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The merchant who thinks he has no time to pay attention to advertising is behind the times. It is as much a part of an up-to-date business as the renewal of stock or the search after new and attractive goods.

Milford Times: Miss Flo Curdy and Mabel Wells returned Tuesday evening after an extended visit at Plymouth and Northville. For the past two weeks Miss Ethel Hamilton has been visiting friends and relatives at South Lyon, Salem, and Plymouth.

Smith's colt lay all night with his tail in a stream of water and the next morning he got up and trotted twenty miles to get a drink. Sometimes people look all over Detroit trying to find a bargain, and overlook those right in their own town. Why not do your shopping in Plymouth?

The next national Democratic convention will be held in Kansas City, Mo., July 4, 1900. Kansas City offered fifty thousand dollars for the convention, together with hotel accommodations for the committee and hall, decorations and music. Milwaukee was the other bidder, but could not offer enough.

It is announced that the Philippine islands are about to be placed on a peace footing, the fighting cease and civil government shortly begin its sway. The announcement may be a little premature in view of the perpetual "hiking" our soldiers are still indulging in, but it indicates a decided change for the better already in view.

Martin Armstrong, a farmer of Unadilla township, went to Pinckney Saturday and after patronizing the whiskey shops quite liberally, started for home in that condition described as "full." Sunday morning his horse was found standing in front of a barn in the village of Unadilla and Armstrong was in the buggy frozen stiff. He was 68 years old and leaves a widow.

The young people are preparing to give a minstrel show in the Opera House about the middle of April. It will be a huge affair with 26 well known Northville people, ladies and gentlemen in the cast. There will be end men, bones, tambourines, etc., solos, choruses, stump speeches, farces, and in fact everything that goes to make up a first class minstrel show in the latest known style.—Northville Record.

Among the felices brought out for the Congregational art loan Friday evening was a cane once belonging to Sir Andrew Chadwick, who flourished over 150 years ago. It is mahogany, rendered dark of color by age and holds a dagger whose long slender blade is inlaid with gold. This heirloom came in direct descent to our fellow townsman, Dr. Ghas. S. Chadwick by whom it is highly prized.—Grass Lake News.

A few of our farmers who own sandy land are thinking seriously of trying tobacco crops. The general impression among people is that tobacco will only grow in hot countries. This is a mistake. It is grown very successfully in Connecticut and Wisconsin, and will grow in Michigan. In Connecticut it is said that their famous "seed leaf" tobacco yields a profit of \$800 to the acre. It is a very laborious crop to raise, however.—Lexington News.

Eugene Cobb and Harry Ogden expect to leave in a few weeks for North Dakota, in company of a colony of about 200 Owosso and Grand Rapids people. They will not take their families, but if they decide to locate there definitely their families will go another year. The colony goes to the Mouse river country, in the northwestern part of the state. Many members of the colony have gone on previous years and a number went first a year ago and are now returning there with their families. Mr. Cobb spent three years in North Dakota some time ago so that the country is not entirely new to him.—Milford Times.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give one hundred dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 50c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Speaking of the recent fire in Wayne, the Review says: D. M. Chambers and J. C. Cozadd have not decided what they will do. They are inclined to wait and see where they are at before deciding anything definite. It is not known whether the block will be rebuilt, for has the bank decided what arrangements they will make.

A man-out in Coloma has a novel plan which he is carrying out for his next summer's supply of ice. He has a number of heavy iron pans 20 inches long, 14 inches wide and 8 inches deep, which he places in slight elevations and fills with water during the cold weather. When frozen the ice is easily dumped from the pans by inverting them and pouring over the bottom and sides a small quantity of hot water. The ice procured is as clear as crystal and nearly absolutely pure.

Health officers have no authority to close public places during an epidemic of communicable diseases. So declares Secretary Baker of the state board. He says that public places, if exposed, should be thoroughly disinfected and aired and then reopened. This will put an end to the officiousness of many health officers who have been closing schools and churches indiscriminately on the appearance of some little case of scarlet fever or diphtheria. Caution is all right, but the thing has been overdone at many points.

Wednesday afternoon, Sec. Brownell, of the construction company, Gen. Man. Canfield, B. S. Owen and editor made the first trip to Northville from this village by rail. The track is completed as far as the F. & P. M. bridge from that point, a distance of a quarter of a mile, the journey was made on foot. The return trip was made in about twenty minutes, thus giving the people an idea of what can be expected when the road is fully ballasted and in condition to carry passengers. The work of placing the iron girders over the track is being pushed and a few weeks more will see the regular traffic between Northville and Detroit in operation.—Farmington Enterprise.

Wayne Review: An agent for a Detroit tontine surety company is working over town and trying to place contracts. They guarantee 25 per cent profits—a little too large a profit. The agent informed us that the company is bonded in the Baltimore Fidelity and Deposit company, the concern that bonded Gen. White, of Grand Rapids. The state officials sent a man to Baltimore to investigate the firm's books, and according to the Detroit papers the visit was not entirely satisfactory and the company will not be allowed to do business in Michigan. If 25 per cent profit were such a sure thing, the Detroit concern would not have to send agents out for business.

Delray Times: There promises to be a lively contest over the will of the late Francis Hynes, who left nearly all his estate, valued at \$40,000, to one son. The contestants are Jas. Hynes and Mrs. Anna Burke, son and daughter of deceased, who claim that their father was unduly influenced and mentally incompetent. One very interesting phase presents itself in the contest. It is claimed that Jas. Hynes was disinherited because of intemperate habits, and the contestants through their attorney, Jas. H. Pound, will try to prove that their father was an immoderate drinker, therefore should not have disinherited his son for "catching the disease of which he had inoculated the virus." It has long been claimed by some physicians that inebriety is hereditary, and for that reason the decision of the court in this case will be of more than local interest.

The Wyandotte Herald says: We think the assertion can be ventured that there are not twenty persons in Wyandotte that ever saw Dexter M. Ferry, and not half a dozen that ever spoke to him. Nearly every man, woman and child in Wyandotte has seen boxes marked "Dexter M. Ferry & Co., Garden Seeds," but that is no sign they know Mr. Ferry, and that is really all we know of the man, except an occasional mention of his name as director of some banking or financial institution of Detroit. Mr. Ferry may be very wealthy and raise good garden seeds, but that is not sufficient reason to our mind for elevating him to the governorship of the great state of Michigan. We understand that Mr. Ferry in his general make-up is cold-blooded, aristocratic and austere, qualities not adapted to the making of friends, or retaining them among the common herd of American citizens.

FOR SALE.—Having recarpeted our room, will offer for sale (subject to inspection) 51 yds. Ingrain carpet, with carpet lining, for 25 cents per yard. Also three Rochester Hanging Lamps in good condition for \$2.50 each.
PLYMOUTH WEAVER CLUB.

Supervisor Starkweather on the Watch.

