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George Fisher, born in Plymouth, died at his home in Wayne, Friday, Nov. 24, at the age of 61 years.

The peacemaker is all right, but he is never appreciated by the fellow who is getting the best of the fight.

If a woman can make good bread she has as much right to the word artist as the woman who paints a sunset.

Will Cusic of Brighton was killed while walking on the Michigan Central track near Dexter, Wednesday week.

Ypellanti has a new daily paper, called the Telegram. It made its first appearance last Saturday. It is published by the Commercial Pub. Co.

Under a new ruling of the pension office all pensioners living in a certain district for two quarters will receive their next pension from the office in whose district they reside.

Milford Times: George W. Osborne's shipment of turkeys to the New York market for the Thanksgiving trade amounted to 26,000 pounds. Only a small quantity of chickens and ducks were handled this year.

Mrs. Paulina Baker of Holly is the possessor of a Bible more than 350 years old. It is one of the oldest Bibles in America and is profusely illustrated. It was originally bought by John Allen in London about 1633.

Once more the fruit growers of the state are borrowing trouble. The warm weather has started the buds and it is feared they will be killed by the frosts. The lot of the peach grower is not a happy one, but he must have something to worry over or he would be very discontented.

The one American industry that has not increased during the past year is shipbuilding. According to the annual report of the United States Commissioner of Navigation, a smaller percentage of our imports and exports were carried in American ships last year than ever before.

Dr. Edward H. Jenkins, an expert chemist, told the Senate committee on manufactures, which is trying to find out all about food adulteration, that in five years' experience he had only found one adulterant that was poisonous, and that was used as coloring matter in a temperance drink.

Pension Commissioner H. Clay Evans says that under the disability act of '90, every soldier who has reached the age of 65 years is entitled to the minimum pension of six dollars a month; whether he is disabled or not, and every old soldier who has reached the age of 75 years is entitled to the maximum pension under the law, which is twelve dollars a month.

The D. P. & N. Electric car heater got a little reckless early Tuesday morning but was discovered by Marshall Macomber before anything more than a scorched piece of woodwork in the forward end resulted. Had the car been stored down by the bridge as usual instead of at the hotel corner there probably would have been work for the fire department. —Northville Record.

American products are gaining favor in China more rapidly than those of any other nation. During 1898 our imports into the Celestial Empire increased forty per cent while the total increase of imports from all countries amounted to less than five per cent. It is not much wonder, then, that a wise government is looking out for the continuance of the present favorable trade relations with China.

Northville has been having some excitement over the attempt to open another saloon there. The village has but one, and recently Rattenbury presented a proper bond to the village authorities to allow him to open a place. The council refused to approve the bond on the ground that an ordinance prohibited the sale of intoxicating liq-

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uora. Rattenbury brought suit in the county court, claiming that his bar would not be a saloon, but be attached to his hotel. He lost his case and carried it to the supreme court, which handed down a decision sustaining the lower court. The supreme court maintains that a saloon is a saloon, whether in a building by itself or in connection with a hotel.

Look out for that severe winter again this year. The "old settlers" are declaring that all the signs indicate an open winter which is just what they said last fall, and everyone knows what kind of a winter that was.

Chas. Palmer, of Northville, was sent up several years ago for criminal assault. Recently he was released from Jackson prison on parole, and, not having yet learned how to behave, at once began his old practice of "grabbing" women on the streets at night. He stopped a lady thus Wednesday night of last week, and threatened to cut her heart out if she screamed. She ran away from him and next day Palmer was returned to prison to serve his term out. It should be made for life.

A new fraud has appeared in different sections of the country whom our readers should be aware of. It is a female who is selling paper dress patterns to the unsuspecting. She has recently been operating through Northern Indiana with much success. She offers three waist patterns for a quarter and measures her victims. She then returns to her rooms to "cut out the patterns" and in due time returns with them. Those who have been "taken in" by the fraud declare that there is not a variation of a hair's breadth in the size of the pattern delivered. A woman who weighs 200 pounds gets the same sized pattern as the one who weighs but 100 pounds.

The Methodists of Michigan comprising a membership of 106,000, are to hold a three days' convention at Albion, December 12-14 for the purpose of discussing problems and themes vital to the interests of the church, and in special furtherance of the objects of the twentieth century movement. The authorities of the Methodist church throughout the civilized world have planned a colossal movement, both spiritual and financial, to mark the closing of the century. The Methodist church in this country is aiming to secure the conversion of two million souls and twenty million dollars. While the state convention has particular reference to this movement, the questions of lay membership, amusement, and other great reform movements will be discussed by the ablest men of the church. The minister and a lay representative is expected from each of the 700 churches in the state.

John M. Reindel, a bicycle repairer doing business on Griswold street, Detroit, was brutally murdered in his shop in the early hours of last Saturday evening. He was apparently sitting on a chair in the rear room when some one entered and struck him on the head with a blunt instrument and then, to make sure of his work, battered and cut him on the head until life was extinct. Then gasoline was poured upon the remains and a match applied. The flames were quickly discovered by passers-by but the assassin had fled, and up to this writing not a single tangible clue has been discovered to lead to his identity. The police have a theory that it was the work of an insane man. It is known that Reindel had a large sum of money on his person, and robbery may have been the motive. The murder was so especially atrocious and bold that the county auditors have offered a reward of \$2,000 for any information that may lead to the discovery of the murderer.

Since the above was in type, Henry Hamberger, a young man twenty years of age, and at times employed by Reindel, has been arrested, and the police think they have evidence enough to convict him. He had a wad of money Saturday evening, and the club found in the shop has been identified as belonging to the Hamberger's. The police department is to be commended for its zeal in the case, having had but the slightest clues to work from.

Facts to Remember.
The original and Genuine Red Pills are Knill's Red Pills for Wan People at 25c a box, the woman's remedy. Don't pay 50c.
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Those who are prone to grumble should not fail to remember that there is always a great deal to be thankful for. The individual that gets three square meals a day, and possesses the digestive apparatus that is competent to deal with them, should remember that things might be a great deal worse.

Edward I. Stimson, real estate agent, claims to have found a deposit of excellent molding sand on a farm near the Rouge River not far from Dearborn. He asserts that it will average 3000 tons to an acre and will mean the saving of thousands of dollars to moulders in this part of the country, who now have to ship the sand from eastern New York.

The editor may read the proof of a newspaper four times and pass repeatedly over the same error without seeing it. All newspapermen will tell you so. But just as soon as the press is started and the paper is printed in its complete shape, there stands that error out in front of you, so big that you can't see anything else. It is a strange fact. And this is the reason that it is so easy to edit a paper.

Woman's Literary Club.
The Woman's Literary Club met with Mrs. Hudd, at the residence of Mrs. Frisbee, Friday afternoon, Dec. 1. The president presided, with a small number of members present. Therefore, the literary program could not be carried out in full. History Review, conducted by Miss Smith, was followed by Table Talk—Has a Woman Business Ability?

Mrs. Fraser's invitation to hold the next meeting, December 15th, at her home, was accepted.

Origin of the Dolly.
From the name of Robert D'Oyley originated the word dolly. A grant of land was given to him in the reign of William of Normandy on condition that he should give yearly a tablecloth of at least 3 shillings' value at the feast of St. Michael.

According to the custom of the times, the women of his family were skillful with the needle and felt great pride in embroidering their "quilt rent tablecloths." In time these cloths came to be valuable and were used as napkins at the royal table. They were called "D'Oyleys."

A Sugar Plum.
"I had my picture taken today," said little Christine. "I crossed my arms and leaned on a chair, and the picture man put my head in some tongs."
"Why, you must have looked like a lump of sugar in sugar tongs," laughed papa.
"Why, so I must have," said Christine delightedly, "cause the man kept saying, 'What a sweet girl you are!'—What to Eat."

Would Be a Willing Apprentice.
The head of the Frankfurt house of the Rothschilds recently received a modest request from a young man who stated that the cooper's trade, to which he had been apprenticed, was distasteful to him and asked to be accepted as "an apprentice millionaire," promising diligence and all application in learning "the business."

Too Timid.
Mrs. Plump (trying in vain to squeeze a No. 5 foot into a No. 3 shoe)—This seems a trifle tight, but I'm afraid a No. 4 is too large.
Mr. Plump—You are too easily frightened, my dear.—Ohio State Journal.

Took the Tip.
The good advice of the laird of Waterton, in Aberdeenshire, to a sheep stealer reads like a very practical joke. He had himself sent the man to jail, and in those days sheep stealing was a capital offense. Visiting the prisoner the night before the trial, he asked him what he meant to do. To which the prisoner replied that he intended to confess and to pray for mercy.
"Confess!" said Waterton. "What man, will ye confess and be hanged? Nae, nae! Deny it to my face."
He did so and was acquitted.

Hunters' Rates via Ohio Central Lines.
The sale of tickets for the Hunting season has been authorized, and agents of the Ohio Central Lines will sell low rate excursion tickets to points in hunting territory of Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee. For full particulars, rates, etc., call on Agents of Ohio Central Lines.

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A TALE OF LIFE IN THE
BOER REPUBLIC.

CHAPTER I.

SHADOWS FROM CHILD LIFE.

The full African moon poured down its light from the blue sky into the wide, lonely plain. The dry, sandy earth, with its coating of stunted "kar-roo" bushes a few inches high, the low hills that skirted the plain, the milk bushes with their long, fingerlike leaves, all were touched by a weird and almost oppressive beauty as they lay in the white light.

In one spot only was the solemn monotony of the plain broken. Near the center a small solitary "kopje" rose. Alone it lay there, a heap of round ironstones piled one upon another, as over some giant's grave. Here and there a few tufts of grass or small succulent plants had sprung up among its stones, and on the very summit a clump of prickly pears lifted their thorny arms and reflected, as from mirrors, the moonlight on their broad, fleshy leaves. At the foot of the "kopje" lay the homestead, first the stone walled sheep kraals and Kaf-fir huts, beyond them the dwelling house, a square red brick building with thatched roof. Even on its bare red walls and the wooden ladder that



OLIVE SCHREINER ("RALPH IRON").

led up to the loft the moonlight cast a kind of dreamy beauty and quite etherealized the low brick wall that ran before the house and which inclosed a bare patch of sand and two straggling sunflowers. On the zinc roof of the great open wagon house, on the roofs of the outbuildings that jutted from its side, the moonlight glinted with a quite peculiar brightness till it seemed that every riv in the metal was of burnished silver.

Sleep ruled everywhere, and the homestead was not less quiet than the solitary plain.

In the farmhouse, on her great wooden bedstead, Tant' Sannie, the Boer woman, rolled heavily in her sleep. She had gone to bed, as she always did, in her clothes, and the night was warm and the room close, and she dreamed bad dreams—not of the ghosts and devils that so haunted her waking thoughts, not of her second husband, the consumptive Englishman, whose grave lay away beyond the ostrich camps, nor of her first, the young Boer, but only of the sheep's trotters she had eaten for supper that night. She dreamed that one stuck fast in her throat, and she rolled her huge form from side to side and snorted horribly.

In the next room, where the maid had forgotten to close the shutter, the white moonlight fell in a flood and made it light as day. There were two small beds against the wall. In one lay a yellow-haired child, with a low forehead and a face of freckles, but the loving moonlight hid defects here, as elsewhere, and showed only the innocent face of a child in its first sweet sleep.

