. Albion, deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the residence of Emile E. Albion in the township of Bedford, in said county, on Monday, the first day of May, A. D. 1899, and on Friday, the first day of September, A. D. 1899, at ten o'clock a. m. of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that six months from the first day of March, A. D. 1899, were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

JULIUS CARLIN, AUGUST HARRAU, Commissioners. Dated March 16th, 1899. 601-604

Children and baby picture a specialty at Baker's

William Arnold's gravel bed between Chelsea and Dexter is better than a Kluge-like. A number of years ago he sold a gravel hill to the Michigan Central for several thousand dollars, and last week he sold to the same company 18 acres at the gravel bed for \$8,000 and a life pass for himself and family over the company's lines. It is reported that the gravel will be used in completing the double track between Dexter and Ypsilanti this summer.—Chelsea Standard.

A fraud order has been issued against the Monitor Mfg. Co., D. Frank Dreher, manager, Toledo, O. Dreher advertised a bicycle for \$3.98 and the further consideration that parties receiving machines at that price should exhibit them and endeavor to get orders on commission. The "bicycle" furnished was a model of a bicycle, to be used as a paper weight. Dreher was tried before the United States court, plead guilty, and was fined \$250 and costs.—Canton Caveat.

Wanted—An Idea Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their free plan book. No fee if you do not succeed.

BAR-BEN

THE GREAT RESTORATIVE
It's not a "patent" medicine but is prepared direct from the formula of K. F. Barton, M. D., Cleveland's most eminent specialist, by Hiram O. Benson, Ph.D., B.S. BAR-BEN is the greatest known restorative and vigorator for men and women. It cures and restores strength, clears the brain, makes the blood pure and rich and causes a general feeling of health, strength and renewed vitality, while the generative organs are helped to regain their normal powers and the sufferer is quickly made conscious of direct benefit. One box will work wonders, and should perfect cure. Prepared in small sugar coated tablets easy to swallow. The days of colicky composition, nervous prostration and the liquid tonics are over. BAR-BEN is for sale at all drug stores, a 60-tablet box for 50 cents, or we will mail it securely sealed on receipt of price. DR. BARTON AND BENSON, 461 Bar-Ben Block, Cleveland, O.
For sale by J. L. Gale, druggist, Plymouth

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The best place in America for young men and women to secure a Business Education. Thorough practical training in Penmanship, Bookkeeping, and all the details of Business. Graduation certificate recognized by all the leading business houses of the country. W. F. JEWELL, Pres. F. R. BUCKNER, Sec.

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RIDDEN by the professional racer, it has proven a winner oftener than any in competition. Ridden by the non-professional, by the "scorcher," for business or pleasure, it has a record second to none. Material used in its construction, pains-taking care in manufacturing details, ease in running, and handsome, symmetrical design are a few of its claims for superiority. Reasonable prices, coupled with high values, are characteristics of the "WHITE." Our long established reputation guarantees the excellence of our product.

Models A and B..... \$50.00
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"Special Racer"..... 65.00
Models E and F (chainless)..... 75.00

White Sewing Machine Company,
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

A. S. LYNDON, Agent, Plymouth.

CLIPPER BICYCLES.....

The new up-to-date wheel is the "Clipper Special" and is the most expensive chain wheel now made yet the price is within reach of everybody. Call and see the line.

BARGAINS IN WATCHES.

If you are thinking of buying a Watch, don't fail to get our prices.

A Fine Line of Beaded Chains Just Received, prices ranging, according to quality, from 30c to \$1.25.

C. G. DRAPER,

Conner Bldg. JEWELER.

BOGERT & CO.

NEW GROCERY.
SUTTON ST. PLYMOUTH.

- 18 pounds Granulated Sugar..... \$1 00
- 9 Bars Queen Anne Soap..... 25
- 2 Cans Salmon..... 25
- 3 Cans Fancy Corn..... 25
- 3 Cans Fancy Peas..... 25
- Arm & Hammer Soda per pound..... 07
- Bulk Starch per package..... 04
- Mince Meat per package..... 07
- Fancy Syrup per gallon pail..... 30
- 1 Dozen Clothes Pins..... 01
- Good Tea per pound..... 35
- Plug Tobacco Q. & Q. per pound..... 20
- Good Coffee 2 pounds for..... 25
- Cocoanut per pound..... 15
- Chase & Sanborn's Mocha and Java Coffee..... 25c
- Gluten Whole Wheat Flour.....

Try our Teas and Coffees.
Get our prices for Butter and Eggs before selling elsewhere.
Prompt delivery to all parts of the city.

New Spring Goods.

We are pleased to say every day we are receiving new goods, and in a few days we will be able to offer to the public the most complete line of Spring Goods ever seen in Wayne county. Having made our floor room nearly one half larger we are enabled to show goods to better advantage and are going to undersell all others.

Remember the Largest Stock and Lowest Prices

are the two principal reasons why we want you to do your spring trading at

Riggs' Big "Double Floor" Store.

New Spring Carpets, Rugs, Draperies. New Spring Curtains, Shades, etc.
New Spring Suits and Top Coats at the Lowest Prices ever seen.
New Spring Ladies' Suits at one-quarter less than Detroit Prices. New Spring Dry Goods.
About 20 bales of Cotton, bought when it was cheap, at 5c yd. Cannot be equalled at 7c now.
Elegant New Spring Shoes for Ladies, Gents and Children. Great Bargains.
New Spring Hats, Caps, Neckwear, Shirts, Colored Collars.
The last call on Cloaks and Overcoats just about Half Price.

E. L. RIGGS.

N. B.—Don't above all things go elsewhere before you have taken a look at our new Carpets and Ladies Suit rooms on the Second Floor. It will do you good to take a peep up there.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION.

What Our Some Gathered on the Outside.—Other News.

Items.

"Woman against woman" for school inspector.

Zelda Briggs visited in Wayne the latter part of last week.

First regular meeting of the new council next Monday night.

Mias Flora Whitbeck is spending the week with Detroit friends.

Jessie and Elmer Chaffee, of Wayne, visited at A. W. Chaffee's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dibble and daughter, of Detroit, spent Sunday in Plymouth.

Candidates for the appointive offices in the village do not seem to be numerous.

Bear in mind the entertainment at the M. E. church tomorrow (Saturday) night.

A. H. Dibble has been unable to attend to business this week on account of sickness.

Some men seem to forget that if they didn't talk at all they would talk so much less foolishly.

—LOST—Gold band ring, initials inside J. D. A. Finder please leave at MAIL office.

The MAIL office has printed election ballots this week for Plymouth, Salem and Livonia townships.

Cass Benton and Charles Sessions are the candidates for supervisor in Northville township this year.

Be sure that your name is on the township registration book if you wish to vote Monday. Registration Saturday.

Ed. Shafer, of Northville, sold his Queen Harold last week to New York parties for \$350. She has a record of 2:16.

Mrs. Adie Field and two daughters and Master John Carter, all of Whitmore Lake, are visiting at C. A. Pinckney's.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Roe celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of their wedding, Tuesday, by a gathering of relatives at their home.

Reginald Oliver and three other boys of Co. L have obtained a seven days furlough and are visiting Havana and other Cuban cities this week.

Carl Heide has moved the S. W. Everett house onto a vacant lot just east of Daniel Baker's. Mr. Heide recently purchased the house of W. F. Markham.

