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C. HOUGH & SON, Plymouth.
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HOME TALENT APPRECIATED.

"TOO MUCH JOHNSON" PROVED A WINNER.

Large Crowds Both Nights—L. O. T. M. Netted Over \$100.

The entertainment given by home talent last Thursday and Friday nights under the auspices of the L. O. T. M. was a wide departure from the general run of shows given in Plymouth. In other words it was the best show that has been produced in Plymouth in many months.

"Too Much Johnson" is a hard piece to put on. The parts are long, the situations critical and the acting difficult, but those who formed the cast did clever work and no mistake. Weeks were spent in preparation and when the evening arrived for the company to appear before the people, there was not a break in the whole piece, you couldn't stick them with a hat pin.

No one member of the company deserves special mention. It was all first quality for amateur work, and there are many claiming to be professionals, who do worse.

The hall was crowded both nights and all who attended were well satisfied. The L. O. T. M. had over \$100 left after paying all expenses.

W. C. T. U.

The annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held yesterday at the room of the I. O. O. F. which has been engaged for the ensuing year. Twenty members were present and after the regular business meeting, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. V. E. Hill; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Carrie Markham; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Delta Dickerson; Treas., Mrs. E. L. Beale; Mrs. Frisbee, who has served us so faithfully as president for the past year will still aid us in the work, although unable to retain an office.

The new room is very pleasant and it is hoped that the ladies will all enjoy meeting there.

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Send No Money.

Any reader of this paper can secure their choice of a Sterling Silver Bracelet, a good Watch or a Solid Gold Ring with a Genuine Diamond Setting, by distributing flower seed coupons among their friends and acquaintances. Send your name and address with three 2c stamps to the American Seed Co., 335 Broadway, N. Y. today and you will receive a package of choice seeds, \$1.00 worth of coupons and full particulars.

Auction Sale.

On Wednesday, April 26, I will offer for sale on the Governor Shearer farm, 3/4 of a mile west of Plymouth at one o'clock sharp, 16 head of horses and colts, 12 head of cows, heifers, calves and bull, 40 sheep and lambs, 10 brood sows, shoats and pigs. Harry Robinson, auctioneer. J. J. SHEARER, Prop.

For Sale.

1 Tribune Tandem. (Combination.)
1 1898 Bicycle. 24 inch frame.
1 Marble top table.
Several pictures, already framed.
400 second hand brick. W. O. ALLEN.

—Special sale of monuments every Saturday at Plymouth Monumental Works. A genuine sale at greatly reduced prices. W. H. HOYT, Prop.

The supreme court has cut the knot of the tangle which has been worrying the state association of supervisors and the legislature. It has been a great puzzle how to reduce the cost of conducting the justice courts of the state. The decision is made in Ionia Supervisors vs. Harry E. Sunderlin, administrator of the estate of Alonzo A. Sunderlin, deceased, who was a justice of the peace. Sunderlin sued for alleged claims for service in the prosecution of 47 disorderlies. The case went through the several courts. The effect of the supreme court decision is that orders for arrest must be given by the prosecuting attorney or that security for costs shall be given before a warrant can be issued. This will cause a heavy falling off in these petty but expensive prosecutions.

Plymouth Markets.

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

Wheat, No. 2 red,	70
Wheat, No. 1 white,	70
Oats, new	30
Rye, No. 2,	55
Butter,	18
Eggs,	10
Peanut oil,	45
Beans, according to sample,	80-100

B. F. Wright.

B. F. Wright was born in the town of Adam, Jefferson Co., N. Y., Nov. 18th, 1826 and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hugh Wright, Sunday, April 16th, at 3 p. m. of cancer of the stomach.

The deceased came to Michigan when about nine years of age and resided in the vicinity of Belleville, Mich. until within a few years after his marriage to Margaret Stoffel on January 20, 1853.

In the year of 1859 he moved to Iowa where he lived nearly 7 years. In the spring of 1866 he moved back to Michigan and purchased the farm known as the Calvin Cuykendal place, which is within a few miles of the village and has resided there until within a few weeks of his death. Eleven children were born eight of whom are still living. His wife died March 11th, 1896.

Services were held at the home of his daughter on Tuesday at 2 p. m. Burial at Riverside. Rev. N. Norton Clark, of Williamston, officiated.

Stark.

A little girl has come to make its permanent home with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Krumm.

Mrs. Stoneburner and son, Charles, of Canton, called on friends here Monday.

A lawsuit was tried before Justice Coats last Monday, the parties being from Redford.

Mr. Morgan and family, of Detroit, have moved to their farm here.

Mr. Garr, of Redford, while visiting at John Krumm's, mistook the wrong door and fell down cellar. A dislocated shoulder was the result. He was taken to Plymouth where Dr. Tillapaugh attended him.

Fred Millroy is having lumber drawn to this place to be shipped to the Detroit Dry Docks.

John Oldenburg has commenced the foundation for his new house. Ray & Son are doing the work.

A box social will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Krumm, Friday evening, April 28, under the auspices of the German Lutheran church. Each lady is to bring a lunch for two. Everybody is cordially invited.

STANDARD OIL KING.

Table Showing How Mr. Rockefeller's Fortune Has Increased.

1855	.....	.....
1865	.....	\$ 5,000
1870	.....	50,000
1875	.....	1,000,000
1885	.....	50,000,000
1890	.....	100,000,000
1899	.....	250,000,000

HOW INVESTED.

Standard Oil (including premium and interest in allied companies)	.....	\$150,000,000
Iron mines	.....	25,000,000
Real estate	.....	17,000,000
Lead trust	.....	5,000,000
Natural gas	.....	5,000,000
Municipal gas	.....	4,000,000
Steamship lines	.....	2,000,000
Railway securities	.....	25,000,000
Bank stock	.....	7,000,000
Cash and miscellaneous securities	.....	10,000,000
		\$250,000,000

—From the N. Y. Journal.

An Opera for the Queen.

With reference to the bequest made to the corporation eighteen years ago by a certain Sig. Favale, says the London City Press, it seems that, in addition to the money left to form marriage portions for city maidens, the signor bequeathed to her majesty his unpublished tragic opera in three acts, entitled "Elzira." His last request was that her majesty should command its representation, and that the proceeds should be devoted to the poor of London. That opera is still preserved in the archives, but up to the present no step has been taken to insure its production. Perhaps one day we shall see it given in the theater the Guildhall School of Music now possesses.

The Goose as a Thermometer.

The flight of geese is an unfailing sign of coming temperature. When they fly south in their wedge-shaped phalanx the northern blast is behind them, while if they diverge to the east or west the cold snap will be only temporary. On their return when they fly from their winter haunts to their great summer resort in Siberia summer follows them, as well as awaits their coming. A feather from a wild goose in its flight will bring back an errant lover to the maiden who has it.

Clever Stroke.

Throughout Germany Emperor William's trip to the holy land is considered the cleverest stroke of his reign, as it has made him powerful friends among the most powerful party in the reichstag, the centrums, or catholics.

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The Best Goods.

Our stock consists of the Best Drugs obtainable regardless of price. You cannot afford to run the risk of life by buying second-class drugs.

Citron Cream,

The Best Preparation made for Roughness of the Skin.

15c a Bottle.

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Wall Paper!

The warm weather is coming on and now is the time to think about Wall Paper. I have a Beautiful New Stock just received. The papers this year are very bright and attractive. All of these papers will be sold as

cheap as they possibly can be. I have also on hand

1,000 Rolls

of last years, which is just as good as new and which I will sell for last year's price. Until this paper is gone I shall have paper to sell for 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 cents per double roll.

Do you want Gypsing for kalsomining your walls? We have it in all the shades. We also have a very large stock of Paint Brushes in all sizes and prices.

My Rheumatic Tablets

Are having good sales in other towns besides Plymouth. I received the following letter some weeks ago:

Brighton, Mich., March 1st.

John L. Gale;

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check to pay for 3 boxes of Rheumatic Tablets you sent me. You may send me 1/2 doz. more. Your Tablets are giving good satisfaction. Judson Bros.

Wanted!

Ten Thousand Dyspeptics To Use DR. COOPER'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS.

As Norway is associated with the midnight sun and cod liver oil, or Scotland with oatmeal so Americans enjoy the unenviable reputation of being a nation of dyspeptics. So universal is this appellation that a London practitioner in sending one of his students to this country, remarked—"In America you will have chiefly to deal with despeptics."

J. L. GALE.

NEWS FOR MICHIGANDERS.

A Whole Regiment of News Items From Michigan Towns

CAPTURED FOR BRIEF READING.

Monthly Report in the State for the Month of March - A Bedford Man the Victim of a Murderous Assault - L. O. T. M. Annual Report.

3,278 Deaths in the State for March.
During March there were 3,278 deaths in Michigan, this being exactly 500 less than in February. As March has three more days than February this represents a considerable decrease in mortality. The death rate for March was 16.5 per 1,000 estimated population, as compared with 20.7 per 1,000 for the preceding month. The death rate for the rural population was only slightly greater than that of the cities, instead of being markedly greater as in February. There were 622 deaths of infants under 1 year of age; 244 of children aged 1 to 4 years, and 930 of persons aged 5 years and over. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Pneumonia, 945; influenza, 341; cerebral spinal meningitis, 126; consumption, 202; other forms of tuberculosis, 70; typhoid fever, 34; diphtheria and croup, 36; scarlet fever, 14; measles, 9; whooping cough, 22; diarrheal diseases of children, 41; puerperal septicemia, 17; cancer, 112; accidents and violence, 99.

L. O. T. M. Flourishing.
The Lady Maccabees of Michigan, in session at Detroit this week, have given out their annual report for publication. The reports show a balance on hand Jan. 1, 1898, of \$25,574.58; received from assessments and arrears in '98, \$182,676.34; total, \$208,251.12; disbursed from fund in '98, \$181,753.80; balance on hand Jan. 1, 1899, \$26,497.32. Emergency fund—Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1898, \$11,078.66; received in '98, \$9,592.50; total, \$20,671.16; paid out in bonds and premiums, \$16,612.50; deposited in bank, \$4,058.73. General fund—Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1898, \$2,814.07; amount received from supplies, fees and taxes, \$24,492.52; total, \$31,306.59; disbursed in '98, \$26,104.07; balance on hand, \$5,202.52. Grand total on hand, including \$15,000 invested in United States bonds, \$51,753.29.

Murderous Assault.
Three unknown men brutally assaulted, robbed and left for dead, John Haberstrang, a German who lives alone in a small house four miles east of Bedford. The men called at his home and asked for a drink of water. He went to the pump with a dipper to give them the water, when one man seized him and a second one struck him in the face, knocked him down and then kicked him into insensibility. They then completely ransacked Haberstrang's house, stole his horse and carriage, and left. They secured \$30 in money, but overlooked quite a sum that Haberstrang had secreted.

Good Roads Amendment Carried.
Official returns from 35 counties give the amendment relative to a state printing office a majority of about 3,500. These returns, however, include Wayne and Kent counties, which gave the amendment a majority of nearly 45,000. There is little doubt that the returns from the balance of the counties will defeat this amendment, and as the two court amendments polled nearly the same vote, they have doubtless met a like fate. The indications are that the good roads amendment carried.

Convicted on the Third Trial.
Fred Linstead has been convicted by a Port Huron jury of a charge of robbery from the person while armed with a dangerous weapon. Twice before a jury was unable to agree. The extreme penalty is 15 years. The crime for which Linstead was convicted occurred several months ago when he murderously assaulted James Davis, thinking that he had a large sum of money on his person. Linstead secured one \$2 bill and escaped to Canada disguised as a woman. Later—Judge Vance has sentenced Linstead to five years at Ionia.