The figure in the companion bed belonged of right to the moonlight, for it was of quite elfinlike beauty. The child had, dropped her cover on the floor, and the moonlight looked in at the naked little limbs. Presently she opened her eyes and looked at the moonlight that was bathing her. "Em!" she called to the sleeper in the other bed, but received no answer. Then she drew the cover from the floor, turned her pillow and, pulling the sheet over her head, went to sleep again.

Only in one of the outbuildings that jutted from the wagon house there was some one who was not asleep. The room was dark. Door and shutter were closed. Not a ray of light entered anywhere. The German overseer to whom the room belonged lay sleeping soundly on his bed in the corner, his great arms folded and his bushy gray and black beard rising and falling on his breast. But one in the room was not asleep. Two large eyes looked about in the darkness, and two small hands were smoothing the patchwork quilt. The boy, who slept on a box under the window, had just awakened from his first sleep. He drew the quilt up to his chin, so that little peered above it but a great head of silky black curls and the two black eyes. He stared about in the darkness. Nothing was visible, not even the outline of one worm eaten after, nor of the deal table on which lay the Bible from which his father had read before they went to bed. No one could tell where the bed was and where the fireplace. There was something very impressive in the child in the complete darkness.

At the head of his father's bed hung

a great silver hunting watch. It ticked loudly. The boy listened to it and began mechanically to count. Tick, tick, tick—one, two, three, four! He lost count presently and only listened. Tick, tick, tick, tick!

It never waited. It went on inexorably, and every time it ticked a man died! He raised himself a little on his elbow and listened. He wished it would leave off.

How many times had it ticked since he came to lie down? A thousand times, a million times, perhaps.

He tried to count again and sat up to listen better.

"Dying, dying, dying," said the watch, "dying, dying, dying!"

He heard it distinctly. Where were they going to, all those people?

He lay down quickly and pulled the cover up over his head, but presently the silky curls reappeared.

"Dying, dying, dying," said the watch, "dying, dying, dying!"

He thought of the words his father had read that evening, "For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat."

"Many, many, many!" said the watch.

"Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

"Few, few, few!" said the watch.

The boy lay with his eyes wide open. He saw before him a long stream of people, a great dark multitude, that moved in one direction. Then they came to the dark edge of the world and went over. He saw them passing on before him, and there was nothing that could stop them. He thought of how that stream had rolled on through all the long ages of the past, how the old Greeks and Romans had gone over. The countless millions of China and India—they were going over now. Since he had come to bed how many had gone?

And the watch said, "Eternity, eternity, eternity!"

"Stop them! Stop them!" cried the child.

And all the while the watch kept ticking on, just like God's will, that never changes or alters, you may do what you please.

Great beads of perspiration stood on the boy's forehead. He climbed out of bed and lay with his face turned to the mud floor.

"O God, God, save them," he cried in agony, "only some, only a few, only for each moment I am praying here—O God!" He folded his little hands upon his head. "God, God, save them!"

He groveled on the floor.

Oh, the long, long ages of the past, in which they had gone over! Oh, the long, long future, in which they would pass away! O God, the long, long, long, eternity, which has no end!

The child wept and crept closer to the ground.

THE SACRIFICE.

The farm by daylight was not as the farm by moonlight. The plain was a weary flat of loose red sand, sparsely covered by dry "karroo" bushes, that cracked beneath the tread like tinder and showed the red earth everywhere. Here and there a milk bush lifted its pale colored rods, and in every direction the ants and beetles ran about in the blazing sand. The red walls of the farmhouse, the zinc roofs of the outbuildings, the stone walls of the kraals, all reflected the fierce sunlight till the eye ached and bleached. No tree or shrub was to be seen far or near. The two sunflowers that stood before the door, outstared by the sun, drooped their brazen faces to the sand, and the little cicadallike insects cried aloud among the stones of the "kopje."

The Boer woman, seen by daylight, was even less lovely than when in bed she rolled and dreamed. She sat on a chair in the great front room, with her feet on a wooden stove, and wiped her fat face with the corner of her apron and drank coffee and in Cape Dutch swore that the beloved weather was damned. Less lovely, too, by daylight was the dead Englishman's child, her little stepdaughter, upon whose freckles and low, wrinkled forehead the sunlight had no mercy.

"Lyndall," the child said to her little orphan cousin, who sat with her on the floor threading beads, "how is it your beads never fall off your neck?"

"I try," said the little one gravely, moistening her tiny finger. "That is why."

The overseer, seen by daylight, was a huge German wearing a shabby suit and with a childish habit of rubbing his hands and nodding his head prodigiously when pleased at anything. He stood out at the kraals in the blazing sun, explaining to two Kaf-fir boys the approaching end of the world. The boys as they cut the cakes of dung winked at each other and worked as slowly as they possibly could, but the German never saw it.

Away beyond the "kopje" Waldo, his son, herded the ewes and lambs, a small and dusty herd, powdered all over from head to foot with red sand, wearing a ragged coat and shoes of undressed leather, through whose holes the sun looked out. His hat was large and had sunk down to his eyes, concealing completely the silky black curls. It was a curious small space

His sock gave him little trouble. It was too hot for them to move far. They gathered round every little milk bush as though they hoped to find shade and stood there motionless in clumps. He himself crept under a shelving rock that lay at the foot of the "kopje," stretched himself on his stomach and waved his dilapidated little shoes in the air.

Soon, from the blue bag where he kept his dinner, he produced a fragment of slate, an arithmetic and a pencil. Proceeding to put down a sum with solemn and earnest demeanor, he began to add it up aloud. "Six and 2 is 8, and 4 is 12, and 2 is 14, and 4 is 18." Here he paused. "And 4 is 18, and—4 is—18." The last was very much drawled. Slowly the pencil slipped from his fingers, and the slate followed it into the sand. For awhile he lay motionless, then began muttering to himself, folded his little arms, laid his head down upon them and might have been asleep but for a muttering sound that from time to time proceeded from him. A curious old ewe came to sniff at him, but it was long before he raised his head. When he did, he looked at the faroff hills with his heavy eyes.

"Ye shall receive—ye shall receive—shall, shall, shall," he muttered.

He sat up then. Slowly the dullness and heaviness melted from his face. It became radiant. Lyndall had come now, and the sun's rays were poured down vertically. The earth throbed before the eye.

The boy stood up quickly and cleared a small space from the bushes which covered it. Looking carefully, he found 12 small stones of somewhat the same size. Kneeling down, he arranged them carefully on the cleared space in a square pile, in shape like an altar. Then he walked to the bag where his dinner was kept. In it were a mutton chop and a large slice of brown bread. The boy took them out and turned the bread over in his hand, deeply considering it. Finally he threw it away and walked to the altar with the meat and laid it down on the stones. Close by in the red sand he knelt down. "Sure, never since the beginning of the world was there so ragged and so small a priest. He took off his great hat and placed it solemnly on the ground, then closed his eyes and folded his hands. He prayed aloud:

"O God, my Father, I have made thee a sacrifice. I have only twopence, so I cannot buy a lamb. If the lambs were mine, I would give thee one. But now I have only this meat. It is my dinner meat. Please, my Father, send fire down from heaven to burn it. Thou hast said, 'Whoever shall say unto the sea, nothing doubting, it shall be done.' I ask for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen."

He knelt down with his face upon the ground, and he folded his hands upon his curls. The fierce sun poured down its heat upon his head and upon his altar. When he looked up, he knew what he should see—the glory of God! For fear his very heart stood still; his breath came heavily; he was half suffocated. He dared not look up. Then at last he raised himself. Above him was the quiet blue sky, about him the red earth. There were the clumps of silent ewes and his altar; that was all.

He looked up. Nothing broke the intense stillness of the blue overhead. He looked around in astonishment. Then he bowed again and this time longer than before.

When he raised himself the second time, all was unaltered. Only the sun had melted the fat of the little mutton chop, and it ran down upon the stones.

Then, the third time he bowed himself. When at last he looked up, some ants had come to the meat on the altar. He stood up and drove them away. Then he put his hat on his hot curls and sat in the shade. He clasped his hands about his knees. He sat to watch what would come to pass. The glory of the Lord God Almighty—he knew he should see it!

"My dear God is trying me," he said, and he sat there through the fierce heat of the afternoon. Still he watched and waited when the sun began to slope, and when it neared the horizon and the sheep began to cast long shadows across the "karroo" he still sat there. He hoped when the first rays touched the hills till the sun dipped behind them and was gone. Then he called his ewes together and broke down the altar and threw the meat far, far away into the field.

His heart was heavy. He reasoned so: "God cannot lie. I had faith. No fire came. I am like Cain—I am not his. He will not hear my prayer. God hates me."

The boy's heart was heavy. When he reached the kraal gate, the two girls met him.

"Come," said the yellow haired Em. "Let us play coop. There is still time before it gets quite dark. You, Waldo, go and hide on the 'kopje.' Lyndall and I will shut eyes here, and we will not look."

The girls hid their faces in the stone wall of the sheep kraal, and the boy clambered half way up the "kopje." He crouched down between two stones and gave the call. Just then the milk herd came walking out of the cow kraal with two pails. He was an ill looking Kaf-fir.

"Ah," thought the boy, "perhaps he will die tonight and go to hell! I must pray for him! I must pray!"

Then he thought "Where am I going to?" and he prayed desperately.

"Ah, this is not right at all," little Em said, peeping between the stones and finding him in a very curious posture. "What are you doing, Waldo? It is not the play, you know. You should run out when we come to the white stones. Ah, you do not play nicely."

"I will play nicely now," said the boy, coming out and standing sheep-like before them. "I—I only forgot. I will play now."

"He has been to sleep," said freckled Em.

"No," said beautiful little Lyndall, looking curiously at him; "he has been crying."

She never made a mistake.

THE CONFESSION.

One night two years after the boy sat alone on the "kopje." He had crept softly from his father's room and come there. He often did, because when he prayed or cried aloud his father might awake and hear him, and none knew his great sorrow and none knew his grief but himself, and he buried them deep in his heart.

He turned up the brim of his great hat and looked at the moon, but most at the leaves of the prickly pear that grew just before him. They glinted and glinted and glinted, just like his own heart—cold, so hard and very wicked. His physical heart had pain also. It seemed full of little bits of glass that hurt. He had sat there for half an hour, and he dared not go back to the close house.

He felt horribly lonely. There was not one thing so wicked as he in all the world, and he knew it. He folded his arms and began to cry—not aloud. He sobbed without making any sound, and his tears left scorched marks where they fell. He could not pray. He had prayed night and day for so many months, and tonight he could not pray. When he left off crying, he held his aching head with his brown hands. If one might have gone up to him and touched him kindly, poor, ugly little thing! Perhaps his heart was almost broken.

With his swollen eyes he sat there on a flat stone at the very top of the "kopje," and the tree, with every one of its wicked leaves, blinked and blinked at him. Presently he began to cry again and then stopped his crying to look at it. He was quiet for a long while. Then he knelt up slowly and bent forward. There was a secret he had carried in his heart for a year. He had not dared to look at it, he had not whispered it to himself, but for a year he had carried it. "I hate God!" he said. The wind took the words and ran away with them among the stones and through the leaves of the prickly pear. He thought it died away half down the "kopje." He had told it now!

"I love Jesus Christ, but I hate God!" The wind carried away that sound as it had done the first. Then he got up and buttoned his old coat about him. He knew he was certainly lost now. He did not care. If half the world were to be lost, why not he too? He would not pray for mercy any more. Better so—better to know certainly. It was ended now. Better so.

He began scrambling down the sides of the "kopje" to go home.