Bert Marr was fortunate enough to recover his watch which was stolen, with other things, from his boarding house a short time ago. It was found in a Toledo pawnshop.

Quarterly meeting next Sunday at the Methodist church. Rev. W. H. Shire, D. D., will preach at 10:30. A cordial invitation to all. A fine Easter service in the evening.

April 13 and 14 are the dates set for "Too Much Johnson." Everybody knows that there is no discount on the entertainments given by the L. O. T. M. and this one will be no exception to the rule.

The evening services at the Baptist church next Sunday will be a special Easter program. In the morning Rev. Bicknell will preach from the subject: "The Spirit Nerve-center of Christianity."

E. J. Lyon has enrolled in the U. S. V. Signal Corps Reserve and has received corporal stripes in the same. The U. S. V. S. C. R. is now stationed at Augusta, Ga. Mr. Lyon has a furlough and expects to leave Camp McKenzie on the 31st inst.

Dr. T. H. Oliver, who has been absent some time, has been taking a special course in diseases of the ear, nose, throat and lungs in Chicago. He will return to Plymouth April 1st, and resume practice. His office will be located in the Safford block, over Riggs store. The family will return about May 1st.

Try the "Best Tonic" cigar. 611

Commencing Saturday evening, April 1st, the stores in the village will keep open until their usual hour. The early closing scheme has proven a success this winter, nearly all of our merchants locking their doors as near eight o'clock as was possible.

The Bay View Reading Circle gave a reception last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Hill. About thirty-five members and invited guests were present. Refreshments were served and the evening spent in literary games and a social time.

An adv. in the corner of a paper napkin received by us this week discloses the fact that our former townsman, A. M. Potter, has gone into business at La Junta, Colo. He handles stationery, school supplies, books and candies. We wish Mr. Potter an abundance of success.

It is seldom that people like "too much" of anything, but everybody is sure to like "Too Much Johnson," the great mirth provoking comedy which has been successfully played in many of the leading cities. It will be presented, at the Opera House, Thursday and Friday evenings, April 13th and 14th, by Plymouth's best local talent. Don't miss it.

Morse Rohnert was in town Saturday adding stays to his political fence. Mr. Rohnert has one of the best political advertising schemes yet produced, which is very useful as well as serving the purpose Morse intended it for. It is a map of Wayne county, and a good one at that, showing every farm with the owner's name. Mr. Rohnert has his "complements" printed in red on one side.

On the F. & P. M. train Friday night were two fellows on their way to Toledo who had been in the employ of the F. & P. M. R. Co. for eight years. They were gloriously drunk and thought they owned the road. They abused the conductor, passengers and everybody else they could see. Upon reaching Plymouth Constable Smith took them in charge and on Saturday they were fined \$7 each or 60 days in the House of Correction for being drunk and disorderly and using profane language on a railroad train. They paid the fine.

If persons who do not know how to vote would carefully read the instructions on the ballot there would be no votes thrown out. At almost every election there are many evidences of ignorance along this line. Some persons deposit their ballot without making a mark of any kind on it while others do not place a cross under the party name, but simply vote for one or two candidates. If a man doesn't know how to vote he should ask assistance or get a sample ballot and study it.

J. R. Rauch & Son believe in advertising. This week they gave sunbonnets away. Two prominent Plymouth ladies were in their store Wednesday afternoon looking over their new spring stock when they caught sight of some blue gingham sunbonnets—the kind our mothers used to make. One of the ladies asked the proprietor if he would give her one if she would wear it home. Mr. Rauch said it was a bargain providing she would wear it around the park, and made the same offer to the other lady. Notwithstanding the fact that they were dressed for making calls, they exchanged their hats for the sunbonnets and made the trip.

The Vaughan Comedy Co. played in a crowded house Monday night but their show was not very well received. They were unable to play "Lost in London" on account of two members of the company being ill, but they attempted to fill their date as best they could. They were billed for Tuesday night but decided to wait until Saturday (tomorrow) night, when they will attempt to retrieve the bad impression they left on Monday night.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

Service 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school 11:45 A. M. Wednesday evening meeting, 7:30. Christian Science Hall. All are most cordially invited. Subject for next Sunday will be: Are Sin, Disease and Death Real?

Lottie Grainger is quite sick.
E. D. Hubbard has moved into the Marshall house on Depot street.

Mrs. Thos. Gallagher, of Detroit, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Chas. Armstrong.

Adelbert Knapp has moved onto the T. C. Sherwood farm south of the village. Negotiations are still pending in the matter of the Armitage Manufacturing Co.

There was a vacation in our school Wednesday to allow the teachers to attend the regular annual educational conference at Ypsilanti.

Fred Schiffe intends to commence building a house for himself as soon as the weather becomes settled. He will live with his father-in-law, Mr. Deland, in the meantime.

When you get ready to subscribe for a paper or magazine call at the MAIL office. We can get it for you cheaper than you can get it yourself besides saving you the trouble and expense of sending for it. All you have to do is to leave the order with us and we will do the rest.

Owing to the rush we have had on election work, besides an extra-patronage in job work, we were unable to give our readers Mr. C. H. Bennett's weekly Mexican letter. We will probably give two next week.

Just as we go to press we are informed that the Armitage Manufacturing Co. have accepted the offer of the committee which was appointed to negotiate with them, and prospects are very flattering for the establishment of their factory in Plymouth.

The Detroit, Plymouth & Northville electric line is doing a very good business, and carries several hundred passengers daily. The fare between Detroit and Plymouth, 27 miles, is 30 cents. Tickets can be obtained in the waiting room of the Detroit, Ypsilanti & Ann Arbor railway, 111 Griswold street, or in Plymouth at Bell's news depot. The work of constructing the line between Plymouth and Northville will be completed by June 1.

Upon, March 22d, The Ohio Central Lines after five months negotiations, completed arrangements by which they will be allowed to ticket G. A. R. members to Philadelphia via the C. & O. Ry. upon the occasion of their encampment. This matter was started in November, but delayed from time to time until it almost appeared hopeless of successful outcome. This route will be unquestionably the one chosen by the large majority of the G. A. R. upon their trip. The line of the C. & O. Ry. was one of the most historic fields in the Rebellion. Upon the route over which the Ohio Central will convey this business, are the battle fields of Waynesboro, Gordonsville, Orange C. H., Barnett's Ford, Cedar Mountain, Culpeper, Brandy Station, Rappahannock, Beverly Ford, Bealeton Station, Licking Run, Warrenton Jct., Gettysburg Station, Kettle Run, Bristoe Station, Manassas Jct., Blackburn's Ford, McLean's Ford, Bull Run and Alexandria, then through Washington, our Nation's Capitol City. This route, its every mile, will be full of interest for the Veteran. The Ohio Central has during the past year ticketed via C. & O. Ry. a very large number of soldiers under its various contracts with Government, and it is thought this concession from the C. & O. Ry. to Ohio Central for G. A. R. is in appreciation of such business.

Working Night and Day.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globe of health, that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c. per box. Sold by J. L. Gale.

Two of the teachers of chemistry in the University have just been drawn away by better salaries paid in industrial chemistry. One was Mr. H. E. Brown, B. S. '90, assistant instructor in the chemical laboratory for the last three years, who has taken the place of chemist for the Michigan Cement Co., manufacturers of Portland cement. He will be with Dr. Garlach, the chief chemist, at the Coldwater works, for some months, after which he will have chemical charge of the works at Quincy. At the University both teachers and students regret that Mr. Brown could not remain. The other teacher who has gone is Mr. W. A. Nivling, Ph. C. '97, assistant instructor in qualitative work. He goes as chemist for the Sioux City Starch Works, in Iowa, having been for some time engaged to take the position as soon as the works should commence operation.