Set Himself on Fire.
Mrs. M. B. Keith, aged 41, living five miles north of Chesaning, calmly went out into the middle of a field and set herself on fire. When help reached her, she was so badly burned that it was useless. She died a few hours afterward. She was the mother of six children and was undoubtedly insane.

Lead has been found in large quantities three miles south of Elkton and a stock company has been organized to mine it. A new railway will be built from Stephenson to White Rapids, where an immense new paper and pulp mill will soon be erected. In order to be in the lead Niles' enterprising citizens have commenced making arrangements for a Fourth of July celebration.

That new \$10,000 depot for Cadillac is a sure thing, the G. R. & I. railroad having appropriated the money for its erection the coming summer. A straw stack toppled over upon Adam Davidson, a Bad Axe farmer, knocking him against the barn and probably inflicting fatal injuries. A large force of men and teams are at work grading for the proposed double tracks of the Detroit & Pontiac electric road from Pontiac to Detroit. There are indications of another flood at Saginaw. The river is steadily rising and is within a few inches of high water mark. Low lands are covered. Several fishermen's shanties have moved down with the ice but were stopped with bridges. Business basements are beginning to fill.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Scarlet fever and measles are epidemic at St. Joseph. The two banks at Linden have been consolidated. It will be Aug. 1 before Mt. Clemens can have free mail delivery. It is reported that a wall paper factory will locate at Waterliet. The contract for St. Joseph's new \$30,000 brick school has been let. The Michigan Central car shops at Jackson are now running 10 hours a day.

Ninety-seven kids faced the judges of the baby show at Jackson the other night. Frank Hamilton, convicted of burglary at Grand Rapids, got 12 years at Jackson. Tekonsha has been without a saloon for 10 years. Now a woman wants to open one. The Michigan fish commission has stocked Sycamore river with 10,000 brook trout. Linden has but one bank now, the two formerly existing there having consolidated.

The West Bay City Coal Co. will sink another shaft in Frankenlust township this summer. The Reed house at Ludington has been destroyed by fire. Total loss, \$12,500; partially insured. Newberry is going to have another hotel, work on the construction of which will begin immediately. The village of Laurium, Houghton county, will bond for a \$35,000 sewer system to be put in this summer. A building boom is in sight for Royal Oak. Several fine residences will be built during the coming summer.

The annual convalescence of the northern Michigan K. O. T. M. and L. O. T. M. association will be held at Cadillac, June 9. Options have been secured on 2,000 acres of coal lands in the vicinity of Chesaning, and prospecting will begin at once. Thieves broke into the Michigan Central depot at Mason, but secured only \$9 worth of revenue stamps for their trouble. Dowagiac has a military company which will try to secure admission to the state national guard when the latter is reorganized.

Ground will shortly be broken for the Dulcinea home for indigent women at Marshall. When completed, it will accommodate 25 old women. Four young Burr Oak boys went fishing one night recently and returned the next morning with 14 bushels of fine bass, pickerel, perch, sunfish and eels. Sanilac county is to have another paper, which will begin publication at Peck about May 1. T. G. Graham, a Carsonville lawyer, will be the publisher. Railroad Commissioner Osborn reports the January earnings of Michigan railroads to have been \$2,419,840, an increase of 12 per cent over January, 1898.

The new sandstone department building for Red Jacket was recently completed at a cost of \$15,000. It is one of the finest fire engine houses in Michigan. Mayor Lonacker, of Jackson, has notified the clergymen of that city that he will enforce the Sunday laws to the letter if 50 prominent citizens will request him to do so. High water has carried away the Van Every mill dam at Franklin. Barrels of pickled and carp were found the next day; some were hung in bushes and picket fences. Evidently when the Methodists built their old church edifice there was a shortage in the cornerstone market, as none was found in the building that was just torn down at Chelsea.

Walter Chaffee, aged 75, a farmer living four miles southwest of Colon, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. He was an old pioneer and had been ill for a long time. George Smith's dwelling house at Reaverton was struck by lightning the other night, and Louis Smith, aged 19, was badly burned about the face, breast and down one leg. He may recover. A vein of coal has been discovered on M. A. Horrocks' property just east of Lyons. Ohio parties have leased all the land in the immediate vicinity and preparations are being made to exploit the find. It is estimated that fully 50 per cent of the wheat crop in the vicinity of Marshall will be a failure this season. The expected warm April rains did not show up and the wheat has steadily retrograded.

Jerry Taylor, sent to Ionia from Oakland county, in June, 1897, for five years for burglary, scaled the wall by means of a gas pipe. He was captured an hour later, the bloodhounds running him to earth. A farmer brought in some wheat to be ground at the grist mill at Copeuish, and in one of the bags was found a portion of a die for molding counterfeit silver dollars. The matter is being investigated. It is said that the Bell telephone people will cut rates in Oceana county during the coming season and try to freeze out the Oceana County Bell Telephone Co., which has built up a prosperous business and lessened rates, so that farmers have phones in their homes. The entire plant of the Hickey Glass company at Grand Rapids, has been destroyed by fire, with a loss of \$30,000; only half insured. The company manufactured French plate glass and did a big business with the local furniture factories, as it was the only one of the kind in this part of the country.

The Montague Observer is the latest Michigan newspaper to change hands, having been sold by E. E. Brown, who has recently started a new Republican paper at Allegan, to Hans C. Floren. Wm. Tillman, a prominent farmer of Montrose, accidentally shot himself while preparing to shoot into a flock of wild geese. Both barrels loaded with buckshot entered his left side and arm. He will probably die. Allegan is experiencing an epidemic of spinal meningitis, the first since the extremely cold winter of 1873 and 1874. Two deaths have resulted from attacks of the disease, and there are two or three cases of it now in town.

A Harbor Beach man had his moustache cut off the other day, for the first time in 30 years, and the barber who did the job had to go home with him and vouch for his identity before his family would believe it was him. Hereafter it will be safe for ladies to walk along the streets of Carsonville, as the council has ordered the village marshal to arrest promptly anyone found drunk upon the streets, as well as anyone using profane language. Houghton is having the boom of its life. It is one of the oldest towns in the upper peninsula and, next to Calumet, probably the richest; but never before has it felt the tremendous effect of "big times in coppers" as at present.

The badly decomposed body of a man was discovered in Boardman lake, near Traverse City, by rivermen who were running logs. Coroner Moon thinks the body has been in the water all winter. Some believe it is Thomas McGarry, of Mayfield. Many Manchester citizens think coal exists in paying quantities under the village, but the fact that it will cost \$5,000 for drilling, etc., to find out if they are right makes them doubtful whether it would pay to be certain as to the correctness of their belief. Levi Soules, of Imlay City, while sawing wood for his brother near Leonard, met with a frightful accident. The saw burst, cracking his skull and dashing out a portion of his brain. Twenty-five pieces of the skull were removed. He cannot live. A Vassar man purchased a cow the other day, paying \$35 for her, and started to drive her home. While crossing a railroad track on the way she bolted and ran up the track just in time to get in front of a fast train, which struck and killed her.

The unanimous opinion of those who have made an examination of the conditions is that the wheat crop in Cass county has been seriously injured, and will be far below the average this year. Unless warm rains come soon, much of what is still alive will be killed. The village council, of Northville has been asked for a franchise by the electric railroad company now operating a line between Detroit and Sapeid Hill. It is expected that the line will ultimately be put through to Lansing, passing through either Northville or Nori. The farmers of Iosco county will be able to find a market for all the potatoes they want to raise hereafter, for a factory is to be located at East Tawas for the manufacture of potato flour. The factory will be in running order by the time the potato crop is dug next fall.

It now costs Sparta \$100 to light the village street with dinky little oil lamps which only serve to accentuate the darkness, yet the citizens are looking askance at a proposition from a firm which offers to replace the lamps with electric lights at an annual cost of only \$30 more. The Twin City Iron works at Ironwood, owned by E. Charbonneau, have been completely destroyed by fire. The dwelling house of Axel Strom, adjoining, was also destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$40,000, with small insurance. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. George Byers, a respected farmer of Fostoria, took strychnine with intent to commit suicide. He took an overdose which made him ill and saved his life. His aged wife has been at the point of death for some time and the dread of being left alone caused him to try and take his own life. A well near Litchfield, which was in use 30 years ago, possessed wonderful healing properties. It contained minerals in diluted form. In the course of time it was filled up and almost forgotten, but has recently been reopened. It is said that the water magnetized tools so that they became magnets.

Robert Ackerson was out with the boys at Munnith throwing pebbles across the river, making them skip on the edge of the water. He had a pocket full of flat stones and became so interested in the sport that he threw several silver dollars, which he had in his pocket before he realized that they were not pebbles. Galien has a dog that became locally famous the other night. The animal stood on the railroad track when the New York express came rushing along. The dog was thrown 10 rods, and was uninjured, but the air brake valve on the engine was broken by the contact and the train quickly came to a standstill. It was a bulldog, but he missed his hold. Angus Cameron, who lives five miles from Prescott, bought a cow about 15 months ago which recently died of a mysterious disease. A postmortem was held and a four-ounce hunting case stem-winding. Eigon movement gold watch, No 951,129, was found in the animal's stomach. The cow cost \$40, but the value of the watch is said to be higher. An attempted assault was made upon Mrs. A. Spencer, who lives alone at her home in Alma. The offender attempted to gain entrance at the back door, but assistance was at hand. He escaped and officers are searching.

FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE

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

RELIABLE AND INTERESTING.

Germany has Made Known Her Position in the Samoan Matter—The Cuban Muster Rolls Have Been Transferred—Chinese and British Scap.

Germany's Position in the Samoan Matter
The minister of foreign affairs, Baron Von Buelow, has announced to the reichstag that an agreement had been reached at with Great Britain with regard to sending a commission to Samoa. The interpellation on Samoa was presented by Dr. Lehr, an extremist pan-German, and was replied to by the minister of foreign affairs, Baron Von Buelow. In the course of his remarks the minister of foreign affairs, in part, said: "In the interest of the tranquillity of Samoan and in the interest of calmer relations between the powers, should they find it advantageous, if the act has become inadequate, it could be replaced by a fresh arrangement, corresponding better with the present situation. With this idea, I said in the budget committee that we were disposed to consent to a clean separation. As, however, the disadvantages of the situation were felt by both the other powers equally with ourselves, we have no occasion and no need to make special proposals of our own initiative. But so long as the Samoan act exists it must be loyally observed by all concerned."

The Cuban Army Muster Rolls.
The Cuban army muster rolls which were recently delivered to Gen. Brooke through Senor Domingo Mendez Capote are prepared in neat clerical style, the 1,200 broad sheets showing on their face 45,000 names—6,000 commissioned officers and 42,000 non-commissioned officers and privates. The whole statement is in orderly arrangement of corps, regiment, battalion and company scores. The U. S. military authorities make no attempt to reconcile the 42,000 non-commissioned officers and privates indicated by these rolls with the 13,219 given in the estimates prepared under the direction of the provincial governors. The Americans will scrutinize the latter carefully and when payments begin the individuals named must be identified by the various company captains.

Fight Renewed at Samoa.
A dispatch from Apia says: The British have been bombarding a Samoan village daily and the adherents of both Tanu and Mataafa are plundering foreign property. On April 1 an Anglo-American landing party of 70 men fell into an ambush near Vaiale. Three officers were killed and two light guns were captured. The warships afterward renewed the bombardment. The officials point out that the engagement appears to have occurred at the same place that a landing party from the German warships Olgo, Eber and Adler had an encounter with the natives in 1888. Two more British cruisers and a gunboat has been ordered to Samoa.