Better so! But, oh, the loneliness, the agonized pain, for that night and for nights on nights to come, the anguish that sleeps all day on the heart like a heavy worm and wakes up at night to feed!

There are some of us who in after years say to Fate, "Now deal us your hardest blow, give us what you will, but let us never again suffer as we suffered when we were children."

The barb in the arrow of childhood's suffering is this—its intense loneliness, its intense ignorance.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

AN EXCITED GENERAL.

A Joke Which the Kaiser Enjoyed to the Utmost.

A very funny incident took place on the occasion of the Kaiser's recent visit to Cassel. The general in command of the division, anxious to give a loyal welcome to his majesty, had instructed his officers and men that the moment they saw him wave his saber or even his hands above his head, they were to start cheering while the massed bands were to intone the national anthem. The general is very shortsighted.

Suddenly the gates of the palace opened, and an officer appeared on horseback. The general, convinced that it was his majesty, waved his hand in the air. At once all the bands started the national anthem, while the 20,000 or more troops present began to cheer. Only when the amazed officer got near the general did the latter realize that it was not the emperor, but one of his orderlies, who had come for the purpose of announcing that the monarch would be upon the scene about ten minutes later.

The commanding general at once set to work to stop both the music and the cheering. But the more he gesticulated with his hands and the more he shouted, the more convinced were his officers and men that he was encouraging them to increased loyalty. The din was perfectly appalling, and when at length the emperor arrived, he found the general streaming with perspiration, purple in the face and on the verge of apoplexy, while neither the soldiers nor the musicians had a breath left in their bodies.

The Kaiser, who has a very keen sense of the ridiculous, is said to have literally shaken his sides with laughter. —Berlin Letter.

Confusion of Generations.

It is not often that a grandfather, a mother and a daughter each bring a male child into the world on the same day, but this has just happened at Galicia, on the estate of Count Potoki. The children are thus great-grand, uncle and nephew, and as they are all of the same age there will be some confusion in the generations of the family.

The Emperor Francis Joseph when he heard of the occurrence sent a sum of money to be divided among the three children. —London Daily Graphic.

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Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, county of Wayne, ss. At a session of the Probate court for said county of Wayne, held at the Probate office, in the city of Detroit, on the twenty-second day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. Present, Edgar O. Durfee, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Sandusky Kellogg, deceased.

An instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, having been delivered into this court for probate. It is ordered, That the nineteenth day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for proving said instrument.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Plymouth Mail, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Wayne.

EDGAR O. DURFEE, Judge of Probate.
JOHN F. PETERS, Deputy Register.

Commissioner's Notice.

IN the matter of the estate of Adolph Kummerow, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate court for the county of Wayne, state of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased do hereby give notice that we will meet at the residence of Isaac Barker, in the township of Livonia, in said county, on the day, the second day of January, A. D. 1900, and on Wednesday, the eleventh day of April, A. D. 1900, at ten o'clock A. M. of each of said days for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims; and that six months from the eleventh day of November, A. D. 1899, were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated Livonia November 20th, 1899.
ISAAC BARKER, FREDERICK BARKER, Commissioners.

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ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO MICHIGAN PEOPLE.

A Good Report of Happenings Throughout Our Great State Received by Telegraph—Crimes, Occasions and Other Matters of General Interest.

Detroit, Dec. 4.—Last summer Stephen Carter, of this city, was arrested for forging the name of Wright Kay & Co. to a number of checks. While in jail, awaiting trial, he was visited daily by a fine-looking woman, who declined to make herself known to the police officers. Every day she visited Carter, carrying flowers to him and cheering him with words of hope. One day her visits ceased and she disappeared.

The sequel to a divorce came Saturday when Katherine Savery Carter was granted a decree of divorce from Stephen Carter, who is serving three-years' term in the house of correction. Last summer when she broke off her visits to him in jail she filed a bill for divorce, and Saturday she got it. Katherine Savery is the understudy of Helen Bertram, 'contralto' of the Bostonians.

Found Marriage a Failure for Her. When she was asked to make some statement for publication regarding the suddenness with which she ceased to visit her husband in the jail, she declined to talk, contenting herself by saying that she discovered that marriage in her case was a dismal failure, and that she would never again marry, not even the best man on earth. Her little daughter was given to her mother, who resides in Ypsilanti, and she will continue to travel and sing with the opera company, while Carter languishes in prison.

TUTTLE TO CONTINUE IN CHARGE.

Lansing Attorney Will Not Be Superseded by the Attorney General.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 2.—Governor Pingree's declaration that Attorney General Owen will hereafter conduct the grand jury investigation in this county is considered significant, in view of the fact that it is generally supposed that the methods employed to secure the passage of the McLeod street railway bill are to be investigated. It may be stated upon authority, however, that prosecuting Attorney Tuttle, who has proved himself thoroughly competent and impartial, will continue to have charge of the investigation. Judge Person and Prosecutor Tuttle are both authorities for this statement.

The grand jury completed its investigation of the pay-rolls of one of the state departments, charges of fraudulent entries having been made. The evidence is said to have been positive and an indictment is looked for. Representative J. H. Anderson, of Grand Rapids, was examined at length, special reference being made to railroad passes. The jurors appear to be bent upon returning an indictment for this class of bribery, and may conclude to involve both legislators and railroad officials.

RAINED BLOOD IN THE MILL.

Employs Picked Up by a Shaft and Drove to Death.

Detroit, Dec. 4.—There was a rain of blood and a succession of terrible screams in the mill of the Delta Lumber company, at the foot of Chene street, Saturday afternoon and several of the employes saw the body of a man being wound time and time again around a huge iron shaft that operates the machinery. Young Joseph Shanahan was the victim of the horrible accident. He was working near the shaft, clearing it of short wood which fell from the plane above.

It was a few minutes before closing time, 5 o'clock, and it is thought that young Shanahan was pulling off his overalls when the leg got caught around the shaft, his body following. The shaft was making rapid revolutions and it twisted the body like a bit of leather. Blood was thrown to the ceiling and walls and the bones of the body were crushed like egg shells. The skull was crushed and the wounds made it impossible to identify the young fellow except by his clothing.

MICHIGAN PEOPLE DUPED.

Many of Them Are Among the Victims of the Franklin Syndicate.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 1.—The announcement that the Franklin syndicate has "busted" will be a severe shock to hundreds of people in central Michigan, who have been fairly pouring their money into the maw of that corporation for months. Operations in several counties in this vicinity have been carried on on an extensive scale through seductive circulars and agents who found many suckers eager to grab at a bait where something for nothing is offered.

Lansing, Owosso, Ionia, Grand Ledge, Portland and numerous other towns have contributed many hard earned dollars to the scheme. Bankers say that many poor people who had a few dollars in bank laid by for a rainy day, have drawn out their savings and remitted to the syndicate. The aggregate sum sent from this locality will reach a large figure.

RIGHTS OF PRIVATE CORPORATIONS.

Defined in an Important Case by a Supreme Court Decision.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 4.—An important case defining the rights of private corporations in the streets of municipalities was decided by the supreme court, Saturday. In April, 1898, the common council of Eaton Rapids entered into an arrangement with Charles and Edward Horner, who had put a dynamo in their grist mill, to furnish a number of street lights for one year. In August, 1898, the city having made a contract with another party to light the streets, notified the Horner brothers that their contract then existing was terminated, and that they must remove their poles, wires and lamps from the street within ten days.

A bill was thereupon filed against the city enjoining it against removing the poles, and upon a hearing of the case a decree was entered in favor of the complainants giving them a per-

petual right in the streets of Eaton Rapids. This decree is reversed by the supreme court.

R. AND L. SOCIETY STATISTICS.

Loss of Confidence in Them the Result of "Wildcat" Loans.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 5.—During the last fiscal year, according to the report of Secretary of State Stearns, there was a decrease of \$728,145.98 in the assets of the building and loan associations operating in Michigan. Although the principal cause of this decrease was liquidation, payment of matured shares, and withdrawals, Stearns says there is no disguising the fact that an important factor in the result is a loss of confidence brought about by the deceptive practices resorted to by certain wildcat concerns organized by promoters and schemers for revenue only.

Excessive rates of interest charged borrowers by some associations have had something to do with the decrease of business, and the present tendency among the Michigan associations is toward a much lower rate. There are now seventy-three associations operating in Michigan. The total assets of these, at the close of the year, were \$10,159,562, and total receipts for the year, \$6,999,014; the number of shares of stock in force, 269,381; number of investing members, 23,777; number of borrowing members, 3,998; total membership, 32,775.

EVERY FACILITY FOR McLEAN.

Detroit Officials Perfectly Willing for Schlatzer to Bury Himself.

Detroit, Dec. 5.—A warrant was issued for the arrest of Dr. McLean, alias "Francis Schlatzer," who has been posing here for a week as a divine healer. He is charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, and also denounced as a fraud. When McLean heard of the warrant he went to the office of the board of health and applied for a burial permit, saying that he would be buried for forty days to prove to the doubters and skeptics that he was really divine.

The health officers told him he could bury himself without any permit, and directed him to Elmwood cemetery. He then went to police headquarters to learn if he would be interfered with if he buried himself. He was told that he would not only not be interfered with, but a patrol wagon would be provided to cart him to the grave yard.

Murder and Attempted Cremation.

Detroit, Dec. 4.—John M. Reindel, a bicycle dealer, was found lying this evening in his shop at 196 Griswold street. His head was frightfully wounded, and he died a few moments after being discovered. When found his clothing was afire and smelled of gasoline. It is supposed his murderer attempted to burn the shop and body. The detectives are inclined to the theory that the awful poisoning and disfigurement of the victim was the act of a madman. The examination by physicians showed fifteen cuts in the skull, which was smashed almost to pieces.

Will Pay Off the Debt.

Detroit, Dec. 4.—Members of the congregation of the Church of Our Father (Universalist) announced yesterday in a practical way their determination to retain their present pastor, Rev. Lee S. McCollister, who recently received a call to the pastorate of the Universalist church in Worcester, Mass. McCollister had informed the trustees that he would forego acceptance of the Worcester call, if the indebtedness of Our Father was cleared at once. The debt will be paid off.

Void Tax Title Sales.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 5.—In deciding the case of Gurd vs. the auditor general, the supreme court rules that the latter must refund money in all cases of void sales, no matter what the reason for setting aside the sale may be. In this case the entire sale of delinquent lands of Ottawa county for the taxes of 1898 was set aside for the reason that the notice of sale was published in a newspaper printed in the Holland language, the court holding that this was not a proper publication.

Further Proof of Alliance.

Houghton, Mich., Dec. 2.—Further proof of the close alliance between the St. Paul and South Shore systems is given by the announcement that the St. Paul fast through freight will run direct from Chicago to Calumet, beginning Monday. The St. Paul is getting the bulk of passenger business to and from the copper district, owing to the great saving in time offered by its new schedule.

Sheriff's Sale Premptorily Stopped.

Menominee, Mich., Dec. 1.—By reason of the issuing of a petition of involuntary bankruptcy the sheriff's sale of the Paul Mercantile company's stock of goods was preemptorily stopped Wednesday. An order for an injunction was filed at Grand Rapids and also a petition for a receiver. Deputy United States Marshal Dolf is now in charge of the stock.

Suicided Because He Was Sick.

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 2.—L. A. Root, until recently chief clerk of the great camp, Knight of the Macabees, committed suicide yesterday by swallowing carbolic acid. He left a note asking his wife's forgiveness for thus ending his life. A week ago Root resigned his position on account of nervous debility.