Your Nerves will kill You

If you neglect them. The moment your nervous system becomes impaired your vital organs fail to perform their functions properly, and dangerous diseases follow. Cleveland's Celery Compound Tea is an immediate and permanent cure for Nervous Prostration, Nervous Exhaustion, Constipation, Indigestion, Headache, and all diseases of the Blood, Stomach, Liver and Kidneys. Geo. W. Hunter & Co. will give you a trial package free. Large packages, 25 cents.

OUR

Beautiful Spring Stock

of Wash Dress Fabrics

have come. Now we are anxious to have you come and see the goods. Even if you do not contemplate any immediate purchase, a visit to our store will certainly result in making you well informed regarding the new styles and prices. If you are ready to buy remember we possess the inclination to give you real bargains

And We Will Do It.

Our new goods are really beautiful and first-class throughout. Style, Quality and Elegance combined with prices that are strictly fair. Come in and let us prove it to you. We know our stock will make us friends and sell itself on its merits if given a chance.

Choice Teas, Canned Goods, Oranges,
Bananas, Figs and Dates.

Prices lower than the lowest.

Hillmer & Co.,

Opp. Village Hall. Plymouth.

Meat Market.

WE ARE DOING.....
A BIG BUSINESS

Because our customers are treated right at our market.

Our Trade is Increasing.....
Because we sell the Best Meats that can be procured.

Orders called for and delivered.

H HARRIS.

We are Still in the Lead

With Great Bargains in every line of Goods.



A new line of **Wall Paper** at the following

Prices, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 30c a double roll.

Remnants at your own price

A new line of Cloth and Felt Window Shades.

Low prices in all lines of Dry Goods

Low prices in all Ready-Made Clothing

New line of Ladies' and Gents' Shoes and Slippers, low prices

Low prices in Hardware, Nails, Fence Wire, and House

Trimnings. 4,000 lbs Pure White Lead at low prices

A new stock of Toledo Plows at \$10 each

A new stock of Mixed Paints at \$1.25

Paint Oils, Turpentine, Dryers.

Same Prices on Groceries as last week's ad

A. J. LAPHAM,
Free Delivery Daily. North Village.

Millinery Announcement!

FOR SPRING, 1899.

To the Ladies of Plymouth and Vicinity:

You are cordially invited to my first Opening of Pattern Hats and Bounnets on

29, 30, 31 March and 1 April.

In view of the extended use of Ribbons this year, I have a large assortment of beautiful New Patterns. My stock of Flowers is very complete, also Black, White and Colored Laces, Veilings, Silk and Muslin Bonnets, Muslin Hats and Fancy Hats.

Main St., Plymouth.

MAUD VROOMAN.

NEWS FOR MICHIGANDERS.

A Whole Regiment of News Items From Michigan Towns

CAPTURED FOR BRIEF READING.

A Supposed Miser of Near Clio was Found Dead in His Home and a Laborer is Accused of the Murder—Michigan's Dead En Route Home.

Old Man Found Dead Near Clio.
Alex. Marr, aged 61, who lived alone on the old Moore farm five miles east of Clio, and was supposed to be a miser, was found dead on the floor by John Boyer, a neighbor, who went over to see him, and on seeing no tracks in the snow that fell during the night tried the door, which was unlocked, and upon entering found the body lying on the floor. Abraham Goodfellow, druggist and undertaker there, went to prepare the body for burial, when outside he found a chloroform bottle with his label on, and he remembered selling the bottle, together with a bottle of alcohol, the night before to Wm. Spears, who had been working in this vicinity for several months. The same night of the accident Spears hired a livery rig, which was also seen tied in front of the old man's house at a late hour. Spears was arrested at Berch Run and taken to the county jail at Flint.

Shows a Big Increase.
An advance statement issued by Insurance Commissioner Campbell, covering the business of life, casualty, assessment and fraternal insurance companies operating in the state, shows that there has been a great increase in the business. The aggregate of policies issued was \$30,356,292, an increase of \$2,465,587 over last year. The amount in force at the close of the year was \$141,733,627, an increase of \$8,151,831. The amount of premiums received was \$1,990,004, an increase of \$417,245, and the amount of losses incurred was \$1,799,317, a decrease of \$104,962. The Michigan companies have also increased their business and earnings, and the life companies doing business in the state have enjoyed a particular and unusual prosperity.

The Same Old Way.
Three months ago farmers in this state could not get 25 cents per bushel for their potatoes. Then came the big freeze-up and the reports that all pitted potatoes had been ruined sent the price up flying. Fifty cents was freely offered by buyers, but many whose potatoes were in good condition refused to sell at that price, although it was double the top figure of a few weeks before. Now it is being found that the tubers in pits were not nearly as badly injured as was supposed, and the price has dropped again, and those who could have sold at 50 cents, but held out for a dollar, are doing some tall thinking.

Remains of Dead Soldiers Coming Home.
"It would," writes Chas. E. Kiplinger, the Michigan commissioner on the exhuming of the bodies of the dead soldiers from this state, "be well to notify all persons interested, through the columns of the press, that the steamer having on board all bodies of soldiers who died in Cuba, will arrive in New York the latter part of April." In a report to Gov. Pingree, Mr. Kiplinger says arrangements have been made to expedite the work in which he is engaged, its progress to date having been slow. In all 225 bodies have now been exhumed, of which 20 belonged to the 35th Michigan volunteer infantry.

Sticks to the Throttle.
John McCurdy, the oldest Michigan Central locomotive engineer in the state, whose running time dates back within a few months of 50 years, and who had the first run from Jackson to Chicago, was made the generous offer by the Central management a few days ago to allow him to retire on half pay, but "Uncle" John preferred to pull the throttle yet awhile, so he was given a slower train at about \$100 a month. Half pay for him would be about \$50 per month.

Deserted His Bride.
Arthur J. Snyder, the son of a well-known tailor at St. Joseph, is locked up in the city prison at St. Joseph. It is charged that a few days ago he was secretly married at Fort Valley, Ga., to Miss Etta Lee. The next night after the marriage he managed to get hold of his bride's purse containing \$90. It is alleged that he immediately departed and deserted his bride, who has returned to her home grief-stricken.

Country Roads Effects Business.
The terrible condition of the roads in Michigan the past few weeks has had a bad effect on the business of merchants in the smaller places who depend largely on the country trade for support, the farmers not going to town any more than is absolutely necessary, as at present.

Inhabitant has pledged \$15,000 for the proposed railroad from Marshall to Bay City.
Huron county poorhouse has at present six inmates who are over 80 years old, of whom five are seriously ill with grip.

Mrs. Edward Kring, of Muskegon, tried the morphine route, but the timely appearance of a physician saved her.

A second death from smallpox is reported at Watervliet. The victim was the 10-year-old daughter of Jos. Whitmore.

Crosswell citizens will enjoy the privileges of a local telephone exchange as soon as the wires can be strung.

STATE GOSSIP.

The new 40-foot dam at Belleville has been entirely washed away.

The 31st Michigan expect to leave Cuba by May 20, reaching home June 10.

Bishop Foley has appointed Rev. B. Zmijewski pastor of St. Mary's church at Bronson.