British Attacked by Chinese.
The villagers of Tai-Poo-Su, one of the newly acquired places in the British territory on the Hong Kong mainland, who broke out in rebellion recently, burned some of the British mat-sheds and then retired to the hills and fired upon the British troops who were sent to quell the disturbances. The British returned the fire, scattering the Chinese and killed some. The British suffered no casualties.

Will Build New Iron Rolling Mills.
Persons who are said to be the agents of the Rockefeller are being securing large hematite iron ore deposits in Grant county, New Mexico, and it is said rolling mills to cost over \$1,000,000 are to be erected at Hanover Gulch, in the heart of the iron mining district. All materials necessary for the fluxing of the ores are found there, coar coming from the new mines in Lincoln county.

BRIEF NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

The Port Huron Engine & Thresher Co. has increased its capital by \$123,000. Three lives have been lost in prairie fires in Nebraska and the loss of property in Rock and Grovelly counties has been enormous. The railroad strike in Cuba has ended the military administration having ordered trains manned by second and third-class engineers. Lieut. Meyer slept on the deck of his boat the other night on account of the intense heat. In the morning he was not to be found, and it is thought he fell overboard and was drowned. Mrs. Richard Sands, of Van Wert, O., made a desperate effort to commit suicide. She took a hatchet and prised the boards from the well and jumped in. A projecting piece of wood caught her clothes, and she hung half submerged until rescued. Her mental sickness was the cause. The British steamer Kingswell, Capt. Humphreys, recently arrived at Malta and reported being in collision with the Greek coaster, Maria, in latitude 36, longitude 22, on April 9 in the Mediterranean, off the coast of Tripoli. The Maria was sunk and 45 persons went down with her. In the Illinois legislature the house recently passed a bill providing for the erection at Springfield, Ill., of a new Lincoln monument at a cost of \$1,000,000. The bill appropriates \$100,000 and provides that \$400,000 be raised by popular subscription. Congress will be asked to appropriate the balance.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

The governor has sent to the senate the following nominations: Arthur L. Worden, of Detroit, Wayne county, as a member of the state board of corrections and charities for the term of eight years, from and after May 1, 1899, to succeed Edward Jenks; Minn H. Hunt, of Redford township, Wayne county, as a member of the commissioners of Wayne county, for the term of six years from and after May 1, 1899, to succeed Henry Loss; Otto Stoll, of Detroit, Wayne county, as a member of the board of jury commissioners for Wayne county, for the term of six years from and after May 1, 1899, to succeed David Meginnity; Wm. F. Moeller, of Detroit, Wayne county, as a member of the board of jury commissioners for Wayne county, for the term of six years from and after May 1, 1899, to succeed Eugene H. Hill; Herman P. Nagel, of Detroit, Wayne county, as a member of the railroad and street crossings board, for the term of four years from and after Jan. 1, 1899, to succeed Wm. H. Lockerby. Shisler's bill for the relief of soldiers of the late Spanish war was the subject of a long discussion in the house, Chamberlain leading in favor of it, and it was finally passed. It is similar to the one passed some time ago except that the defect which made that one practically useless was remedied by providing that the relief may extend to expenditures already incurred for indigent soldiers. The rate was also raised from four-one-hundredths of a mill, and an amendment was tacked on providing that in Wayne county the relief shall go through the regular soldiers' relief commission. It was given immediate effect and sent to the senate. The house military committee reported favorably Kelly's bill giving soldiers of the late Spanish war who left the state \$15 per month extra pay, and those who didn't leave the state \$10. It went to the ways and means committee. Gen. Case of the military board strongly opposes the bill because it provides that the extra pay shall stop when peace was declared. He says that would shut out the boys of the 35th and 31st from getting any extra pay for the long service they have just concluded, and would only give a mere bagatelle to any of the boys. Herrig offered a resolution that hereafter the sessions of the house shall begin at 10 o'clock in the morning instead of 2 in the afternoon. Kelly and others opposed it, saying that it is not yet time to begin the morning sessions, and that more can be accomplished by devoting the morning hours to committee work. Chamberlain warned the new members that if they do not get their bills acted on pretty soon they would find it impossible to do it a little later. The resolution for morning sessions was adopted. The bill to increase the mill tax for the support of the state university from one-sixth of a mill to one-fourth, was reported out favorably by the senate committee. The sixth mill tax produces about \$134,000, and the fourth mill will produce about \$276,000, or \$92,000 more. If this bill goes through it will of course be in lieu of the \$90,000 the university is asking for improvements. A measure for the establishment of local day schools for deaf children that is in all essential respects exactly what Miss Donahue, teacher of the deaf class in the Detroit schools, and her friends on the Detroit board of education want and have been agitating for so long, has at last been agreed on and reported out by the house committee on schools for the deaf. Goodell's bill providing that village councils may order street paving done, to be paid for on the installment plan, which some of the people of Highland Park village opposed so vigorously recently, was rushed through the senate without going through the committee of the whole and now the opponents of the bill are warm under the collar. About the hottest fight of the session was pulled off in the house over the McLeod general referendum bill for Detroit street railway franchises, but the bill was finally referred back by a vote of 49 to 34. The canteen system will continue to be operative at Michigan military encampments for all the legislature will do to prevent it. The best sugar bounty bill carrying \$400,000 appropriation passed the house by a vote of 73 to 23. Young Finlanders are leaving for the U. S. to avoid the recent decree of Emperor Nicholas, regarding Finland, which provides for an increase of the Russian military and naval forces and the extension of construction. The temporary superstructure of the big Willis avenue bridge, now being built over the Harlem river at New York City, collapsed, killing four men and seriously injuring six, one of whom may die. Twelve or more workmen also received injuries of a more or less serious nature. Two robbers boarded a Lake Shore train at Chicago and abducted a passenger who was standing on the rear platform, bound and gagged him despite his struggles, and then dragged him into an empty freight car, where they left him after taking everything of value he had. The committee on public health reported favorably the bill "to promote the public health by providing for an annual public meeting in townships, cities and villages; for the creation of local funds for health purposes; and for better official information to tax payers, relative to the sources of danger to the public health, and relative to the costs and results of proper and effective public health work."

An important engineering firm at Sheffield recently placed a large order for heavy machinery in the U. S., the British makers being unable to promise sufficiently quick delivery.

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Mr. Editor:—For the good of suffering humanity, and particularly those suffering from that most dreadful disease, rheumatism, we desire to inform your readers that the only specific in the world today for this disease is our "Five Drops" remedy. "Five Drops" is the name, and "Five Drops" is the dose. It is not only acknowledged a specific by the many thousands who have been cured by its use, but it is now acknowledged to be such by the medical profession, many of whom use this remedy in their daily practice, and they state to us that it is the only thing with which they can cure the rheumatism. This remedy not only positively cures this disease, but it never has failed and it never can fail to cure any and all of the following diseases: Sciatica, Lumbago, Neuralgia, Catarrh, Creeping Numbness, Nervousness, Asthma, Heart Weakness, Toothache, Earache, La Grippe, and diseases of the liver and kidneys. "Five Drops" is not a patent medicine, but was perfected only after vast research in scientific fields, and at great expense. It never can be fully appreciated until it is used. Many of its cures border on the miraculous. Words are almost inadequate to express the great benefit which suffering humanity is daily deriving from the use of this most wonderful remedy. Its merits and medicinal properties are as far above the other remedies offered for sale as the mountain is above the valley. It is worth its weight in gold to anyone suffering from any of the diseases for which it is recommended. The price is low and within the reach of all, \$1 per bottle for full size (300 doses), prepared by mail or express, or six bottles for \$5. Anyone desiring to test its efficacy without ordering a full size bottle, can have a 25 cent sample bottle sent by mail until May 10, by sending 10 cents to the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Company, 167 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

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PHANTOM SHIP

—OR—
The Flying Dutchman.

—BY CAPTAIN MARRYAT.

CHAPTER XIX.—(Continued.)

It was about a fortnight after they had left the Falkland Islands that they entered the straits. At first they had a leading wind which carried them half through, but this did not last, and they then had to contend not only against the wind, but against the current, and they daily lost ground. The crews of the ships also began to sicken from fatigue and cold. Whether the admiral had before made up his mind, or whether irritated by his fruitless endeavors to continue his voyage, it is impossible to say; but after three weeks' useless struggle against the winds and currents, he gave up and ordered all the captains on board when he proposed that the prisoner should receive his punishment, and that punishment was—to be deserted—that is, to be sent on shore with a day's food, where there was no means of obtaining support, so as to die miserably of hunger. This was a punishment frequently resorted to by the Dutch of that period, as will be seen by reading an account of their voyage; but at the same time seldom, if ever, awarded to one of so high a rank as that of commodore.

Phillip immediately protested against it, and so did Krantz, although they were both aware that by so doing they would make the admiral their enemy; but the other captains, who viewed both of them with a jealous eye, and considered them as interlopers and interfering with their advancement, sided with the admiral. Notwithstanding this majority, Phillip thought it his duty to expostulate.

"You know well, admiral," said he, "that I joined in his condemnation for a breach of discipline; but at the same time there was much in extenuation. He committed a breach of discipline to save his ship's company, but not an error in judgment, as you yourself proved, by taking the same measure to save your own men. Do not, therefore, visit an offense of so doubtful a nature with such cruelty. Let the company decide the point when you send him home, which you can do as soon as you arrive in India. He is sufficiently punished by losing his command; to do what you propose will be ascribed to feelings of revenge more than to those of justice. What success can we deserve if we commit an act of such cruelty? and how can we expect a merciful Providence to protect us from the winds and waves, when we are thus barbarous toward each other?"

Phillip's arguments were of no avail. The admiral ordered him to return on board his ship, and had been able to find an excuse, he would have deprived him of his command. This he could not well do; but Phillip was aware that the admiral was now his inveterate enemy. The commodore was taken out of irons and brought into the cabin, and his sentence was made known to him.

"Be it so, admiral," replied Avonhorn; "for to attempt to turn you from your purpose I know would be unavailing. I am not punished for disobedience of orders, but for having, by my disobedience, pointed out to you your duty—a duty which you were forced to perform afterward by necessity. Then be it so; let me perish on these black rocks, as I shall, and my bones be whitened by the chilly blasts which howl over their desolation. But mark me, cruel and vindictive man! I shall not be the only one whose bones will bleach there. I prophesy that many others will share my fate, and even you, admiral, may be of the number—if I mistake not, we shall lie side by side."

The admiral made no reply, but gave a sign for the prisoner to be removed. He then had a conference with the captains of the three smaller vessels; and as they had been all along retarded by the heavier sailing of his own ship, and the Dart commanded by Phillip, he decided that they should part company, and proceed on as fast as they could to the Indies—sending on board of the two larger vessels all the provisions they could spare, as they already began to run short.

Phillip had left the cabin with Krantz after the prisoner had been removed. He then wrote a few lines upon a slip of paper: "Do not leave the beach when you are put on shore, until the vessels are out of sight," and requesting Krantz to find an opportunity to deliver this to the commodore, he returned on board of his own ship.

When the crew of the Dart heard of the punishment about to be inflicted upon their old commander, they were much excited. They felt that he had sacrificed himself to save them, and they murmured much at the cruelty of the admiral.