Detroit Journal, March 5: That ugly word, boodle, fell from the lips of a supervisor near the close of the meeting this noon. It was greeted with much laughter and the meeting soon after adjourned.

It was Supervisor Starkweather who used the word. Early in the meeting Supervisor Atkinson withdrew his motion to reconsider the vote whereby the contract of the Art Metallic Furniture Co. was confirmed at the last meeting. In making the withdrawal Mr. Atkinson stated that he did so because the prosecuting attorney had rendered an opinion that the question could not be reconsidered.

Assistant Prosecutor Hunt stated at the meeting of the building committee that under the statutes of the state a vote of two-thirds of a board of supervisors on such a question was final. The Wayne county board had adopted the rules of the common council so far as they are practicable, a proceeding which Mr. Hunt took to refer to the settlement of parliamentary questions. He thought that the rules of the common council adopted with limitations by a resolution of the supervisors could not be made to succeed a statute.

This opinion was delivered orally, and when Mr. Atkinson learned this, near the close of the meeting, he asked unanimous consent for the reconsideration until such time as the prosecutor could render a carefully considered written opinion.

Chairman Marx held that the question could not be reinstated.

Supervisor Starkweather, one of the oldest men on the board, arose and said that while he might be out of order, he would like to be heard.

"We owe it to ourselves to reconsider that vote," he said. "The report has gone out that there was boodle in that contract. Certain it is that we have undertaken to pay \$10,000 more for that furniture than we could have got it for. We have no guarantee that the material furnished will be equal to the samples shown. It must only be in accord with the specifications, and another concern offered to do that for a sum much smaller.

"If it were not for the fact that I have known many of the members of the building committee for years, and know them to be men of honesty and integrity, I should say there was a nigger in the woodpile."

Supervisor Motraw, who had objected to reopening the question and so cut off unanimous consent, withdrew his objection; but Chairman Marx ruled it out of order, saying that he had asked the prosecutor for his opinion last Saturday and that the opinion was not given offhand.

Advertising Parable.

Behold an advertiser went forth to sow:

And when he sowed some seed fell into handbills and dodgers, and the street cleaner came and gathered them up.

Some fell among concert and theater programs, and the people being interested in the performance and not in bargains, they were left in the seats or crumpled and thrown on the floor.

And some fell among fake schemes and gift enterprises and popular contempt sprang up and choked them.

But some fell into legitimate newspapers, which found their way into the homes of the people who had time to read them, and they brought forth fruit, some one hundred fold, some sixty fold, some thirty fold.

Who hath ears to hear let him hear.
Canadian Merchant's Review.

To California Quickly and Comfortably.

Via Chicago, Union Pacific and North-Western Line. "The Overland Limited" leaves Chicago daily 6:30 P. M., arrives San Francisco the afternoon of third day, and Los Angeles the next morning. No change of cars. All meals in dining cars. Buffet, smoking and library cars, with barber. "The best of everything." "The Pacific Express" leaves Chicago daily 10:30 P. M., with first-class and through tourist sleepers to California. Personally conducted excursions every Thursday. All agents sell tickets via Chicago & North-Western Ry. For full information and illustrated pamphlet apply to W. H. Guerin, 17 Campus-Martius, Detroit, Mich.

Reduced Rates.

The Ohio Central Lines are continually running excursions and offering reduced rates to various points. If you contemplate a business or excursion trip consult Agents of the Ohio Central Lines, it may save you money. Rates via the Ohio Central Lines are always as low as the lowest. Prompt and courteous treatment afforded patrons.—MOULTON HOOK, G. P. A., Toledo, Ohio.

Good rooms in the Coleman block to rent. Inquire of JOHN L. GALE.

Perfection Oil gives a brilliant, safe light. I have it. L. E. CARLE.

NOTICE.

We are informed that there is a report in circulation that we are closing out our Furniture and Undertaking stock and going out of business. We wish to inform the public that such is not the case.

WE ARE HERE TO STAY!

We know that the people of Plymouth and country appreciate a good Furniture stock. We have always tried to be to the front, both in assortment and quality, and we think that we can produce plenty of good reliable people who will bear us out in what we say. In the future we will do our best to give you a much better assortment than in the past, and we will assure you that you will find that our prices are right for we think that it was thoroughly demonstrated only last Saturday, which was the banner day for the past seven years, while in the Masonic block.

OUR CUT PRICE SALE

Has been very satisfactory to us and we propose to continue it for a few days more. Don't pay fancy prices for goods when we can save you a few dollars on your investment.

Don't forget our Fine Line of Carpets, Mattings and Picture Mouldings.

BASSETT & SON,

Furniture Dealers and Undertakers.

Masonic Block, Plymouth

Choice Butter, Wanted! Fresh Eggs,

We have a steady local demand for fresh eggs and good table butter and pay the highest market price for same. Have not paid less than 14c per dozen for eggs during the past year.

We are in the market with a choice stock of Groceries and Provisions at

CASH PRICES THAT ARE RIGHT!

Flour, per sack	45
3 pkgs. Hoosier Pancake Flour	25
20 lbs Granulated Corn Meal	25
10 lbs Rolled Oats	25
7 lbs Laundry Starch	25
6 pkgs Corn Starch	25
4 lbs Carolina Head Rice	25
3 lbs Three-Crown Raisins	25
3 pkgs None-Such Mince Meat	25
6 lbs Prunes	25
6 cakes German Sweet Chocolate	25
3 cans Cocoa	25
2 qts. Mixed Pickles	25
3 cans Corn, Tomatoes, Peas, Baked Beans, Apples or Pumpkins	25
3 lbs choice Pork	25
3 lbs pure Leaf Lard	25
2 cans Alaska Salmon	25
3 boxes Sardines in Mayonnaise dressing	25
3 bottles extra fine Ketchup	25
7 bars Queen Ann Soap and 1 box LaBesta	25
7 boxes LaBesta	25
6 boxes Gold Dust	25
5 doz. Polished Clothes Pins	5
4 lbs Sal Soda	5

Goods delivered to any part of the town.

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Near Village Hall.

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HISTORY OF WEEK

Items of Interest from All Over the World.

PREPARED IN CONDENSED FORM.

Events Reported by Telegraph Given in Short Paragraphs—One Week's Happenings—Chronicle to Suit the Busy Reader—Crimes, Casualties and Other Matters of Public Interest.

THE BOER WAR.

General Roberts said the number of prisoners was 4,000 and that about 1,000 of them were Free states.

The Boers have now been definitely located four miles from Lord Roberts' front, their left resting on a high kopje and their right on the river. The burgher force is estimated to number between 5,000 and 6,000.

Lord Roberts seems plauding to rid the Orange Free State of Boers before attempting an advance northward.

General Buller's revised list of casualties from Feb. 14 to Feb. 27 gives 26 men killed, 684 wounded and 25 missing.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Puerto Rican tariff bill passed the house by a vote of 172 yeas, 161 nays. The motion to recommit the bill to the ways and means committee was lost—112 to 172.