There have been 20 interments in the Constantine village cemetery since Jan. 1, 1899.

Mrs. Dan Ross, of Deckerville, has given birth to twins which weigh 1 1/4 pounds each.

A postoffice has been established at Ina, Oseola county, Adelbert Kanouse, postmaster.

A postoffice has been established at Case, Presque Isle county, Christopher C. Smith, postmaster.

The Sterling house at Sterling, was nearly destroyed by fire, caused by defective flue. Insured.

Homer can get a cement factory giving employment to 75 men if a bonus of \$5,000 is forthcoming.

A stock company with a capital of \$5,000 has been organized at Yule to put in an evaporating plant.

Mrs. Lily B. Roman, of Monroe, has been reappointed assistant state librarian for four years from April 1.

Geo. Padgett, a Deontons farmer, lights his house and barn with electricity, the power being a windmill.

Frank A. Keyser, of Lansing, took a dose of laudanum after quarreling with his wife. Pumped out and saved.

Fred Sherwood, of Oshkema, was robbed of \$75 by a stranger whom he gave a ride. The robber is still at large.

Since Jan. 1, 70 boys have been received at the State Industrial school. More inmates now than ever before in its history.

The old Phoenix mine in Keweenaw county, which has been idle for the past 20 years, will be reopened this coming summer.

A party of 13 persons left Commerce last week for New York state. They travel in wagons and expect to be 20 days on the road.

Houghton will have a big cold storage plant this summer, a company having been organized for the purpose with \$60,000 capital.

The St. Johns Table Co.'s plant, of St. Johns, has been damaged to the extent of \$50,000 by fire. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Mrs. Clara Thayer, of Mason, who was recently convicted of forgery, has been sentenced to five years in the Detroit house of correction.

The population of Hillsdale county is increasing rapidly. In the past 60 days five pairs of twins have been born within six miles of Camden.

County Treasurer G. R. Rovejoy, of Macomb county, has commenced a \$10,000 damage suit against the G. T. Ry. Co. A broken kneecap is the cause.

A water famine and a reign of darkness will prevail at South Haven for a few days. The chimney to the power house must be torn down and rebuilt.

Because a Grand Rapids policeman did not assist a lady whom he had seen fall on a slippery walk to her feet again, he was suspended from duty by the police board.

Sheep shearing is booming around Vernon. There are four men who have already sheared over 4,000 sheep since last January and they have about as many more to shear.

The ice in Lake Huron is as firm as ever, and extends as far as the eye can reach from Middle Island. Vessels predict that boats will probably not be running before April 15.

Edward Mellugh, of Fenton, has purchased over 3,500 head of cattle and sheep of the farmers in the vicinity of Holly in the past three weeks. He paid nearly \$20,000 for them.

Mr. Gibbs, of Homer, claims that one of his hens laid six eggs per day for six successive days. His mind is not affected either, but it may turn out that some one put up a job on him.

The Toledo & Northwestern railroad has been graded to Charlotte and Albion, and will be graded to Hanover, where it will connect with the Cincinnati Northern. It will be completed this year.

The safe at the D. G. R. & W. railroad depot at Howell, was blown open and about \$10 taken from it. The safe was drilled from the top and the door blown off, breaking the glass in the office also.

The Hillsdale county board of supervisors is considering the matter of incorporating the village of Camden. Petitions have been presented asking for incorporation, and other petitions opposing such action.

In a heavy fog a bad rear-end collision between two regular southbound freights on the E. & P. M. R. R. occurred at New Weston. One killed, two injured and the company's finest engine completely demolished was the result.

Capt. J. B. Ford, head of the big Michigan Alkali Works, at Wyandotte, concluded negotiations for the purchase of a tract of land near Bellevue comprising 300 acres, on which are located excellent deposits of limestone. The purchase price is said to be \$90,000.

Reports to the state board of health show that rheumatism, influenza, bronchitis, neuralgia and tonsillitis, in the order named, caused the most sickness in Michigan, during the past week. Consumption was reported at 119 places, scarlet fever at 56, measles at 33, typhoid fever at 23, diphtheria at 17, whooping cough at 13 and smallpox at 6.

Lyman McNeil, of Atlas, recently died in Jacksonville, Fla. A search of his trunk revealed \$1,400 in cash, which made his total assets \$47,000. His wife was cut off by \$5, but will have about \$20,000, by order of the court.

Peter Kallonski, of Calumet, is locked up for trying to kill Eric Kaari, with an ax. Kallonski became enraged at Kaari and cut his head open. No hope is entertained for Kaari's recovery.

Lyons citizens have subscribed \$8,000 of the \$10,000 asked for by a railroad which proposes to build a line through that town, from Marshall to Bay City. This will make the third railroad for Lyons.

Mrs. John Harre, 71 years old, a resident of Jackson for 50 years, living alone, was found dead in bed. She was smothered by coal gas. She had shut off the draft in the pipe and left the store draft open.

Daniel Ross, a farmer living north of Lapeer, is the proud parent of two of the tiniest mites of humanity ever heard of—a pair of twins weighing less than two pounds. The mother and children are doing well.

The state game warden, it is claimed, has the names of 20 men and boys who have been doing illegal spearing on the St. Joseph river during the fall and winter months. Most of the offenders are from Constantine.

A vein of coal has been struck at Fergus, a little hamlet north of Cheasaning, that is proving to be a valuable one. Thirty new tenement houses will be erected at once as a result. The new village is to be known as North Fergus.

Prominent peach growers around Buchanan, now that they have had ample time to examine their trees since the big freeze of February, say that the trees have been killed without doubt. One grower losses his entire orchard of 1,500 trees.

The Reading Telephone-News says that a seamstress of that village carelessly left a needle in the back of a young lady customer's dress, and now a particular friend of the latter's family is going around with his arm done up in articulated bandages.

At a depth of 375 feet, while workmen were engaged in driving a well at Traverse City, they struck a flow of 12,000 barrels per day. Before it could be controlled it had flooded the vicinity. There are about 20 artesian wells in that city, and this one is the second largest.

Prof. W. B. Barrows, of the state agricultural college, declares the bounty for killing English sparrows is unnecessary and injudicious. He says the sparrows will not increase rapidly in this cold climate and if killing is necessary a little poison would be more humane and less expensive.

The farm house of Silas White, of Thetford township, Genesee county, burned to the ground. He and his wife are deaf mutes. They and three children escaped, although the father was badly burned. In the excitement a 4-year-old child was left in the house and burned to death. The charred remains were recovered in the ruins.

W. Rennie, an old soldier living about two miles from Battle Creek, has been trying for some time to secure a pension. Recently he received word that his claim had been rejected. He was very poor and in need of the money, and brooded over the rejection until it shattered his mind and he became violently insane. He has been sent to the Pontiac asylum.

A Hillsdale schoolboy found a piece of unslacked lime while on the way to school the other day, and put it in his jacket pocket. Later on he stuck a wet sponge in the same pocket. The scared school teacher thought the boy's pocket was on fire, and she thrust her hand into it and grabbed hold of the lime. She now has a very sore hand and the youngster won't soon forget the fatality.

A Marcellus man and his wife were going home one very dark night recently when the carriage in which they were wheeling their baby was tipped over and the baby spilled out. They had to hunt around some time before they could find the little one, and when they did it was in a hole under a hedge, sound asleep and oblivious of the fact that it had had a spill and been lost for some minutes.

