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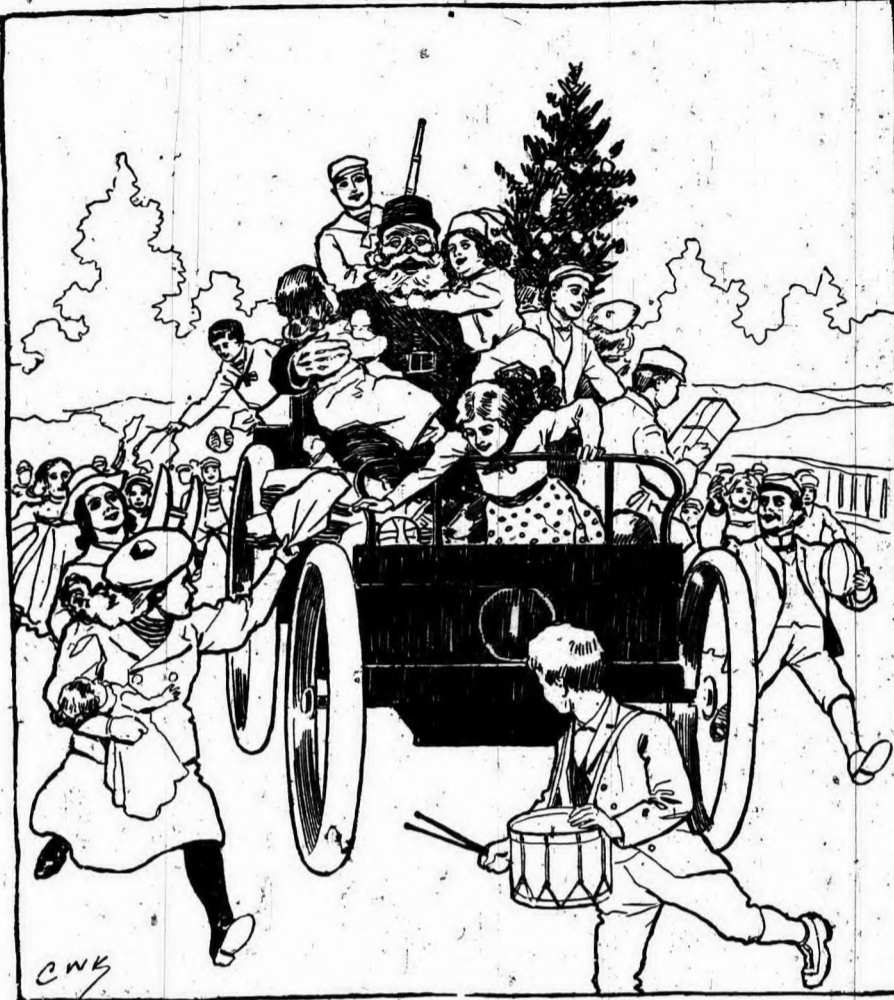
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THE COMING OF THE UP TO DATE SANTA CLAUS.

Pencil and Pastepot

John Bowers, who was injured by being thrown from a wagon on December 5 at Farmington, died of his injuries Saturday morning.

School teachers are a scarce article in Tuscola county at present, and the school commissioner has to hustle whenever there is a vacancy from one cause or another.

The reports received from throughout the state show that eighteen persons were killed the past fall while in the woods and fields hunting, while about twenty others received more or less serious injuries.

There are one hundred and eighty thousand old bachelors, and nearly as many old maids in Michigan. How many homes might be made happy or otherwise—probably the latter—if they should "hook up"?

Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Hutton, of Northville, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last Tuesday. Mr. Hutton is nearly 72 years old and Mrs. Hutton, 74. They came to Northville in 1854 and have since resided there.

The Delray and Springwells Times came out last week with a colored cover and evidencing other signs of prosperity. It has also recently purchased a new cylinder press and other material. Glad the newspaper man is getting some of the McKinley gold standard prosperity.

Representative Corliss asks congress for a paltry million of dollars for a dam across Niagara river near Buffalo. This would raise the waters of the great lakes to the west from one to four feet and greatly facilitate lake traffic. The plan, if successful, would be of immense practical value.

The house of Jas. Robbe, a well known resident of Belleville, was burned Sunday morning, together with its contents. The family, which consisted of father and mother and six children, barely escaped being cremated, making their escape with bare feet through the snow in their night clothes. No insurance. The family is left penniless and is being taken care of by the neighbors.

Delray Times: The Plymouth Mail man is kicking because the output of the feathered bipeds therabout is not sufficient to supply the input demanded by the town. In other words, perhaps that's a covert manner the Plymouth editor has of stating that he would go into eggstacies if he could have hampagns once in a while. Well, Samson, when you spot a hen that won't lay, have the marital pullet; then perhaps it will shell out.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Last Friday afternoon, 40 books were drawn from the Plymouth public school library and this is about the number that is drawn by the pupils every week to be read at home. The books taken this last time were, with few exceptions, of better quality than have been chosen before, owing to an effort to direct their reading by placing before them a selected list of ten books, each, for the upper five grades of the school, with the request that these books be read, so far as possible, by every pupil in those grades.

There are no light, trashy books in the library that would be really injurious to the readers unless they were read to the exclusion of better books. Books that contain historical facts or other knowledge should be read as well as works of fiction, not only to store the mind with these facts when the memory is fresh, but also to acquire the habit of reading such books. The library contains between 1100 and 1200 books, exclusive of public reports, pamphlets, etc. If the children of the village can be induced to read these books, it is probably as profitable a thing as the teachers can do for them.

The effort to give the pupils of the high school an opportunity to become acquainted with high class current literature, by placing magazines, etc., in the room for them to read as time permits, has been reasonably successful. An invitation is given to those pupils having magazines at home to bring them to school during the latter part of the month, after they have been read at home. We would be glad to have a larger number, but we now have, The Outlook, McClure's, Munsey, The Michigan Moderator, The Albion College Melad, The Wayne County Courier, The Christian Herald, The School Record, and several sample copies of other periodicals.

Some one has Volume IX of The World's Best Literature, and it has not been in the library since before the summer vacation. Please return it.

Chas. JaCox has been absent several days this week on account of sickness.

Descriptions of the eclipse of the moon last Saturday night and pauses of it were given Monday morning by several members of the high school. School will begin again Jan. 2, 1900.

The members of the high school quartet are Edgar Jolliffe, 1st tenor; Walter Bennett, 2nd tenor; Leonard Stark, baritone; George Davey, bass; and Frank Stephens, pianist.

The pupils of Miss Smith's room had a Christmas box.

The 6th grade have an Xmas tree. The current events of the preceding week were given Monday morning by the members of the 8th grade.

Miss Anna Smith has a Chinese boy

in her school-room on which are ten blossoms and five buds.

The high school Xmas exercises consist of a few songs at chapel by the school and the P. H. S. quartet.

The following pupils of the 5th and 6th grades have been perfect in spelling during the past month: Myrtle Blunk, Bessie Hood, Kate Passage, Ethel Smitherman, Lottie Teiper, Monte Wood, Harvey Travis, Lulu Williams, Lena Blunk, Mabel Bissel, August Ebert, Robert Jolliffe, Nellie Smith, Ray Smith, May Smith, Arthur Whipple, and Romey Wood.

Miss Alice Gilmore, teacher in the kindergarten, has been granted a leave of absence for six weeks. She left Detroit on Tuesday to visit Cuba, where she has relatives in the employ of the U. S. government. During her absence Miss Mary Schoettle, of Detroit, has charge of the little folks. She is a trained kindergarten and a graduate of Alma College.

An Explanation.
DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 18, '99.
To the Editor of the Plymouth Mail.

Kindly grant me a little space in your valuable journal to explain to the public of Plymouth the reason I could not keep my engagement. That I acted in good faith and fully intended to keep my engagement, is proven by the fact that I shipped my apparatus and necessary articles to hold the stereopticon services as announced; but when I returned from the Union Depot to my home I found my son irresponsible and my doctor left a note saying that I must not leave home, as my child was liable to die. Let once sent a telegram to Mr. Williams saying that I was compelled to remain at home.

The second time I was announced I did not know in time to cancel it, that I was to be in a worse predicament than ever. By this time my two daughters, then my wife took sick, and finally our servant girl had to go home because she was sick. I was therefore just in this corner and none other, with no assistance except what the kind neighbors could give. I offer this not as an apology but as a frank and manly explanation of my position, and ask the wives, husbands and fathers, what other course could I pursue?

I wish to state further that I have been appointed missionary in charge of Plymouth and as such intend to do something in the line of establishing services there very soon. I am in hopes that something may be done toward erecting a suitable edifice for the Episcopal services in Plymouth before another year has gone by.

Sincerely,
W. F. JEROME,
Rector of St. George's, and Chaplain of St. Luke's Home.

Excursion Rates for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

Agents of the Ohio Central Lines will sell excursion tickets between all points upon its lines and to points in Central Passenger Association Territory on lines of connecting railroads, at rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale Dec. 23d, 24th and 25th; Dec. 30th, 31st and Jan. 1st, good returning until Jan. 2nd, 1900, inclusive.

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THE WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

General Young reports the rescue of Brutone, of the Nevada regiment, and Edwards, of the gunboat Yorktown, who have been held prisoners by the Filipinos. General Tino, conveying the American prisoners north is hotly pursued.

Mabini, former secretary of state in the so-called Filipino government, and Aguinaldo's ablest adviser has been captured.

A New York Herald special says that among documents captured from the Filipinos are treasonable letters from anti-expansionists in this country.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Democrats of the senate has "held up" the nomination of W. D. Hyrum to the New York board of general appraisers because he was a gold Democrat in 1896.

Governor Poynter of Nebraska has appointed ex-Senator Allen to fill the seat in the United States senate left vacant by the death of Senator-elect Hayward.

The house committee investigating the Roberts case began taking testimony with reference to Roberts' cohabitation with more than one woman.

Platt (Conn.) will be chairman of the senate committee on Cuba. Foraker of that on Porto Rico and Hawaii, and Lodge on Philippines.

The new house humorist is Cushman of Washington, who says people care more about their "per pocketa" than per capita.

The navy needs 4,000 more sailors. Secretary Long favors granting of clothing worth \$45 to each man on enlistment.

Congressman Jett introduced a bill providing for jury trial in federal courts for contempt or violation of judicial orders.

The bodies of the Maine dead are to be interred at Arlington cemetery during the last week of December.

The agricultural department reports the United States wheat crop at 547,300,000 bushels.

The house has passed the currency bill—190 to 150—thirteen Democrats voting for the bill, eight of them from New York.

The announcement that Senator Hanna had leased the late Vice President Hobart's house in Washington is stated to have been erroneous.

THE CRIMINAL RECORD.

Mrs. Mary Jane Wiley pleaded guilty to manslaughter at Chicago and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. She killed her husband, who had threatened her.

James Holerow, night clerk in the Waverly hotel, New York, was shot and killed by Martin Sweeney, a waiter, who was intoxicated.