World Recognizes the Boers.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 4.—The Democratic committee of Iowa township, Allamakee county, has passed resolutions of sympathy for the Boers and to the effect that the United States should recognize and take the initiative in mediation in their behalf.

Had Tumors on His Brain.

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 4.—A post-mortem upon the remains of L. A. Root, who committed suicide, disclosed that the deceased had been suffering from tumors on the brain which caused his mania that resulted in his self-destruction.

Died in Bay After Marriage.

Houghton, Mich., Dec. 5.—Last week John O'Brien, a popular young mechanic at the Quinby mine, married Miss Mary Kingham, at St. Patrick's church. Next day he was taken with violent cramps and expired a few hours later.

ANENT THE CHAIN FAD.

Quite Out of the Swish if You Don't Wear a Chain.

It is a season of chains—chains long, chains short, chains medium, but chains you must have if you would be in the swim, according to the New York Herald.

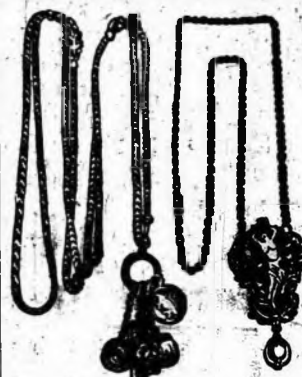
The very newest fad in these chains is one of medium length, which is hung around the neck and reaches to the bust, or just where the fancy yokes end. These chains have very artistic pendants attached to them, the pendants giving the finishing touch to the toilet. Certainly some of the pendants attached to these chains are works of art.

Some are Egyptian, in the red, blue and old gold colorings, while others are of the new "vert or" and gun metal effects. By the way, this new coloring for gold chains, greenish in hue, just a little tarnished and brassy looking, is at the present moment all the rage in Paris. It is creating a perfect furor, and everybody who pretends to be anybody is wearing jewelry in this "vert or" coloring.

Then, again, another fad which will be very popular is that of wearing old coins attached to long and short chains. The rarer, the older and odder these coins the smarter they are.

The chain is made of gold or silver, in large or small links, according to fancy. It encircles the neck, and pendant from it is an old coin or trinket, whichever the wearer may choose to be the possessor of. It is a "good luck" chain. Therefore a talisman or lucky piece is de rigueur.

When a woman begins to wear a chain like this, she must never leave it off. It can be and will be worn twisted around the muff, taking the place of the "bunch of violets"; it can be twisted through the belt, after the fashion of a watch chain; it can be used as a girdle with a tea gown, but it must al-



THE MEMORY CHAIN AND ANOTHER.

ways be in evidence after once being donned. Whether it is worn at night is a question too sacred to be asked unless the information should come gratis.

But the most popular chain of all with the young girls and widows will be the "memory chain." This is a long chain of fine weave, caught here and there with quaint little alides, some representing the four leaf clover, heads, coins, mistletoe, pansies or any fancy which pleases the wearer. To the end of this chain, which hangs straight down in front as far as its length will allow—they are usually a yard and a half long, which when doubled would make them hang about three-quarters of a yard in length—is attached a ring, and on the ring are hung an unlimited number of charms and keepsakes, souvenirs and all kinds of fancies.

These charms can be in any fashion, according to the taste of the giver. There must be a pig among them, a four leaf clover, a chestnut, a sprig of mistletoe, a coin. But why go on enumerating the fads? They are endless.

A Paste That Will Keep.

A paste which, it is said, will keep several months is made by dissolving a tablespoonful of alum in a quart of warm water. When cold, stir in flour to give the consistency of cream, beating out all the lumps. Then stir in as much powdered rosin as will lie on a dime. Pour boiling water over the mass and stir until it is thick as treacle, which will occur in a few minutes. Cool in an earthen vessel by covering and putting in a cool, dry place. When needed, take out a portion and thin with warm water.

A Valance For the Bed.

Every bed should have a valance. It decorates a room, gives to it an air of pretty simplicity and is often a place to hide away a box where room is scarce. The Swiss valance is the best. It can be renovated and looks, if well done up, as fresh as a daisy. These dainty accessories look particularly well for brass bedsteads. When united with covers of white and pillowshams on the same order, the scheme is indeed an attractive one.

Fauntleroy's Echees.

The marquise diamond represents quite the newest and most elegant fad in rings. A single very large stone is cut into the shape mentioned, yet hardly so pointed as the true marquise form, being somewhat more of an elongated oval.

Cloth toques show every disposition to claim a fair field and a large slice of popular favor. These toques are proof positive that the art of millinery lies in the fingers rather than the materials.

Fur as a trimming on hats repeats its success on ceremonious gowns also. Blue and silver for end table tails are the choice furs, including chinchilla, which holds its own for collars and revers.

A new departure is the use of small and beautifully cut canons in belt buckles.

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Soft and Stiff Hats and Winter Caps, 50c to \$2.50.
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All local notices will be charged for at 3 cents per line or fraction thereof, for each insertion. Display advertising rates made known on application. Where no time is specified, all notices and advertisements will be inserted until ordered discontinued.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1899.

D. A. Hammond, a member of the late legislature from Pontiac, has been indicted by the Ingham county grand jury, at Lansing. It is supposed he knows something in connection with the defeat of the anti-trust bill last winter. Other persons have been subpoenaed and it is expected matters in relation to the expenditure of money for military purposes will be aired. Without regard to party, the people of the state are unanimous in the desire to have the jury investigate every alleged crookedness and no matter whom it may hit, let the guilty suffer the consequences.

The fact is not generally known that there is in the United States Treasury about \$11,000,000, the proceeds of cotton belonging in the south and sold during the war under seizure by the Federal authorities. It is reported that there will be a determined effort made this winter to have Congress enact a law that will permit the various states to receive their share of the sum if the real owners of the property cannot be found. Already Governor McSweeney of South Carolina has addressed a letter to the Governor of each southern state calling upon him to exercise his influence in the matter.

Said a citizen the other day: "We expect the local paper to say all the good things about us. It goes in to help fill up the news columns, and the news is what we buy the paper for. Very true, friend, your argument is all right and very convincing; but do you consider that the unpleasant things that the local paper might truthfully say about you, but doesn't, would sell ten times to the complimentary items once. We regret that human nature is built that way, but it is, nevertheless, and the man running a newspaper in a town where everybody is supposed to know everybody else's business better than his own, finds it much more difficult to determine what to leave out of the sheet than what to put in.

Congress is in session. It began business last Tuesday. President McKinley's message was read in the afternoon and the people who expected an extraordinary document were disappointed. While the document was a lengthy one, the president says nothing about "my policy." He simply contents himself with a narrative of facts and will leave Congress to solve all the knotty problems that are confronting the country. That body will have an opportunity to "make a record," and upon the majority rests a large responsibility. All of the Michigan Congressmen were present at the opening day. The new member from this district, H. C. Smith, was duly sworn in, and from a personal acquaintance with the gentleman for many years, The Mail predicts that he will not long stand in the rear ranks. He is an energetic, capable man, and we are sure will ably represent his district. He will no doubt be pleased to learn the wishes of his constituents and do all that lays in his power to grant them, if consistent and proper.

Those persons who have contended that the United States should offer to mediate between the South African Dutch Republic and Great Britain are now in a position to declare that the United States may tender its peace making proposal at any time, since a day or two ago Lord Pauncefoot, the British Ambassador, informed Secretary of State Hay that "a state of war has existed in South Africa since October 11." Up to this time Great Britain has insisted that she was engaged in putting down an insurrection, taking the same position that President McKinley has maintained relative to the war in the Philippines; and the Administration officials have asserted that the friendly offices of this country could not be offered Great Britain without the Queen retorting with an offer to mediate in the difficulties between this country and the Filipinos. It is doubtful if the statement by Lord Pauncefoot will have any effect upon the President's course in the matter, and at no time has there been a probability that he would interfere. At this time it is exceedingly doubtful if Great Britain would accept a proffer for an amicable settlement, since her losses have been large and the war spirit of the country has been thoroughly aroused. The statement of the Ambassador, consequently, will have no more important effect than to require all countries to preserve the utmost neutrality and to prevent the setting out of expeditions, to be of assistance to either belligerent.

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ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Christmas cards at Mrs. Dickerson's. C. H. Rauch was in Toledo Thursday on business.

J. M. Cook, wife and son, of Ann Arbor, spent Sunday at Lee Nowland's. Gardner Simmons, an old resident of Northville township, died Thursday at the age of 74 years.

Tonquish Lodge No. 32, I. O. O. F., will hold an election of officers next Tuesday night and all members are requested to be present.

The Elite Photo Co., whose car is located on the F. & P. M. track, near Main Street, is doing some very fine work, and our people will find them reliable.

The young people of the Baptist church hereby express their sincere thanks to each and all who so kindly assisted in the entertainment given Wednesday evening.

The stockholders of the Flint and Pere Marquette and the Detroit, Grand Rapids and Western railroads this week voted to sell to the new Pere Marquette Co., and the deal will be closed up by Jan. 2nd.

Leslie Merritt held ticket No. 1900 which drew one of the turkeys at J. W. Oliver's. The person holding ticket 768 failed to present it within the week and another drawing was held and No. 531 was drawn.

Floyd Most, who had his collar bone broken by falling on a defective sidewalk, has asked the council through Attorney Fitch, to pay him damages. At the meeting Monday evening a committee was appointed to investigate the matter.

The Columbian flag festival at Village hall Wednesday evening was attended by a large audience, every seat being filled and many standing up. The festival proved to be a convention of States, with Uncle Sam and the Goddess of Liberty presiding. Each State was represented by a young lady. They each in turn addressed the presiding officers and sandwiched in between were vocal and instrumental solos and other exercises. The crown of the Michigan representative, in which seven little girls assisted, was very pretty. Mrs. Pelton sang several solos in a pleasing manner. Edgar Joffe, in the character of an old darkey, sang "Dixie" in a way that called forth hearty applause. Uncle Sam's Minstrels created a great deal of amusement. Miss Hutton gave two solos. Rupert Jones gave two clarionette solos and received merited applause, the young man's ability upon the instrument being much appreciated. Altogether the entertainment was well presented, and reflected no little credit upon the young lady, Miss Sackett, under whose direction it took place.

First Church of Christ, Scientist. Service 10:30 A. M., Sunday school at 11:45 A. M., Wednesday evening meeting, 7:30. In Christian Science hall. All are most cordially invited. Subject for next Sunday will be: Sacrament.

Question Answered.
Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers' and grandmothers' never thought of using anything else for indigestion or biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of appendicitis, nervous prostration or near failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower in liquid form to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. Sample bottles at Geo. W. Hunter & Co.'s.

In the War



Comrade S. H. Burtis of Lewiston, Ill., had some thrilling experiences, but none seemed more dangerous than those of his late heart trouble. He says:

"I had severe palpitation of the heart for years. My physicians said I was unable to give and my moment. Pulsation at times would be 150 a minute and I could scarcely breathe. I grew worse under doctor's care and began taking Dr. Miles' Heart Cure. It gave me instant relief, and today I am in good health."

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We will have on sale commencing Saturday, Nov. 9, a few

FANCY ARTICLES FOR XMAS GIFTS!

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For a Merry Christmas.

In addition to the immense stock of Merchandise that comprises any number of useful and appreciative Christmas Gifts for the young or old, we have selected for our Christmas trade many desirable articles that will do your soul good to see and will lighten the heart of any fortunate recipient. We've some nice things in

Furs for Ladies and Children

That will not burden your pocket-book and will surely be appreciated this cold weather.