About an hour after Phillip's return to his ship, the prisoner was sent on shore and landed on the desolate and rocky coast, with a supply of provisions for two days. Not a single article of extra clothing or the means of striking a light was permitted him. When the boat's keel grazed the beach, he was ordered out. The boat shoved off, and the men were not permitted even to bid him farewell.

The fleet, as Phillip had expected, remained hove-to shifting the provisions, and it was not till after dark that everything was arranged. This opportunity was not lost. Phillip was aware that it would be considered a breach

of discipline, but to that he was indifferent; neither did he think it likely that it would come to the ears of the admiral, as the crew of the Dart were partial both to the commodore and to him. He had desired a seaman whom he could trust, to put into one of the boats a couple of muskets, and a quantity of ammunition, several blankets, and various other articles, besides provisions for two or three months, for one person; and as soon as it was dark the men pulled on shore with the boat, found the commodore on the beach waiting for them, and supplied him with all these necessaries. They then rejoined their ship, without the admiral's having the least suspicion of what had been done, and shortly after the fleet made sail on a wind, with their heads off shore. The next morning the three smaller vessels parted company, and by sunset had gained many miles to windward, after which they were not again seen.

The admiral had sent for Phillip to give him his instructions, which were very severe, and evidently framed so as to be able to afford him hereafter some excuse for depriving him of his command. Among others, his orders were, as the Dart drew less water than the admiral's ship, to sail ahead of him during the night, that if they approached too near the land as they beat across the channel, timely notice might be given to the admiral if in too shallow water. This responsibility was the occasion of Phillip's being always on deck when they approached the land on either side of the Straits. It was the second night after the fleet had separated that Phillip had been summoned on deck as they were nearing the land of Terre del Fuego; he was watching the man in the chains heaving the lead, when the officer of the watch reported to him that the admiral's ship was ahead of them instead of astern. Phillip made inquiry as to when he passed, but could not discover; he went forward and saw the admiral's ship with her poop-light, which, when the admiral was astern, was not visible. "What can be the admiral's reason for this?" thought Phillip; "has he run ahead on purpose to make a charge against me of neglect of duty? It must be so. Well, let him do as he pleases; he must wait now till we arrive in India, for I shall not allow him to desert me; and with the company I have as much, and, I rather think, as a large proprietor, more interest than he has. Well, as he has thought proper to go ahead, I have nothing to do but to follow."

"You may come out of the chains there."

CHAPTER XX.

Phillip went forward; they were now, as he imagined, very near to the land, but the night was dark and they could not distinguish it. For half an hour they continued their course, much to Phillip's surprise, for he now thought he could make out the loom of the land, dark as it was. His eyes were constantly fixed upon the ship ahead, expecting every minute that she would go about; but no, she continued her course, and Phillip followed with his own vessel.

"We are very close to the land, sir," observed Vander Hagen, the lieutenant, who was the officer of the watch.

"So it appears to me; but the admiral is closer, and draws much more water than we do," replied Phillip.

"I think I see the rocks on the beam to leeward, sir."

"I believe you are all right," replied Phillip; "I cannot understand this. Ready about, and get a gun ready—they must suppose us to be ahead of them, depend upon it."

Hardly had Phillip given the order when the vessel struck heavily on the rocks. Phillip hastened aft; he found the rudder had been unshipped, and the vessel was immovably fixed. His thoughts then reverted to the admiral. "Was he on shore?" He ran forward, and the admiral was still sailing on with his poop-light, about two cables length ahead of him.

"Fire the gun there," cried Phillip, perplexed beyond measure. The gun was fired, and immediately followed up by the flash and report of another gun close astern of them. Phillip looked with astonishment over the quarter, and perceived the admiral's ship close astern to him, and evidently on shore as well as his own.

"Merciful Heaven!" exclaimed Phillip, rushing forward, "what can this be?" He beheld the other vessel, with her light ahead, still sailing on and leaving them. The day was now dawning and there was sufficient light to make out the land. The Dart was on shore not fifty yards from the beach, and surrounded by the high and barren rocks; yet the vessel ahead was apparently sailing on over the land. The seamen crowded on the fore-castle, watching this strange phenomenon; at last it vanished from their sight.

"That's the Flying Dutchman, by all that's holy!" cried one of the seamen, jumping off the gun. Hardly had the man uttered these words when the vessel disappeared. Phillip felt convinced that it was so, and he walked away aft in a very perturbed state. It must have been his father's fatal ship which had decoyed them to probable destruction. He hardly knew how to act. The admiral's wrath he did not wish, just at that moment, to encounter. He sent

for the officer of the watch, and having desired him to select a crew for the boat, out of those men who had been on deck, and could substantiate his assertions, ordered him to go on board of the admiral, and state what had happened.

As soon as the boat had shoved off, Phillip turned his attention to the state of his own vessel. The daylight had increased, and Phillip perceived that they were surrounded by rocks, and had run on shore between two reefs, which extended half a mile from the mainland. He sounded round his vessel, and discovered that she was fixed from forward to aft, and that without lightening her there was no chance of getting her off. He then turned to where the admiral's ship lay aground, and found that, to all appearance, she was in even a worse plight, as the rocks to leeward of her were above the water, and she was much more exposed should bad weather come on. Never, perhaps, was there a scene more cheerless and appalling; a dark wintry sea—a sky loaded with heavy clouds—the wind cold and piercing—the whole line of the coast one mass of barren rocks, without the slightest appearance of vegetation; the inland part of the country presented an equally somber appearance and the higher points were capped with snow, although it was not yet the winter season. Sweeping the coast with his eye, Phillip perceived, not four miles to leeward of them, so little progress had they made, the spot where they had deserted the commodore.

"Scarcely this has been a judgment on him for his cruelty," thought Phillip, "and the prophecy of poor Avonhorn will come true—more bones than his will bleach on those rocks." Phillip turned round again to where the admiral's ship was on shore, and started back, as he beheld a sight even more dreadful than all that he had viewed—the body of Vander Hagen, the officer sent on board of the admiral, hanging at the main yardarm. "My God! is it possible?" exclaimed Phillip, stamping with sorrow and indignation.

His boat was returning on board, and Phillip awaited it with impatience. The men hastened up the side, and breathlessly informed Phillip that the admiral, as soon as he had heard the lieutenant's report, and his acknowledgment that he was officer of the watch, had ordered him to be hung, and that he had sent them back with a summons for him to repair on board immediately, and that they had seen another rope preparing at the yard-arm.

"But not for you, sir," cried the men, "that shall never be—you shall not go on board—we will defend you with our lives."

The whole ship's company joined in this resolution, and expressed their determination to resist the admiral. Phillip thanked them kindly—stated his intention of not going on board, and requested that they would remain quiet, until it was ascertained what steps the admiral might take. He then went down to his cabin to reflect upon what plan he should proceed. As he looked out of the stern windows, and perceived the body of the young man still swinging in the wind, he almost wished that he was in his place, for then there would be an end in his wayward fate; but he thought of Amine, and felt that for her he wished to live. That the Phantom Ship should have decoyed him to destruction was also a source of much painful feeling, and Phillip meditated, with his hands pressed to his temples, "It is my destiny," thought he at last, "and the will of Heaven must be done; we could not have been so deceived if Heaven had not permitted it." And then his thoughts reverted to his present situation.

(To be continued.)

A BALLOON UNDER FIRE.

Immediate Collapse Does Not Follow. Even When the Mark is Hit.

With regard to the effects of gunshots upon a balloon, the following experiments were made, says the Pall Mall Magazine. A shot was fired from a Lebel rifle at a balloon at an altitude of 500 feet. It only penetrated the fabric below the equator, and no appreciable result ensued. After this many shots were fired, several penetrating the balloon and passing out near the upper valve. After a lapse of six hours the balloon descended quietly to the ground, by reason of the loss of gas through the bullet holes. But it appeared that, whatever the number of shots, the loss of gas was never sufficient to cause the balloon to fall rapidly. On another occasion a shrapnel shell was fired from a seven-pound Armstrong gun at a balloon having an altitude of 1,500 feet, but this being above the limit of elevation of the gun, it was impossible to hit it. In any case, had it been possible to do so, the shell would have penetrated the balloon below the equator and passed out again so low down as to cause no serious loss of gas. Indeed, a balloon loses but little of its lifting power—that is, little of its gas—if the hole is made below the equator. Once a goro was split up to within a few feet of the upper valve; at first the balloon fell rapidly, then the wind filled out the flapping fabric, and it sailed quietly to earth.

Dangerous to Hypnotize.

The late Professor Drummond, when quite a child, discovered that he could hypnotize people. At a birthday party a little girl refused to play the piano. Drummond happened to catch her eye, and said, "Play." To his surprise she rose obediently, went to the piano, and played. At another time he hypnotized a boy, gave him a poker for a gun, and said, "I'm a pheasant; shoot me." The boy did so, and Drummond, to keep up the illusion, fell, whereupon the boy, seeing the "bird" move, made as if to hit it over the head with the poker. The hypnotizer had just time to stop the magnetized sportsman.

WAR NOTES.

The Cuban generals recently waited upon Gen. Maximo Gomez officially and informed him that they desired him to represent the army in any negotiations with the U. S. military authorities in Cuba. Gen. Gomez accepted the trust, after which all waited upon Gov. Gen. Brooke to discuss with him the details of disarmament and payment. During the interview Gen. Gomez said that he desired to withdraw to a foreign country or to any part of Cuba, there to spend the remainder of his days; that we must recognize that the only power today in Cuba is the power of those who have intervened, and, therefore, for the present thoughts of a Cuban independent government can be no more than dreams.

The military administration would like to compliment Gen. Maximo Gomez in some substantial way. His services have been and are exceptionally useful to the Americans. No suitable official position is visible, even if he would accept one, neither does it appear feasible to make him a present of money. He can live as long as he pleases at the Quinta de los Molinos, the ramshackle old summer palace of former Spanish captains general, where rations for his staff and forage for the horses are provided out of the U. S. army supplies. The general is understood to have only a very slender income from his interests in Santo Domingo.

General Rios, Spain's principal commander in the Philippines, cables that Maj.-Gen. Otis has granted him a safe conduct for his chief of staff and another officer whom he is sending to Aguinaldo, with a letter demanding the liberation of the Spanish prisoners in the name of humanity and international law. In the event of a refusal the commissioners will ask Aguinaldo for a definite decision in order that they may acquaint the civilized world with his attitude. Gen. Rios has empowered them to offer to surrender to Aguinaldo 1,600 Filipino prisoners, who have been placed at the Spanish commander's disposal by Gen. Otis.

The state department at Washington has published a report from U. S. Consul Williams at Manila in which he refutes the statements regarding the health and climate of the Philippines. During the last year he says he heard of no temperature in the islands below 57 degrees and none above 93 degrees in the sun. The city of Manila is swept by sea breezes and has an abundant and good water supply. The death rate is small and with proper care one may be entirely healthy.

Twelve generals and many other officers of the first and second army corps of the Cuban forces met at Bayamo recently and decided to name Gen. Maximo Gomez as the representative of the Cuban army to the U. S. with full powers to treat for the army. There were 120 votes in favor of Gomez and 12 against him. At the same meeting it was decided to exterminate the bandits of the province of Santiago.

Gen. Lawton estimates that 100,000 troops will be necessary to pacify the Philippine islands, and adds: "The difficulties in the way are those of fighting guerrillas in a tropical country. With my brigade I could force my way from one end of the islands to the other if I did not have to hold the territory I traversed. But leaving garrisons behind would soon eat up the whole force."