Clarence Williams, colored, was hanged in the jailyard at Paris, Ky., for murdering Josie Tillman, a woman with whom he quarreled.

John T. Kallenborn was shot and instantly killed while assisting his brother to eject four men from the latter's saloon at Chicago.

James H. Morton, charged with forging orders on the First National bank of Sioux City, Ia., was arrested in Boston.

Henry Landis, secretary of the Baltimore Board of Trade, committed suicide at the Union Protestant infirmary by jumping from a third-story window.

Frank Walker, colored, was hanged at the West Virginia state penitentiary for the murder of Thomas Sanders, a saloonkeeper in Fayette county.

John Smith, who was convicted at Salt Lake of attempting to dynamite Judge O. W. Powers, took morphine with suicidal intent and died.

Samuel Hahn, 33 years old, a private in Company H, Fifth United States artillery, stationed at Fort Hamilton, committed suicide in New York by taking morphine.

BUSINESS NOTES.

Large sugar refining companies outside the trust are about to incorporate the Colonial Sugar Refining company, with \$100,000,000 capital.

The directors of the Mergenthaler Linotype company have declared a quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, and an extra dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, payable Dec. 28.

C. O. Ingram, the failed Mount Airy, Ia., merchant, has been adjudged a bankrupt.

The Great Western is contemplating an extension from Dodge Center or Eden, Minn., to Mankato, Minn.

At the request of the trustees the Epping Savings bank of Epping, N. H., has been closed and placed in charge of a receiver.

The Ohio State Association of Furniture Manufacturers decided to increase the price of case furniture 10 per cent.

Articles of incorporation for the M. C. Wetmore Tobacco company of St. Louis were filed at Jefferson City, Mo. The capital stock is \$1,250,000.

The stockholders in the Erie Telegraph and Telephone company unanimously voted to increase the capital stock of the company from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

John P. Squire & Co., pork packers of Boston, have failed; assets, \$5,000,000; liabilities, \$3,000,000.

There were two suspensions on Wall street—the Produce Exchange Trust company and Henry Allen & Co., bankers and brokers. Call money was at 1 1/2 per cent at one time during the day.

DISASTERS AND DEATHS.

F. Knight, employed on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad at Chicago, was killed while switching cars.

Melvin W. Helms, of Cumberland, was instantly killed in the woods near Superior, Wis., a tree falling on him.

Engineer Speigler and Fireman H-

icker were killed and brakeman Zagnau was dangerously hurt in a railway wreck on the Pennsylvania road in New Jersey.

Peter Gray, 60 years old, employed by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad was run over and killed at Chicago.

Mrs. Alice Palmer, widow, recently from Alabama, was suffocated in a fire at Chicago.

Frederick Earling, of Milwaukee, chief of telegraph construction of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road, was killed by a work train at Nemaha, Iowa.

Dr. F. C. Rainier, a physician of Fort Scott, Kan., was accidentally killed by his own shotgun while hunting with a party of friends.

Whaleback large One Hundred and Fifteen, which has been missing on Lake Superior, has been given up for lost, with her crew of nine men.

THE BOER WAR.

Colonel Metcalfe and 500 of the Second Rifles brigade sortied from Ladysmith to capture a Boer howitzer on a hill. They reached the crest without being discovered, drove off the enemy, and then destroyed the howitzer, with gun cotton. When returning Metcalfe found his retreat barred by the Boers, but he forced his way through, using the bayonet freely. The Boer losses were considerable. The British losses were twelve killed and forty-four wounded.

The lord mayor of Dublin, Daniel Tallon, presided at a meeting of the corporation called to protest against the Transvaal war.

General Methuen has been checked at a point north of Modder river, with the heaviest loss of men yet suffered by the British. Among the dead reported is General Wauchope, who was a veteran of many wars.

General Methuen's losses in the battle of Magersfontein are beginning to come in detail. The total casualties, including missing, are put at 832 for the British.

General Buller has met with a serious reverse, losing 11 guns. He was attempting to cross the Tugela river. Finding it impossible to effect his object he ordered a retirement in order to avoid greater losses. He left eleven guns behind and many dead and wounded.

Following is the loss of the British at Tugela river: Killed, 82; wounded, 667; missing, 318; total, 1,067.

The London Daily Mail hears from a hitherto reliable correspondent that General Buller, after a stiff fight, has crossed the Tugela river. The correspondent also states that General Methuen's communications are cut.

NOTABLE DEATHS.

Charles H. Shackleton, well known in musical circles in Louisville and other cities, is dead.

Edward Bates, librarian of the treasury department at Washington, is dead at the home of his father, Dr. Julian Bates, St. Louis.

Ex-Judge Horace S. Winslow is dead in Newton, Ia., after a lingering illness. Mr. Winslow was known throughout the state as an eminent lawyer and jurist.

General Jasper Packard, editor and proprietor of the New Albany, Ind., Daily and Weekly Tribune and commandant of the state soldiers' home at Lafayette, Ind., is dead.

General Edward Ferguson is dead at his home in New York city, aged 68 years.

Lieutenant Brumby is dead. He was Admiral Dewey's flag officer in the Manila campaign.

William H. Carpenter, author, poet and editor, is dead at Baltimore.

James W. Rebs, general manager of the National Steel company, is dead at his home in Newcastle, Pa., aged about 35 years.

THE FIRE RECORD.

The state reformatory at St. Cloud, Minn., was damaged to the extent of \$35,000 by fire.

The private warehouse of the City Elevator company at Minneapolis was burned. Loss, \$50,000.

Fire completely destroyed the school annex building of St. Michael's orphan asylum at Pittsburg.

Fire destroyed the factory and warehouse of the Duluth (Minn.) Shoe company. Loss, \$150,000. One fireman was killed and two injured.

ODDS AND ENDS.

William Wright, master mechanic of the Vandalla line, has tendered his resignation to take effect Dec. 19.

The Southern Railway company has issued an order which applies to the southern division requiring all employees to stop using cigarettes or resign their positions.

Henry and Edward H. Deike & Son, manufacturers of glue and gelatin, have filed a petition in bankruptcy.

George Washington memorial services were held throughout the United States in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of his death. Services at Mt. Vernon were under the auspices of the Masons and Red Men.

J. B. Hart, a well-known marine engineer, is dead at Toledo.

Robert Cosman, Jr., pastor of St. John's church, Boston, has been chosen bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Maine.

The municipal judicial hall in Langelitz, Prussia, was wiped out by fire.

Colonel Julius W. Adams died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 87 years. He was the pioneer engineer of the Brooklyn bridge.

Sir George R. Kirkpatrick, former lieutenant governor of Canada and former speaker of the house at Ottawa, is dead.

The prohibition national convention will be held in Chicago June 27, 1900. O. W. Stewart of Illinois was elected chairman of the committee.

Princess Agnes von Salm-Salm, widow of Prince Felix, has started for south Africa to devote herself to the care of sick and wounded Boers.

The Republican national convention will be held at Philadelphia on Tuesday, June 19 next.

Peter Studebaker, grandson of the Indiana carriage manufacturer, is dead in San Francisco.

A new glass roof is being put on the Sydenham (London) Crystal palace at a cost of \$60,000.

Mrs. G. W. China, wife of Shelby county's representative in the legislature, committed suicide at her home in Clarence county, Mo., by cutting her throat.

GEN. LAWTON KILLED

Struck in the Breast by an Insurgent Bullet.

DURING AN ATTACK ON SAN MATEO.

The General, at the Time He Was Hit, Was standing in Front of His Troops—President McKinley and His Cabinet Hear of the Death of the Brave Officer with Expressions of Profound Sorrow and Regret.

Manila, Dec. 10.—Major General Henry W. Lawton has been shot and killed at San Mateo. He was standing in front of his troops, was shot in the breast and died immediately. General Lawton had started from Manila with cavalry, under Captain Lockett, and



GENERAL HENRY W. LAWTON.

battalions of the Twenty-ninth and Twenty-seventh infantry, under Lieutenant Colonel Sargent, for the purpose of capturing San Mateo, where Gernomo was said to have 300 insurgents.

THE NEWS IN WASHINGTON.

President and Cabinet Express Sorrow and Regret.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Up to 1 o'clock in the afternoon the war department had received no word of General Lawton's death except that conveyed in the Associated Press dispatch, which was given immediately to the war officials. The president's first intimation of the loss of this brave officer was also given him by the Associated Press. The dispatch was sent to the White House while the cabinet meeting was in progress and was immediately sent to the cabinet room, where it was received with expressions of profound sorrow and regret. It was learned at the war department that instructions had been received Monday night from the president to prepare General Lawton's commission as a brigadier general in the regular army, to fill one of the existing vacancies, and the adjutant general's clerks were at work on the commission when the information of General Lawton's death was conveyed to the department. General Lawton was a native of Indiana and won his commission in the army by signal gallantry during the war between the states.

SUL 'AN IS IN A RAGE.

Sacks Arrest at Marseilles of His Fleeing Brother-in-Law.

Moscow, Dec. 10.—A dispatch from Constantinople says the sultan is in a towering rage at the flight of his brother-in-law, Mahmud Pasha, who took with him the jewels of his wife, the sultan's sister, leaving her behind. His deserted wife, it is declared, is crazed by grief and fear. She denies knowledge of her husband's flight or the direction of it, but for all that she is practically a prisoner in his palace.

The sultan has discovered that his brother-in-law fled on a French steamer calling at Marseilles, and the French authorities have been asked to arrest him on his arrival, on a charge of conspiracy to assassinate Abdul Hamid. It is learned that Mahmud Pasha's departure was due principally to his disgust at the miserable status to which Turkish legations abroad have been reduced, they being now practically nothing more than Ottoman detective agencies.

Having Abolished at West Point.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 10.—The three upper classes at the United States Military academy have joined, together and unanimously voted to abolish having the plebe class after Jan. 1. The decision is the result of a vigorous crusade against having by the superintendent and commandant of cadets. Things had come to such a pass that the superintendent in his annual report to the adjutant general called attention to the evils of having and his efforts to stamp it out.

Disastrous Cave-in.

Kingston, N. Y., Dec. 10.—A cave-in occurred in the cement mines of the New York and Rosendale Cement works at Rosendale. Fifteen miners were buried, but were rescued from the mine. Thousands of tons of rock and dirt caved in, carrying down buildings and machinery.

Stricken While in Council.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 10.—Bishop H. M. Turner of the African Methodist Episcopal church, while in council here with his presiding elders, was prostrated by a slight stroke of paralysis, caused by overwork. His physicians say no immediate danger is apprehended.

Approved by Guatemala.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The postoffice department was notified that the president of Guatemala had, on the 14th inst., approved the United States and Guatemala parcels-post convention. It is effective Jan. 1.

Rehearing Denied.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 10.—Supreme court has denied a rehearing in the case of Harding vs. the American Glucose company, the "Glucose trust case."

Mrs. de Falbe, an Intimate Friend of the Prince and Princess of Wales, Died at Bournemouth Saturday in her 79th Year.