FOR THE MEN & BOYS

We have the most complete line, and the quality and style is always the best that's going.

When Buying Xmas Gifts for THE LITTLE FOLKS;

Remember that Comfort is always looked for first.

When Spending Money

For the actual necessities of life QUALITY and PRICE are to be greatly considered and nearly every day we are told that we're selling goods a great deal cheaper than others. If you don't know that, you ought to, it means money saved to you.

Capes and Jackets,

PRICES TALK, GET OURS.

During our Christmas Trade we will make an extraordinary effort to greatly reduce our stock of

Suits & Overcoats,

Inspection of our stock will convince you that we have a large assortment and the prices are from 15 to 25 per cent lower than others.

SHOES AND RUBBERS.

Our line for Ladies, Children and Men is most complete in town and prices are lowest.

ASK FOR A SHOE STAMP with every Purchase of 50 CENTS OR OVER, Good for 5c in our Shoe Dept.

LITTLE GIANT SCHOOL SHOES Are best for children.

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Plymouth Cash Outfitter.

Local Newslets

Dr. Oliver was in Ypsilanti Monday.
Floyd Allen spent Sunday with his parents here.
E. J. Taft spent Thanksgiving with C. W. Vaughn, at Detroit.
Quite a number from here will attend the dance at Wayne to-night.
The D. P. & N. are putting in crushed stone on Main street this week.
A number of our merchants are already making holiday displays.
M. B. Pelham, of Iron Mountain, Mich., visited his parents Sunday.
Miss McCarthy, of Detroit, is the new dressmaker at Bailey & McLaren's.
Mrs. Helen Fitzgerald, of Saginaw, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hiram Taft.
Harry Robinson held another auction last Saturday which was largely attended.
Misses Edna and Flossie Holbrooke, of Ann Arbor, visited friends here Sunday.
Mrs. Rev. Stephens is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jackson, at Pinckney this week.
M. E. services will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening.
New subscribers continue to be added to our list. The Mail covers a wider field than ever.
Jas. Hardy has severed his connection with the D. P. & N. as conductor and returned to Detroit.
Mrs. M. F. Gray and children have returned to Lansing after a short visit here and at Wayne.
A letter received from H. M. Weeks, dated Manistiquic, Dec. 4th, says, "Lots of snow and still falling."
The Misses Mabel, Edith, and Louise Toumey, of Detroit, have been spending a few days at A. D. Lyndon's.
ELITE R. R. Photo Co. is in your city for business; don't forget we make cabinet photos for \$1.00 per dozen.
The Modern Woodmen report seventeen new applications for membership this week. A lively, growing institution.
The Ladies of the M. E. church gave a very nice dinner at the church Wednesday, which netted them about \$13.
Mrs. Harger and Mrs. Ballas, of Detroit, and Mrs. E. S. Skinner, of Milford, were guests of Mrs. J. R. Rauch, Tuesday.
The Ladies' Furnishing Society of the M. E. church will give a dinner and tea at the church next Tuesday. Every body turn out.
Dr. Collier, of Lansing, was in town the fore part of the week. The Dr. has just moved to Detroit and will be located at 53 Road Place.
A slight fire started in the "blower" room of the Daisy Mfg. Co. last Monday forenoon. It was extinguished with but little damage.
The officials of the Presbyterian church have kindly offered the use of their church to their M. E. brethren while the M. E. building is being repaired.
A surprise party was given Edward Tyler at his home on Union street Monday evening. About fifteen were present and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.
Contractors from Toledo are putting in a new engine for the D. P. & N. this week. It is a 300 horse power, direct connection with 200 Seime & Halske generator.
At the meeting of the Ladies' Furnishing Society of the M. E. church on Wednesday it was voted to assist the church in buying a lighting plant for the church.
ELITE R. R. Photo Co. for latest cabinet photos—Jewelry—buttons, etc.—at our prices.

Little Harry Birch, on Saturday last, punctured his foot with a fork-tine. Serious symptoms now develop but it is hopeful they will soon be relieved by persistent treatment.
John A. Ross, who has been second engineer at the D. P. & N. power house, has gone to Detroit to accept a new position in the Henry C. Parks school. Mr. Dugan, of Detroit, will take the place of Mr. Ross.
W. Meinhart living on the Safford farm, two miles south of the village, will have an auction sale on Thursday, Dec. 14th. He has a large amount of live stock and farming tools to dispose of. John Bennett, auctioneer.
Our advertising columns leave the reader in no doubtful mind where to go to purchase his Christmas presents. Read them over carefully and then make your selections. Our stores are full of goods of all kinds—patronize them.
Get your pictures framed at H. E. Milsbaugh's, over A. A. Taft's store.
A "tramp's banquet" is the latest thing in the church supper line. Plymouth Presbyterians had one last week. We have not heard whether the hobo profession was well represented or not.—Northville Record.
Mistake, takes place on the 14th. Come over, Neal, and be represented.
Next Tuesday the Ladies' Furnishing Society of the M. E. church will serve a New England dinner at their dining-rooms from 12 to 2 o'clock, and supper from 5 to 8 at the same place. Large preparations will be made for these meals.
Dan Jolliffe has generously offered the use of money without interest for one year that the M. E. church may be newly carpeted. The offer is accepted and the carpet will be bought at once. The improvements in the church will aggregate \$250.
We begin this week a serial story, entitled "The Story of an African Farm," a tale of life in the Boer Republic, by Oliver Schreiner. It is a thrilling story and every one should read it. Just now it is especially interesting in connection with the war in that country.
A reunion of the Root family was held at the home of Henry Root Thanksgiving, about 40 members being present. Those from out of town were Peter Earle and wife, Mary C. Cover and Mrs. Grace Stuart and daughter of Leelle, Mich., and H. M. Williams and wife, of Mason, Mich.
ELITE R. R. Photo Co. make a specialty of flash-light pictures of family groups and societies.
Thos. Patterson, who has been unable to get about without the use of crutches for a number of years, has so far improved under the treatment of Dr. Tillapaugh that he can walk about the house with the support of a chair. We hope that the gentleman may fully recover the use of his limbs.
Bassett & Son have purchased a device for lowering caskets into the grave that will prove a great success. By simply touching a lever with the foot the casket is caused to slowly descend until it reaches its final resting place and no straps are required. This device makes it particularly nice when older men are acting as bearers. Bassett & Son believe in keeping up with the times.
There was a large attendance of the members of Plymouth Lodge, F. & A. M., last Friday evening, the occasion being the conferring of the third degree upon Frank Parks. After the ceremony all repaired to the banquet room, where oysters were served to the hungry fraternity and where good cheer and fraternal feeling prevailed until a late hour. This evening occurs another "raising," and the youngest member will make a special effort to be present.
A Frigid Wind.
Will often cause a horrible Burn, scald, cut or bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures old sores, fever sores, ulcers, boils, felon, corns, all skin eruptions. Best pile cure on earth. Only 25c a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by John L. Gale, druggist.

Mrs. Emory Millard is on the sick list.
Four different styles of Japanese napkins at this office.
Mrs. J. W. Oliver returned last Friday from a visit at Chesaning.
Alonzo Markham, of Mayville, is visiting in town this week.
Mrs. Dr. J. L. McLaren, of Saginaw, visited relatives here Sunday.
Eugene Riggs, of Oxford, visited his brother, E. L. Riggs, Wednesday.
Latest styles in picture mouldings at H. E. Milsbaugh's, over Taft's store.
Miss Clara Hemens, of Chelsea, visited Mrs. M. A. Draper last Saturday.
Mrs. and Miss Covert, of Detroit, spent Sunday at Mrs. M. A. Draper's.
M. C. Kinyon, of Grandon, Dakota, is visiting relatives and friends here this week.
James Patterson and wife, of Fargo, Dakota, are visiting relatives and friends here.
The Plymouth Whist Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gale, Monday evening.
Jas. Lacey, of Farmington, committed suicide last Monday by hanging himself in a barn.
Floyd Mott accidentally fell on a defective sidewalk last Saturday and fractured his collar bone.
Remember, we have an item box in the post office and you are invited to drop in any items you may have.
Quite a "sprinkling" of snow laid up on the ground Monday morning, and the weather has taken a bracer since.
One hundred engraved calling cards put up in a neat box make a nice Xmas gift. Call at this office and see samples.
Black tips at a discount at Mrs. Dickerson's.
C. A. Frisbee has the tax roll completed and is now ready to receive taxes. His office is located on the second floor of the Conner Hardware store.
The little twelve months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Perrin, who lives about three miles southeast of Plymouth, died last Saturday and was buried Monday at Sheldon.
The D. P. & N. tunnel at the F. & P. M. crossing near Phoenix mills, is near completion, the trolley poles are set and the track is being laid. It will only be a few days before cars will be running through to Northville without change.
Wm. McNulty, one of the oldest residents of Plymouth and vicinity, died at six o'clock this morning, after an illness of only two hours of neuralgia of the heart. He leaves a widow, but no children.
The W. C. T. U. will hold a handkerchief bazaar in the I. O. O. F. hall, Saturday, December 16th, afternoon and evening. A fine assortment of handkerchiefs for Xmas gifts. Refreshments ten cents. Admission to the hall five cents and a check for this amount will be given each person and can be applied on the purchase of handkerchiefs or refreshments, as the holder desires.
Tomo Inouye, the bright little Japanese lady from the Michigan University, will speak at the Pres. church, next Sabbath evening. Don't fail to hear her. She has delighted many large audiences since coming to our country and is sure to please our people. A collection will be taken at the close of the meeting for the benefit of Miss Inouye.
Carson Dutcher has shipped to Boston parties \$7000 worth of eggs the past season and next year he will double that amount. The egg industry needs to be a good one in this locality.—Carleton Times.
Yet for some reason, which we would like somebody to explain, not enough eggs are brought to the Plymouth market to supply the local demand, let alone shipping out any. And the dealers of Plymouth pay from three to four cents per dozen more than they do elsewhere, judging from the market reports of our exchanges.

The North Side

Miss Etta Reichelt visited friends at Brighton this week.
Mrs. John Clark and children, of Saginaw, visited Mrs. C. Neumer this week.
Mrs. Wm. Gayde and children visited her sister in Detroit a few days this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Leitch, of Salem, visited at Daniel Jolliffe's on Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith, of Northville visited at C. O. Dickerson's on Thursday.
Henry Heide's new hof house is fast nearing completion under direction of Christ Peterhans.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore, of Northville, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Dickerson.
E. L. Crosby, with the Crescent Air Rifle Co., at Saginaw, spent a few days with his family here.
Mr. and Mrs. Jake Streng and Mr. Mrs. Henry Fisher visited relatives at Northville on Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Streng and families visited relatives here Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Louie Fisher and child visited her brother, Lou Westfall and family at Wayne on Sunday.
Miss Flora Willis who has been trimming for Mrs. C. O. Dickerson has returned to her home at Northville.
Misses Jennie and Margaret McIran and brother Arthur, of Detroit, visited J. C. Peterhans and family on Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Stewart, of Detroit, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Springer, on Thursday last.
Miss Olene Doty, of Birmingham, and Miss Myria Coleman, of Farmington, visited Miss Stella Maiden a few days this week.
Miss Hattie Jamison, who has been visiting her cousin, Geo. VanDecar and family, returned to her home in Bay City on Saturday.
Mrs. Julia Pitkin, of Ann Arbor, visited at H. W. Tuttle's. Also fourteen other relatives took Thanksgiving dinner with the family.
Lou Dorr, section foreman on the D. G. R. & W. R. R., has taken a 30 day lay off. John Lutz is acting as foreman while he is away.
Miss Ada Smith went to Detroit last Saturday to consult Dr. Frothingham in regard to an affliction of her eyes, which has threatened to be quite serious.
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, Miss Nona Marvin and John Long, of Detroit, visited Mr. and Mrs. Willard Roe on Thanksgiving day.
Mrs. Elix Montreuil and Mrs. Wm. Wickett, of Walkerville, Ont., and Mrs. J. D. Brockett, of Northville, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Worden.
Jacob Streng was in Detroit on business Saturday. Also to call on his friend, T. P. Sherman, at the hospital, who was with him when shot last week Tuesday.
The D. P. & N. have been taking up part of the crushed stone along Mill street and drawing it along on Main street, and intend to cover the stone with gravel, it is said.
A pleasant surprise was given Mrs. Jacob Brunner, on Monday afternoon by a number of the German ladies, it being her 74th birthday. Each one gave freely and took a goodly number of groceries and meats, which will keep Mr. and Mrs. Brunner quite a while. Mr. Brunner is now 96 years old, and hale and hearty.
Wm. Smitherman is going to have strawberry short cake for Christmas dinner. He has some fine berries growing from his garden. A short time ago he noticed blossoms on the vines and

Christmas Presents.