The expedition under Maj.-Gen. Lawton are sweeping. The second day the army moved 12 miles farther into the interior in the face of a determined resistance. Five American scouts, who ventured too near the rebel trenches, were killed. Gen. Lawton's expedition to the Laguna de Bay district have returned to Manila, and preparations are now being made for an important land movement against the Filipinos.

All the launches seized by Gen. Lawton will be restored to their original owners—that is to say, they will be given back to the persons from whom Aguinaldo's soldiers took them.

THE MARKETS.

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Best grades	\$18.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Lower grades	\$16.00	\$4.00	\$5.00
Chicago.			
Best grades	\$18.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Lower grades	\$16.00	\$4.00	\$5.00
Detroit.			
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Buffalo.			
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Cleveland.			
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Lower grades	\$16.00	\$4.00	\$5.00
Cincinnati.			
Best grades	\$18.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Lower grades	\$16.00	\$4.00	\$5.00
Pittsburg.			
Best grades	\$18.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
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New York	\$2.25	\$1.40	\$1.30
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Detroit	\$2.25	\$1.40	\$1.30
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Cleveland	\$2.25	\$1.40	\$1.30
Pittsburg	\$2.25	\$1.40	\$1.30
Buffalo	\$2.25	\$1.40	\$1.30

Mack Farmer, a Negro living near Marietta, Ga., shot and seriously wounded his wife and his mother-in-law and then killed himself. Farmer and his wife were living apart. He visited her and a quarrel resulted in the tragedy. Word has been received of Gen. Lawton's victory in the vicinity of Pagsajan and Lumban. He succeeded in capturing both towns, driving the insurgents up the mountain side. Six launches and two cascos were captured in the river. The rebel loss is said to be heavy.

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Friday, Apr. 21, 1899.

Mr. Medill, the successful newspaper publisher of Chicago, estimates that if the working men of the United States had bought railway stocks instead of whiskey for the last ten years, they would now own every railway in the United States.

Young fellow, don't attempt to trot in the same class with the fellows who have more money than you. Don't bite off more than you can chew. Better hedge and make both ends meet. Many a young man has met with reverses simply because he "tried to keep his end up." It doesn't pay in the long run. We know that the present times are tending to extravagance, but it isn't right. —Lillian Leader.

A little boy was required to write an essay. "The Newspaper," was the subject given him and the following is the result of the youngster's effusion: "I don't know how newspapers came to be in the world. I don't think God does, for he hasn't got nothing to say about them, and Editors is not in the Bible. I think editors is one misson' link you read about, and stayed in the bush till after the flood, then come out and wret to th'ing up; told how Noah went on a g'njumboree as soon as he landed, and has been here ever since. Editors are like mules, 'cause they never die. I never saw a dead editor and never heard of one getting licked. Our paper is a mighty poor one; the editor goes without underclothes all winter, don't wear no socks, and paw hasn't paid his subscription in more than five years."

The Glazier Stove Co's plant, of Chelsea, has been sold to the United Oil Stove Trust, and now the people of Chelsea will have to cough up a bonus of \$25,000, besides free power, free lights and free water, in order to keep the plant there. These trusts don't want much.

A newly married editor in Idaho gets off the following minstrel joke: "What is the difference between a honeycomb, honeymoon and a pretty girl? A honeycomb is a small cell, a honeymoon is a big sell and a pretty girl is a damsel!"

The corn lie appears every year, and is now on the rounds from Kansas. A young man climbed a corn stalk last Monday to see how the ears were getting along and now the corn is growing up faster than he can climb down. Three men have undertaken to cut down the stalk, but owing to its rapid growth it is feared they will not succeed in time to prevent the young man's death from starvation. He is subsisting on raw corn and has already thrown down four bushels of cobs and it is now thought that his supply is almost exhausted.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. Geo. D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run-down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c. Sold by J. L. Gale, druggist.

What Shall We Do.

A serious and dangerous disease prevails in this country, dangerous because so deceptive. It comes on so slowly yet surely that it is often firmly seated before we are aware of it.

The name of this disease which may be divided into three distinct stages is, First: Kidney trouble, indicated by pain in the back, rheumatism, lumbago, frequent desire to urinate, often with a burning sensation, the flow of urine being copious or scant with strong odor.

If allowed to advance, this reaches the Second Stage, or Bladder trouble, with heavy pain in the abdomen low down between the navel and the water passage, increasing desire to urinate, with scalding sensation in passing, small quantities being passed with difficulty, sometimes necessary to draw it with instruments. If uric acid or gravel has formed, it will prove dangerous if neglected.

The Third stage is Bright's disease. There is comfort in knowing that Dr. Kilmer, the great kidney and bladder specialist, has discovered a Remedy famous for its marvelous cures of the most distressing cases and known as Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root.

It is sold by all druggists. As a proof of the wonderful virtues of this great discovery, Swamp-Root, a sample bottle and book of valuable information will be sent absolutely free by mail on application to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing kindly mention that you read this liberal offer in the Plymouth MAIL.

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Art School at Macatawa.

An art school is to be established at Macatawa Park in July, which, if successful, will probably be made a permanent fixture and will be conducted on a scale similar to the college work of the north-western states. Frank Forest Frederick, professor of art and design in the University of Illinois, will be in charge of the classes which will be held in a studio in the Macatawa Park auditorium. Work will begin Monday, July 3rd, and continue during the summer months. There will be three classes, the elementary class for the study of fresh drawing and perspective, the intermediate class for the study of composition and methods of sketching, and the advanced class for the study of landscape painting.

Full information may be had by addressing Prof. Frederick at Champaign, Ill. Ask agents of the D. G. R. & W. Co. for circulars, and remember that these lines are the ones to take for Macatawa Park.

Geo. DeHaven, G. P. A.

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Grand Rapids and Grand Ledge, Sunday, April 23rd. Base Ball at Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids vs Detroit. Train will leave Plymouth at 8:15 a. m. Leave Grand Rapids at 6:00 p. m. Rates \$1.75. Rate to Grand Ledge 75. Island Lake 35.

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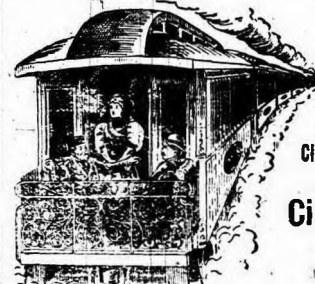


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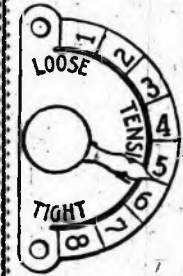
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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS AND PERSONAL MENTION.

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

—Ride a Clipper. C. G. DRAPER, agt. A slight rain Thursday morning. We need more.

—"Nate" West, of Detroit, was in town Wednesday.

Sellery says he hopes the name won't stick to him.

—Bows for the girls at prices from 5c to \$1 at Draper's.

The L. O. T. M., netted over \$100 from "Too Much Johnson."

—Stoves, both coal and wood, for sale cheap at Dr. Collier's.

Henry Hard, who has been sick for some time is improving.

—Large stock of canned goods, choice tea and coffee at Hillmer's.

An adjourned meeting of the council will be held next Monday night.

On Sundays the electric cars run every 45 minutes commencing at 7 a. m.

Mrs. E. C. Hough returned Monday from a six week's visit in Mobile, Ala.

—Building lot for sale. Apply to Mrs. ELLA KING.

—To introduce one of the best soaps in the country we will give 10 bars with 60 clothes pins for 25c.

HILLMER & Co.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Peters, of Newburg, April 15th, an eleven pound boy.

It is expected that work on the electric road through the village will begin next week.

Mr. Fitzhugh continues very low at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Smitherman.

The W. C. T. U. have rented the front room of Odd Fellows hall for meeting purposes.

The foundation for W. F. Markham's new building on Main street is nearly completed.

Harry Jolliffe has returned from his California trip. He says he doesn't care to live there.

We take orders for any newspaper or magazine published in the world, and will save you money.

People who are the poorest pay, frequently are the most particular about the things they buy.

Jesse Hubbard left Wednesday morning to accept a position in a West Bay City flouring mill.

—Buy a "White" bicycle direct from the factory for \$40 cash. Apply to G. M. Adams, MAIL OFFICE.

Supervisor Starkweather and Assessor Valentine have been at work this week taking the assessments.

A load of Odd Fellows from here went to Northville Wednesday night to visit Globe lodge, I. O. O. F.

H. W. Baker has been mentioned as a successor to W. F. Markham on the Board of Water Commissioners.

There seems to be a question as to whether the use of gasoline lamps is against the state law or not.

J. R. Rauch's residence and barn look like new. They have been painted white with light green trimmings.

George Springer, Mrs. John Smye, Fred Dunn and C. E. Baker have been painting their houses this week.

Carl Heide set out 65,000 cabbage plants this week. Thursday forenoon he placed 5,000 in the ground alone.

Two thousand half sheets scattered throughout the country tell of luncheonable bargains at E. L. Riggs' store.

This is the time of year when the man of the house is almost afraid to come home to his meals—housecleaning.

A. S. Lyndon is billing this section of the county this week in the interest of his White and Crescent bicycle trade.

—FOR SALE—Second hand refrigerator, \$5. 20 or 25 yds new rag carpet. 1

C. E. BAKER.

—Lace curtains, elegant patterns, 75c, \$1. 1.25, 1.50 and 1.75 per pair at HILLMER & Co.'s.

S. F. Hodge, of the medical department of the Michigan University, came home today to nurse his uncle, Frank Hodge, who is confined to his bed with chronic bronchitis.

The entertainment given in the M. E. church, Wednesday evening, for the benefit of the primary department of the M. E. Sunday school, was well attended and the little ones rendered their different parts with much credit to themselves.

The receipts from the entertainment and from the one preceding, will go towards buying chairs for the primary department.

Spring House Cleaning.

Will soon be upon you and you will want New Carpets, Curtains and Draperies. We must have your trade in these lines this spring and have an assortment you can not possibly get away from.

Ingrain Carpets 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 65c, 75c a yard.

Brussels, Moquets and Velvets at Bargain Prices.

Shades from 25c to 75c each

Lace Curtains 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 \$5.00 pair.

Draperies 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Dollars a pair.

Clothing New and Stylish.

The finest line we have ever shown.

Men's Suits from \$4.00 to \$15.00

Boys' Suits from \$3.50 to \$10.00

Boys' Short Pants Suits from \$1.50 to \$5.00

New spring Hats and Caps, largest variety, finest styles and cheapest prices.

Have you seen our Ladies' suits and spring Capes and Jackets. You must see these goods to appreciate them.

New Corsets, R & G and Armorside, the finest fitting and wearing Corsets on the market. New Kid Gloves.

Better Goods this spring for less money than ever before are the inducements we held out to you.

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SHOES. SHOES.

New and complete line of Ladies', Gents' and Children's shoes. Visit our shoe department, you can't help finding what you want. All kinds of shapes in Black and Tan. Prices low.

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We buy these lines direct from the manufacturer.

Gold and silver and International Brands of shirts and Collars. They are the best makes on the market. If you want the best don't take any other make. 100 doz. Work Shirts and Overalls bought direct from one of the best manufacturers for net cash. Their 50c goods we make the price 25 and 35c, each. These are the BIGGEST BARGAINS ever shown in Plymouth.

—We do not call for or deliver laundry but give a cash discount of 25 per cent on all laundry work left at Hillmer's.

The ladies of the W. R. C. went in a body to the home of Mrs. Geo. Peterhans, Wednesday afternoon and surprised Mrs. Peterhans, the occasion being her 57th birthday. A few pleasant hours were spent.