WITNESSES FROM UTAH.

They Give Testimony in the Roberts Case at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 10.—A number of witnesses from Utah appeared before the committee of the house of representatives which is investigating the case of Mr. Roberts of Utah. They included Mrs. Dr. Luella Miles, a practicing physician of Salt Lake City, Mrs. McDougall, Mr. E. L. McDaniell and S. E. Wishard, all of Salt Lake City. Mr. Roberts was present and conducted the cross-examination.

Mrs. Dr. Miles was the first witness. She gave her profession as that of a physician at Salt Lake City and a member of the Medical society there. She gave the details of a call she made at the house of Mrs. Dr. Maggie Shipp-Roberts on April 12, 1897, relative to some medical society affairs. She addressed Mrs. Shipp-Roberts as "Dr. Shipp," whereupon the witness said she was interrupted by the request: "Doctor, you can call me Dr. Roberts."

Mrs. Roberts went on to explain, the witness said, that she had been married to Mr. Roberts for several years. She asked that the Medical society mail sent her in future be addressed as "Dr. Roberts," not "Dr. Shipp." Subsequently the witness called at the house and after a visit, Mr. Roberts came in and was introduced. She could not recall whether there was a specific introduction as husband or whether his entry was with such familiarity as to indicate a marital status. When Mr. Roberts cross-examined the witness she repeated the same story.

After the witness had stepped aside, Mr. Roberts submitted an objection to the effect that this testimony related to 1897, whereas the committee had no jurisdiction over him prior to his becoming a member of congress.

"Then you contend, said Chairman Taylor, that the testimony should be confined to polygamous practices subsequent to March 4, 1899?"

"I do," answered Mr. Roberts. "The objection will be noted," responded the chairman.

Rev. S. E. Wishard was the next witness. He gave his business as that of superintendent of the home missionary work of the Presbyterian synod, embracing Utah. He knew both Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Dr. Roberts, and related his first meeting with the latter in September, 1897. This occurred, he said, on the train at Mant, Utah. He was in the car with Roberts, and spoke with him. A lady sat beside him and he beckoned to her and then introduced her, saying: "Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Wishard."

On cross-examination Mr. Roberts brought out Mr. Wishard's opposition to Mormonism, and then asked: "Was Roberts drunk when he made this introduction referred to?"

"Not that I know of," "Was he insane?" "I do not know."

"What possible reason then," asked Mr. Roberts, "could Roberts have had for putting himself in such a position with one who opposed him?"

The witness said he could not explain reasons; he repeated that the facts were as stated.

THE BOER WAR.

Rumors That General Buller Had Crossed Tugela River Discredited.

London, Dec. 10.—Only the most optimistic gave any credit to the rumors that General Buller had crossed the Tugela river, and even they speedily realized that it was incredible that the war office would refrain from the immediate publication of news of such importance. There is also no confirmation of the statement that General Methuen's line of communication has been cut, though there is a probability of such an event occurring at any moment. According to the latest news from General Methuen, dated Sunday, Dec. 17, the situation appeared to be a complete impasse. The Boers were gathering reinforcements and extending their fortifications on both his flanks, but it was believed they would be unable to attack the British position. On the other hand, it was regarded as impossible for the British to turn the Boer flank, which was resting on the river to the east and rapidly approaching the river to the west. The Boer lines of entrenchments are continuous and capable of rapid connection at many points. From elsewhere at the front, there is absolutely nothing to throw additional light on the situation.

HEIR TO HUNGARIAN ESTATE.

Good Luck Comes to a Chicago Man and His Brother at Aurora.

New York, Dec. 10.—E. S. Karoly of Chicago, Ill., and his brother, C. S. Karoly of Aurora, Ill., have been assured that they are heirs to an estate in Hungary valued at upward of \$3,500,000. Their father, Jozseffy Karoly, came to the United States fifty years ago. He died in 1894, believing that his family estate had passed into the hands of the Hungarian government.

Count Stephan Karoly, who had been ambassador from Austria to the court of St. James, died at about the same time as the senior Karoly, and his only heir, who was supposed to have married and come to this country, could not be found. Advertisements for heirs of Count Karoly were seen by the Karoly brothers, and while in investigating this fortune they found that their father's estate had been confiscated only in part by the government. They became convinced that the property valued at \$3,500,000 would become their own upon proof of their father's real name. The Karoly brothers have forwarded to lawyers in Budapest a power of attorney to get the estate.

Stars in Place of Stripes.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The postmaster general has ordered that hereafter the length of service as letter-carriers shall not be indicated on the uniforms of carriers by stripes, but by stars. For five years' service they will wear one black silk star; two stars for ten years; one red silk star for fifteen years and two for twenty; one silver star for twenty-five years; two for thirty; one gold star for thirty-five and two for forty years.

More Money for Stock Market.

New York, Dec. 10.—At a meeting of the clearing house committee a second subscription was made up for lending in the stock market. It is for \$60,000,000.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1899.

The committee on the Roberts case has decided to send to Utah for more witnesses. Six or seven names have been selected and the persons will be summoned at once. In the meantime the committee has adjourned to meet on call of chairman.

The United States Supreme Court has decided that the capture of the Spanish vessels early in the war with Spain, Buena Ventura, Guido, and Pedro, was contrary to international law, and the owners of these vessels were declared entitled to the proceeds of the sale.

Political leaders throughout the state have already named four men for the Republican nomination for governor—Hon. James O'Donnell, of Jackson, Hon. D. M. Ferry, of Detroit, Col. A. T. Bliss, of Saginaw, and Hon. Justus S. Stearns, of Mason. All of these men have established records of party service, deserved popularity and real ability.

The American farmer appears to be catching prosperity at both ends of the trap this year. The war in the Philippines, by cutting off the supply of hemp, has greatly enhanced the value of flax. It is estimated that North Dakota farmers alone will get more than \$10,000,000 for their flax crop, which will enable them to hold their wheat crop for better prices.

An appeal has been made to the Postal Commission for a reduction of letter postage to 1 cent, and the establishment of a cheap parcels post. There is also a protest against paying the railroad an average of \$35,000 annually for each of the 921 cars used, whereas for passenger cars the amount is only \$10,528. The difference looks like a scheme to bleed the government.

Congressman Henry C. Smith, of this district, has prepared a bill for the regulation of trusts and at the proper time will urge its merits upon our national legislature. We are not fully advised as to the provisions of the bill, but we have confidence in Mr. Smith's ability to approach and attempt to settle this question in a broad-minded statesmanlike manner.—Ann Arbor Courier.

According to the figures of the annual report of the postmaster general, the postoffice department would have had a surplus of about \$14,000,000 instead of a deficit of nearly \$7,000,000, for the last fiscal year, had there been no abuses of the second class mail privilege. This is a hint that should not be lost upon Congress. It is claimed by the postmaster general that these abuses can be reformed without injury to a single legitimate publication.

Fred M. Warner, of Farmington, is a candidate for Secretary of State, since Secretary Stearns has announced his candidacy for Governor. Warner and Stearns were the opposing candidates at the last Republican convention, the latter winning by a close margin. His many friends throughout the state have been requesting that he re-enter the race, and now that Stearns' withdrawal has left a clear field he has decided to comply with their wishes.

The legislature met in special session last Monday afternoon. The governor's message was read, in which he only dealt with one subject—equal taxation. A joint resolution was introduced in the house submitting an amendment to the constitution to be voted upon next fall, permitting the assessment of railroad, telephone and property like at its cash value the same as other property is assessed. The House on Wednesday passed the resolution by a vote of 85 to 8, and it is very likely the Senate will also pass the measure at the proper time. There is nothing wrong in this proposition, and the people will ratify it at the polls almost unanimously, when given the opportunity.

A Detroit dispatch printed elsewhere tells of the scandal unearthed by the grand jury at Lansing, in which the State military board figures conspicuously. Gov. Pingree has taken the matter in hand and has requested the resignations of the board, consisting of Gen. White, Marsh, Case and Bickertaff, on the ground that they were not competent to do business for the State. The gentlemen claim that they acted honestly and are willing to leave matter with the courts. The affair has caused great excitement throughout the State and the work of the jury is being more commended than ever. Gov. Pingree seems to feel the position keenly and is greatly depressed on account thereof. A new board will at once be appointed, and suits will be begun against the members of the old board to recover the money lost by the State.

W. C. T. U.

The Handkerchief Bazaar held last Saturday afternoon and evening, proved a great success. About 125 handkerchiefs were received in response to the greetings sent out by the members, and nearly all were sold. Handkerchiefs were received from Gov. Pingree, Anna Gordon, National President of the W. C. T. U., and State and District Presidents. The Baptist Aid Society of Plymouth and the W. C. T. U. of Fenton, also sent handkerchiefs. In the evening an impromptu program was rendered. Mrs. E. L. Riggs furnished some delightful music, a cakewalk by the little soldiers created much merriment, and the recitations were very enjoyable. The receipts from the sale of handkerchiefs and refreshments were about \$22.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Merry Lees has so far recovered that she was able to attend the Bazaar.

Supt. Press.

Woman's Literary Club.

The Woman's Literary Club met at the home of Mrs. Fraser, Friday afternoon, Dec. 15th. The President presided with nineteen members present.

Roll call, with Christmas carols as responses. The literary program was opened by Mrs. Sherwood, who read papers on "The Picturesque Women of the Time"—Queen of England, Empress of China, Vicereine of India. History review, conducted by Mrs. Hudd, followed by a "Timely Topic" from Mrs. W. J. Adams—World's Rarest Books.

The social hour, given by Mrs. Fraser consisted of refreshments, after which Miss Sherwood rendered two vocal solos. Mrs. Fraser was also assisted by Miss Moll, who rendered a piano solo. The invitation to meet with Miss Smith Friday afternoon, January 5th, was accepted and meeting adjourned.

Millions Given Away.