The newest scheme which is being worked on the Michigan farmer is for a smooth agent to secure permission to tack up a few signs on the farmer's barns and fences, and then ask the unsuspecting stranger to sign an agreement not to tear down the signs for 90 days. Three months afterward the farmer who was simple enough to put his name to the paper is notified that his note is at 90 days, for \$300, is due.

May Reeves, of Albion, a high school pupil, tried to commit suicide by the morphine route in school. Some time ago it was noticed that she and a girl named Harvay were spending money recklessly at various city greenhouses and elsewhere, and it was proved that the money was stolen from the girl's teacher. The disgrace was too much for the Reeves girl and she took several large doses of morphine while sitting at her desk. She will probably live.

The queen regent has signed the decree giving Jules Cambon, French ambassador at Washington, full power to represent Spain at the exchange of ratification of the treaty of peace with the United States.

The running time of the Continental fast mail train over the Lake Shore and New York Central railroads has been reduced 1 1/2 hours, thus the run from New York to Chicago is now made in little over 22 hours.

While a 12-inch shell from one of the American battleships that took part in the blockade of Santiago was being unloaded at that port recently, it exploded, killing two men and a child, horribly mutilating a number of other persons and demolishing the building where the work was being done. The shell was to have been shipped north as a curio.

FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE

By Telegraph Giving a Brief Resume of the Week's Events.

RELIABLE AND INTERESTING.

Treasury Receipts for February—Our Cape Town Trade Worries England—A Kansas Farmer Murders His Five Children and Fires His Home.

Internal Revenue Receipts.
The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenues shows that the total receipts for February, 1899, were \$10,648,206—an increase as compared with February, 1898, of \$7,632,445. The receipts from the several sources of revenue are given as follows, together with the increases as compared with the same month in 1898: Spirits, \$3,024,767, increase \$1,034,500; tobacco, \$4,348,233, increase \$1,686,409; fermented liquors, \$7,737,531, increase \$1,625,353; oleomargarine, \$159,724, increase \$49,557; miscellaneous, \$3,298,492, increase \$3,256,377. Of the first amount \$3,211,484 was received from the sale of documentary and proprietary stamps. Mixed flour, \$578; bankers, \$6,635; billiard rooms, \$1,083; stock brokers, \$9,960; commercial brokers, \$3,730. Aggregate of special taxes, \$30,246. For the eight months of the fiscal year the total receipts from internal revenue sources were \$178,786,684, increase as compared with the same period in 1898 of \$69,299,658.

The British are Much Alarmed.
The English merchants have been startled by the heavy innards being made by Americans into their trade with the British colony of Cape Town, and there is much talk of combination to repress this. Two orders for American rails and tubing amounting to \$2,500,000 have been placed at a price 20 per cent below British quotations and, the Scotch makers refusing to make the tubes as long as required, the order went to America. A large match factory is being erected in Cape Town to use American machinery. Large shipments of barbed galvanized wire are being made to Natal by American manufacturers, also at prices 20 per cent below English quotations. A consignment of 3,000 tons of Pocahontas coal from Virginia has just reached Cape Town. Commercial travelers are obliged to pay a tax of \$48.33 in Natal under penalty of heavy fine and imprisonment and in Cape Town \$121.66.

Succession to German Thrones.
Advices from Berlin says: There is a strongly growing sentiment in favor of excluding foreign born princes from succession to German thrones. The death of the hereditary prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha and the question of the throne of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha have started a discussion which has taken a violent form in some of the papers. A member of the bundsrath has often discussed the matter during the past month, and that while nobody thinks of excluding the present heir to the throne of Coburg, some new legislation on the subject will shortly be proposed in the bundsrath jointly by the German governments, and that later it will be sent to the reichstag.

Another Explosion in Paris.
The series of explosions in government ammunition depots which commenced with the terrible disaster at La Goubraun, near Toulon, followed with explosions at Bourges and Marseilles. The latest explosion occurred in a laboratory of explosives attached to the war department, where experiments were being made with a new kind of gunpowder. Chief Engineer Veil, Assistant Engineer D'Orville, and a third official were injured. All the windows in the neighborhood were smashed and considerable other damage was done. Although it is not believed that the explosion was the result of foul play, great excitement followed.

Kerosene Will Explode.
Mrs. Frank Wilsch, of Oliver, Pa., used kerosene in kindling a fire. She and her two little children are fatally burned. When she poured the oil in the stove she was holding a babe in her arms and another child was standing near. Suddenly there was an explosion and the flames shot out and enveloped them all. Their clothing was burned off and their bodies were horribly charred.

TELEGRAPHIC BITS.
The Cuban army numbers 13,219 men exclusive of commissioned officers.
A salt palace will be erected at Salt Lake City. Millions of tons of rock salt is now available.
During a funeral at Evansville, Ind., five persons were injured, two fatally in a runaway accident.
Four lives were lost by the burning of a boarding house in Memphis, Tenn. The origin of the fire is not yet known.
Exports of tobacco at Havana during February last were 13,388 bales, mostly to New York. Cigar exports for the month totaled 16,744,490, packages of cigarettes 1,010,405; exports free of duty aggregated 5,415,393 kilograms.
Miss Catherine Noble, of Baltimore, Md., who narrowly escaped death at the time of the loss of the steamship Mohegan, when upward of 100 persons were lost, on Oct. 14 last, has commenced suit for \$50,000 against the Atlantic Transport Co., owners of the vessel.
Patrick Hessett, of Worcester, Mass., was beaten over the head with an iron bar by Mrs. Thomas Cary and killed. Mrs. Cary was insane. She attacked Hessett and Michael Sullivan who were sleeping together in one bed. Sullivan also received severe injuries.

WAR NOTES.

The fighting in the Philippines is still going on with a terrible loss of life. A report says Americans lost 45 killed and 145 wounded in one day, which was much lighter than the previous day. The insurgent loss is not estimated, but is said to be very heavy. The latest advice is to the effect that the rebels fired Malabon and Polo and retreated to Malolos, where, it is believed, they will make their last stand. Outtroops are in pursuit, capturing trench after trench.

In answer to a letter from the postmaster-general of the army, requesting a decision as to the class of enlisted men of the regular army entitled to the benefits of extra pay on discharge from the army, Solicitor Tracewell of the treasury has decided that the men who enlisted for the war only and are entitled to extra pay are those who went in after the act of April 24, 1898, which authorized the increase of the regular army.

Spanish officers acquainted with the Philippine islands continue to predict the failure of Maj.-Gen. Otis' campaign, notwithstanding the American success. They say that while the Americans will undoubtedly win all the battles they will lose the campaign itself, owing to the aptitude of the Tagalos to conduct a war of surprises and ambushes.

As soon as the Sheridan arrives at Manila Gen. Otis will have 1,900 reinforcements. Besides this six regiments of infantry and artillery, comprising 8,000 men, one regiment of which has started, are under orders for Manila.

Harry Huber, aged 20, a member of the hospital corps with the 1st California volunteers, was literally cut to pieces by the Filipinos, while acting as a spy. His home was in Oakland, California.

The Americans have won a sweeping victory over Aguinaldo's forces. The American loss was 149 killed and wounded, and the Filipinos between 200 and 300.

The latest report from Aguinaldo is to the effect that unless the Americans withdraw their forces within 20 days, he will lead his troops into Manila.

The American casualties for the three days' hard fighting was 52 killed and 211 wounded.