TOYS! TOYS!

We have just received a large assortment of Christmas Goods, suitable for Xmas Presents.

Perfumery, Dressing Cases, Toilet Cases, Work Boxes, Manicure Sets, Necktie Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, Collar and Cuff Boxes, 10c Games, 15c Games, 25c Games, Dominoes all prices, Checkers, Lotto, Dolls of all kinds and prices, Albums, Books, Booklets, Smoking Sets, Shaving Sets, Crockery, China and Dishes of all kinds.

GROCERIES

Best Granulated Sugar	5 1/2c
9 bars Queen Ann Soap	25c
Lyon Coffee	11c
XXXX Coffee	11c
Kingsford Corn Starch	8c
Kingsford Silver Gloss Starch	8c
Best Water White Oil, per gal	10c

If you have Rheumatism, buy a box of John L. Gale's Rheumatic Tablets.
If you have Dyspepsia, buy a box of Dr. Cooper's Dyspepsia Tablets.
Agents wanted in every village and city in the country to sell John L. Gale's Remedies.
JOHN L. GALE

dug some of them up and planted them in a deep box and put them in his bay window. They now have on them some nice berries. It is quite a curiosity to see them this time of the year.
A meeting was called on Wednesday afternoon in the Hall, in Starkweather's block, to discuss the question of building a cold storage here. Quite a number were present, but no one who had had any experience in the business. Another meeting is called for Saturday Dec. 16th, and one or more experienced cold storage men will be present to give figures on what it will cost and how to manage it. Let everybody turn out, Dec. 16 in Starkweather Hall.
Mrs. Merinda Lockhead died this morning about 8 o'clock at the residence of her son, Col. O. F. Lockhead, 920 Oak street, from the infirmities of age. The deceased was in her eighty-sixth year and had been in feeble health for several years. She was a native of New York state and came to this city a couple of years ago to make her home with Col. Lockhead, who is the only surviving member of her immediate family. Her husband died about thirty-five years ago. She leaves a brother, T. T. Lyon, the well-known horticulturist of South Haven. A short service will be conducted at the house by Rev. E. E. Macouff at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and the remains will be taken to Plymouth tomorrow morning for burial.
The above was taken from the Flint Daily News of Dec. 1st. The deceased formerly resided in this village and the remains were brought here for burial Saturday morning. Services were held in the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. W. G. Stephens.
All arrangements have been completed for the First Annual Ball to be given by the D. Y. & A. A. Division of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America at the Palace Opera House in Wayne Friday night of this week. Finney's Orchestra of Detroit will furnish the music. Special cars will leave Wayne at 2:30 A. M. for Detroit, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Plymouth, and Northville and special rates can be secured on application at the Waiting Rooms of the D. Y. & A. A., and D. P. & N. Rys. Tickets 50c a couple.
The ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve a "tramp's banquet" in their parlor on Thursday, Dec. 14th, from 1 to 10 p.m. Price 10 cents a plate. In connection with this banquet, there will be a bazaar for the sale of fancy and domestic articles. In the evening there will be an entertainment in the body of the church, beginning at 8 p.m. Admission 5 cents. Everybody, come.—C.
Mrs. Emeline Cooper visited at Highland Park a few days this week.

WEEK'S HISTORY.

News from All Parts of the Great World.

HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY NARRATED.

All the Latest Good News, Foreign Events Which Are of General Interest, Disasters, Crimes and Other Subjects Chronicled in Condensed Form for the Busy Reader.

THE WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

General Lawton is at Bambang, twenty miles south of Bayombong, in the Cagayan valley. He is in telegraphic communication with the insurgents over the wire in their possession, and the commanders of the opposing forces are considering propositions made by telegraph looking to the surrender of the rebels to the Americans. General Conon has surrendered 800 officers and men with rifles, several American and seventy Spanish prisoners and the garrison at Bayombong, province of Nueva Viscaya, to Lieutenant Monroe, with fifty men of the Fourth cavalry.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The fifty-third congress was called to order Monday but adjourned upon the announcement of the death of Vice President Hobart.

Representative Taylor of Ohio objected to Representative-Elect Roberts, the Utah polygamist, from being sworn in as a member of the house. The objection was sustained until a committee can investigate the affair.

Secretary Long in his annual report recommends the building of eighteen new warships for the navy.

THE CRIMINAL RECORD.

John W. Hamilton, who started a real estate boom in Janesville, Wis., a number of years ago, has just been convicted in St. Louis of the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

J. S. Smith has been held at Portage, Wis., charged with horse stealing.

The branch of La Banque Nationale at Montfagny, Quebec, was robbed of all its funds, about \$15,000.

A counterfeiting outfit was captured in the Alabama penitentiary at Wetumpka.

Era Moore shot and killed Constable William Smith and seriously wounded Deputy Sheriff J. T. Conklin, who tried to levy on an execution at his home near Chicago Junction, O.

J. Turner Routledge, an Englishman well known in Canadian social circles, committed suicide at his country residence at Georgeville, near Montreal.

William Tuchschnidt, cashier in the internal revenue collector's office at St. Louis, is missing and is alleged to be an embezzler.

Clyde Mattox, who has killed five men, and been pardoned once for murder by McKinley, is on trial again for another murder.

Arnold Tuchschnidt, cashier of the United States internal revenue office at St. Louis, charged with embezzling \$7,000 of government funds, was committed to jail in default of \$5,000 bail.

R. W. Wallace, a deputy customs collector, was ambushed and murdered near Presidio, Tex., by a party of Mexicans. He had a notorious Mexican smuggler in custody.

George Renzl, who came to Amsterdam, N. Y., three weeks ago from Streator, Ill., committed suicide by jumping into the Erie canal.

Robert J. Knox, alias James B. Bennett, the alleged swindler arrested in New York, waived a hearing on a charge of forgery in Pittsburgh, Pa., and in default of \$2,000 bail was re-committed to jail.

BUSINESS NOTES.

The Peter Paul Book company, of Buffalo, N. Y., has assigned. Liabilities \$55,000.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Vanderlip denies the report that he is to become president of a New York bank.

George N. Townsend, a salesman, filed a petition in bankruptcy in Boston. Liabilities, \$74,403.72, principally due to New York and Chicago clothing concerns. No assets.

The attempt to form a company to control all of the independent telephone companies of the United States has failed.

Judge Garland of the United States court at Sioux Falls, S. D., adjudged the Northwestern Packing company of that city bankrupt.

The meeting of broom manufacturers at Indianapolis confirmed the advance in the price of brooms made by the National Broom Manufacturers' association at Chicago, Nov. 14.

P. T. George and Co., one of the oldest wholesale provision and oil refining houses in Baltimore, are in financial difficulties.

William and John Demint, of Bloomfield, Mo., "best citizens," are in jail for assisting a "lynching bee" and being discovered.

C. D. Hughes, a former Chicagoan, has been arrested at New York charged with operating an "easy to get rich" investment swindle.

Twenty-eight thousand operatives in Fall River, Mass., have been benefited by a 10 per cent. advance in wages.

The directors of the National City bank, New York, have voted to recommend to the shareholders an increase of the capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$1,000,000.

S. J. Newell, a merchant of New Bedford, Mass., formerly of New York, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities, \$384,040; assets, \$100.

Petitions in bankruptcy were filed by Adolph Blitt, a clothier of New York, having unsecured claims to the amount of \$423,178 and no assets.

John G. Ihmsen, a Pittsburg lumber dealer, has asked to be declared a bankrupt. His liabilities are \$34,811 and assets \$7,300.

John M. Veach, a stock dealer of West Middlesex, Pa., filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States District court. His liabilities are \$62,257 and assets \$25.

HERALDS AND DISASTERS.

A garbage wagon driven by a colored man ran over and killed John Anderson Field, a 5-year-old Chicago boy, Joseph Gibbs and his wife, of Wil-

lowdale, Pa., died of hydrophobia after being "cured" by the Pasteur treatment.

A nut sticking in the throat of 2-year-old Harry McDonald, Chicago, caused death. The boy was eating almond candies.

Willis Fox's family at Mitchell, Ind., was poisoned by eating bologna sausage. One child died and the other members of the family are in a critical condition.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

The emperor and empress of Germany have left England for home.

General Methuen met and defeated the Boers at Modder river. The battle is said to have been the bloodiest of the century. General Methuen was wounded in the thigh.

The sultan of turkey is said to be trying to inflame Tripolitan sheiks against England and France.

Emperor William's eldest son is reported to be betrothed to Queen Wilhelmina.

The list of casualties at Modder show that the total British loss was 475 killed, wounded and missing, of which seventy-three represents the killed. Methuen was at Modder river when last heard from.

General Joubert has retired from Estcourt, and is now blowing up the Colenso bridge. He intends to concentrate his force around Laysmith.

The Cape Town Times has the following dispatch from Mafeking: "General Cronje, with 100 wagons and a large body of Boers, has left his laager, practically raising the siege, although desultory firing can be heard."

After a fight lasting sixteen hours the City of Maracaibo, capital of the state of Zulia, Venezuela, is in the power of the Hernandezist revolutionary forces.

The betrothal of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands to Prince William of Wied may be regarded as settled.

NOTABLE DEATHS.

Calvin De Wolfe, aged 84, is dead. He served as justice of the peace in Chicago from 1854 to 1879.

Charles Potter, Jr., inventor of the printing press that bears his name, died at Plainfield, N. J., Saturday, aged 75.

James E. MacFarland, president of the Merchants' National bank, Meadville, Pa., is dead in his 83 year.

Mrs. Bridget Fitzgerald, mother of John Fitzgerald (deceased), former president of the Irish National League of America, is dead at Lincoln, Neb., aged 98 years.

James McDowell, a former well-known resident of Bloomington, Ill., is dead in Washington, D. C., of blood poisoning, aged 59 years.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Fire at Philadelphia destroyed property valued at 3,000,000. Lippincott Publishing company was the heaviest loser.

Fire at Hancock, N. Y., destroyed three stores, causing a loss of \$50,000, and burned Mrs. Ann Tarbox, aged 80, to death.