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

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The Chicago & North-Western Railway Company announces the publication of a thrilling story of campaigning in the Philippines, entitled "A Brave Coward." The famous battle of Manila, the charge of LaLoma, a love romance, the career of the Tenth Pennsylvania at Manila and in Luzon, the conquering of cowardice by a young Pennsylvanian, are all interwoven into one of the most delightful short stories of the hour yet issued. In common with the First Nebraska, the thirteenth Minnesota, the Utah and Oregon men and the Twentieth Kansas, the Tenth Pennsylvania made history in the war against Aguinaldo. The tale is superbly illustrated with half-tones, printed in convenient form, and will be forwarded to any address on receipt of 6 cents in postage by W. B. Kniskern, 22 Fifth avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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Local Newslets

Chas. Roe is on the sick list. Yesterday was the shortest day of the year. Boarders wanted at Mrs. Henry Watt's Plymouth, Mich. Four different styles of Japanese napkins at this office. Clifford McClumpha and wife visited at Saginaw Thursday. The Mail wishes all its subscribers and friends a "Merry Christmas." Mrs. J. Hood and daughter, Marion, spent a few days in Detroit this week. Miss Fanny Bailey is spending the holidays at her home near Ann Arbor. The sky being clear Saturday night, the eclipse of the moon was plainly visible. Three cars of stock were shipped from this station this week by our local dealers. Miss Florence Sunderland and Dr. H. E. Safford were visitors at R. C. Safford's on Friday last. Zip, the little gray pony driven by Mrs. Amelia Eldred so long, died one week ago, aged 30 years. Dr. Bliss, oculist, of Springfield, Ohio, removed a pterygium from the eye of R. C. Safford on Monday last. Miss Nellie Oliver, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is recovering under the care of Dr. Tillapaugh. Ice house and ice privileges for rent at Phoenix Mills. H. W. HOLCOMB. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pinckney attended the wedding of Fred Burnett and Miss Lydia Woodworth at Salem Wednesday night. If you are going away for a visit, or have visitors from out of town, send the item to The Mail or drop in the box at the postoffice. Dr. Cooper returned Tuesday evening from a ten days' visit at Toronto, Montreal and other points, and reports having spent a pleasant vacation. The D. P. & N. are building a turntable at Wayne and a Y at Northville for turning their cars. They expect to have them completed within a few days. Miss Gilmore, who has been teaching the kindergarten department in the school here, started Monday for Havana, Cuba. Miss Shuttle, of Detroit, has taken Miss Gilmore's place. It is wonderful what good stationery will do for a business. It bears the same relation to business that neat clothes does to the business man himself. Get your stationery at The Mail office. Hand in your items of interest. We are anxious for news and extend you a welcome and thanks for such favors. Next to a person with a dollar in hand for the paper, is the one with newsy items, in the heart of the editor. Rev. J. L. Sunderland, a well known Unitarian minister, formerly of Ann Arbor, leaves Saturday morning for London, where he is to take charge of Highgate Unitarian church for the next six months on trial. May success attend him. D. B. Wilcox & Son have just finished putting in a new feed grinding machine. It is one of the latest improved pieces of machinery made, being fitted with ball bearings and chain oilers. The machine will grind 40 bags of feed per hour. We wish to call the attention of The Mail readers to the inside of the paper, which contains some very excellent reading matter. The story of the African Queen, several columns of State news, and a sermon and an interesting series of Christmas stories. Silver belt buckle, with large buckle, was lost on the street Wednesday. Finder will please return to The Mail office and receive

O. W. Blain, of Grand Rapids, called on W. Kensler and family Wednesday. Miss Gertrude Hart returned home this week after a ten days' visit in Detroit. Mrs. Ida Usher, of Codrington, Canada, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Emeline Cooper. Miss Jennie Brisban, of Chicago, is here to spend the winter with Mrs. Chas. Valentine. Harry Pratt, of Chicago, and Andrew Cooley, of Richmond, Mich., visited E. L. Riggs Monday. Get your pictures framed at Milsbaugh's, over Taft's store. Rev. Stephens visited his daughter, Mrs. Jackson, at Pinckney, Mich., a few days this week. The Plymouth Whist Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burrows last Monday evening. The Methodist church Christmas exercises will be held in the Presbyterian church Saturday evening, Dec. 23. One hundred engraved calling cards put up in a neat box make a nice Xmas gift. Call at this office and see samples. Mr. Wright, of the Auditor-General's office at Lansing, was calling on friends here Monday. Mr. Wright was a former resident here. Last Saturday was a very busy day for our merchants and the streets were lined with teams. People know where to go to find bargains. At the meeting of the Maccabees last Monday evening, four new members were taken in. Next Monday night the election of officers takes place. Christmas exercises will be held at the Baptist church Saturday evening, Dec. 23. There will be a Christmas tree and a nice program will be rendered. Ice house and ice privileges for rent at Phoenix Mills. H. W. HOLCOMB. There are ten thousand microbes on each dollar bill that has circulated for one year. Still there are men who insist on carrying this deadly menace around with them. The next regular meeting of the Universalist Ladies' Aid Society, will be held at the usual place, over E. L. Riggs' store, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 27th, having been postponed one week. Rev. Mr. Shannon spoke in the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon in place of the pastor, who was away conducting the funeral of Mrs. Brigham in Northville, but Mr. Herbener will speak next Sunday afternoon on "The Design of the Incarnation." A special Christmas sermon. Seats are all free, and everybody is welcome. Make this, the last Christmas of 1900 a memorable one by presenting your friends with some of those useful articles found at Draper's, the jeweler. Plymouth Rock lodge F. & A. M. held their annual election last Friday night, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. W. M. - A. D. Ford. S. W. - W. J. Burrows. J. W. - Chauncey Pitcher. Sec. - E. C. Lauffer. Treas. - A. A. Taft. S. D. - James Hanford. J. D. - E. M. Eckles. Tyler - Oliver Penney. After the election of officers, a supper was served. Installation of officers will take place Dec 27th. What shall I buy for a Xmas present? is the question you hear people ask these days. But once the matter is settled that to buy, it is easy to look over the columns of The Mail and see where to go. Our grocers have many good things for Christmas dinners, our dry goods dealers have a splendid assortment of holiday goods, our shoe dealers furnish an elegant line of footwear, and our jewelers have full lines of goods in that direction. Furniture and crockery are always acceptable as presents and novelties are always in demand. In the clothing and general furnishing goods line there is a large and varied assortment especially for the holiday trade. In fact you will be surprised at the large lines of goods our merchants have to show you.

Miss Alice Murdock is spending a week's vacation at her home in Canada. Albert Wright, of Howell, is the new night train dispatcher at the D. G. R. & W. depot. C. W. Shores, of Grand Junction, Colo., special agent of the Denver & Rio Grand R. R., called on Postmaster Hall Wednesday. Rev. Stephens will preach a sermon on the advent of Christ in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning. Everybody welcome. The Presbyterian church Christmas exercises will be held to-night. There will be a nice program and an Xmas tree. Everybody is invited. D. D. Pinckney, of Toledo, called on his brother, C. A. Pinckney Thursday. Mr. Pinckney is proprietor of the Michigan Ice Co. of Toledo. Just as we are going to press it is reported there was a fire last night about a mile northeast of town. We are unable to learn what burned. There will be a meeting of the Royal Hose Co. at the store of the Conner Hardware Co. next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Every member is requested to be present. Ice house and ice privileges for rent at Phoenix Mills. H. W. HOLCOMB. Mr. Fitzhugh died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Smithman, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. Fitzhugh was nearly 90 years old and has been confined to his bed for some time. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon. The Ohio Central lines last year got out an unique calendar, "The Military Girl," which received press notices from all parts of the country. It was undoubtedly the most popular calendar of the season and nearly ten thousand requests for them came to the office of Moulton Houk, General Passenger Agent, after the supply was exhausted. For 1900 these lines will distribute a more expensive one in six panels, showing the styles of dress at 1800, 1815, 1840, 1860, 1880 and the "Golf" girl of 1900. As an artistic effort this calendar merits most careful attention. A copy will be sent by U. S. mail to any address upon receipt of 10 two-cent postage stamps to defray expense of encasing and mailing. Latest styles in picture moulding at H. E. Milsbaugh's, over A. A. Taft's store. The firm of Geo. W. Hunter & Co. was on Monday dissolved by mutual consent, owing to the ill-health of Mr. Hunter. For a number of months this gentleman has been compelled to abstain from business to a great extent and medical advice was to the effect that he must get out of the store to get well. Mr. Hunter has been a popular business man on the street and it is regretted that he should be compelled to retire. However, he will, or has already, engaged in the produce business, making his headquarters in the old cigar factory building at the D. G. R. & W. depot. The drug and grocery business will be continued by F. Markham Briggs, who will retain the present corps of efficient clerks, and continued to hold the patronage of the store. 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: Christian Science. Brave Men Fall Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like this. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at John L. Gale's drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

The North Side

Miss Mae Bronson spent Sunday at O. King's. Leave your items for The Mail at Gayde Bros. store. Gayde Bros. have a large line of Xmas toys. See them. Evered Jolliffe is on the sick list this week with the chicken-pox. Mr. Sage, of Detroit, visited his uncle Henry Sage, here on Sunday. Born on Saturday, Dec. 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Label, a son. Mrs. Zenas Blakely and son Frank were Toledo visitors Thursday. Rudolph Ruppert and Peter Stever were in Detroit on Wednesday. Christmas exercises will be held at the German church next Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sage and son, Harold, visited his brother, at Detroit, on Monday. Miss Daisy Worden is on the sick list this week under the care of Dr. Tillapaugh. Senator Warner and Mr. Botsford, of Farmington, were Plymouth visitors on Wednesday. Robt. Maiden has recovered from his fall and fractured ribs, so he is able to be out again. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kohler, of Northville, called on J. C. Peterhans and family Sunday. Mrs. Fred Reeves and children of Toledo, are here to spend Christmas with relatives. Mrs. William Blank, of Superior, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bolgas, Monday and Tuesday. William Streng and Frank Shattuck have been drawn from Plymouth, as jurors for the coming term of the circuit court. Mrs. Chas. Hassenger slipped on a frosty sidewalk and broke a bone in her heel. She is unable to walk on it at all at present. Her daughter Fida is with her at home caring for her. The next session of the Dairymen's Association will be held in Detroit Feb. 6, 7 and 8. Harry Jolliffe has been requested by the Sec'y to lead in a discussion on a paper entitled, "What is an American Cheese and the Essentials of its Production." Ed Pelton has resigned his position as agent for the D. G. R. & W. at the Union depot here. Chas. Butterfield takes his place as agent and Mr. Little will take Charlie's place as dispatcher. Ice house and ice privileges for rent at Phoenix Mills. H. W. HOLCOMB. Cal. Whipple started out Sunday to spend the day with his best girl. As he was coming up Mill street his horse scared of the street car and dashed to one side. The buggy came in contact with one of the poles, and was considerably smashed up. The horse ran as far as H. Smith's corner where it was caught. The accident did not stop Cal but he went home got another rig and finished his trip. At the "cold storage meeting," called in the Starkweather Hall on Saturday, Dec. 16th, Lafayette Dean was elected chairman and Dan Jolliffe, secretary. After a talk, it was moved, seconded and resolved that a cold storage be built with capital stock not to exceed \$3,000, also that the stock be divided into shares of \$25.00 each, each stockholder to have the privilege of taking from one to ten shares, also that C. B. Packard, Jessie Tyler and Dan Jolliffe act as a committee for soliciting stock. Meeting then adjourned. The books are now open to receive stock at Jolliffe Bros. store. NOTICE—I will be at the Plymouth Savings Bank on Thursday, Dec. 28th, to accommodate any who may wish to pay their taxes. G. H. SPILLINGTON, Treas., Canton Twp.

Christmas Presents.

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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.

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Best Granulated Sugar 5 1/2c
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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.