Shot His Wife in a Dream.
Dr. Chas. Corey, of Tacoma, Wash., shot and killed his wife while, according to his story, the two were lying asleep. Corey was ill and his story of the affair is that he was laboring under a nightmare, believing his wife was being pursued by a stranger who was intent on killing her. Just as the pursuer was about to stab his wife, according to the dream, Corey fired two shots from his revolver. He awoke with a start to find himself sitting in bed with a revolver in his hand. The husband is nearly crazed with grief and friends are watching him to prevent his suicide.

Will Recognize the Ladies.
A call has been issued for a national conference of reformers who favor abolition or suppression of the drink traffic and other reforms. The conference is to convene in Pittsburgh, June 8. The object will be extension of the movement and selection of delegates to a similar conference in Buffalo, June 28 and July 4. Women will have equal rights with men in the conference.

Fatal Explosion of Fireworks.
A small manufactory of fireworks in Holoken, N. J., was destroyed recently by an explosion. One man, Nicola Anzalone, was killed; Michael Angelo, father of Michael, was painfully burned about the hands and face. The money loss was small.

Four Bodies Found.
Four more bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the Windsor hotel in New York City. The record as it now stands is 23 dead, 40 or more missing, and a large collection of small bones. The injured in hospitals and other places are recovering.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.
The pope is steadily gaining strength. He eats well and his mentality is as acute as ever.
Ex-Gov. Thos. C. Fletcher, formerly of St. Louis, Mo., but for the past 10 years a resident of Washington, is dead. Aged 72.
As a result of a free war in Little Rock county, Arkansas, an indefinite number of Negroes have met their death at the hand of an infuriated white population. Seven are known to have been lynched and the work is not yet done.
While the lady Maccabees were in session at Omaha, Neb., the building caught fire and before they could get out two were killed and about 20 injured. Aside from the death loss the fire was not a serious one. The total loss will not exceed \$50,000, which is fully covered by insurance.
Citizens of the United States residing in Che Foo, China, have made an earnest appeal, through Consul Fowler, at Che Foo, to the charitable in America and elsewhere on behalf of the sufferers from the appalling Yellow River floods. It is estimated that 2,000,000 persons are starving.
The secretary of state has recently received from the Peruvian government, through the United States legation at Lima, a grant for \$50,000, representing the amount of the judgment of the arbitrators in the case of the American railroad man, Alex. McCord, on account of his ill-treatment in Peru during a revolutionary movement many years ago.
Gov. Gage of California, has attached his signature to the Morehouse bill, requiring all articles published in the newspapers and periodicals of California, referring to individuals, to have the true name of the writer affixed.

"One Swallow Does Not Make a Spring."

Myriads of birds announce the opening of bright days and bring promise of renewed health and strength. They teach us a lesson—to set our human house in order by thoroughly cleansing our blood, making it new, pure and bright.

The one specific with which to accomplish this is Hood's Sarsaparilla, America's Greatest Spring Medicine. Its work is thorough, and good health is sure to follow.

Rheumatism—Inflammatory rheumatism caused me suffering so that I could not sleep or walk. Had no appetite and medicine seemed useless. Finally used Hood's Sarsaparilla which took away all pain. Mrs. STELLA NORMAN, Merion, Ohio.

Malaria—"I was a soldier, and after typhoid fever I had fever and ague, rheumatism and nervous prostration so that I could not work. Nothing helped until Hood's Sarsaparilla cured me completely so that I lose no time now." J. H. STILLMAN, Cheltenham, Pa.

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A MATTER OF FAITH.

Many of the Clergy in Michigan Endorse the Little Conqueror.

Our religious opinions are, as a whole, a matter of faith. Whatever denomination or sect we follow we pin our faith on the words and teachings of our pastor. His sincerity is never doubted; that he thoroughly believes his adopted creed is unquestioned. The opinion of the clergy on any subject carry well-deserved weight with all classes of people. Many reverend gentlemen in Michigan are testifying for the little conqueror. Their praise is not given lightly and only after personal experience. Gratitude and a desire to promote the welfare of the public brings forth such testimony as follows:

The Rev. F. A. Smith, of 229 First street, Kalamazoo, Mich., says: "When I procured Doan's Kidney Pills I was, at the time, and had been considerably troubled with my kidneys. Backache was quite pronounced, being especially severe when I sat or stood in a stooping position for any length of time. Other symptoms usually attending disordered kidneys plainly indicated what caused the difficulty. Doan's Kidney Pills corrected the annoyance in a very short time, and I have not noticed, up to date, any indication of a recurrence. As I took no other medicine there can be no doubt but Doan's Kidney Pills were the direct means of curing me. I am most favorably impressed with them."

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 substitute.

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PHANTOM SHIP

—OR—
The Flying Dutchman.

—BY CAPTAIN MARRYAT.

CHAPTER XV.—(Continued.)
"I must say," replied Philip, "that, whenever I have fallen in with that vessel, mischief has ever followed."

"Vessel! why, what was there in that vessel to frighten you? She carried too much sail, and she has gone down."

"She never goes down," replied one of the seamen.

"No! no!" exclaimed many voices; "but we shall if we do not run back." "Pooh! nonsense! Mynheer Vanderdecken, what say you?"

"I have already stated my opinions," replied Philip, who was anxious, if possible, to see the ship one more in port, "that the best thing we can do is to bear up for Table Bay."

"And, captain," continued the old seaman who had just spoken, "we are all determined that it shall be so, whether you like it or not; so up with the helm, my hearty, and Mynheer Vanderdecken will trim the sails."

"Why! what is this?" cried Captain Barentz. "A mutiny on board of the Vrow Katrina? Impossible! The Vrow Katrina! the best ship, the fastest in the whole fleet!"

"The dullest old rotten tub!" cried one of the seamen.

"What!" cried the captain; "what do I hear? Mynheer Vanderdecken, confine that lying rascal for mutiny."

"Pooh! nonsense! he's mad," replied the old seaman. "Never mind him; come, Mynheer Vanderdecken, we will obey you; but the helm must be up immediately."

The captain stormed, but Philip, by acknowledging the superiority of his vessel, at the same time that he blamed the seamen for their panic, pointed out to him the necessity of compliance, and Mynheer Barentz at last consented. The helm was put up, the sails trimmed, and the Vrow Katrina rolled heavily before the gale. Toward the evening the weather moderated, and the sky cleared up; both sea and wind subsided fast; the leaking decreased, and Philip was in hopes that in a day or two they would arrive safely in the bay.

As they steered their course, so did the wind gradually decrease, until at last it fell calm; nothing remained of the tempest but a long heavy swell which set to the westward, and before which the Vrow Katrina was gradually drifting. This was a respite to the worn-out seamen, and also to the troops and passengers who had been cooped below or drenched on the main-deck.

The upper-deck was crowded; mothers basked in the warm sun, with their children in their arms. The rigging was filled with the wet clothes, which were hung up to dry on every part of the shrouds, and the seamen were busily employed in repairing the injuries of the gale. By their reckoning, they were not more than fifty miles from Table Bay, and each moment they expected to see the land to the southward of it. All was again mirth, and everyone on board, except Philip, considered that danger was no more to be apprehended.

The sun had set before Philip had quitted the gangway and gone down below. Commending himself, and those embarked with him, to the care of Providence, he at last fell asleep; but before the bell was struck eight times, to announce midnight, he was awakened by a rude shove of the shoulder, and perceiving Krantz, the second mate, who had the first watch, standing by him.