The eightieth anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will be celebrated by Tonquish lodge with appropriate exercises next Tuesday evening. All members are requested to be present.

T. S. Clark expects to leave Monday to attend the interdenominational Sunday school convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga., commencing Wednesday, April 29th, and lasting four days. Mr. Clark is one of the 54 delegates from Michigan.

—"Trouting in Michigan" is the title of a new folder just issued by the Chicago & West Michigan Ry. Co. descriptive of the unequalled trout and other fishing along that line. A copy may be had upon application to C. & W. M. or D. G. R. & W. agents or the Gen. Passenger Agent, Grand Rapids. 1w

The following persons visited John G. Sweng and wife this week: Mrs. Chas. Van Depoele and Miss Adeline Van Depoele, of Lynn, Mass., Mrs. Chas. Wagner, of Dearborn, Mrs. Von Nostitz, Miss Clara Von Nostitz, Master Erick Von Nostitz, Mrs. P. Dingeman, Sr., and Mrs. M. Dingeman, of Detroit.

Lafayette Dean's barn and shop in north village had a narrow escape from fire Tuesday morning. An outhouse belonging to Jacob Brunner caught fire and was burned, and as it stood within a few feet of the barn, it required some hustling to keep the flames from spreading. Phoenix Hose Co. was present but it was not necessary to turn on the water.

Wouldn't it be a wise move for the village to pass an ordinance whereby it would pay a certain percentage of the cost of building stone walks in the village. This would induce property owners to put down good substantial walks. Many villages in this section have made such an arrangement and the result is that very few wood sidewalks are being built.

Denim dress skirts, they will never wear out. See them in checks, stripes and plain colors at HILLMER & Co.'s.

The street committee will probably have their hands full if they superintend the laying of the electric road through the village in such a manner that the streets will not be torn up throughout their entire length during construction, and so that, after the completion of the road, it will have been laid strictly according to the terms of the franchise. This will require a little sacrifice of time on the part of the members of the committee but they will receive the everlasting gratitude of the public if they insist on a job that will be a credit to the village when completed.

Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but skin eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them, also old, running and fever sores, ulcers, boils, felons, corns, warts, cuts, bruises, burns, scalds, chapped hands, chilblains. Best Pile cure on earth. Drives out pains and aches. Only 25c a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by John L. Gale, druggist.

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: "Everlasting Punishment."

Try the "Best Tonic" cigar. 611

Some tonics make Drunkards.

But Cleveland's Celery Compound Tea contains no alcohol—it is purely vegetable. Steep it in hot water and it is ready. It is as pure and harmless as milk, but it is the quickest and surest cure in the world for nervous prostration, exhaustion, constipation, indigestion, and all diseases of the blood, kidneys, liver, stomach and the skin. There is health and vigor in every ounce of it. Geo. W. Hunter & Co. will give you a free trial package. Large packages 25 cents.

A Card.

I, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Turp if it fails to cure your cough or cold. I also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded. 611 J. G. MEHLER

"Oh! You'll Soon Get Over It."

It is very small consolation for a man who is suffering from rheumatism to be told that it is only an "acute" attack and soon will be over. Whether an attack of rheumatism lasts one day or eight weeks or one moment, it is extremely interesting and keeps you busy while it is present. The proprietors of Ath-lo-pho-ro do not attempt to subdivide rheumatism into its final variety; they simply know that Ath-lo-pho-ro can cure any kind of rheumatism in any kind of climate, in any kind of conditions, no matter whether the disease is recent or of long standing. Benson, Neb., Feb. 1898.

Gentlemen.—Some time ago I had a very bad attack of rheumatism, and I used three bottles of your medicine and was cured. I also recommended it to a friend and he used it with the same effect. Yours truly, C. STERGER.

For sale at druggists. Send for free pamphlet to The Ath-lo-pho-ro Co., New Haven, Conn.

We Offer

This week and next, a line of Trimmed Hats, both children's and ladies', ranging in price from \$1 to \$2.50.

We ask you

To call and see them. We also have a nice line of Cheap Sailors. Resp'y,

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Remarkable Rescue.

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

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PLYMOUTH SAVINGS BANK, At Plymouth, Michigan, at the close of business Apr. 30, 1899.

RESOURCES.	
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Stocks, Bonds, Mortg., etc.	\$3,429.79
Undivided Profits, less taxes, expenses and interest paid	4,500.00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	3,922.98
Other real estate	3,150.00
Due from banks and reserve cities	\$5,507.01
Checks and cash items	545.00
Nickels and cents	90.60
Gold coin	4,759.25
Silver coin	2,089.65
U. S. and Nat'l Bank Notes	3,615.00
Total	\$368,065.50

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Dividends unpaid	110.00
Commercial deposits	45,174.73
Certificates of deposit	38,825.54
Savings deposits	119,751.68
Total	\$203,869.95

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss. COURT OF WAYNE, E. K. BENNETT, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statements are true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. H. K. BENNETT, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Apr., 1899. EUGENE P. LOHMEYER, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: I. N. STARKWEATHER, J. B. TULLOCH, E. C. LEACH, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Exchange Bank, at Plymouth, in the State of Michigan, at the close of business, Apr. 30, 1899.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$ 92,173.91
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	825.73
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	19,500.00
Furniture on U. S. Bonds	1,375.00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	7,393.45
Due from approved reserve agents	34,600.18
Notes of other National Banks	445.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	261.92
Specie	6,019.75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer	562.50
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund	37.60
Total	\$ 156,194.94

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 80,000.00
Surplus fund	6,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	912.82
National Bank notes outstanding	10,180.00
Dividends unpaid	210.00
Individual deposits subject to check	35,400.08
Demand certificates of deposit	50,482.86
Total	\$ 156,194.94

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss. COURT OF WAYNE, I. O. A. FRASER, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. O. A. FRASER, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Apr. 1899. EUGENE P. LOHMEYER, Notary Public. Wayne Co.

Correct—Attest: R. C. SAFFORD, K. W. CRAFFEE, W. H. HOYT, Directors.

Now is the time to buy your

Watches or Silverware.

Why? A trust has been formed to control the prices on all Watches and Silverware, which will advance the price 10 to 20 per cent

Don't Forget that I am selling Watches and Silverware at prices less than you have been paying elsewhere. I am also receiving new goods every week. Call and see them.

C. G. DRAPER,

Conner Bldg. JEWELER.

Lapham's Bargain Store

We are Still in the Lead with Low Prices.

New stock Wall Paper from 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30c, double roll

18 pounds of Granulated Sugar \$1.00

Michigan Water White Oil 07c

Red Cross Water White Oil same old price 8c gl

Palatine Oil 11c

Gasoline 12c

9 Bars Queen Ann Soap, cash, for 25c

2 cans best Salmon 25c

Good Red Salmon per can 10c

3 cans Choice Sweet Corn 25c

3 cans Choice Peas 25c

Good Rice 5c pound or 6 pounds for 25c

Best Rice 7c pound or 4 pounds for 25c

Lion, and XXXX Coffee, 10c

Arm & Hammer Saleratus 7c pound or 4 pounds for 25c

Saleratus, Gilt Edge, 5c pound or 6 pounds for 25c

Carbon Soda 4c pound or 7 pounds for 25c

Silver Gloss Starch per pound 7c

Corn Starch 5c pound or 6 pounds for 25c

Bulk Starch 4c pound or 7 pounds for 25c

New Raisins, 3 Crown, 7c pound or 4 pounds for 25c

New Prunes 5c pound or 6 pounds for 25c

New Figs per pound 10c

Choice Mince Meat 3 packages 25c

Rolled Oats 9 pounds for 25c

Good Syrup per gal 20c

Molasses, per gal 20c

4 pound Sal Soda for 5c

Clothes Pins 1c dozen 6 doz for 5c

Pure Ground Pepper, per pound 20c

Nutmegs, 60c pound or 20c oz

Best Crackers, 6c or 4 1/2 pounds for 25c

Our Best Tea per pound now 50c

Young American Flour, per sack 35c

Parlor Matches 12 boxes 8c or 6 for 25c

Good Tea, per lb. 35c

Good Fine Cut Tobacco, per pound 80c

Diamond Dyes, to close out, 5c a package Quality & Quantity plug Tobacco lb. 20c

A. J. LAPHAM,

Free Delivery Daily. North Village.

All men may be liars, but all liars are not men.

A woman can make a pie out of anything she wants to.

The meanest people on earth fancy that they are better than others.

Man sometimes fancies that sin is taken out of him when he has lost only his conceit.

The light of friendship is like the light of phosphorus—seen plainest when all around is dark.

Germany does not want any trouble in Samoa, but, according to all accounts, every bit of trouble there bears a German brand.

This fad of sending messenger boys from London is not accomplishing much, but it is giving the boys a chance to see a large and impressive world.

There are humane gentlemen in Georgia, Mississippi, and Arkansas who will continue to worry over the manner in which the poor Philippines are being shot down.

There are moments when one cannot help but suspect the American forces in the Philippines to consist largely of Funston of Kansas and Creelman of Yellow Journalism.

You live fast, battling for humanity against so many forms of oppression. None know what it is to live, till they redeem life from its seeming monotony, by laying it a sacrifice on the altar of some great cause.

The popular idea of the upper class Frenchwoman is, that she is exceedingly fond of dress and style, and the devoted slave of the latest fashions. The serious side of her nature is not so well known.

Written examinations frequently bring to light curious notions. It is related that a recent school examination paper conveyed the information that John Bright was chiefly distinguished for a disease, usually fatal, which he had discovered, and that Richard Wagner was the inventor of a sleeping car.

In removing altogether from the Philippines and placing the lives and property of its subjects there under the protection of the United States, Germany has exchanged a doubtful for a solvent guarantor.

The Mennonites select pastors by lot, and the ceremonies by which the election is made are conducted with great deliberation and solemnity. The people meet in church, and, after preliminary religious services, a committee retires to an ante-room.

The American Pottery company, one of the recent products of the New Jersey trust hatchery, went to pieces last week.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"MASSACRE OF THE INNOCENTS" SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

"My Father, if Thou Hast Opened Thy Mouth Unto the Lord, Do to Me According to That Which Hath Proceeded Out of Thy Mouth"—Judges, 11:34.

Jephthah was a freebooter. Early turned out from a home where he ought to have been cared for, he consoled with rough men and went forth to earn his living as best he could.

Before going to the war Jephthah makes a very solemn vow, that if the Lord will give him victory, then, on his return home, whatsoever first comes out of his doorway he will offer in sacrifice as a burnt offering.

Jephthah wins the day. Twenty cities lay captured at his feet. Sound the victory all through the mountains of Gilead. Let the trumpeters call up the survivors.

Huzza for Jephthah, the conqueror! Jephthah, seated on a prancing steed, advances amid the acclaiming multitudes, but his eye is not on the excited populace.

Oh, horrors! Paleness of death blanches his cheek. Despair seizes his heart. His daughter, his only child, rushes out to throw herself in her father's arms and shower upon him more kisses than there were wounds on his breast or dents in his shield.

The whole matter was explained to her. This was no whining, hollow-hearted girl into whose eyes the father looked. All the glory of sword and shield vanished in the presence of the valor of that girl.

She bows to the knife, and the blood, which so often at the father's voice had rushed to the crimson cheek, smokes in the fires of the burnt offering.

Of course this offering was not pleasing to the Lord, especially as a provision was made in the law for such a contingency, and Jephthah might have redeemed his daughter by the payment of thirty shekels of silver.

Jephthah's vow. First, he ought never to have made it. Next, having made it, it were better broken than kept. But do not take on pretentious airs and say, "I could not have done as Jephthah did."