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

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. You can work when they work; never gripe or make you sick. Knill's White Liver Pills. Bowel Regulator. Twenty-five doses, 25c. Knill's Blue Kidney Pills cures backaches, etc. Only 25c a box. Pleasant, safe and sure are Knill's Black Diarrhoea Pills. Cure summer complaints, dysentery and all pains of the stomach and bowels. Only 25c a box. Pure, sweet stomachs and breaths are made by taking Knill's Dyspepsia Tablets. They will cure indigestion, correct all stomach troubles; destroy all foul gases for 25c a box. Best and cheapest, guaranteed by your druggist.

Dissolution of Copartnership. On account of the continued ill-health of Mr. Hunter, and by mutual consent, the firm of Geo. W. Hunter & Co. (Geo. W. Hunter and F. Markham Briggs) has this day dissolved its business interest. The sale of drug, groceries and provisions will be continued at the old stand, "36 Pharmacy," Plymouth, Michigan, by the undersigned.

All persons indebted to the firm of Geo. W. Hunter & Co. will please call and settle their accounts immediately, as Mr. Hunter will engage in other business, under his name. F. MARKHAM BRIGGS. Dated December 13, 1900.

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 fourteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. Present, Edgar O. Durfee, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Gardner Simmons, 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 sixteenth day of January 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. (A true copy.) JOHN F. FARRAS, Deputy Register.

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 twelfth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. Present, Edgar O. Durfee, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Benjamin F. Wright, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of George A. Starkweather, executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, praying that he may be licensed to sell the real estate of said deceased for the purpose of paying the debts of said deceased and the charges of administering said estate. It is ordered, That the sixteenth day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said court at said time and place to show cause why a license should not be granted to said executor to sell said real estate as prayed for in said petition. And it is further ordered, That a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said time of hearing, in the Plymouth Mail, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Wayne. EDGAR O. DURFEE, Judge of Probate. (A true copy.) JOHN F. FARRAS, Deputy Register.

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BY OLIVE SCHREINER

A TALE OF LIFE IN THE BOER REPUBLIC.

Late that evening Lyndall came down to the cabin with the German's rations. Through the tiny square window the light streamed forth, and without knocking she raised the latch and entered. There was a fire burning on the hearth, and it cast its ruddy glow over the little dining room, with its worn wooden rafters and mud floor and broken, whitewashed walls, a curious little place, filled with all manner of articles. Next to the fire was a great tool box; beyond that the little bookshelf with its well worn books; beyond that, in the corner, a heap of filled and empty grain bags. From the rafters hung down straps, "reins," old boots, bits of harness and a string of onions. The bed was in another corner, covered by a patchwork quilt of faded red lions and divided from the rest of the room by a blue curtain, now drawn back. On the mantelshelf was an endless assortment of little bags and stones, and on the wall hung a map of south Germany, with a red line drawn through it to show where the German had wandered. This place was the one home the girls had known for many a year. The house where Tant Sannie lived and ruled was a place to sleep in, to eat in, not to be happy in. It was in vain she said them they were grown too old to go there. Every morning and evening found them there. Were there not too many golden memories hanging about the old place for them to leave it?

Long winter nights, when they had sat round the fire and roasted potatoes and asked riddles and the old man had told of the little German village where, 50 years before, a little German boy had played at snowballs and had carried home the knitted stockings of a little girl who afterward became Waldo's mother, did they not seem to see the German peasant girls walking about with their wooden shoes, and yellow, braided hair and the little children eating their suppers out of little wooden bowls when the good mothers called them in to have their milk and potatoes?

And were there not yet better times than these—moonlight nights, when they romped about the door, with the old man, yet more a child than any of them, and laughed till the old roof of the wagon house rang? Or, best of all, were there not warm, dark, starlight nights, when they sat together on the doorstep, holding each other's hand, singing German hymns, their voices rising clear in the still night air, till the German would draw away his hand suddenly to wipe quickly a tear the children must not see? Would they not sit looking up at the stars and talking of them—the dear Southern Cross; red, fiery Mars; Orion, with his belt, and the Seven Mysterious Sisters—and fall to speculating over them? How old are they? Who dwelt in them? And the old German would say that perhaps the souls who loved lived in them. There, in that little, twinkling point, was perhaps the little girl whose stockings he had carried home, and the children would look up at it lovingly and call it "Uncle Otto's star." Then they would fall to deeper speculations—of the times and seasons wherein the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll and the stars shall fall as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs and there shall be time no longer, "when the Son of Man shall come in his glory and all his holy angels with him." In lower and lower tones they would talk till at last they fell into whispers. Then they would wish good night softly and walk home hushed and quiet.

Tonight, when Lyndall looked in, Waldo sat before the fire watching a pot which simmered there, with his slate and pencil in his hand. His father sat at the table buried in the columns of a three weeks' old newspaper, and the stranger lay stretched on the bed in the corner, fast asleep, his mouth open, his great limbs stretched out loosely, betokening much weariness. The girl put the rations down upon the table, snuffed the candle and stood looking at the figure on the bed.

"Uncle Otto," she said presently, laying her hand down on the newspaper and causing the old German to look up over his glasses, "how long did that man say he had been walking?"

"Since this morning, poor fellow! A gentleman, not accustomed to walking—horse died—poor fellow!" said the German, pushing out his lip and glancing commiseratingly over his spectacles in the direction of the bed where the stranger lay, with his fabby double chin and broken boots through which the flesh shone.

"And do you believe him, Uncle Otto?"

"Believe him? Why, of course I do. He himself told me the story three times distinctly."

"I think he is a liar! Good night, Uncle Otto," she said slowly, turning to the door.

Long after she had gone the German folded his paper up methodically and put it in his pocket.

The stranger had not awakened to partake of the soup, and his son had fallen asleep on the ground. Taking two white sheepskins from the heap of sacks in the corner, the old man doubled them up and, lifting the boy's head gently from the slate on which it rested, placed the skins beneath it.

"Poor lambs, poor lambs!" he said, tenderly patting the great rough bear-like head. "Tired, is he?"

He threw an overcoat across the boy's feet and lifted the saucepan from the fire. There was no place where the old man could comfortably lie down himself, so he resumed his seat. Opening a much worn Bible, he began to read, and as he read, pleasant thoughts and visions thronged on him.

"I was a stranger, and ye took me in," he read.

He turned again to the bed where the sleeper lay.

"I was a stranger," he said.

Very tenderly the old man looked at him. He saw not the bloated body nor the evil face of the man, but, as it were, under deep disguise and fleshly concealment, the form that long years of dreaming had made very real to him.

"Jesus, lover, and is it given to us, weak and sinful, frail and erring, to serve thee, to take thee in?" he said softly as he rose from his seat. Full of joy, he began to pace the little room. Now and again as he walked he sang the lines of a German hymn or muttered broken words of prayer. The little room was full of light. It appeared to the German that Christ was very near him and that at almost any moment the thin mist of earthly darkness that clouded his human eyes might be withdrawn and that made manifest of which the friends at Emmaus, beholding it, said, "It is the Lord!"

Again and yet again, through the long hours of that night, as the old man walked, he looked up to the roof of his little room, with its blackened rafters and yet saw them not. His rough bearded face was illuminated with a radiant gladness, and the night was not shorter to the dreaming sleepers than to him whose waking dreams brought heaven near.

So quickly the night fled that he looked up with surprise when at 4 o'clock the first gray streaks of summer dawn showed themselves through the little window. Then the old man turned to rake together the few coals that lay under the ashes, and his son, turning on the sheepskins, muttered, sleepily to know if it were time to rise.

"Lie still, lie still! I would only make a fire," said the old man.

"Have you been up all night?" asked the boy.

"Yes; but it has been short, very short. Sleep again, my chicken. It is yet early."

And he went out to fetch more fuel.

and fifty years ago. The nurse, she was the same who attended when the Duke of Sutherland was born—brought me to my mother. There is only one name for this child," she said. "He has the nose of his great kinsman," and so Bonaparte Bleenkins became my name—Bonaparte Bleenkins. Yes, sir," said Bonaparte, "there is a stream on my maternal side that connects me with a stream on his maternal side."

The German made a sound of astonishment.

"The connection," said Bonaparte, "is one which could not be easily comprehended by one unaccustomed to the study of aristocratic pedigrees, but the connection is close."

"Is it possible?" said the German, pausing in his work with much interest and astonishment. "Napoleon an Irishman?"

"Yes," said Bonaparte, "on the mother's side, and that is how we are related. There wasn't a man to beat him," said Bonaparte, stretching himself, "not a man, except the Duke of Wellington. And it's a strange coincidence," added Bonaparte, bending forward, "but he was a connection of mine. His nephew, the Duke of Wellington's nephew, married a cousin of mine. She was a woman! See her at one of the court balls—amber satin, daisies in her hair! Worth going a hundred miles to look at her! Often seen her there myself, sir!"

The German moved the leather thongs in and out and thought of the strange vicissitudes of human life which might bring the kinsmen of dukes, and emperors to his humble room.

Bonaparte appeared lost among old memories.

"Ah, that Duke of Wellington's nephew!" he broke forth suddenly. "Many's the joke I've had with him. Often came to visit me at Bonaparte Hall. Grand place I had then—park, conservatory, servants. He had only one fault, that Duke of Wellington's nephew," said Bonaparte, observing that the German was deeply interested in every word. "He was a coward, what you might call a coward. You've never been in Russia, I suppose?" said Bonaparte, fixing his crosswise looking eyes on the German's face.

"No, no," said the old man humbly. "France, England, Germany, a little in this country—it is all I have traveled."

"I, my friend," said Bonaparte, "have been in every country in the world and speak every civilized language excepting only Dutch and German. I wrote a book of my travels—noteworthy incidents. Publisher got it—cheated me out of it. Great rascals, those publishers! Upon one occasion the Duke of Wellington's nephew and I were traveling in Russia. All of a sudden one of the horses dropped down dead as a doornail. There we were—cold night—snow four feet thick—great forest—one horse not being able to move sledge—night coming on—wolves."

"Spree," says the Duke of Wellington's nephew.

"Spree, do you call it?" says I. "Look out!"

"There, sticking out under a bush, was nothing less than the nose of a bear. The Duke of Wellington's nephew was up a tree like a shot. I stood quietly on the ground, as cool as I am this moment, loaded my gun and climbed up the tree. There was only one touch."

"Bon," said the Duke of Wellington's nephew, "you'd better sit in front."

"All right," said I, "but keep your gun ready. There are more coming. He'd got his face buried in my back."

"How many are there?" said he.

"Four," said I.

"How many are there now?" said he.

"Eight," said I.

"It always arrests me to relate that adventure," he remarked, returning the handkerchief to his pocket. "Ingratitude—base, vile ingratitude—is recalled by it. That man, that man, who but for me would have perished in the pathless wilds of Russia, that man in the hour of my adversity forsook me!"

The German looked up. "Yes," said Bonaparte, "I had money, I had lands, I said to my wife: 'There is Africa, a struggling country. They want capital; they want men of talent; they want men of ability to open up that land. Let us go.'"

"I bought £8,000 worth of machinery—winnowing, plowing, reaping machines. I loaded a ship with them. Next steamer I came out, wife, children, all. Got to the Cape. Where is the ship with the things? Lost—gone to the bottom! And the box with the money? Lost—nothing saved!"