John G. Shortall has made an appeal to Senators Cullom and Mason protesting against the passage by congress of a law now pending extending the time cattle have to remain in stock cars.

Senator Dewey argues that expansion will benefit the people in the new territories and bring glory to the nation.

The pending Pacific cable bill has been amended in the house to call for completion to Honolulu by Jan. 1, 1902, and to Manila and Japan by July 1, 1903.

Bank accounts of Montana legislators were offered in evidence in the Clark senatorial inquiry in Washington.

The president and Mrs. McKinley left Washington to attend the banquet of the Ohio Society of New York at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

Congress is urged to act upon the ME giving statehood to New Mexico.

The United States government will establish postal service to Nome City, Alaska.

THE CRIMINAL RECORD.

Mrs. A. E. Synon was found dead at 240 Green street, Chicago, her skull crushed by a hammer-blow. Police arrested her husband.

Albert Hoskins in the criminal court at Kansas City pleaded guilty to holding up a street car conductor and was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

A train that named Lou Curry was killed at Dodson, Mo., while resting at rest.

American cowboys and Mexicans fought at El Paso de Terán, and three of the former and five of the latter were killed.

A state account book saved the life of H. C. Moore, a milkman, at Chicago, by turning from his course a bullet which was fired at his head by a highwayman.

Sandy Callahan, an ex-member of the Tenth Kansas regiment, was arrested, charged with the murder of his business partner at Yale, Kan.

Charles Ingersoll, ex-treasurer of Tompkins county, N. Y., wanted on a charge of embezzling county funds, was arrested at Iola, Kan.

At the Texas Confederate home Elizabeth Stanton, an Irishman, aged 82 years, was stabbed to death by Julius Maner, aged 61, in a quarrel over the British-Boer war.

A Philadelphia bookseller was sentenced to one year in jail for selling "Rapho" and similar books.

Masked thugs bound a Chicago woman in her home, and after taking her money, set fire to the house.

The county revenue commissioners of Madison county, Tenn., have reported a shortage of \$15,000 in the accounts of County Trustee J. D. Hunt.

At Chicago Charles E. Lutz shot his brother Alfred, dangerously wounding him, and then killed Alfred's wife.

Laurent S. Cook, treasurer of the Monarch Nail company, has been held in Boston for the alleged larceny of \$5,000 from the company's funds.

John Willard Adams, the builder of the big Union railroad station at St. Louis, committed suicide in New York by shooting himself.

BUSINESS NOTES.

The firm of Simpson & Co., gloves and hatters, of Boston, has made an assignment.

receiver for the National Bank of Illinois by Comptroller Dawes, to succeed the late General McNulta.

About 6,000 cutters, blacksmiths and tool sharpeners in the New England granite quarries went on strike for \$3 a day.

Professor Oscar R. Gleason, the famous horse trainer, has filed a petition in bankruptcy at St. Louis. His liabilities are \$71,810; assets, \$130.

MISDEADONS AND DISASTERS. It is believed at Aberdeen, Scotland, that five trawlers have been lost at sea and seventy men drowned.

In a collision on the Pennsylvania road near Nescopeck, Pa., Engineer Joseph Keefe and Fireman Charles Seeley were killed.

The body of an unknown man was found two miles east of Hazelhurst, Wis., on the St. Paul road, evidently killed by a log train.

Captain E. M. Carroll, chief of the Nashville, Tenn., fire department, was thrown from his buggy and his skull fractured. His condition is serious.

Nine miners are entombed in the Big Cave Iron Mountain mine at Redding, Cal. The air-supply pipe is broken and it is feared the men will die of suffocation.

Thomas Hannon, of Merrimac, Wis., died of injuries received by being trampled upon by a cow.

Dr. F. H. Lammers was killed in a runaway accident at Greencastle, Ind. Engineer Oliver and Fireman Adams were probably fatally injured in a wreck on the Illinois Central railroad at Pope, Miss.

Six firemen were scalded to death by an explosion on the English mail packet France.

Samuel Detwiler and two of his children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed his dwelling in Fulton county, Pa.

Six men were burned to death in a New York lodging house fire and two others were injured.

NOTABLE DEATHS. Rev. Anthony Robinson, the oldest Iowa evangelist, is dead at Ottumwa, Ia., aged 90 years.

Captain J. F. Higgins, one of the best known sea captains on the Pacific coast, died suddenly at San Francisco from a stroke of apoplexy.

Most Rev. John Hennessy, first archbishop of Dubuque, is dead.

Dr. Pliny L. Lawrence, one of the pioneer dentists of Chicago, is dead.

Dr. E. A. Guilbert is dead at Dubuque, Ia., aged 72 years. He was formerly president of the state board of health and a leading Mason in the west.

Rev. Charles Secombe, a pioneer missionary of the northwest, is dead at Springfield, S. D., aged 83 years.

Jacob O. Chance, clerk of the supreme court for the southern grand division of Illinois, is dead at Mount Vernon, Ill.

J. P. Baden, a well-known miller, manufacturer and produce merchant, is dead at Winfield, Kan., of pneumonia.

THE FIRE RECORD. The greatest fire Newark, N. J., ever experienced, swept through the retail dry goods district, destroying a score or more buildings. The loss is estimated at over \$1,000,000. Several lives may have been lost and several persons were badly burned.

Twenty firms were burned out, one woman was killed and a property loss of \$200,000 was inflicted by a fire in May's straw goods manufactory at Philadelphia.

The extensive anvil plant of the Hay-Budden company, Brooklyn, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$80,000.

The five-story frame building at Waukegan, Ill., known as the Cliff House building, burned. The loss was \$10,000 on building and contents.

ODDS AND ENDS. The Populist convention may be held in Kansas City July 4.

President Hart of the Chicago ball club says the American league will place a team in his city at its own peril.

Dr. Parkhurst will withdraw from public reform work.

Experiments are being made in Chicago to make coke from western coal by the new Hemmingway process.

Pugilist Joe Choypski says he was forced to fight Walcott with a broken rib.

Such is the improvement in the condition of President Adams of the University of Wisconsin that he is thought to be out of danger.

An Indian Maril Gras will be the feature of the entertainment given by the Wisconsin Valley Advancement association for the officers next summer.

Lord Roseberry has startled British politicians by quitting the Liberal party.

The bodies of ninety-six soldiers who died in Cuba since the end of the Spanish-American war were buried with military honors at Arlington cemetery, Washington.

A man impersonated Captain Clark of the late Texas and married a Cincinnati woman.

The Rhode Island Prohibition state convention was held in Providence. H. E. Metcalf of Pawtucket was nominated for governor.

A mob of French students in Montreal tore down a British flag and sang the "Marseillaise." English came to defend and general rioting followed.

STORMBERG OCCUPIED.

General Gatacre's Troops Now Hold the Town.