Now, I make very practical use of this question when I tell you that the sacrifice of Jephthah's daughter was a type of the physical, mental, and spiritual sacrifice of ten thousand children in this day.

In the first place I remark that much is a system of sacrifice. When children spend six or seven hours in school, and then must spend two or three hours in preparation for school the next day, will you tell me how much time they will have for sunshine and fresh air, and the obtaining of that exuberance which is necessary for the duties of coming life?

In connection with this I mention what I might call the cramming system of the common schools and many of the academies; children of delicate brain compelled to tasks that might appal a mature intellect.

Thackeray is misunderstood by many readers. They place him among the satirists or the cynics, who delight to ridicule the follies and weaknesses of human nature. It is true that he was a satirist.

In our day most boys start out with no idea higher than the all-encompassing dollar. They start in an age which boasts it can scratch the Lord's Prayer on a ten-cent piece, and the Ten Commandments on a ten-cent piece.

Further on, thousands and tens of thousands of the daughters of America are sacrificed to worldliness. They are taught to be in sympathy with all the artificialities of society.

our civil war, a lieutenant of the army stood on the floor beside the daughter of the ex-governor of the state of South Carolina. They were taking the vows of marriage. A bombshell struck the roof, dropped into the group, and nine were wounded and slain.

I lift up my voice against the sacrifice of children. I look out of my window on a Sabbath and I see a group of children, unwashed, uncombed, unchristianized. Who cares for them? Who prays for them? Who utters to them one kind word?

I congratulate all those who are toiling for the outcast and the wanderer. Your work will soon be over, but the influence you are setting in motion will never stop.

THE REAL THACKERAY.

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Blimpies of the real Thackeray are given us in the introduction which his daughter, Mrs. Ritchie, has written for the biographical edition of his writings.

"I pray Almighty God that the words I write in this house may be pure and honest; that they may be dictated by no personal spite, unworthy motive, or unjust greed for gain."

When these words were written, Thackeray's work, though he could not know it, was very nearly done. The entry is dated March 8, 1862, and in December of the next year he died.

Haydn's Birthplace. A fire occurred two weeks ago in the village of Fohrau, on the Hungarian frontier, and among other houses destroyed was the modest thatched building in which Joseph Haydn was born.

A man may leave footprints on the sands of time with impunity, but he should be careful how he leaves them around on a recently scrubbed kitchen floor.

CHEER RETURNING WARSHIP.

Patriotic Thousands Greet the Raleigh at New York.

PROUD DAY FOR THE CRUISER.

Major Van Wyck and an Official Reception Committee Welcome the Vessel—Intense Enthusiasm Shown by the Assembled Thousands.

New York, April 18.—The cruiser Raleigh, which fired the first shot in the battle of Manila bay on the morning of May 1, paraded up the North river Sunday and fired a salute at Grant's tomb.

The captured Spanish prizes Sandoval and Alvarado escorted the Raleigh and likewise fired salutes. Thirty thousand people were gathered in Riverside park and awaited the arrival of the cruiser in a driving rain.

The official reception committee and their guests were the first to officially greet the warship. Mayor Van Wyck and his party came on the steamer, Glen Island. The steamer Glen carried the rest of the reception committee.

The Raleigh's punch-bowl was filled to the brim, and the officers of the ship toasted the city of New York, while Mayor Van Wyck offered one to Admiral Dewey and his comrades who took part in the battle of Manila bay.

The voyage to Grant's tomb, with an escort of screaming boats, and the people cheering on the banks, is the aim of every ship in the navy. The Santiago fleet had the glory divided among half a dozen battleships and flagships.

Opposite Grant's tomb the Raleigh thundered its salute to the nation, twenty-one guns, and the sound rolled across the Hudson, and was thrown back by the Jersey bluffs, and reverberated through the valley, mingling with the cheers of the people.

After passing Grant's tomb the Raleigh turned and proceeded slowly down the river and dropped anchor off Thirty-Seventh street. The officers and crew of the Raleigh then gave as royal welcome to the public as the public had given to the Raleigh.

Fear Epidemic of Smallpox.

Iowa City, Iowa, April 18.—Iowa is threatened with an epidemic of smallpox, according to Dr. J. C. Shrader of Iowa City, a member of the state board of health, who returned from an investigation tour of the state.

Soldiers Want to Come Home.

Washington, April 18.—The desire of the volunteers to return to this country is evidenced in a report which shows that of those who have been offered opportunity to re-enlist, with the offer of a bonus in travel pay of over \$500, only about 7 per cent will accept.

Beef for the Philippines.

Kansas City, Mo., April 18.—One of the largest contracts for dressed beef ever placed by the United States government has just been arranged with a local packing house.

Bank Cashier Kills Himself.

Humboldt, Neb., April 18.—S. W. Grinstead, cashier of the bank in this city, committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver. Friday Bank Examiner Wilson called at the bank to look over the books, and Cashier Grinstead admitted to him that he was short in his accounts \$10,000.

Labor Leader Dead.

New York April 17.—Robert Blisset, a well known labor leader, who founded the Central Labor union of this city in 1882, died Sunday of pneumonia, aged 58 years.

THE WOMEN SAY

There is No Remedy the Equal of Peruna in All Their Peculiar Ills. Miss Susan Wymar, teacher in the Richmond School, Chicago, Ill., writes the following letter to Dr. Hartman regarding Peruna. She says: "Only those who have suffered with sleeplessness from overwork in the schoolroom, such as I have, can know what a blessing it is to be able to find relief by spending a couple of dollars for some"



Pe-ru-na. This has been my experience. A friend in need is a friend indeed, and every bottle of Pe-ru-na I ever bought proved a good friend to me.—Susan Wymar.

Mrs. Margaretta Dauben, 1214 North Superior St., Racine City, Wis., writes: "I feel so well and good and happy now that pen cannot describe it. Peruna is everything to me. I feel healthy and well, but if I should be sick I will know what to take. I have taken several bottles of Pe-ru-na for female complaint. I am in the change of life and it does me good."

Send for a free book written by Dr. Hartman, entitled "Health and Beauty." Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, O.

Don't marry a girl who isn't willing to do her share of the work on a tandem. Don't think because a girl rides a wheel that she is a spinster.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Many Times Nothing—Sometimes a Fund of Knowledge. It's a good old saying, and a true one too, "Know all men by their works." The public have been imposed upon so many times by unscrupulous claims made for selfish means of profit, they look for something more substantial; they ask for facts. The little conqueror has earned the reputation made in Michigan and no impostor can steal it.

My knowledge of Doan's Kidney Pills dates back to five years ago. I was then living in the town where Dr. Doan was located. I was tormented with kidney troubles and inflammatory rheumatism. The doctor prescribed the pills for me which have since become so justly famous. Their use quickly eliminated the uric acid from my system and gave me complete relief from the disease which had so long afflicted me.

Doan's Kidney Pills are sold by all dealers. Price 50 cents per box. Mailed on receipt of price by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name Doan's and take no other.

Spring Cleanings Made Easy.

The best of May is sufficiently early to begin spring cleaning, but the work may be very much lightened by getting everything in readiness beforehand, as well as providing the best articles for cleaning purposes. For washing windows, wood-work and floors nothing equals Ivory Soap. Soft water is always easier to work with than hard. For banishing insects from presses and beds use Alum and Borax, and for purifying inside and outside lines is excellent.

ELIZA R. PARKER.

Cipher—The average man who thinks he is one in a thousand.

Are You Using Allen's Foot-Ease?

It is the only cure for Swollen, Smarting, Burning, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Fools—A class of people that wise men work for a living.

Bad blood and indigestion are deadly enemies to good health. Burdock Blood Bitters destroys them.

If an alliter could talk he would probably declare that he had a small mouth.

It is hard for a man to serve the Lord as long as the devil has hold of his tongue.

You can't stop your neighbor's tongue, but you can stop your own ears.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup For children teething softens the bowels, relieves inflammation, allays pain, cures windcolic. 25 cents a bottle.

If you look to God before you sleep you will never talk the wrong road.

Mexican Letter.

Guajuato, 9 de March de 1899.
PLYMOUTH MAIL.

Plymouth Mich.—The above city has a population of some sixty thousand and is pronounced as if it were spelled Wanah-what-ah. This city is sixteen miles from the main line of R. R. travel, being reached by a dummy line from Sildo, then a change to street cars to this city, it is a city seldom visited by tourists and for that reason has not yet received the first rush of American ideas and enterprises that are already shown to some extent in many of the Mexican cities. I think you may have thought the description of some of these places I have, from time to time given, were somewhat flowery and overdrawn. Well they were not. Yet in trying to describe Guajuato, its picturesque, its grandeur, its harmony of local color, combining as it does the strange customs and quaintness of architecture, of ages long since passed away, added to features of up-to-dateness that is the peer of anything in the states, or in fact, in all Europe. Imagine if you can a city six miles in length, built in a valley between towering mountains, which valley at no point is over half a mile in width. Add to this the thought of a people who never seem to be in a hurry, where overcoats are unknown, yet where every man carries a blanket, of the most gaudy and flashing colors, day and night, for to most of these natives their blanket is their bed as well as overcoat; where all women wear shawls of many colors and never know a coat or cape; then put as a background to this, plazas or little parks at short intervals on all the public streets, in these being fountains and little Gothic band stands completely covered over with great wild roses and the endless variety of other flowers and such giant plants as only a valley of the tropics can grow; add to this picture hundreds of houses built, as in the old Roman days, on the mountain side, these homes being for the most part of small stone, marble and Mexican onyx; another these again in a profusion of this tropical foliage, and still you have not one-twentieth part of the beautiful and quaint picture I am gazing at from my window on the mountain side at this very moment, for to the above you must add the ever shining sun; the little market places where today, and every day in the year, are offered for sale luscious strawberries, watermelons, bananas, oranges, lemons and the many delicious fruits of the country I can chew but not pronounce.

Then again at the head of one of the side streets and built into the side of the mountain is the pantheon, or properly speaking the old time sepulcher for the dead. I believe this city has the distinction of being the only city in the world today that still adheres to this strange system of caring for its dead. Here no human being has ever yet been buried but in this immense pantheon, which I visited this morning. When a person dies here the relatives place the remains in a fancy colored coffin, usually of light blue or green, this is placed upon a white street car, made for the purpose, and with other street cars following in line, transport the remains to the pantheon and as it is as lively a pace as the little mules can travel. Arrived at the pantheon, the coffin and its occupant are placed in a niche in the rock wall or mountain side, in an upright or standing position. These niches in the rock are made in tiers five high and there are hundreds of tiers. The lower tiers are highest in price, but all are paid for by the relative of the deceased for a term of five years and the remains are safe in the niche so purchased for this length of time. If, however, the relatives grow cold and neglectful at the end of this time and do not again come to the front and put up the cash for a further term of years, then the mummy or bones (most of these corpses turn into dried up little mummies) is taken by the state and ordered thrown upon the great heap of bones and mummies in a great pit of stone at the end of the pantheon. Standing in these niches, on either side of narrow corridors, their wooden overcoats having long since rotted away, I saw hundreds, yes thousands of these mummies as I passed through the enormous sepulcher and their grinning faces will appear in my troubled dreams for many moons to come. Again add the fact of this being the wealthiest city in all rich Mexico and having a government mint that is most unique in style of building and still more so in its operations. An old and wrinkled Indian whose hair is as silvered as the metal he works in, has handled the ladle here for forty years. He opens the door of the fiery furnace and dips his ladle in the molten metal, not a drop too much nor an ounce too little to fill his mold. Just think of it, forty years and the officer in charge of the mint told me that the records show not the loss of a single day for all those years of toil. Two younger Indians are experts in detecting imperfect coins by the sense of touch. They sit on low stools, with a huge pile of coins on either side, without looking, and with a single grasp gather twenty silver dollars—always twenty, never a dollar more nor less. Then sliding the coins from one hand to the other, the slightest scratch or imperfection is detected, and the imperfect coin is thrown aside to be put through the mill again. It is on record that no coin handled by these two Indians has ever

issued from the mint with an imperfection, however slight.
Another letter even longer than this one could be written before half the interesting topics from this mountain city could be told, yet I must finish by giving you the one up-to-date and even ahead-of-date feature I find here. It is an opera house costing four millions of dollars and is built of green stone found in this section, and marble of dark green hue, with pillars and steps of Mexican onyx, the interior is a dream of white and gold with joyce and stairway in Italian marble and onyx and there is no city of the world today, outside of Paris, that can boast of any such playhouse. How does this strike you as a combination of the sublime and ridiculous, yet it is all as I tell you, except that I am wholly unable to paint this city in the strange and fascinating manner with which it would strike you could you only see it as it is today.
Well, I must get on toward Mexico City, so tra la la.
Yours in a trance,
March 11, 1899.