The town of Garland, Tex., has been almost destroyed by fire. Loss, \$68,000; insurance \$30,000.

The business portion of Onancock, Va., was damaged \$60,000 by fire.

A. J. Warren's furniture factory at Nashville, Tenn., was partially destroyed by fire. Loss \$35,000, with \$25,000 insurance.

Jesse Carbon's barn, together with the contents, fourteen cattle, three horses, the entire grain crop and farming implements, at Valparaiso, Ind., was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$3,500; partially insured.

Fire destroyed the merchandise stores of E. D. Hamilton and E. R. Beauchamp and the latter's residence at Edmonton, Ky. Loss, \$15,000; insurance, \$7,500.

ODDS AND ENDS.

On the run down from Boston to Hampton Roads the battleship Kentucky broke all records for ships of her class. The average speed was fifteen knots an hour.

Major General Miles, commanding the army, has returned to Washington after a tour of inspection.

Out of ninety-nine fraud orders issued by the postoffice department during the fiscal year just closed only nine were for lotteries or gift enterprises.

State Senator Newton D. Gilbert of Angola, Ind., announces that he will not be a candidate for governor before the Republican convention of Indiana.

Formal transfer has been made of the leading shoe machinery companies to the Consolidated Standard Shoe Machinery company.

The failure of Bryson, Cooper & Co., cotton brokers in Liverpool, England, is announced.

The local lodge of Modern Woodmen at Luskton, Neb., will contest the payment of \$2,000 life insurance on Sherman McFadden, a member, who died under Christian Science treatment.

Former Postmaster General William L. Wilson is believed to be in a critical condition.

The marine hospital bureau was informed by its surgeon at Cadix, Spain, that a suspected case of bubonic plague is in the hospital there.

Internal revenue receipts for 1899 increased \$102,617,000 over last year.

Secretary Long will recommend a pension of \$100 a month for Captain Gridley's widow.

Nashville turned out en masse to welcome the First Tennessee on its return home from Manila.

At a meeting in Philadelphia in the interest of the Parrell monument fund, Governor Stone presiding, a large number of subscriptions were announced.

A new cabinet has been formed in Chile.

The will of the late Vice President Hobart disposes of \$2,500,000 worth of property.

During the first nine months of American occupation exports of merchandise and gold coin from Havana to the United States reached a total of \$16,412,180 more than to all other countries.

Judge J. H. Pillsbury, one of the oldest residents of Menard county, is dead at his home in Petersburg, Ill., aged 69 years.

At Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, there are 8,000 Christians alone who are suffering acutely from famine.

The grandson of the first woman to become a Christian in Finland was recently ordained a missionary.

CONTINUES TO DRAW.

Roberts the Star Attraction in the Congress.

MAJORITY OF SPECTATORS WOMEN.

President McKinley's Annual Message Read in Both Houses of Congress—More Sorrow in the Senate—Debate on the Financial Bill Not to Commence Until Next Week—Other National Capital News of General Public Interest.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The galleries of the house were almost as crowded as on the opening day, the debate on the Roberts case being the attraction. The reading of the president's message, usually a great attraction, was completely overshadowed by the universal interest in the disposition of the case of the Mormon representative from Utah. The fact that three-fourths of the spectators in the galleries were women was particularly noticeable and was a tangible manifestation of the interest of the fair sex in the result.

Name Not on Official Roll.
It developed that Mr. Roberts' name was not on the official roll call of the house, so that in case of a vote or other action by the house he would not be a participant. This was in accord with all precedents. Richardson, the Democratic floor leader, said that no exception could be taken to this procedure.

Roberts himself entered the hall about 11:30 and immediately became the cynosure of all eyes. At 12 o'clock Speaker Henderson called the members to order. All arose in their places, Roberts included, and stood with bowed heads while the chaplain delivered his invocation. After the reading of the journal had been concluded Cannon, from the committee appointed to wait on the president, reported that the president would communicate in writing. Immediately thereafter Major Pruden, the president's executive clerk, announced the message, and it was at once laid before the house. The members listened attentively to the reading.

SENATE AGAIN REBEAVED.
Members Hear of the Death of Hayward of Nebraska.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Another sorrow had fallen upon the senate before it convened in session. To most of the senators the announcement of the death of Senator-elect Hayward of Nebraska had been communicated. While he was not officially a member of the body he was in every other sense regarded as one of the senate. Reference was made by the blind chaplain in his opening invocation to the demise of Senator Hayward.

Platt (Conn.) and Jones (Ark.), the committee appointed on the part of the senate to wait upon the president, reported that that duty had been performed. "The president," said Platt, "expressed his satisfaction at the assembling of congress and hoped that great good to the country might result from its deliberations."

Turley of Tennessee presented his colleague, Rate, at the desk of the president and President Frye administered to Rate the oath of office. Major O. L. Pruden, assistant secretary to the president, was then recognized by the chair and presented to the senate the message of the president. At 12:06 the reading of the message was begun by the clerks.

THE FINANCIAL BILL.
Debate Will Not Commence Upon It Until Next Week.

Washington, Dec. 5.—It is now probable that the debate on the financial bill in the house will not commence until next week. The Republican caucus will consider the bill as framed by the caucus committee. No apparent opposition has developed to it on the Republican side and the caucus undoubtedly will adopt it as introduced.

The leaders, however, are not disposed to rush its consideration in the house. They wish to allow the members the remainder of the week for the study of the bill and report and the preparation of speeches. It is probable that the whole of next week will be allowed for the debate. The consideration of the bill will be under a special order from the committee on rules, which will provide for a vote at a specified hour on the closing day of the debate.

My Declare Neutrality.
Washington, Dec. 5.—The question of issuing a proclamation of neutrality in the south African war is under consideration. Up to the time of the recent announcement of the British government that a state of war existed a declaration of neutrality was not deemed advisable, and even now it is not likely that this government will take action until after other nations. The principal purpose in proclaiming neutrality would be to warn the people in this country who are supposed to be recruiting for the Boer army of their obligations to comply no unfriendly act against a friendly nation.

Committee on Insular Affairs.
Washington, Dec. 5.—Representative Tawney of Minnesota introduced in the house a resolution for the creation of a committee of seventeen members, to be known as the "committee on insular affairs," to have jurisdiction over "affairs concerning insular territory, acquired or occupied, under treaty with Spain of Dec. 10, 1898, including the island of Tutula, Samoa."

The resolution also provided that the committee shall be privileged.

Admiral Dewey Retire a Few.
Washington, Dec. 5.—Admiral Dewey has resigned a few in the fashionable St. John's Episcopal church of which Rev. Mackay Smith is pastor. He has also been chosen a trustee of the Episcopal temple on the Tennessee tower road.

Ports Close Exports and Imports.
Washington, Dec. 5.—The war department has made public a statement of exports and imports at the five principal ports of Porto Rico for the months of May, June, and July, 1899. The report shows a slight balance of trade in favor of these ports of \$347,382. The total of imports into the

ports named for the three months is \$2,572,618. The exports during the same period were \$2,220,500. There was exported to the United States during the three months \$231,672 worth of merchandise, and there was imported from the United States \$973,545 worth.

Call on National Banks.
Washington, Dec. 5.—The comptroller of the currency has issued a call on national banks for a statement of their condition at the close of business Saturday, Dec. 2.

SENATOR HAYWARD DEAD.
He Had Been Slowly Sinking for Some Time Past.

Nebraska City, Neb., Dec. 5.—United States Senator Hayward died at 6:20 in the morning. Senator Hayward had been ill for some time and

his death was not unexpected. He has been gradually sinking for a week past.

Senator Monroe L. Hayward was 59 years old and had lived in Nebraska City for thirty-two years. Although a lawyer by profession, he made his wealth largely through investments in lands in Nebraska and Kansas. His election to the United States senate was his first appearance in national politics. He was defeated for governor by Poynter two years ago, reducing the fusion majority from 18,000 to 3,000. When the last legislature was found to be Republican Mr. Hayward announced his candidacy for the United States senate, and the fight which followed was one of the bitterest in the history of the state. The long drawn-out caucus deadlock finally resulted in his election, but soon afterwards he was stricken with paralysis while addressing a political meeting.

Senator Hayward was a veteran of the civil war, serving in the Twenty-second regiment of New York volunteers, and later in the Fifth cavalry. He married Miss Jennie Kelton of Putnam county, N. Y., in 1870, and his widow and two sons survive him.

GOVERNOR BRADLEY ANGRY.
Says No Soldiers Are in Frankfort Under His Orders.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 5.—While the board of election commissioners were working on the canvass of the votes cast at the recent election Governor Bradley walked into the rooms, saying: "Mr. Chairman, may I interrupt the proceedings of this board a minute?"

"Certainly," said Judge Pryor.

"Then," said Governor Bradley, "I wish to make a statement for the benefit of lying correspondents."

Here Judge Hargis sprang up and started to talk, but was motioned to his seat by Judge Pryor with the remark: "I think it is due to the governor that he be permitted to say what he wishes."

"I wish to say," went on Governor Bradley, "in vigorous tones, 'that there are no soldiers here in citizens clothes by any order of mine. I don't do business that way. I told you, Mr. Chairman, when this board convened, that if you wanted the crowd kept away from this building I would do it.'"

"You did," said Judge Pryor.

"I have ordered no soldiers here," went on the governor. "Some officers have come on their own account and by no order of mine. I have ordered or asked nobody to come to Frankfort, and anybody who says the contrary is a willful and malicious liar. That's all I wish to say, gentlemen," said the governor.

Then turning as he reached the door, he added: "I will not stand for it in here or out of here."

After leaving the room of the commissioners, the governor made a short address to the crowd outside the office, asking it to disperse, telling one man who was wearing a uniform, to go and take that thing off before anybody accused him of being a leader of the Kentucky militia.

Trial of Edward B. Moloney.
New York, Dec. 5.—The first witness to be called to testify in the case of Edward B. Moloney, who is charged with causing the death of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams, was Dr. Edward F. Hitchcock, who attended Mrs. Adams immediately after she had taken the poison which caused her death. He described his efforts to save her life and said he heard some one retching in a nearby room and on asking who it was, was told it was Mr. Cornish. Beyond question, witness said, Mr. Cornish was in a most distressing condition. This was objected to by Mr. Weeks and was stricken from the record.

Pratt Finds Not Guilty.
Lansing, Mich., Dec. 5.—Charles E. Pratt, the star witness in the grand jury's legislative bribery investigation, pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging him with bribing Edgar J. Adams, speaker of the house. It was alleged that Pratt gave Adams checks for \$20,000, which were not presented for payment because the bill failed to pass. Pratt was released on \$3,000 bail. The jury is still at work, and other indictments are assured.

Three Masked Burglars Entered the Brewery of E. F. Bowler. They overpowered and bound the night watchman, Paul Larson, and then blew the safe open with dynamite. They secured \$5,000 in revenue stamps and \$32 in cash.

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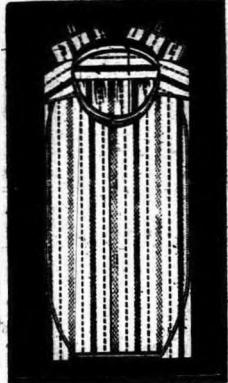
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- Heavy Random Underwear, 19c
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That the Celestial Empire is greatly disturbed by the reported decision of the powers of Europe to enter into a treaty by which an agreement for the parceling out of China was to be entered upon at once is demonstrated by the visit of the Chinese Minister to Secretary Hay on Monday. The Minister was informed that the United States would certainly not be a party to any plan, which included the dismemberment of the Chinese Empire as it now constituted, notwithstanding the fact that the cables had brought reports of

the probable participation of this country in the ambitious schemes of the European countries. It is also noted that the European countries have not as yet sent replies to our request for written promises of the several countries now possessing territory in China that the "open door" would be maintained. However, it is declared by England, France, Germany, and Russia that their plans are to permit the freest of trade in all points of China, but how long this will continue under the aggressive competition of American

tradesmen is difficult to estimate, and is not improbable that the State Department will reiterate its reasonable request.