BRABANT CAPTURES A BOER FORT.

After Severe Fighting the Enemy Retreats and British Troops Are Now in Possession of the Town.

London, March 6.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Ostfontein, March 6.—General Gatacre occupied Stormberg yesterday. The lines of railway north and west will now be repaired. General Clements is at Jombert's siding station, beyond Colesberg. The Duke of Marlborough, with the Oxford company of the Imperial Yeomanry, has left Cape Town for Naanupoort.

"General Buller reports Natal now practically clear of the enemy and that he cannot hear of any formed body of them anywhere. The Boers left some ambulances full of their sick from which the mules had been taken for transport service."

Brabant Captures Boer Fort. A dispatch dated Dordrecht March 5, says: "Following yesterday's success General Brabant again engaged the Boers today with advantage, holding the position captured yesterday. There was some smart fighting this morning, the British losing five or six men and capturing the Boer fort, thus vastly improving their position. The Boers fought tenaciously, contesting every inch of the ground, but ultimately they retreated suddenly, carrying off their guns and wagons. A mounted force pursued them but the result is not yet known. The British casualties during the two days were twelve or thirteen killed and thirty wounded. The Boer losses are unknown. Throughout the arduous fighting and severe fatigue the colonials have behaved splendidly."

BOERS IN FULL RETREAT. Hurrying into the Orange Free State as fast as possible.

London, March 6.—The Boers in northern Cape Colony are in full retreat to the Orange Free State. The possession of Stormberg puts General Gatacre in railroad communication with General Clements at Colesberg, for though the Boers partially wrecked the railroad it is understood that it can be quickly repaired and thus the entrance of additional British troops into the Free State will be greatly facilitated. From Ostfontein, where Field Marshal Lord Roberts is opposed by a good sized body of Boers, there is still no news except reports of minor skirmishes.

The position gained by General Brabant at Dordrecht is reported to be exceedingly strong. According to The Times' correspondent, the Boer numbers alone enabled them to retreat from Dordrecht practically unharmed. He also reports a violation of the white flag by the Boers, and that they deliberately fired at close range on a stretcher party.

General White's garrison has begun to leave Ladysmith and is arriving at the Mool river camp, where the troops will remain several days, after which they will go further south. They are emaciated and exhausted and say the road to Colonsa presents scenes that exceed in horror those depicted in Danie's "Inferno." Dead men and animals are lying, mutilated and putrid, in the trenches formerly occupied by the Boers and fill the air with a sickening stench. In cases where hurried burial had been attempted the rains have washed the earth away, and out of the earth stick ghastly legs and arms of the dead burghers.

LOST WITH A CATTLE SHIP. Six Cattle Men and Crew of Planet Mercury Had Death in the Waves.

Boston, March 6.—Wreckage picked up off the Nova Scotian coast indicates almost to a certainty that the cattle ship Planet Mercury of the Elder-Dempster line has been lost with all hands. In addition to her crew she carried the following named cattle men: J. W. O'Brien, Toronto, Ont.; J. W. Carey, who was going home to Ireland; Benjamin Bowdoin, Canada; Peter Elder, Canada; J. H. Smith, Boston; John McEale, Ireland.

The Planet Mercury left Portland, Me., Feb. 17. She was under a three months' charter by the Elder-Dempster line and was under command of Captain Pyle. She carried a miscellaneous cargo valued at \$300,000, but no passengers except the cattlemen. The wreckage includes a life-preserver marked with the name of the ship, a life raft, a sailor's chest, a steamer's hatch, scantling, pieces of a ship's house, broken oars and box shovels all of which came ashore at West Pubnico, near Yarmouth.

It is agreed that the vessel went to pieces on the ledge at West Pubnico fully ten days ago, and as nothing has been heard from any member of the crew it is certain that none of them escaped death in the sea. None of the wreckage gave a clue to the name of the ship until the life buoy was picked up on the beach.

Island Man Disappeared. San Francisco, March 6.—Chief Officer Cooney of the transport Grant said that on Feb. 3 the ship sailed over the spot where Morrell island was generally supposed to be located. It is on all sailing charts, but at 11:30 a. m. on the date mentioned the Grant sailed over the position in latitude 29 degrees 57 minutes north, longitude 174 degrees 31 minutes east, and not a trace of the island could be found. At noon any land forty-seven feet above the level of the sea could be seen for a distance of twenty-five miles.

Purchase of Detroit Ball Club. Detroit, March 6.—James D. Burns and George T. Stallings of this city have closed the purchase of the Detroit club of the American Base Ball league. The price is \$12,000 cash. This will enable the divorced wife of George A. Van derbeck, the late owner, to collect the alimony granted her, and will end the further litigation of the matter.

SEVENTY MEN ENTOMBED.

Montgomery, W. Va., March 6.—By an explosion of gas in the Red Ash mine seventy men were imprisoned. Two of the men have been rescued, five of whom are dead and the others in a critical condition. The others are in the mine with no hope of relief.

Forty dead bodies have been brought to the surface.

MORE REBELS ARE SLAIN.

Manila, March 6.—General Bates' expedition to southern Luzon, consisting of the Fortieth and Forty-fifth regiments, a total of 2,300 men, has occupied Nueva Caceres, province of South Camarines, part, province of North Camarines, and the neighboring smaller towns. The enemy resisted at one point and two Americans were killed, including Lieutenant John E. Galloher of the Fortieth regiment. The rebels lost heavily.

On Feb. 20 the expedition arrived at San Miguel Bay, landed, and in three columns immediately pushed inland, converging upon Nueva Caceres, and attempting to control the enemy's routes to retreat. At Libmanan, north of Nueva Caceres, the enemy was engaged in the rice field and resisted a battalion of the Fortieth regiment, which engaged them at close quarters with bayonets. After forty minutes' fighting the enemy fled and Libmanan was occupied.

The Americans buried sixty-four of the enemy, whose total loss in killed and wounded is estimated at 140. From Libmanan the expedition proceeded to Nueva Caceres, the gunboat Paragua arriving ten minutes ahead of the troops. The town was found practically deserted. The Americans, daily scouting in the vicinity, report that the enemy have retreated into the mountains. The insurgents around Legaspi and Albay, province of South Camarines, are harassing the Americans nightly. Foreigners doing business at Legaspi are living on ships in the harbor or in the American barracks.

Lieutenant Edgar P. Koehler of the Ninth infantry was shot and killed at a village six miles north of Tarlac, where he went in search of some hidden rifles. A Filipino promising to produce the rifles, led him into an ambush away from his command. The soldiers in revenge burned the village and killed twenty-four of the enemy.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY. Delegates to the First National Convention Meet at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 6.—The first national convention of the Social Democratic party, for the purpose of nominating candidates for president and vice president, met here in Reichwein's hall. About fifty delegates were present. Many were expected to arrive during the day. Several of the delegates carried proxies.