It is my good luck in this instance to be able to give my readers a side of Mexican life not seen by the hasty tourist traveling in Pullman cars and doing the whole Republic in a couple of weeks, or yet by the average drummer who sees the life of the cities but nothing further. I am at present writing you from a ranch or as a very large ranch is called here, an hacienda. The manner of my coming here for a two days visit and what I have enjoyed since my arrival I will hereafter outline. While in San Antonio I met a young fellow, Evans by name, and we became very good friends, so much so that upon the morning of my departure for Mexico he accompanied me to the train. While at the train Mr. Evans met Mr. Manuel Perez, only son of the owner of this and six other haciendas. I was introduced to Mr. M. Perez whom I found was on his way home from a trip to the New Orleans Mardi Gras, and as he was fond of Americans and a thorough well educated gentleman of about my own age, we soon grew quite chummy. I found Mr. Perez had been born and raised in this country, in fact upon this hacienda, having, however, spent four years of his life in San Francisco, returning home some six years since as a graduate of the Stanford University of that city. Before parting from Mr. Perez on the train, I received a very cordial invitation to visit him on his hacienda and that if I would do so he would go on with me into the City of Mexico, which city is some hundred and twenty-five miles south of this place. I was informed that if I did come out here I must expect to rough it, so to speak, as Mrs. Perez died many years ago and Manuel and his father are the only surviving members of the house today. Well, I wired Mr. Perez from Guajuato what train I would arrive at Anagoganze, (his nearest station and on his land) and when I stepped off the train there stood his coach and four native servants to take me to this point. I only wish I had a picture of this entire outfit that met me, it cannot be properly pictured with a pen. The coach was a huge affair with a white top, without springs and I think I might date its arrival upon the stage of its active career within a couple of years after Columbus found things on this side. To this were harnessed four large mules in fine array. There were two drivers, or rather, a driver and a sort of footman and last but not least a body-guard of two cowboys elegantly mounted and ammunitioned and without a darned word of English in the entire gang. Mr. Perez not having met me, as it is not considered good form for a Mexican to meet a friend at the train. I got into the coach, my satchels and gun cases and coat being packed in the rear, and a crack of the bony lashed whip and a yell from the cowboys on either side of the vehicle and we started out on a gallop. Upon first glance at the rig I occupied I had wondered who could have made the thing and why it was ever built so fearfully heavy and strong. I laughed to myself as I thought of this coach as compared with anything that Chas. Brems had ever turned out, as to weight or beauty. But my laugh was short lived for as we forded a little stream some half mile west of the station, we hit the main road leading upward and around a rugged old mountain toward Mr. Perez's. I say we hit this road, well I do not intend to change the phraseology or to take it back, for we certainly did hit it. I called to mind many times during the three hours journey from depot to this hacienda that old saw which says: "the road to hades is paved with good intentions" and I wondered how that pavement compared with the one I was then traveling. I closed my eyes and hoped for the best, but I could do nothing more as my time and mind were pretty well occupied, the one with trying to keep the suit I had on from jarring off, the other in wondering how long this thing must continue ere I reached my destination. At last after being lassoed twice when upon the point of bounding off my seat and being dashed upon the rocks below, I reached the building owned and occupied by the Perez's as headquarters for their extensive haciendas, manufactory and stock production. Both the Perez's met me at the drawbridge of their regular old fashioned Spanish castle, with open handed greeting of hospitality and good will. Well when it came to being open I was in their class. I had an exaggerated case of open inside my frame, caused by that eleven mile ride, that buffed even the understanding of my horse, at table, some half hour later. I couldn't help it, but I could see my flash, I would not be in-

vised to stay all summer.
A brief description of the hacienda will give you an idea of all such estates in Mexico and of the other six in particular, owned by the hosts of this occasion. The exact number of acres in this vast ranch is not known, it never having been surveyed. It is as nearly as can be gotten at in crude Mexican fashion, some twenty-five to thirty-five miles in width, and in length is over a hundred and twenty miles and comprising about three million two hundred thousand acres of ground. Within this vast tract of land are great lakes and grand mountains, these latter being some nine hundred thousand acres in extent and being densely covered with a growth of oak timber, and wood is wood down here. Railroads pay seven dollars per cord for wood to burn in their engines. There is one lake far up on the side of one of these mountains and some twelve miles southeast from here, which is seventeen miles long and six wide. From this body of water so high above the entire surface of the hacienda are great irrigating ditches or canals which reach every part of the estate and are also extended across neighboring estates which have no lakes, and thus this water is a source of handsome revenue each year as received in cash bonuses for its use from outside parties. In addition to this irrigating snap I will give you some of the other uses to which this lake is put by the Perez's right here on the place and run by and entirely for them. First a flouring mill with four run of stone, the wheat for which is raised entirely upon this hacienda and which amounts to seventy thousands bushels per year and in other grains they raise thirty thousand bushels of oats and one hundred and forty thousand bushels of corn. When it comes to stock they are still in the swim for at present writing they have sixty thousand head of fine cattle, forty thousand head of horses, forty thousand head of sheep, nineteen thousand in a herd of goats and five thousand head of mules. For this vast herd of animals there are employed over two thousand Mexicans and Indians at an average wage of twenty-five cents Mexican money per day. For the use of these employees and their families Mr. Perez has a large store (general merchandise) adjoining the Castle and a large building where the office work, bookkeeping, etc. is done for this one hacienda.
Again he raises nearly enough cotton and sheep to keep in operation a woolen mill of large size and fitted with the latest English machinery, which is run also by this water power, and where he employs some three hundred operatives, turning out a fair quality of cloth of which I have some samples to show you upon my return.
Last but not least I came to the thing that most interested me, the growth of the Maguery, or century plant as we call it. From this is extracted the most fiery and fighting intoxicant known anywhere on earth. This drink in its fermented state is called Pulque and is the favorite drink of the native Mexican. Mr. Perez has at present nine million of these plants, which grow to an immense size and when ripe give out the juice or rather, is extracted in a very peculiar manner, which in connection with the fermenting and shipping would form a letter of some length by itself, but which I have not time to write, but will keep in mind if you ever want a line on it later. These plants produce their liquid eight months of the year and the average daily shipment of Pulque from this hacienda is sixty barrels, which in the City of Mexico brings a price of three and a half dollars per barrel. Add to all this six other haciendas owned by these hosts of mine and perhaps you can tell something of how much they are worth, I cannot. But what I do know is that they have treated me royally and I shall be loth to part from them tomorrow to resume my journey toward home.
If this is not quite up to my standard in handwriting allow me to say that in taking a horseback ride with Mr. Perez this morning, my horse became frightened and threw me clear over his head. I alighted upon a pile of rocks and it is a wonder I was not more severely hurt, but I received only slight punctures and a little touch of nettledness, otherwise I'm all O. K.
Your cowboy correspondent,
C. H. BENNETT.

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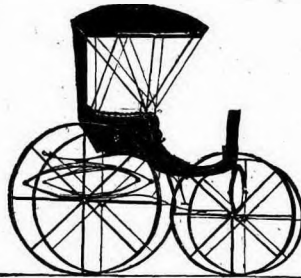
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Time Table in effect Jan. 29th, 1899.
SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS	No. 1	No. 2
Detroit	7:30am	4:00pm
Dundee	10:15	6:50
Tecumseh	10:45	6:20
Adrian	11:05	6:45
Wasson	12:05pm	7:44
Napoleon	12:30	8:11
Malta	12:55	8:36
Hamlet	1:15	8:56
Lapeer	1:35	9:00
Ottawa	1:40	9:16
Columbus Grove	1:55	9:31
Lima	2:20	10:00pm
Lake View	3:32	
Bellefontaine	3:54	
Columbus	4:58	

NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS	No. 3	No. 4
Columbus	7:50am	
Bellefontaine	9:45	
Lake View	10:15	
Lima	11:09	
Columbus Grove	11:44	6:37
Ottawa	12:02pm	6:52
Hamlet	12:15	7:06
Lapeer	12:37	7:28
Malta	1:04	7:39
Napoleon	1:34	7:54
Wasson	1:55	8:19
Adrian	2:25	9:14
Tecumseh	2:45	9:45
Dundee	3:15	10:16
Detroit	4:58	12:10

No. 3 and 4 run daily, other trains daily except Sunday.
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Detroit, Mich.

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TIME TABLE.
In effect Oct. 16 1898.
Trains leave Plymouth as follows:
STANDARD TIME.

GOING SOUTH	GOING NORTH
Train No. 4, 10:30 a. m.	Train 1, 5:10 a. m.
" No. 6, 2:25 p. m.	" 2, 9:15 a. m.
" No. 8, 8:45 p. m.	" 3, 2:15 p. m.
" No. 10, 6:40 a. m.	" 4, 7:30 p. m.

Trains Nos. 8 and 9 run through to Alpena.
Train No. 8 connects at Ludington with steamer for Manitowoc and Milwaukee (weather permitting) making connections for all points West and Northwest.
Sleeping Parlor Cars between Alpena, Bay City, Saginaw and Detroit.
Train No. 8 runs daily, from Bay City to Detroit. On Western Division it runs daily, except Sunday. Trains leave for Toledo at 5:30 a. m., 10:35 a. m., and 8:35 p. m.
For further information see Time Cards, company.
ED. PELTON, Local Agent.

DETROIT Grand Rapids & Western

STATIONS	Grand Rapids	Western
Lv Grand Rapids	7:30	5:30
Lv Detroit	7:30	5:30
Lansing	8:54	7:22
Salem	10:33	9:00
PLYMOUTH	10:50	9:15
Ar Detroit	11:40	10:45
Lv Detroit	8:15	6:15
Lv Lansing	9:30	7:57
Lv Salem	11:00	8:45
Lv Grand Rapids	12:11	10:10

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

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 April in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.
Present EDGAR O. DUFFEE, Judge of Probate, in the stead of the estate of ELBERT ANN REDDEN, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition of Elvira F. F. Redden praying that administration of the estate of the said deceased be granted to the said Elvira F. Redden or some other suitable person.
It is ordered, that the sixth day of May next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said petition.
And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Wayne.
EDGAR O. DUFFEE, Judge of Probate.
HENRY S. MULLENB, Register.
(A true copy.)