There is at present quite a furore over lands containing marl. The state of Michigan is rich in marl beds and it is only very recently that they have been considered valuable. The establishment of several cement factories in the state has raised the value of marl lands and there is now scarcely any for sale.

Breezy Items

By Elva Correspondents.

CHERRY HILL.

Miss Harriet E. Burd died on Tuesday, aged sixty years. The deceased was a very amiable lady and was held in high esteem by her many friends. By careful management, she had accumulated a small fortune. Her immediate relatives that survive her are a sister, Mrs. E. J. Boice, and a niece, Mrs. G. Fritz, of Newburg. The funeral was held at the church Friday, conducted by Rev. S. W. Bird.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Huston spent Thanksgiving at Durand, and are now visiting in Ionia and Clinton counties. The milk skimming machinery is nearly all placed in position and all will soon be ready for operation. Forty of the descendants of the late B. W. Huston held a family reunion at Mr. and Mrs. John Huston's, Thanksgiving day. A fine repast was served and the day was pleasantly spent. Among the guests was Hon. B. W. Huston of Vassar.

REDFORD.

Dr. Metcalf has sold his farm, formerly known as the Bradner farm, to a Dr. Baker of Detroit. Mr. Metcalf's family will retain possession until next Spring.

The last few weeks have witnessed several weddings in Redford, among which are those of Mr. B. Metcalf and Miss Sutton, of Detroit, Mr. Frank Smith and Miss Bower, of Detroit, and Mr. Jas. Kearney, of Detroit, and Mrs. Sheehan, of Oak.

Electric cars are now running to Farmington but not with much regularity, as yet.

This community was shocked by the tragic death of one of its citizens, Friday, Dec. 1st. Joseph Lacey was found hanging in his barn. A coroner's inquest was held which returned a verdict of suicide during temporary insanity. Mr. Lacey was formerly a first class engineer upon the lakes, but last spring he had a paralytic stroke which incapacitated him for his duties. Since then he has remained at his Redford farm, but as he preferred engineering he was not content with his farm-life, and became despondent at times. His family have the sympathy of the entire community.

PERRINSVILLE.

Luther Osband, who has been suffering from a severe case of indigestion, is rapidly recovering under the treatment of Dr. J. D. Bennett, our Perrinsville physician.

Mrs. A. Robinson attended the funeral of her brother at Romulus the latter part of last week.

A. C. Talt took a business trip to Wayne last Tuesday.

Wedding bells are ringing again in these parts. John Klumph, of Livonia, and Mrs. Ada Ferguson, of Perrinsville were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last Tuesday at Wayne. All join in wishing them a long and prosperous married life.

T. P. Sherman, who was accidentally shot while out hunting, one shot entering his eye and causing the loss thereof, is now rapidly improving. He is able to be out of the hospital and expects to be at home in a few days, when his numerous friends will be glad to see him again.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Proctor attended the raffle of a beautiful chair at Wayne last Tuesday evening.

Remember the church fair to be given next Thursday evening.

NEWBURG.

Silas Clark, of Pueblo, and Thomas Clark, of Denver, Colorado, brother and nephew of Miss Eliza Clark, called on her last Sunday. She was very happy as she had not seen her brother for 35 years.

Alvin McCartney, of Caro, has been calling on friends here this week.

The revival meetings here are very interesting. The good seed sown will bring a rich harvest in the near future. Rev. W. G. Stephens is doing a noble work for the Master.

W. J. Ostrander returned home from Livingston county Wednesday night.

Arthur McGramm, accompanied by two sisters, called on their sister, Mrs. C. Tuttle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitt Everett and Mrs. Vinton ate Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ostrander.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson called on Mrs. Ostrander last week.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Newburg, meet today with Mrs. James King.

Mrs. Edwin Norris is gaining slowly.

Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. E. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest Blood and Nerve Remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into overworked, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by John L. Gale-Druggist.

MEAD'S MILLS.

Mrs. Mary Waide and little son Glen, from Detroit, were guests Thanksgiving at H. W. Hughes'.

Mrs. W. Pitt Johnson was taken to St. Mary's hospital last Monday.

Miss Kate Hughes visited in Plymouth with Mrs. Bert Gunsolly Tuesday. At this writing the weather shows signs of winter, and December weather at that. We will, perhaps, go without our usual November gales.

Mrs. Mary Loud and Mrs. Martin visited at Plymouth Friday.

Palmer Rhodes has moved to Salem.

PIKE'S PEAK.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fox ate Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Fox, of Detroit.

Mrs. Lee Cooper spent a week with friends in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Rohde spent last Sunday with Ransom Lewis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, of South Lyon, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dean last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKinney and Mrs. Wm. Shunk spent Thanksgiving with Will McKinney and wife.

QUARTEL'S CORNERS.

Nelson Schrader was in Detroit last Tuesday.

C. Stoneburner is building a new cow barn.

The oyster supper at Mrs. Schrader's last Thursday evening was well attended.

John Nash was in Detroit Thursday.

John Quartel and son are visiting at Flint, Sanilac, and Caro for two weeks. Charles Detloff is moving into H. Bradford's house.

STARK.

Frank Smith, of Redford, and Miss Mabel Baur, of this place, were married Thursday, November 30th.

Harry Chipman and family, of Detroit, spent Thanksgiving at Charles Millard's.

Mark Baur has left for the North woods.

Mrs. Joslyn, who has been very sick at her nephew's at Sand Hill, was able to be brought to the home of her sister, Mrs. Gumore, on Wednesday. She is still improving.

J. Vrooman and Frank Seiting have returned from Au Train, where they have been hunting, bringing nine deer with them.

SALEM.

Rev. C. W. Allen and wife entertained a few of their friends at dinner last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Smith entertained a large party of friends at dinner on Thursday.

At the annual election of officers of the Salem Farmers Club, at the meeting of last week, Chas. Coldren was elected president; W. B. Thompson and John Munn, vice-presidents; Mrs. Sylvester Atchinson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Herbert Smith, recording secretary; John Smith, treasurer. The January meeting will be held at the home of Henry Nolar, the first Wednesday in the month.

Thomas Smith will occupy the Roe farm the coming year.

On Tuesday of this week came the severest weather we have had this season.

The ladies of the Congregational church gave a chicken-pie social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Walker last Friday evening, which was well patronized.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Wayne Baptist Association held their annual meeting at the Baptist church at Salem, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Notwithstanding the severe weather, the meetings were well attended and interesting.

Mrs. Vanderbilt and daughter, of Lyons, New York, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Munn. They will visit friends in other parts of Michigan, when they leave here.

LIVONIA CENTER.

A little blizzard struck us the first of the week that reminds us that winter has come. Whether it will be an open one or not, remains to be told later on.

Will Garchow and Miss Adeline Marlon, of Bell Branch, spent Sunday with the former's parents.

Miss Emma Garchow is visiting a cousin, Miss Sump, at Northville for a few days.

Several of the young people around here attended the Thanksgiving dance at Clarenceville. All report a fine time.

Russell Peck is visiting brothers and

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God, I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at John L. Gale's Drug Store. Regular size 50c, small \$1.00. Guaranteed or price returned.

sisters in Jackson Co. He accompanied his brother home last Saturday from this place.

Miss Minnie Garchow, who has been under the care of Dr. Bennett, is now able to be out again.

Our township treasurer, Mr. Rhoda, and insurance collector, Mr. Kingsley, wish it understood that they will be at Stark, Dec. 21st; Elm, Dec. 26th; and Newburg, Dec. 27, for collection of taxes.

Our young people are very busy engaged just at present preparing for a new play to come off in about three weeks at the hall.

We understand that Mrs. Elizabeth Joslin, well known here, is in very poor health at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gumore, at Stark.

Ladies Versus Politics.

The election reports from the equal suffrage States show it to be still true, as Judge Kingman of Wyoming wrote years ago, that, "in keeping order the presence of a few ladies is worth a whole squad of police." A Cartoon published in the Denver Daily News the day after election shows two street scenes. One is labelled, "On Election Days—Years Ago." It represents two voters rolling on the ground, locked together in a free fight, while a policeman is bearing down upon them with a club in one hand and a revolver in the other. The second picture shows a young lady being bowed into the polling-place by a polite election officer, an old lady and gentleman peacefully following arm in arm, while a small boy with juvenile chivalry offers his hand to a little girl to help her up onto the curbstone. Underneath is written, "Effects of the Australian Ballot and Women's Suffrage." An officer of the law is represented fast asleep in a corner, with the legend, "Special Police a Useless Luxury Nowadays."

Rev. J. J. Axtell, of Royal Oak, has several of the leading officials of the village "on the hip," as it were. He visited a number of saloons on Sunday and secured a glass of beer and a bottle of whisky cocktails, etc. and, it is alleged, he found the officials in the places. They are said to be begging that their names be not used in connection with the suits that will follow.

Rheumatism, Rheumatism, Rheumatism.

Ath-lo-pho-ros cures inflammatory rheumatism, chronic rheumatism, muscular rheumatism, rheumatic gout, sciatica, lumbago, neuralgia, rheumatism of the joints, rheumatism of the heart, in fact, any kind of a disease due to the accumulation of uric acid in the blood. Ath-lo-pho-ros expels the uric acid from the system in quick time, leaves no reaction and its cures are undonably permanent. We know that it will do this because we have received 50,000 letters from grateful patients. Here is one letter out of that vast number:

KALAMAZOO, Mich., June 2, 1898.
Gentlemen: My uncle had rheumatism so that he was drawn up almost double, and he got Ath-lo-pho-ros and it drew him back as straight as he ever was, and my mother had the rheumatism so bad that she could not walk or lie down. We had the doctor 24 times and he did not do her any good, so she got three bottles of Ath-lo-pho-ros and is entirely cured of rheumatism.
Yours truly, Miss EVA SHAFER.
For sale at Druggists. Send for free pamphlet to The Ath-lo-pho-ros Co., New Haven, Conn.

Plymouth Markets.

The prices paid for farmers' products as given to THE MAIL by dealers and which will be corrected weekly are as follows:

GRAIN AND SEEDS.	
No. 1. Red Wheat	44
No. 1. White "	44
Oats, white, per bu	1.20 to 1.25
Beans, per bu	1.20 to 1.25
Eye "	1.20 to 1.25
DAIRY AND PRODUCE.	
Butter, cream	20
Eggs, strictly fresh	20 to 25
Lard, lb	10 to 15
POULTRY AND MEATS.	
Spring chickens, live, per lb	10
Pork, dressed, per cut	10
Feet, "	10 to 15
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Flour, retail price per bbl	4.00
Bean, per cwt	10
Short feed	10
Chops	10
Potatoes	10

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.

How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with you water and let it stand twenty-four hours; sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your lines it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also

convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

What To Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kitcher's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and extra-ordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should use the best. Sold by druggists in 50c and \$1.00 bottles. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail, address Dr. Kitcher, 161 E. 23rd St., New York, N. Y.