The two matters of importance before the convention are the nomination of Labor party, which is a "hotting" section of the Social Labor party, of which Daniel De Leon of New York was the dividing power. His side was sustained in court in a controversy over the party emblem. The "hotting" section named J. B. Harriman of California for president and Max Hayes of Cleveland, O., for vice president.

It is proposed that the Socialist Labor party, with approximately 15,000 members, amalgamate with the Social Democrats and accept the nominees of that party. There is also some talk favorably by State Secretary Walters of the Populist committee of a fusion with the middle-of-the-road Populists. E. V. Debs, V. L. Berger and other leaders say, however, that the Social Democrats will enter fusion with no party, but will absorb any. It is now believed that Eugene V. Debs will be the presidential candidate. If he should be nominated Harriman will likely be the candidate for vice president.

IOWA BANK SAFE RIFLED. Thieves Took \$1,700 in Bills and Left the Gold and Silver.

Ottumwa, Ia., March 6.—Persons unknown took \$1,700 from the safe of the Farmers' bank at Farmington some time between Saturday night and Monday morning. It is stated that the thieves left several thousands in gold and silver, taking only paper money.

Saturday afternoon the officers of the bank set the time lock on the safe to open Monday morning. The lock shows no indications of having been forced, and the single door of the bank was locked Saturday night as usual, so that the manner of the robbery is a mystery.

Suspicious characters, who left Farmington suddenly Sunday, are being pursued, but it is not thought they will be captured, as the terrific storm makes it almost impossible to travel. No suspicion rests upon the cashier, as the money was in the bank when he left.

Remains of Bishop Hennessy. Dubuque, Ia., March 6.—Requiem masses for Archbishop Hennessy were solemnized at the various Roman Catholic churches and institutions. Archbishop Ryan celebrated in the cathedral and Mr. Ryan in the chamber of the dead. The body of the late archbishop, wearing the purple robes and the beretta, has been removed to the sanctuary, where it will lie in state until interred beneath the cathedral altar.

Kentucky Arms Returned. Frankfort, Ky., March 6.—The order for shipment of a car load of rifles and ammunition from the arsenal here to London, Ky., was revoked by the Republican state authorities. Soldiers had worked all forenoon loading the car. It is said a hint was received from Washington, the war department looking with stern disfavor on the shipment of rifles.

Max O'Rell Seriously Ill. Memphis, Tenn., March 6.—Paul Blouet (Max O'Rell), who lectured here, is suffering from a severe attack of illness. He will bring his tour to a close and will go to Paris for treatment. He thinks it probable he will quit the lecture platform for good.

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Local Newslets

Mrs. Seeley Stoneburner is very sick. Mrs. Clinton Knapp is on the sick list.

Dr. Wade, of Salem, was in the village Wednesday.

A good mandolin for sale cheap. Enquire at this office.

Regular meeting of the K. O. T. M. next Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burrows, Sr., are on the sick list this week.

James Murdock has moved into Geo. Bentley's house on Deer street.

Get your Japanese napkins at this office. Just the thing for parties.

The Plymouth Whist Club met with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Riggs Monday evening.

Harry Bradner, of Lansing, is visiting his father, W. J. Bradner, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber McLaren of Chelsea, visited Miss Nellie McLaren Saturday.

Gasoline stoves overhauled and repaired by Jas. Huff at Huston & Co's.

Jas. Lewis and family left for Binghamton, N. Y., where they will engage in farming.

James Murdock has taken Harry Swartout's place in Geo. Vandecar's barbershop.

W. H. Hoyt returned home last Friday, after a month's visit with friends in New York.

Mrs. Ira Kinyon's auction sale was postponed until March 28th, on account of the bad roads Tuesday.

Oscar Moore and wife, of Long Branch, Mich., were here to attend the funeral of Gus. Blanck.

Go and see "Uncle Josh" at the village hall Saturday evening, given for the benefit of the fire department.

Dewey Bertan, who has been spending the winter here, left for his home at Grandon, Dakota, last Saturday.

W. H. Bennett, of Toledo, visited his father, John M. Bennett, who is very sick, the fore part of the week.

Mrs. H. K. Roberts and little Mabel, of Lansing, who have been visiting relatives here returned home Wednesday.

Miss Martha Schonscheck returned to her place of business Monday last as saleslady at Hunter & Hunter's of Detroit.

Are you going to see "Uncle Josh" at the Village Hall Saturday eve? You will miss the best attraction of the season if you don't.

Aaron Newman, of Brighton and a former Plymouth resident, died at his late home Monday at the age of 68 years. He was an old soldier having served in the Fifth Michigan.

Mrs. Spencer Harmon died at her home south of the village Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock after a long illness, at the age of 64 years. The funeral will take place at the house Saturday at 2 o'clock.

Geo. Spencer, of Chicago, has taken a position in E. L. Riggs' store. Mr. Spencer is an experienced clerk, having been with Marshall Field & Co., of Chicago, for twelve years. He will move his family here as soon as he can find a home.

Have you seen the Monarch aluminum range at Huston & Co's at \$38? It is a beauty.

The following members of the Plymouth O. E. S. attended a meeting of the Northville Stars at Northville last Friday evening: Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Cook, Miss Mary Conner, Miss Nellie McLaren, Mrs. Fred Dumb, and Mrs. Chas. Miller. Initiatory degrees were conferred upon several candidates, after which a fine banquet was served and all spent a most enjoyable evening.

Quite a number attended the lecture at Newburg Wednesday night.

Wanted—To trade a good mandolin for wood. Enquire at this office.

Last Saturday was a very busy day in town, and the merchants report a good trade.

Eugene Lombard went to Lansing Thursday morning to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Calvin Mitchel.

Ralph H. Rea and Mrs. Hamilton, of Pontiac, were married at Pontiac last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Rea arrived here Wednesday evening.

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The auction sale of Orin Marsh, on the Geo. Bradner farm, was postponed last Monday until March 19th, on account of the stormy weather.

J. A. Watts, who has been working in A. D. Prout's barber shop for the past six months, returned to his home at Belleville, Canada, Monday.

The severe weather for the past week or two has rather curtailed our neighborhood correspondence. We shall expect more of it as the weather settles and people can get about.

There was a large attendance last Saturday at the opening of the new furniture store of Millsbaugh Bros. and the gentlemen were very much pleased over the many congratulations they received for the fine display of goods.

There is more snow on the ground now than has been known here for many years. Sunday and Monday it snowed all day. The motor cars did not get through to Wayne until Wednesday.

The Mail said last week that the Plymouth Whist Club met at the home of Miss Mary Conner Sunday evening. Of course it should have been Monday evening. The club will please accept our apology.

Preparations for the big minstrel show are going forward and a definite announcement for dates will be made in a short time. The people in charge expect to eclipse all former efforts in this line, everything being new and up-to-date.