"By the heaven above us, Vanderdecken, you have prophesied right. Up—quick! The ship's on fire!"

"On fire!" exclaimed Vanderdecken, jumping out of his berth—"where?"

"The main hold."

"I will up immediately, Krantz. In the meantime, keep the hatches on and rig the pumps."

In less than a minute Philip was on deck, where he found Capt. Barentz, who had also been informed of the case by the second mate. In a few words all was explained by Krantz; there was a strong smell of fire proceeding from the main hold; and, on removing one of the hatches, which he had done without calling for any assistance, from a knowledge of the panic it would create, he found that the hold was full of smoke; he had put it on again immediately, and had only made it known to Philip and the captain.

"Thanks for your presence of mind," replied Philip; "we have now time to reflect quietly on what is to be done, if the troops and the poor women and children knew their danger, their alarm would have much impeded us; but how could she have taken fire in the main hold?"

"I never heard of the Vrow Katrina taking fire before," observed the captain; "I think it is impossible. It must be some mistake—she is—"

"I now recollect that we have in our cargo several cases of vitriol in bottles," interrupted Philip. "In the gale they must have been disturbed and broken. I kept them above all, in case of accident; this rolling, gunwale under, for so long a time, have occasioned one of them to fetch way."

"That's it, depend upon it," observed Krantz.

"I did object to receive them," stating that they ought to go out in some vessel which was not so incumbered with troops, so that they might remain on the main deck; but they replied that the invoices were made out and could not be altered. But now to act. My idea is to keep the hatches on, so as to smother it if possible."

"Yes," replied Krantz, "and at the same time cut a hole in the deck just large enough to admit the hose and pump as much water as we can into the hold."

"You are right, Krantz; send for the carpenter and set him to work. I will turn the hands up, and speak to the men. I smell the fire now very strong; there is no time to lose. If we can only keep the troops and the women quiet we may do something."

Two hours later, however, the fire had gained such headway that they had to take measures to abandon the ship.

The column of fire now ascended above the maintop—licking with its forked tongue the topmast rigging—and embracing the mainmast in its folds; and the loud roar with which it ascended proved the violence and rapidity of the combustion below, and how little time there was to be lost. The lower and main decks were now so filled with smoke that no one could remain there; some poor fellows, sick in their cots, had long been smothered, for they had been forgotten. The swell had much subsided, and there was not a breath of wind; the smoke which rose from the hatchways ascended straight up in the air, which, as the vessel had lost all steerage way, was fortunate. The boats were soon in the water, and trusty men placed in them; the spars were launched overboard, and the men in the boats and lashed together. All the gratings were then collected and firmly fixed upon the spars for the people to sit upon; and Philip's heart was glad at the prospect which he now had of saving the numbers which were embarked.

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But their difficulties were not surmounted—the fire now had communicated to the main deck, and burst out of the port holes amidships—and the raft which had been forming alongside was obliged to be drifted astern, where it was more exposed to the swell. This retarded their labor, and, in the meantime, the fire was making rapid progress; the mainmast, which had long been burning, fell over the side with the lurching of the vessel, and the flames out of the main deck ports soon showed their points above the bulwarks, while volumes of smoke were poured in upon the upper deck, almost suffocating the numbers which were crowded there; for all communication with the fore part of the ship had been for some time cut off by the flames, and everyone had retreated aft. The women and children were now carried on to the poop, not only to remove them further from the suffocating smoke, but that they might be lowered down to the raft from the stern.

It was about 4 o'clock in the morning when all was ready, and by the exertions of Philip and the seamen, notwithstanding the swell, the women and children were safely placed on the raft, where it was considered that they would be less in the way, as the men could relieve each other in pulling when they were tired.

After the women and children had been lowered down, the troops were next ordered to descend by the ladders; some few were lost in the attempt, falling under the boat's bottom and not reappearing; but two-thirds of them were safely put on the berths they were ordered to take, by Krantz, who had gone down to superintend this important arrangement. Such had been the vigilance of Philip, who had requested Capt. Barentz to stand over the spirit room hatch, with pistols, until the smoke on the main deck rendered the precaution unnecessary, that not a single person was intoxicated, and to this might be ascribed the order and regularity which had prevailed during this trying scene. But before one-third of the soldiers had descended by the stern ladder, the fire burst out of the stern windows with a violence that nothing could withstand; spouts of vivid flame extended several feet from the vessel, roaring with the force of a blowpipe; at the same time the flames burst through all the after ports of the main deck, and those remaining on board found themselves encircled with fire and suffocated with smoke and heat. The stern ladders were consumed in a minute and dropped into the sea; the boats which had been receiving the men were obliged also to back astern from the intense heat of the flames; even those on the raft shrieked as they found themselves scorched by the ignited fragments which fell on them as they were enveloped in an opaque cloud of smoke, which hid from them those who still remained on the deck of the vessel. Philip attempted to speak to those on board, but he was not heard. A scene of confusion took place which ended in great loss of life. The only object ap-

peared to be who should first escape, though, except by jumping overboard, there was no escape. Had they waited, and (as Philip would have pointed out to them) have one by one thrown themselves into the sea, the men in the boats were fully prepared to pick them up; or had they climbed out to the end of the lateen mizzen-yard, which was lowered down, they might have descended safely by a rope, but the scorching of the flames which surrounded them and the suffocation from the smoke was overpowering, and most of the soldiers sprang over the taffrail at once, or as nearly so as possible. The consequence was, that there were thirty or forty in the water at the same time, and the scene was as heart-rending as it was appalling; the sailors in the boats dragging them in as fast as they could—the women on the raft, throwing to them loose garments to haul them in; at one time a wife shrieking as she saw her husband struggling and sinking into eternity; at another, curses and execrations from the swimmer who was grappled with by the drowning man, and dragged with him under the surface. Of eighty men who were left of the troops on board at the time of the bursting out of the flames from the stern windows, but twenty-five were saved. There were but few seamen left on board with Philip, the major part having been employed in making the raft or manning the three boats; those who were on board remained by his side, regulating their motions by his. After allowing full time for the soldiers to be picked up, Philip ordered the men to climb out to the end of the lateen yard which hung on the taffrail, and either to lower themselves down on the raft if it was under, or to give notice to the boats to receive them. The raft had been dropped further astern by the seamen, that those on board of it might not suffer from the smoke and heat; and the sailors, one after another, lowered themselves down and were received by the boats. Philip desired Capt. Barentz to go before him, but the captain refused. He was too much choked with smoke to say why, but no doubt that it would have been something in praise of the Vrow Katrina. Philip then climbed out; he was followed by the captain, and they were both received into one of the boats.

The rope, which had hitherto held the raft to the ship, was now cast off, and it was taken in by the boats; and in a short time the Vrow Katrina was borne to leeward of them, and Philip and Krantz now made arrangements for the better disposal of the people. The sailors were almost all put into boats, that they might relieve one another in pulling; the remainder were placed on the raft, along with the soldiers, the women and the children. Notwithstanding that the boats were all as much loaded as they could well bear, the numbers on the raft were so great that it sunk nearly a foot under the water when the swell of the sea poured upon it; but stanchions and ropes to support those on board had been fixed, and the men remained at the sides, while the women and children were crowded together in the middle.