"My wife wrote to the Duke of Wellington's nephew. I didn't wish her to. She did it without my knowledge."

"What did the man whose life I saved do? Did he send me £20,000, say, Bonaparte, my brother, here is a crumb? No; he sent me nothing."

"My wife said, 'Write,' I said: 'Mary Ann, no; while these hands have power to work, no; while this frame has power to endure, no. Never shall it be said that Bonaparte Bleenkins asked of any man.'"

The man's noble independence touched the German.

"Your case is hard; yes, that is hard," said the German, shaking his head.

Bonaparte took another draft of the soup, leaned back against the pillows and sighed deeply.

"I think," he said after awhile, rousing himself, "I shall now wander in the benign air and taste the gentle cool of the evening. The stiffness bovers over me yet. Exercise is beneficial."

So saying, he adjusted his hat carefully on the bald crown of his head and moved to the door. After he had gone the German sighed again over his work.

"Ah, Lord! So it is! Ah!" He thought of the ingratitude of the world.

"Uncle Otto," said the child in the doorway, "did you ever hear of ten ears sitting on their tails in a circle?"

"Well, not of ten exactly, but bears do attack travelers every day. It is nothing unheard of," said the German. "A man of such courage too! Terrible experience that!"

"And how do we know that the story is true, Uncle Otto?"

The German's eye was roused.

"That is what I do hate!" he cried. "Know that it is true! How do you know that anything is true? Because you are told so. If we begin to question everything—proof, proof, proof—what will we have to believe left? How do you know the angel opened the prison door for Peter except that Peter said so? How do you know that God talked to Moses except that Moses wrote it? That is what I hate!"

The girl knit her brows. Perhaps her thoughts made a longer journey than the German dreamed of, for, mark you, the old dream little how their words and lives are texts and studies to the generation that shall succeed them. Not what we are taught, but what we see, makes us, and the child gathers the food on which the adult feeds to the end.

When the German looked up next, there was a look of supreme satisfaction in the little mouth and the beautiful eyes.

"What dost see, chicken?" he asked. The child said nothing, and an agonizing shriek was borne on the afternoon breeze.

"O God, my God, I am killed!" cried the voice of Bonaparte as he, with wide open mouth and shaking flesh, fell into the room, followed by a half grown ostrich, which put its head in at the door, opened its beak at him and went away.

"Shut the door! Shut the door! As you value my life, shut the door!" cried Bonaparte, sinking into a chair, his face blue and white, with a greenishness about the mouth. "Ah, my friend," he said, tremulously, "eternity has looked me in the face! My life's thread hung upon a cord! The valley of the shadow of death!" said Bonaparte, seizing the German's arm.

"Dear, dear, dear!" said the German, who had closed the lower half of the door and stood much concerned beside the stranger. "You have had a fright. I never knew so young a bird to chase before, but they will take dislikes to certain people. I sent a boy away once because a bird would chase him. Ah, dear, dear!"

"When I looked round," said Bonaparte, "the red and yawning cavity was above me and the reprehensible paw raised to strike me. My nerves," said Bonaparte, suddenly growing faint, "always delicate, highly strung, are broken, broken! You could not give a little wine, a little brandy, my friend?"

The old German hurried away to the bookshelf and took from behind the books a small bottle, half of whose contents he poured into a cup. Bonaparte drained it eagerly.

"How do you feel now?" asked the German, looking at him with much sympathy.

"A little, slightly, better."

The German went out to pick up the battered chimney pot which had fallen before the door.

"I am sorry you got the fright. The birds are bad things! till you know them," he said sympathetically as he put the hat down.

"My friend," said Bonaparte, holding out his hand, "I forgive you. Do not be disturbed. Whatever the consequences, I forgive you. I know, I believe, it was with no ill intent that you allowed me to go out. Give me your hand. I have no ill feeling, none!"

"You are very kind," said the German, taking the extended hand and

feeling suddenly convinced that he was receiving magnanimous forgiveness for some great injury; "you are very kind."

"Don't mention it," said Bonaparte. He knocked out the crown of his cap in old hat, placed it on the table before him, leaned his elbows on the table and his face in his hands and contemplated it.

"Ah, my old friend," he thus sympathized the hat—"you have served me long, you have served me faithfully, but the last day has come! Never more shall you be borne upon the head of your master; never more shall you protect his brow from the burning rays of summer or the cutting winds of winter. Henceforth bareheaded must your master go. Goodby, goodby, old hat!"

At the end of this affecting appeal the German rose. He went to the box at the foot of his bed. Out of it he took a black hat which had evidently been seldom worn and carefully preserved.

"It's not exactly what you may have been accustomed to," he said nervously, putting it down beside the battered chimney pot, "but it might be of some use, a protection to the head, you know."

"My friend," said Bonaparte, "you are not following my advice. You are allowing yourself to be reproached on my account. Do not make yourself unhappy. No; I shall go bareheaded."

"No, no, no!" cried the German energetically. "I have no use for the hat, none at all. It is shut up in the box."

"Then I will take it, my friend. It is a comfort to one's own mind when you have unintentionally injured any one to make reparation. I know the feeling. The hat may not be of that refined cut of which the old one was, but it will serve; yes, it will serve. Thank you," said Bonaparte, adjusting it on his head and then replacing it on the table. "I shall lie down now and take a little repose," he added. "I much fear my appetite for supper will be lost."

"I hope not! I hope not," said the German, resenting himself at his work and looking much concerned as Bonaparte stretched himself on the bed and turned the end of the patchwork quilt over his feet.

SENSITIVE CHILDREN.

How Mothers May Manage Their Little Folks and Their Faults.

Though nervous children are very sensitive, there are many little people not deficient in moral and physical courage who are yet extremely sensitive and self-conscious. These are defects—it is hardly fair to call them faults—particularly difficult to amend and often misunderstood, for which reason the sensitive child later on in life often remains the sensitive man or woman.

But a parent who recognizes this disposition can by judicious care effect an improvement. The sensitive child cannot bear a word of sarcasm or ridicule. If a task is unsatisfactorily performed, she must be told so in gentle, direct and yet encouraging fashion. To make it the subject of cynical reproach wounds the little heart most deeply and only renders the child more sensitive and shrinking and more unable to do herself justice.

I know one mother—and, as a matter of fact, she is absolutely devoted to her children—who said to a 10-year-old daughter when she had been practicing unsteadily at the piano "I am extremely obliged for the concert you have given us. I thought your teacher must be playing all the time. And it is very good of you to turn to such capital account the money I spend on your musical education." A high spirited, dashing, unthinking child may take such a remark in good part, but the sensitive little one to whom it was addressed went scarlet, as if some one had struck her a blow. Her lip quivered, and she choked back a sob as she hastily left the room to brood and feel miserable over this reproof, whereas a kindly, "I wish you would practice more carefully, dear. I was disappointed in your playing today," would leave no sting.

Above all, a sensitive child must always be corrected in private. It may be an unhealthy vanity which cannot brook discouragement before a third party, but the trait is so marked that a mother does very wrong if she takes the sensitive one of her flock to task before the others who are cast in bolder mold.

Little mannerisms should pass unnoticed as far as possible. Your sensitive child may have a way of knitting her fingers or twisting a button or crossing her feet, and if she is teased about the habit it only grows worse, and she feels hopeless of checking it. There are sensitive boys, too, lads who are sent to boarding school and who fall asleep at heart each night because they miss the parents' good night kiss or who cannot accustom themselves to enjoy football or any very rough sport and who are often the butt of the school. Unless the peculiarity of such a boy's disposition is recognized and he is treated accordingly he will grow up painfully sensitive and shrinking.

It seems an unimportant point to have a child sensitive and self-conscious, but the evil lies in the fact that the trait grows ever bigger and makes boys and girls when they have outgrown childhood, morbid, unhappy, dissatisfied and poor company for themselves and their circle.

Purple in House Decoration. Purple is an almost unknown color in house decoration, and yet there seems no very good reason for it. A drawing room lately seen was decorated in a very unusual way, in which purple had a prominent part. The walls were hung with some beautiful Japanese applique embroidery. No pictures were hung at all. The window curtains were dyed to match the purple in the Japanese stuff and their brilliancy only slightly toned down by white next the pane. The room has in it some admirable pieces of old mahogany and a few examples of choice pottery. The lighting is from old brass lamps and candlesticks. The effect is unusual.—House Beautiful.

Quince Marmalade, Etc. One of the last fruits of the season is the quince, and belated housekeepers often utilize it in various forms to eke out a too scanty supply in the fruit closet. Quince marmalade furnishes a simple way of using up small and irregular fruit. Cut the quinces up, skin, cores and all together. Cover with water and boil till tender. Rub through a colander, and to every pint of pulp add one pound of sugar. Boil for two hours, stirring to prevent burning. Remove from the fire and pour into jam pots, covering in the usual way. Quince jelly may be made of the skins and cores of the quinces, proceeding in exactly the same way as in apple jelly.

A Practical Pipe Rack. There are no frills on this pipe rack. Its only artistic pretension lies in the "curve, the line of beauty." But if any one finds its simplicity too much skin to barrenness it can be decorated with studds, leather or a little carving. The shelves are screwed on from the



A SIMPLE PIPE RACK. back and should be scooped out to hold the pipe bowl in position. Contrary to the usual practice, the shelves are held with bowl down, according to one who has written about these matters in a way from a

A Religious Revival. Abner L. Frazer of Cincinnati is trying to get the clergy interested in a world's revival, to mark the opening of the new century. The time which he suggests for the holding of the revival is from Oct. 1, 1900, to March 31, 1901. The three months of the century he devotes to the reviving of the world's Christianity and the last three months to forecasting the Christian work of the future.

A-CHRISTMAS-FANTASY-



Across the day,
So dull and gray,
The tide of Christmas creeps
And round the sill,
With bliss a thrill,
The merry snowbird chirps
And twitter at the pane beneath
The berry dappled holly wreath.

Now to and fro
The mistletoe
Is swinging by the door,
And all about,
A ruddy haze,
The oak logs snap and roar,
Their surf of gold plays merrily
Upon the spangled Christmas tree.

The minister bell
Its magic spell
Throws o'er us far and near,
Our souls repeat
Its echoes sweet
Till in a fairy sphere
We linger while its charm imparts
Love harmonies to cheer our hearts.

Our Christmas dream
With peace supreme
Is glided as it flies,
And round the board
Where love is lord
Our thanks serenely rise
And mingle with the Christmas bells,
Whose music skyward blithely swells.

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JOHN DOOLAN'S CHRISTMAS

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It was the afternoon before Christmas eve, and John Doolan paced the pavements, his hands in his pockets, his eyes glancing restlessly about, looking for work. He was hard up. He was worse than hard up. He was on the ragged edge of despair, penniless and hungry. He had spent his last dime for supper the night before.

His room was in a tenement house west of Ninth avenue, near the river, but he had managed to walk as far as Rector street, walking on and on in the unavailing effort to forget his hunger. The exercise only served to whet his appetite. By the time he had arrived at the station he was famished.