The social given by the O. E. S. last Tuesday evening was a very pleasant affair, nearly a hundred being present. Cards, music, and dancing were indulged in and coffee and cake served. The drawing for the organ made George Lee the winner. The Stars will give another social within a few weeks.

A stock company is to be formed for the purpose of building a flat of four residences, with all modern improvements. They have purchased the vacant lot known as the Fralich property on Main street and work will begin as soon as the weather permits. The "row" has already been rented.

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A Citizen's caucus was held at village hall last Thursday evening. E. C. Hough being chairman and Albert Gayde secretary. The following ticket was placed in nomination:

President—W. O. Allen.
 Clerk—Albert Gayde.
 Treasurer—Chas. Fisher.
 Trustees—Robt. Mimmack, Harry Jolliffe, Chas. Merritt.
 Assessor—Geo. Shafer.

Since the caucus, all the nominees have withdrawn from the ticket with the exception of Geo. Shafer.

The Uncle Josh Picture Play Co., which gives an entertainment at village hall Saturday evening, for the benefit of the fire department, is composed of a very clever lot of people, each of them with the ability to entertain. The play is interspersed with vocal music and humorous dialogues and impersonations in which each of the artists excel in their specialty. Be sure to go to the hall Saturday evening and see a fine show. The company has given exhibitions in neighboring cities and villages and the newspapers speak very highly of them.

DIED ON THE ROAD.

Gus. Blanck Found Dead in His Sleigh Tuesday Morning.

Gus. Blanck and Luther Lyons started Monday afternoon in the storm each with a load of household goods for the Eight-Mile House, on the Grand River road. The goods belonged to John Streng, of this village, who has purchased the road house and wanted to get them in as soon as possible. The two men had some difficulty in getting through the snow drifts, being frequently obliged to shovel their way out. After traveling until after nine o'clock at night, Mr. Lyons called to Blanck that he intended to turn in at the next farm house and advised Blanck to do the same. He, however, was determined to get through and kept on.

Going a mile or so farther, Blanck came to the Grand River road where he struck a huge drift of snow. Three men in a sleigh passed him here and he asked them to stop and help him out, saying that Streng would pay them for their trouble. They refused to help him and went on to the hotel and told Streng and Blanck's son, who was working there, of the man they passed on the road. Young Blanck started out on horseback at once and rode within a quarter of a mile of where his father was stuck in the snow and then thinking the three men had lied to him, he turned back.

A farmer living near by found the team in the road Tuesday morning and investigating, saw Blanck lying in the sleigh. He was covered up with blankets, the body yet showed signs of life and was warm. Getting assistance Blanck was taken to Sand Hill and every effort made to revive him, but to no purpose.

A coroner's inquest was held and the jury returned a verdict that deceased had died of heart disease, with which he had been affected for some time. It is probable that the exertion of shoveling snow brought on an attack and thinking a few minutes rest would bring him relief, he lay down in the sleigh and wrapped the blankets around him. The body was brought here Tuesday evening and left in the care of Undertaker Bassett.

Deceased was about fifty years of age and leaves a wife and seven children in fairly well circumstances. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at the M. E. church, services being conducted by Rev. W. G. Stephens.

A Farmington dispatch to the Free Press of Wednesday says of the sad affair:

At an early hour this morning the body of Gus Blunt, a well-to-do farmer of Plymouth, was found half buried in the snow on the Detroit & Northwestern tracks, where they cross the Grand river road below Volney Smith's. He left Plymouth last evening with a load of furniture intended for the Eight-mile house in Greenfield, and in all probability succumbed to the terrific storm that prevailed through the night. The body was lying across the rails beside the team. The heavy snow caused the discontinuance of all traffic on the Detroit & Northwestern early in the day, otherwise the body would have been managed by the cars, as it lay directly in their path.

The Ann Arbor Courier gives the Uncle Josh Picture Play Co. the following recommendation: The Uncle Josh Picture Play Company gave an entertainment at the opera house in the popular Y. M. C. A. Star course. The plan of the entertainment is novel and attractive and the interest is never allowed to lag. Mr. De Long is an impersonator of the highest class. The illustrated songs and the serpentine color effects and novelties caused a storm of applause. The crowd was not much diminished by the stormy weather outside and all unite in declaring the entertainment one of the best in the country.

First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Service 11:20 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: Matter.

The North Side

Mrs. D. C. Shattuck is on the sick list.

Rev. Ehnis attended a society meeting at Saginaw Wednesday.

Mrs. Hartung is visiting relatives in Detroit for a couple of weeks.

Miss Alta Bradley is spending a few days with Miss Blanche Allen.

Henry Reichelt has sold his mill at Jonesville and returned to Plymouth.

Will Slater, of Marshall, spent Sunday with his father-in-law, Morris Smith.

Chas. Allen, who has been laid up for the past two weeks, is able to be out again.

Miss Dora Widder, of Ann Arbor, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brems and family this week.

Miss Ada Westfall, of Cherry Hill, spent Wednesday and Thursday with Miss Minnie Heide.

The B. Y. P. U. held a business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bennett on Tuesday.

August Schoof, of the Michigan Table Supply Co. of Detroit, was in town Monday looking up produce.

Dinner was served to a large number at the meeting of the Ladies Aid Society at the home of Robt. Burch on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. M. Reid and daughter, of Saginaw, visited Mr. Reid here a few days this week. He is engineer of the switching crew here.

A load of twelve young people were out for a sleigh ride Wednesday evening and called on Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Leverance at Livonia.

CHURCH NEWS.

Universalist services will be held at the village hall, next Sunday, 11th inst., 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Preaching by the Rev. Florence Kollock Crooker, of Ann Arbor. Subjects—morning, The Things that Remain; evening, The Restatement of the Universalist Creed. Everybody is cordially invited.

A special meeting of the Universalist church and society will be held at the house of Mrs. Chas. Piteher, on Union street, in this village, on Monday, Mar. 12, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing officers and effecting measures to supply the pulpit in the future. A general attendance of all who are interested in the cause is requested.—R. C. Safford, Moderator.

Reception service at the M. E. church next Sunday morning. The pastor will give an address to those uniting with the church. Service also in the evening. Every one welcome to these services.

Services at Baptist church Sunday Morning subject, "Christ Walking on the Sea." Evening subject, "The Promotion." F. I. Beckwith, Pastor. Everybody welcome.

The Ladies' Aid Society and B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church are contemplating an Easter bazaar and banquet. Full particulars will be announced later.

The Presbyterian chorus sang at the lecture given by Rev. Woodford at Newburg Wednesday night. Quite a number from here went down.

Everybody welcome in the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. Sermon by Mr. Herbener and singing by the chorus under Mr. Bennett's direction. Mr. Herbener will preach two more Sundays.

Home-seekers' Excursions via Ohio Central Lines.