As soon as these arrangements were made the boats took the raft in tow, and, just as the dawn of day appeared, pulled in the direction of the land. The Vrow Katrina was by this time one volume of flame; she had drifted about half a mile to leeward, and Capt. Barentz, who was watching as he sat in the boat with Philip, exclaimed: "Well, there goes a lovely ship—a ship that could do everything but speak. I'm sure that not a ship in the fleet would have made such a bonfire as she has. Does she not burn beautifully—nobly? My poor Vrow Katrina! perfect to the last; we never shall see such a ship as you again. Well, I'm glad my father did not live to see this sight, for it would have broken his heart, poor man."

(To be continued.)

Invention of the Telephone.

In a recent lecture Prof. Alexander Graham Bell is reported to have explained how he came to invent the telephons as follows: "My father, inventing a symbol by which deaf mutes could converse, and finally I invented an apparatus by which the vibrations of speech could be seen, and it turned out to be a telephone. It occurred to me to make a machine that would enable one to hear vibrations. I went to an aurist, and he advised me to take the human ear as my model. He supplied me with a dead man's ear, and with this ear I experimented and upon applying the apparatus I found the dead man's ear wrote down the vibrations. I arrived at the conclusion that if I could make iron vibrate on a dead man's ear I could make an instrument more delicate, which would cause those vibrations to be heard and understood. I thought if I placed a delicate piece of steel over an electric magnet I could get a vibration, and thus the telephone was completed. The telephone arose from my attempts to teach the deaf to speak. It arose from my knowledge, not of electricity, but as a teacher of the deaf. Had I been an electrician I would not have attempted it."

Case Tried on Train.

A few years ago a county court action was tried on a train. The judge could not complete the case in the ordinary way, owing to the absence of an important witness, who was expected to arrive by the train by which his honor was due to leave. It was therefore decided that the judge and advocates should travel with the witness, and try the case in the railway carriage. This course was adopted, and the judge ultimately gave the verdict in the stationmaster's private room at a station farther down the line.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

The governor's appointments of State Labor Commissioner Jos. L. Cox, State Dairy and Food Commissioner E. O. Grosvenor, Chas. E. Backus, of Detroit, as a member of the board of the northern Michigan asylum, and Caleb Randall, of Coldwater, as a member of the board of the state public school, have been confirmed in their positions by the senate.

Although the McLeod municipal ownership bill passed through the usual ordeal before becoming a law, it now appears that the citizens of Detroit propose to have something to say in the matter before the deal is finally effected, as it was decided at a mass meeting that the subject should be submitted to a popular vote.

The governor's appointments of Robt. Oakman and Col. E. M. Irish were rejected by the senate in executive session. The vote by which Oakman was turned down was 26 to 2; Irish, 24 to 4.

Under strict gag rule, it is said, McLeod's city municipal ownership bill was passed by the senate, given immediate effect, and will become a law as soon as signed by the governor.

Rep. Howell's resolution, proposing an amendment to the constitution giving women the right to vote, came up in the house on special order, and after the usual speeches on both sides the measure was tabled.

The troubles of J. B. Caswell, of Bay City, are over for the present. His re-appointment by Gov. Pingree as state salt inspector has been confirmed by the senate.

The appointment of Insurance Commissioner Campbell and Wirt P. Doty, as a member of the state pharmacy board, have been confirmed by the senate.

It's now a law. Gov. Pingree has signed the municipal ownership bill, and thus the quickest piece of legislation on record has been accomplished.

McLeod's Detroit municipal ownership bill passed the house without a word of dissent or a negative vote.

Gov. Pingree has issued a commission to Robt. Oakman, of Detroit, as state assessor.

Bills Signed by the Governor.

The following bills have been signed by the governor:

Amending the act under which St. Louis, Gratiot county, is incorporated, to provide for providing the same, and disincorporating the same, and providing for additional voting precincts in Franklin township, Houghton county; amending the act allowing the village of Ononago to borrow money, and to issue bonds for water works and an electric light plant, to organize the township boards of Wayne and Washington counties to publish itemized statements of their business, amending the act incorporating Mt. Clemens, changing certain ward boundaries; to authorize Elkton, Huron county, to issue bonds for public improvements; to vacate Beaver Lake township, Oceana county, to vacate Glenoee and Yates townships, Lake county; joint resolution authorizing the board of auditors to allow the claim of W. T. Demers, more concurrent resolution to furnish new compiled laws to members of the last legislature to amend the law relating to primary elections in cities of 15,000 to 150,000 inhabitants, fixing the hours when the polls shall be opened; authorizing Oliver township, Huron county, to issue bonds for public improvements; allowing Escanaba, Delta county, to issue bonds to erect a school building; to authorize the village of Fremont, Newaygo county, to borrow money for public buildings, and other public improvements; amending certain sections of the act incorporating Traverse City; for the election of a school inspector in the 17th ward, Detroit.

Delegates Coming After More Money.

At a secret session of the Cuban military assembly at Havana it was resolved that a dissolution of that body at the present time would be prejudicial to the interests of the army, hence it was decided that the argument on the dissolution motion, should be postponed for one week. It was also decided to make another effort to save the situation by sending Senor Hevia and Villalon to Washington in order to state the case of the assembly to President McKinley and to attempt to gain his co-operation in the efforts of the assembly to raise more money for the Cuban troops. Senors Hevia and Villalon have sailed for the United States.

The will of editor Jos. Medill, of Chicago, disposed of \$2,000,000 in bonds and realty, besides the editor's 107 shares of stock in the Tribune publishing company, valued at \$2,500,000.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

New York	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
Best grades	\$17.25	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$6.25
Lower grades	2.25	1.00	1.25	5.12
Chicago	Best grades	5.60	2.80	5.80
Lower grades	3.50	4.25	3.75	3.80
Detroit	Best grades	4.00	4.75	4.30
Lower grades	2.50	3.75	4.50	3.50
Buffalo	Best grades	4.10	3.00	5.85
Lower grades	3.10	2.00	4.00	3.15
Cleveland	Best grades	4.60	2.85	4.25
Lower grades	3.00	2.00	3.50	3.90
Cincinnati	Best grades	4.75	2.75	4.50
Lower grades	2.75	2.50	4.00	3.25
Pittsburg	Best grades	5.30	2.75	5.10
Lower grades	3.25	2.00	3.75	4.10

GRAIN, ETC.

Wheat	Corn	Oats
No. 2 red	No. 2 mix	No. 2 white
New York	82.25	42.25
Chicago	74.75	35.25
Detroit	74.75	35.25
Toledo	73.75	35.25
Cincinnati	72.75	35.25
Cleveland	69.00	35.25
Pittsburg	72.75	35.25
Buffalo	72.75	35.25
Detroit-Hay	No. 1 timothy	28.50 per ton
Potatoes	47c per bu.	Live Poultry
Chickens	10c per lb.	Fowls
Ducks	10c	Eggs
Butter	best dairy	17c per lb.

The war department has ordered a battalion of 6th United States artillery, consisting of batteries A, I, K and N, to duty in the department of California with station at Honolulu. Maj. Samuel M. Mills has been assigned to command the battalion. Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, of Jamaica, has caused the legislature to convene for the purpose of reintroducing the obnoxious tariff bill, which was rejected March 15. Much excitement prevails and it is said that there will be trouble if the government persists in its present policy.

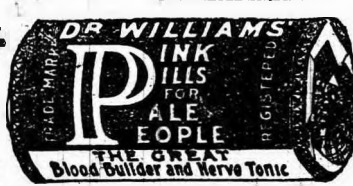
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