He stopped at the foot of the steps and stood there looking at a nearby building in process of erection and at the dusty swarm of hod carriers crawling up and down the ladders like so many ants.

Turning away, he watched the men in overalls at work on the car track, listened to the resonant click of their picks and idly noted the nimbleness with which they sprang back at the approach of the car, only to close up the ranks once more almost beneath the wheels as it passed.

It seemed to Doolan that he alone was unfortunate. Everybody in the world appeared to be able to get work with the exception of himself. He had applied for place after place, as had carrier, as street cleaner, as truck driver, but as each vacant place had 20 applicants or more already standing in line before it in every instance he had ignominiously failed.

Presently in an absentminded way he followed the crowd on up the steps to the elevated. Somehow he imagined that if he could only get up town he might find work, in the same way that he imagined when he was up town that he would be sure to find something to do down town.

Though in both places the fantasy of work had eluded him like a will-o'-the-wisp, he determined once more to try his luck up town.

Fortunately he found a berry of people rushing through the gates from a recently arrived train. He slipped past them, eluded the eagle eye of the ticket chopper and stood panting on the platform, awaiting a Harlem train.

By and by it came puffing along, and, boarding it, he took the only vacant seat, which was one by an old man so faultlessly dressed that Doolan hesitated a moment between the alternative of standing and bringing him in contact with his rags. He edged as far away from him as possible, watched him furtively out of the corner of his eye and compared his evident prosperity with the forlornness of his own outlook. This occupation did not tend to raise his spirits. By the time the old man had come to the end

he closed the envelope and, slipping it into his inside vest pocket, buttoned the vest securely up and stared straight ahead of him into space, breathless, fairly intoxicated with joy, for within the envelope were rows upon rows of crisp, new bills.

The car was filled with many people, variously occupied, some taking furtive catnaps, others reading newspapers, a girl over in one corner smilingly peeping into a precious Christmas bundle, a woman near her ineffectually striving to quiet a fat baby which was struggling in her lap and a few men swinging unsteadily from straps; but Doolan was totally oblivious of their presence there. Instead, conjured by the glimpse of those bills, visions began to loom before him, iridescent visions of things to eat. He saw tables, white tables, such as he had hitherto viewed from the outside through the medium of plate glass windows, and himself seated inside this time, a snowy napkin spread across his knee, an obsequious waiter hovering over him, and a request that made his mouth water in anticipation absolutely covering the shining expanse of that entire tablecloth.

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NEW OF THE STATE.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO MICHIGAN PEOPLE.

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

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 10.—Everything is at sea regarding the outcome of the special session of the legislature, and all sides are caucusing informally on a method of procedure. The senate adjourned yesterday afternoon shortly after the joint convention, after unanimously adopting a resolution to waive all legislative privilege and appear before the grand jury if subpoenaed.

In the house the joint resolution amending the constitution along the lines laid down by Governor Pingree was introduced and referred to the committee on judiciary. Many favor an adjournment until after New Year's this week. It is pretty certain that it will pass the house. Its fate in the senate is in doubt.

Reading of the Governor's Message.
Lansing, Mich., Dec. 10.—There was a pretty general attendance of the members at the opening of the special session yesterday and the first thing after organizing was the reading of the governor's message in which he explains why he called the statesmen together. The governor urges the passage of a proposed joint resolution so as to permit enactment of laws by the next legislature for equal taxation of all property at its true cash value.

Said the governor: "The inequality of our system of taxation is so great that immediate steps should be taken to remedy it." The question involved had for years, he said, been exhaustively discussed, and was therefore no longer properly open for debate, but called for action.

Makes Some Revenue Comparisons.
The governor submitted a table showing the comparative value of railroad property in the states which most nearly resemble Michigan in population and development, and stating the value at which Michigan's railway property would be assessed if worth as much per mile as such property in the other states mentioned, viz: Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. He deduced from this that Michigan railways should pay several times the amount they now pay in taxes. He called particular attention to a clause in the 1888 platform of Michigan Republicans which commended the Pingree administration for its efforts in the direction of equal taxation.

Scandal of the Military Board.
The exposure of the alleged crookedness in the military board has created a big sensation. The allegation is that the board sold last July to the "Illinois Supply company" for \$100,000 military clothing and equipment, absolutely new, and worth \$30,000; later it is charged the board bought the same goods from the Henderson & Ames Manufacturing company of Kalamazoo. Governor Pingree refused to talk upon the military board scandal. The board is to be further implicated on account of a flat denial from Attorney General Owen that he never advised Quartermaster General White in the matter of the alleged fraudulent sale or purchase.

SOMEbody HAS MADE \$50,000.
What the Grand Jury at Lansing Means of the Michigan War Fund.
Detroit, Dec. 10.—The report that the Ingham county (Lansing) grand jury would indict seven men who were interested in the expenditure of the Spanish war fund created a sensation here, and pliqued public curiosity to learn the names of the men to be put on their defense. The report is current that the jury was told with every proof of genuineness that somebody made over \$50,000 on a single transaction, and that the somebody is plural—including several of the members of the military board.

The story is that the board sold a Chicago supply-house a large quantity of clothing and other things, and that the Chicago concern paid \$10,000 for the stuff; that the identical stuff was delivered to Kalamazoo contractors, who removed the old labels, substituted new, and sold the stuff back to the military board for the state at the net little price of \$67,000.

CHURCH MEMBERS SHOCKED.
Rev. Axtell's People Object to His Scrap-Doander's Statement.
Detroit, Dec. 14.—The Rev. J. J. Axtell, the Congregational minister at Royal Oak, who settled a dispute with a local saloonkeeper with a five-round bout with the gloves, will probably be subjected to a church inquiry. The members of his church are very much shocked at his behavior, and few of them side with him. He says he has been tendered a call to Warren, but will decline in deference to the wishes of his flock.

One member says it was a put-up job by the saloonkeepers to drive Axtell out of town. This Gus Dondoro, the preacher's antagonist, denies. "It was brought about," said he, "by Axtell's friend, R. J. Kenny, who claimed that Axtell could put it over me with the gloves. I resented his statement, and the fight was the consequence."

MUCH SYMPATHY FOR KRUGER.
Irish, Dutch and Poles Get Together and Cuss John Bull.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 10.—One of the largest and most widely enthusiastic meetings ever held here took place in the Auditorium last night under the auspices of the United American Transvaal League, recently organized here. The great hall, the largest in the state, was completely packed, about one-fourth of the audience being ladies. There were no "deadheads," every man and woman—even the speakers, singers and vice presidents—contributing 25 cents or more to the hall.

The hall was decorated with the stars and stripes and Holland, German, Irish, Polish and French colors and the flags of the Transvaal Republic and Orange Free State were given prominent positions.

Speakers were selected from the various nationalities and each speaker

was preceded by national anthems rendered by musical organizations of his nationality and in his native tongue. The local division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, outnumbered by the Polish clubs and almost equalled by the German Turners and members of the Arbeiterbund. The speeches all expressed sympathy, admiration and hope of victory for the Afrikaners and most of them denounced England bitterly. Mayor Perry presided and the meeting did not close until after midnight.

Attention to Holiday Buyers!

What could you buy more appropriate and more useful in the way of a Holiday Gift than the following:

For the Dining Room—

A Nice Side Board,
or Buffet,
or China Closet,
or Dining Chairs,
or a Nice Dining Table.

For the Bed Room—

A Nice Oak Suit,
or Ash Suit,
Iron or Brass Beds.
ALL GRADES OF ROCKERS,
For Sitting Room or Parlor

Divans and Couches, Ladies' Dressing Tables, Screens, Easels in White and Gold, Carpet Sweepers, Music cabinets, Paper Holders, Stands and Parlor Tables.

Remember we will quote you Lowest Living Prices on any article in our store.

BASSETT & SON,

Furniture Dealers and Funeral Directors, Masonic Bldg., Plymouth

Merry Christmas

A. A. TAFFT'S

You undoubtedly are looking for old Santa Claus. If so, you will find some of his wares at my store, and which he left for distribution. In Dry Goods he left quite a variety of

DRESS GOODS,

For a nice Dress or Shirt Waist. A goodly number of those Flannel Sheets, from 50c to \$3.00.

Hosiery, Underwear, Kid and Wool Gloves,

And a very fine line of Ladies' White Goods, Skirts, Drawers, Gowns, &c.

In HANDKERCHIEFS

We have a very large variety, in price from 3c up to 75c.

Fancy Towels, Sideboard Scarfs, Lunch Cloths, Fancy Ties, Childs' Silk Hoods, &c.

We also have a very large line of

SILVER PLATED WARE,

Such as Pin Trays, Vases, Smokers' Sets, Jewel Cases, &c., in price from 10c to 50c each.

IN GENTS' GOODS

Silk Umbrellas, Fancy Neckwear, Silk Mufflers, Silk Lined Kid Gloves, Sleeve and Collar Buttons, &c.

Look our windows over for display.

A. A. TAFFT.



Pleasure to Pay

for a meal which is satisfactory in every way. Our patrons are served with seasonable and well-cooked foods by courteous waiters.

Each day there is on the bill of fare special dishes which will be found very pleasing.

Our Sunday Dinners at 25c.

Surpass anything to be had at the price.

G. A. TAYLOR

Holiday Excursion to Canada. The F. & P. M. E. R. will sell excursion tickets, at fare one way for round trip, to all points in Canada except those west of Alton, Craig, Fargo, and Chatham, and east of Hamilton and Canfield. Dates of sale Dec. 14, 15, 16, & 17. Return limit January 6, 1900. H. F. Moeller, Gen. Pass. Agt.

Excursion Rates for Christmas and New Year. Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western agents will sell tickets on December 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and January 1st to all points in Michigan and to points in Canada, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, at one and one-third fare. Return limit January 2nd, 1900.

Breezy Items

By Live Correspondents.

MURRAY'S CORNERS.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McClumpha spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McClumpha.

Miss Maude Mulette, of Detroit, is spending a few days with Miss Ada Westfall.

Mrs. Nelson Pooler is spending a few days in Saginaw this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Forshoe, Friday Dec. 8th, a son. Elmer Brown, of Saginaw, called on friends here Tuesday.

The Misses Edith and Sarah Bradford spent Wednesday in Detroit.

MEAD'S MILLS.

Mrs. Della Brigham, a former resident of this place, was brought here for burial Sunday, from Northville.

Mrs. Anna Waterman, of Durand, is a guest at H. W. Hughes'.

Cal Stevens' children are out of school with chicken-pox.

Matt Greene and wife, of Farmington, were visitors at H. S. Greene's Sunday.

We have had such a mild winter, we hardly realize that Xmas is so near, but with this issue we wish all the correspondents a merry Christmas.

SOUTH LIVONIA.

Christmas exercises will be held at the church Saturday evening. A nice program is being prepared and all are cordially invited to come and bring your presents.

Miss Agnes Simmons, who has been spending a few months with her brother in Kansas, has returned home.