Tickets on sale January 16th, February 6th and 20th, March 6th and 20th, and April 3rd and 17th, to points in the South, Southwest, West and Northwest. For full particulars call on agents of the Ohio Central Lines, or address John Moore, T. F. A. Findlay, O.; D. J. Carro, Pass. Agent, Toledo, O.; W. A. Peters, Pass. Agent, Columbus, O.; or D. G. Patterson, Pass. Agent, K. & M. Ry., Charleston, West Va.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

May Hassinger and Beulah Weeks of the fourth grade, have had perfect spelling lessons for a month.

Katie Kaiser, third grade, has correctly spelled every word in her written spelling for a month.

Work in the high school has been much hindered by the bad weather since the non-resident pupils have been unable to get to school. Carrie Riddle has missed only one day during the stormy weather, which is remarkable, as she has to drive five miles to school.

The Plymouth Band has purchased a full set of new instruments from the C. G. Conn Co. of Elkhart, Ind. They are silver and gold mounted and are very fine, the full set costing \$400. The boys expect to have them in a few days and with new uniforms and new instruments will be one of the best equipped bands in the state. Plymouth may well feel proud of her band, for what is better than a good band in a town.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve a boiled dinner and tea in the church parlors Friday, Mar. 16th. Dinner 15c; tea 10c. All are invited.—By order of Sec'y.

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Village Election!

Notice is hereby given, that the annual village election of the village of Plymouth, county of Wayne, state of Michigan, will be held in village hall in said village, on Monday, March 12, 1900, at which time the following officers are to be elected, viz.: one president, one clerk, three trustees, 2 years, one treasurer, one assessor. The polls of said election will be opened at 7 o'clock a. m. and will remain open until 5 o'clock of said day of election.

By order of the village board of election inspectors.
 HERBERT J. BAKER, clerk.
 Dated this 1st day March, A. D. 1900.

Registration Notice.

To the electors of the village of Plymouth, county of Wayne, state of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the board of registration of the village above named, will be held at Conner's store, in said village, on Saturday, March 10, 1900, for the purpose of registering the names of all such persons who shall be possessed of the necessary qualifications of electors and who may apply for that purpose; and said board of registration will be in session on the day and at the place aforesaid from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose aforesaid.

By order of the board of registration.
 HERBERT J. BAKER, clerk.
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CHAPTER XVII.

LYNDALL.

She was more like a princess, yes, far more like a princess, than the lady who still hung on the wall in Tant Sannie's bedroom. So Em thought. She leaned back in the little armchair; she wore a gray dressing gown, and her long hair was combed out and hung to the ground. Em, sitting before her, looked up with mingled respect and admiration.

Lyndall was tired after her long journey and had come to her room early. Her eyes ran over the familiar objects. Strange to go away, for four years and come back and find that the candle standing on the dressing table still cast the shadow of an old croon's head in the corner beyond the clothes-horse. Strange that even a shadow blazes. It shoots out red flames; it threatens to wrap you round and devour you—you who stand by like an icicle in the glow of its fierce warmth. You are self-reproached at your own chilliness and want of reciprocity. The next day, when you go to warm your hands a little, you find a few ashes. "A long love and cool against a short love and hot. Men, at all events, have nothing to complain of."

"You speak so because you do not know men," said Em, instantly assuming the dignity of superior knowledge as universally affected by affianced and married women in discussing man's nature with their uncontracted sisters. "You will know them, too, some day, and then you will think differently," said Em, with the condescending magnanimity which superior knowledge can always afford to show to ignorance.

Lyndall's little lip quivered in a manner indicative of intense amusement. She twisted a massive ring upon her forefinger—a ring more suitable for the hand of a man and noticeable in design—a diamond cross set into gold, with the initials "L. R." below it. "Ab, Lyndall," Em said, "perhaps you are engaged yourself—that is why you smile! Yes, I am sure you are. Look at this ring!"

Lyndall drew the hand quickly from her. "I am not in so great a hurry to put my name beside any man's foot, and I do not so readily admire the gilding of hubbly," she said as she closed her eyes half wearily and leaned back in the chair. "There are other women glad of such work."

Em felt shocked and ashamed. How could she take Lyndall and show her the white linen and the wreath and the embroidery? She was quiet for a little while and then began to talk about Trana and the old farm servants till she saw her companion was weary; then she rose and left her for the night. But after Em was gone Lyndall sat on, watching the old croon's face in the corner and with a weary look, as though the whole world's weight rested on these frail young shoulders.

The next morning Waldo, starting off before breakfast with a bag of mealies slung over his shoulder to feed the ostriches, heard a light step behind him.

"Wait for me. I am coming with you," said Lyndall, adding as she came up to him: "If I had not gone to look for you yesterday, you would not have come to greet me this morn'g. Do you not like me any longer, Waldo?"

"Yes; but—you are changed."

It was the old, clumsy, hesitating mode of speech.

"You liked the pinafores better?" she said quickly. She wore a dress of a simple cotton fabric, but very fashionably made, and on her head was a broad white hat. To Waldo she seemed superbly attired. She saw it. "My dress has changed a little," she said, "and I also, but not to you. Hang the bag over your other shoulder that I may see your face. You say so little that if one does not look at you you are an uncomprehended cipher. Waldo changed the bag, and they walked on side by side. "You have improved," she said. "Do you know that I have sometimes wished to see you while I was away; not often, but still sometimes?"

"They were at the gate of the first camp now. Waldo threw over the bag of mealies, and they walked on over the dewy ground.

"Have you learned much?" he asked her simply, remembering how she had once said, "When I come back again, I shall know everything that a human being can."

She laughed.

"Are you thinking of my old boast? Yes; I have learned something, though hardly what I expected and not quite so much. In the first place, I have learned that one of my abstractions must have been a very great fool, for they say nothing comes out of a man but one of his forefathers' possessed it before him. In the second place, I have discovered that of all cursed places under the sun, where the hungriest soul can hardly pick up a few grains of knowledge, a girl's boarding-school is the worst. They are called finishing schools, and the name tells accurately what they are. They finish everything but intellect and weakness, and that they cultivate. They are nicely adapted machines for experimenting on the question, 'Into how little space can a

should last longer than man. She looked about among the old familiar objects. All was there, but the old self was gone.

"What are you noticing?" asked Em. "Nothing and everything. I thought the windows were lighter. If I were you, when I got this place I should raise the walls. There is not room to breathe here; one suffocates."

"Gregory is going to make many alterations," said Em, drawing nearer to the gray dressing gown respectfully. "Do you like him, Lyndall? Is he not handsome?"

"He must have been a fine baby," said Lyndall, looking at the white dimity curtain that hung above the window.

Em was puzzled.

"There are some men," said Lyndall, "whom you never can believe were babies at all, and others you never see without thinking how very nice they must have looked when they were socks and pink sashes."

Em remained silent. Then she said, with a little dignity: "When you know him, you will love him as I do. When I compare other people with him, they seem so weak and little. Our hearts are so cold; our loves are mixed up with so many other things. But he—no one is worthy of his love. I am not. It is so great and pure."