Fred Gumore and family, of Sand Hill, spent Sunday at Ben Rathburn's.

Remember the masquerade at the Perrinsville hall to-night.

The Aid Society realized about \$25.00 at their fair last week.

Several people from here attended the party at Livonia Center last Friday eve. All report a good time.

CHERRY HILL.

We can assure the people living on the free delivery route that there is no effort being made to break up the route at least on the part of the writer. A petition for the continuance of the post office has been sent to the proper authorities and we have been assured by Congressman Smith that neither the free delivery nor the post office would be disturbed. We realize that the free delivery is a fine arrangement for those it benefits.

On account of a mistake in the steam pump matter, the milk skimming industry will not begin operation before next Monday.

The furnace is being put into the church this week. A chimney is built on the outside and all will be in readiness for Sunday service. Last Sunday the services were held at the school house.

Subscribe for The Mail at the post-office.

Christmas exercises will be held at the church Saturday evening, providing the furnace works successfully.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury. as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists, price 75c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

SALEM.

Married on Thursday of this week, at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. Vernon Hooper of New York, and Miss Estella Donovan, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Donovan. Rev. E. A. Coffin, of South Lyon, was the officiating clergyman. Dr. Hooper is one of the surgeons on the government service transports that ply between New York and Havana, and has been in the government service since the beginning of the Spanish-American war. The ceremony took place in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives, who extend congratulations, in which the Mail man joins heartily. After a few days they will proceed to New York, where the doctor will resume his employment.

Quite a large delegation of Salem people patronized the 25 cent excursion to Detroit last Saturday.

Mrs. Florence Taylor, a former resident of Salem but recently of Ypsilanti, has been visiting old friends here this past week.

Harry G. Vansickle, a student in the Detroit college of law, will spend his holiday with friends here.

Married by Rev. E. A. Coffin, on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Fred Burnett, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Cody Burnett, and Miss Lydia Woodworth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Woodworth. The presents were numerous, elegant, and useful. After a few days the happy couple will be at their future home in the southern part of Superior. A large company of friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony.

STARK.

The D. G. R. & W. water tank was destroyed by fire Tuesday.

Joseph Jackson has gone to Williamston to work at his trade of blacksmithing.

Levi Joslyn and wife, of Detroit, visited Stark friends Tuesday.

From Another Correspondent.

Mrs. J. Bennett and son spent Saturday in Detroit.

Mrs. Gottschalk spent one day last week in Detroit.

Mrs. Hoisington spent a few days in Detroit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oldenburg and family spent a day of this week in Dearborn.

The railroad water tank at this place caught fire on Tuesday at 12:40 o'clock and burned the rest of the day. The men tried hard to tip the tank over but could not. Mr. Doyle came up on No. 4 and he sent for an engine. No. 16 came and bunted the tank over. We hope it will be rebuilt again soon.

LIVONIA CENTER.

The snow has all left us and the roads are getting quite good once more.

Jas. Fard, of Dearborn, spent a few days of last week with Charley Bentley, enjoying a hunt, but rabbits were scarce.

Be sure you come and hear the little ones Saturday evening at the town hall.

R. S. Peck returned home from Jackson on Saturday last after a two weeks' visit. He reports a fine time.

The party at the town hall last Friday night had rather a bad ending, as some one managed to raise a disturbance, and report said the boys were angry and the girls in tears.

Harry Peck and Orrin Millard are on the sick list, not being able to attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson visited in the city a few days the past week.

Our burg is quite busy blowing mill whistles now days, there being a saw mill and feed mill in operation close by.

Dr. Bennett, of Perrinsville, is attending Will Panko's family, who are sick.

Mrs. John Stringer returned from Salem last Friday, after an absence of some two weeks.

PACKARD DISTRICT.

Mrs. Perry Losey was called to Redford by the alarming illness of her father, Martin Sackett.

Yuma Willett is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. Celia Herrick.

Roscoe Heaney died of consumption last Friday after a long illness. He was the only child of Barney Heaney and a nephew of James Heaney of this place. The body was placed in the vault at Northfield on Monday.

Perry Losey, who has engaged to work for Dewitt Packard the coming year, will soon move into the house now occupied by Mr. Packard, who will move into the house on the Dunn place.

Peach buds at present are uninjured in this vicinity and the prospect for a large crop is good. More trees will be set in the Spring but in smaller numbers.

PIKE'S PEAK.

B. Lewis made a trip to Detroit last Thursday.

A pedro party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Robinson last Saturday evening. Supper was served and the guests departed wishing their host and hostess many happy returns of the evening.

Wm. E. Rattenbury has broken the record this season drawing large loads of grain to the Naakia mills. One day last week he started with 64 bags and lost two off on the way. The load was so high that he could not load them, so

was compelled to leave them until he returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and daughter spent Sunday with L. H. Chapple and family.

John Karick spent Wednesday in Detroit.

Miss Gustie Karick is visiting here this week.

I. M. Lewis spent Wednesday and Thursday of this week in Detroit.

R. Lewis and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Rohda.

QUARTEL'S CORNERS.

Nelson Schragler is still on the gain- under the care of Dr. Oliver.

John Quartel and son have returned from a two weeks' visit among friends in the northern part of the state.

M. Promenchenkel is still on the gain.

Mr. and Mrs. Strieter, of Ann Arbor, visited at John Quartel's and other places here this week.

NEWBURG.

Mrs. Oldenburg, of Detroit, is visiting relatives near here this week.

The series of meetings have closed. The good seed sown will, we trust, bear much fruit in the years to come. Brother Stephens has done his duty, and if souls are not saved, who will be blamed?

T. C. Sherwood addressed a large and much interested audience Sunday p. m. using the text, "Elijah's Discouragement." His talk was very eloquent. People who passed by Woodworth hall were very patient with people assembled there who spoke lightly of the revival meetings. When everybody is a christian in Newburg, no one's feelings will be hurt.

Sarah Rice is entertaining her friend, James Campbell, of New Boston.

Mrs. Norris's health is improving rapidly.

Aged relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Rutter have visited them the past week.

Mrs. Fitzgerald is visiting her sister, Mrs. Farwell.

PERRINSVILLE.

Remember the Christmas exercises at the church Saturday evening.

Mrs. A. Robinson has been slightly ill for the past week.

Miss Flora Proctor spent last Monday in Detroit.

W. Sherman spent the latter part of week in Detroit, calling on friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wade spent one evening this week with A. R. Stephenson and family.

James Tait has lost four valuable cattle and two more are sick.

The church fair last Thursday evening was well attended and all had an enjoyable time.

Red Hot from the Gun

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman of Newark, Mich., in the civil war. It caused horrible ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures cuts, bruises, burns, boils, felon, corns, skin eruptions. Best pile cure on earth. 25c a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by John L. Gale, druggist.

Puerto Rico Tours.

Three tours of the beautiful island of Puerto Rico are scheduled to leave Detroit January 13th, February 15th and March 8th. Special Pullman sleeping and dining cars will convey the party to New York, thence on board the splendid new steamships "Ponce" and "San Juan" to and around the island by rail, automobile, carriage and boat.

TICKETS INCLUDE ALL EXPENSES EVERYWHERE.

These select limited parties will be under the special escort of Mr. Walter Townsend under the management of the American Tourist Association, Reau Campell, General Manager, 1423 Marquette Bldg., Chicago. Itineraries, maps and tickets may be had on application to the agents of the Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western Ry., or to the General Passenger Agent at Grand Rapids.

The Search for Relief.

Sufferers from Rheumatism often spend large amounts of money and consume much time in their eager attempts to find relief or cure. This search for health is a pathetic one, because it so often ends in disappointment. We would not if we could induce any patient to try Ath-lo-pho-ros, did we not know that this remedy is an absolute cure for Rheumatism in all its forms. Behold this witness:

Table Rock, Neb., April 4th, 1896. Gentlemen: I have been afflicted with Rheumatism for several years and tried several different kinds of medicine and could find none that would be of any relief until I at last was told to try Ath-lo-pho-ros, which I did and was immediately relieved, and in a short time cured. I am happy to say that it has not since returned.

Yours truly, MRS. LULL BLACK.

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. 2 Red Wheat	54
No. 1 White	54
Oats, white, per bu.	28
Beans, per bu.	40 to 42
Eye	50
DAIRY AND PRODUCE.	
Butter, cream	20
Eggs, strictly fresh	20
Hard, libby size	16 to 18
Soft	16 to 18
POULTRY AND MEATS.	
Spring chickens, Hvs. per lb.	07
Port, dressed, per cwt.	68
Best	68
Good	68 to 67 1/2
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Flour, retail price per barrel	80
Shoe, per cwt.	30
Shoe, per cwt.	30
Cheese	30
Potatoes	30

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.



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. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills 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 causing pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary 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 have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes. 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. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE— Plymouth Savings Bank,

At Plymouth, Michigan, at the close of business, December 2d, 1899.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$154,386 00
Stocks, bonds, mortgages, etc.	52,570 39
Overdrafts	28 75
Banking house	4,840 00
Furniture and fixtures	3,022 86
Other real estate	5,150 00
Due from banks in reserve cities	47,729 51
Checks and cash items	1,216 81
Nickels and cents	78 83
Gold coin	5,585 00
U. S. and National Bank Notes	4,982 00
Total	\$283,942 32

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	6,016 00
Commercial deposits subject to check	53,488 54
Commercial certificates of deposit	41,827 47
Savings deposits	123,612 31
Total	\$283,942 32

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, ss: I, E. K. Bennett, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1th day of December, 1899.

ERNEST P. LOMBARD, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: W. O. ALLEN, E. C. LEACH, L. C. HODGINS, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE— 1st National Exchange Bank

At Plymouth, in the State of Michigan, at the close of business, December 2nd, 1899.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$8,314 97
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	141 40
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Treasury notes, U. S. Bonds	1,575 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	7,289 45
Due from approved reserve banks	37,532 44
Note of other National Banks	1,866 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	300 37
Specie	6,406 15
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer	562 50
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than per cent redemption fund	37 50
Total	\$154,556 66

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	6,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses	3,487 94
taxes paid	2,482 84
National Bank notes outstanding	1,260 00
Dividends unpaid	80 00
Individual deposits subject to check	24,291 28
Demand certificates of deposit	57,466 64
Total	\$154,556 66

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss: I, O. A. Fraser, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2th day of December 1899.

ERNEST P. LOMBARD, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: R. L. ROOT, H. H. HOYT, HENRY F. HORN, Directors.

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne, ss: At a session of the Probate court for said county of Wayne, held in the Probate office in the city of Detroit, on the seventh day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, the undersigned, Harry O. Durfee, Judge of Probate, in the matter of the estate of Mary S. Manning, deceased,

On reading and filing the petition of Edward K. Manning, executor of said estate, as adjusted, and determines who are or were at the time of her decease the legal heirs of said Mary S. Manning and entitled to inherit the lands of which she died seized.

It is ordered that the sixth day of January next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said petition.