"You need not make yourself unhappy on that point—your poor return for his love, my dear," said Lyndall. "A man's love is a fire of olive wood. It lends higher every moment; it roars, it human soul be crushed? I have seen some souls so compressed that they would have fitted into a small trundle and found room to move there—wide room. A woman who has been for many years at one of those places carries the mark of the beast on her till she dies, though she may expand a little afterward when she breathes in the free world."

"Were you miserable?" he asked, looking at her with quick anxiety.

"I? No. I am never miserable and never happy. I wish I were. But I should have run away from the place on the fourth day and hired myself to the first Boer woman whose farm I came to, to make her under her soap pot, if I had to live as the rest of the drove did. Can you form an idea, Waldo, of what it must be to be shut up with cackling old women who are without knowledge of life, without love of the beautiful, without strength, to have your soul cowered by them? It is suffocation only to breathe the air they breathe, but I made them give me room. I told them I should leave, and they knew I came there on my own account. So they gave me a bedroom without the companionship of one of those things that were having their brains slowly diluted and squeezed out of them. I did not learn music, because I had no talent, and when the drove made cushions and hideous flowers that the roses laugh at and a foot-stool in six weeks that a machine would have made better in five minutes I went to my room. With the money saved from such work I bought books and newspapers, and at night I sat up. I read and spiritualized what I read, and I found time to write some plays and find out how hard it is to make your thoughts look anything but imbecile fools when you point them with ink on paper. In the holidays I learned a great deal more. I made acquaintances, saw a few places and many people and some different ways of living, which is more than any books can show one. On the whole, I am not satisfied with my four years. I have not learned what I expected, but I have learned something else. What have you been doing?"

"Nothing."

"That is not possible. I shall find out by and by."

They still stepped on side by side over the dewy bushes. Then suddenly she turned on him.

"Don't you wish you were a woman, Waldo?"

"No," he answered readily.

"I thought not. Even you are too worldly wise for that. I never met a man who did. This is a pretty ring," she said, holding out her little hand that the morning sun might make the diamonds sparkle. "Worth £50 at least. I will give it to the first man who tells me he would like to be a woman. There might be one on Robbin Island [Islands at the Cape are sent to Robbin Island] who would win it perhaps, but I doubt it even there. It is delightful to be a woman, but every man thinks the Lord devoutly that he isn't one."

She drew her hat to one side to keep the sun out of her eyes as she walked. Waldo looked at her so intently that he stumbled over the bushes. Yes, this was his little Lyndall who had worn the check pinafores. He saw it now, and he walked closer beside her. They reached the next camp.

"Let us wait at this camp and watch the birds," she said as an ostrich came bounding toward them with ruffled wings outstretched, while far away over the bushes the head of the cock was visible as he sat brooding on the eggs.

Lyndall folded her arms on the gate bar, and Waldo threw his empty bag on the wall and leaned beside her.

share each other's work and are companions. Do you take an interest in the position of women, Waldo?"

"No."

"I thought not. No one does unless they are in need of a subject upon which to show their wit. And as for you, from of old you can see nothing that is not separated from you by a few millions of miles and strewed over with mystery. If women were the inhabitants of Jupiter, of whom you had happened to hear something, you would pore over us and our condition night and day, but because we are before your eyes you never look at us. You care nothing that this is ragged and ugly," she said, putting her little finger on his sleeve. "but you strive mightily to make an imaginary leaf on an old stick beautiful. I'm sorry you don't care for the position of women. I should have liked us to be friends, and it is the only thing about which I think much or feel much, if, indeed, I have any feeling about anything," she added flippantly, reading her dainty little arms. "When I was a baby, I fancy my parents left me out in the frost one night, and I got nipped internally. It feels so."

"I have only a few old thoughts," he said, "and I think them over and over again, always beginning where I left off. I never get any further. I am weary of them."

"Like an old hen that sits on its eggs month after month and they never come out?" she said quickly. "I am so pressed in upon by new things that, lest they should trip one another up, I have to keep forcing them back. My head swings sometimes. But this one thought stands, never goes—if I might be one of those born in the future; then perhaps to be born a woman will not be to be born branded."

Waldo looked at her. It was hard to say whether she were in earnest or mocking.

"I know it is foolish. Wisdom never kicks at the iron walls it can't bring down," she said. "But we are cursed, Waldo, born cursed from the time our mothers bring us into the world till the shrouds are put on us. Do not look at me as though I were talking nonsense. Everything has two sides—the outside that is ridiculous, and the inside that is solemn."

"I am not laughing," said the boy seriously enough. "But what curses you?"

"He thought she would not reply to him, she wanted so long.

"It is not what is done to us, but what is made of us," she said at last, "that wrongs us. No man can be really injured but by what modifies himself. We all enter the world little plastic beings, with so much natural force perhaps, but for the rest, blank, and the world tells us what we are to be and shapes us by the end it sets before us. To you it says, 'work, and to us it says, 'seem! To you it says, 'As you approximate to man's highest ideal of God, as your arm is strong and your knowledge great, and the power to labor is with you, so you shall gain all that human heart desires. To us it says: Strength shall not help you, nor knowledge, nor labor. You shall gain what men gain, but by other means; and so the world makes men and women."

"Look at this little chin of mine, Waldo, with the dimple in it. It is but a small part of my person, but though I had a knowledge of all things under the sun and the wisdom to use it and the deep, loving heart of an angel, it would not sound me through life like this little chin. I can win money with it, I can win love; I can win power with it, I can win fame. What would knowledge help me? The less a woman has in her head the lighter she is for climbing. I once heard an old man say that he never saw intellect help a woman so much as a pretty ankle, and I was the truth. They begin to shape us to our cursed end," she said, with her lips drawn in to look as though they smiled, "when we are tiny things in shoes and socks. We sit with our little feet drawn up under us in the window and look out at the boys in their happy play. We want to go. Then a loving hand is laid on us. 'Little one, you cannot go,' they say. 'Your little face will burn and your nice white dress be spoiled.' We feel it must be for our good, it is so lovingly said, but we cannot understand, and we kneel still with one little cheek wistfully pressed against the pane. Afterward we go and thread blue beads and make a string for our neck, and we go and stand before the glass. We see the complexion we were not to spoil and the white frock, and we look into our own great eyes. Then the curse begins to act on us. It finishes its work when we are grown women, who no more look out wistfully at a more healthy life—we are contented. We fit our sphere as a Chinese woman's foot, fits her shoe, exactly, as though God had made both—and yet he knows nothing of either. In some of us the shaping to our end has been quite completed. The parts we are not to use have been quite atrophied and have even dropped off, but in others, and we are not less to be pitied, they have been weakened and left. We wear the bandages, but our limbs have not grown to them; we know that we are compressed, and chafe against them."

"But what does it help? A little bitterness, a little longing when we are young, a little futile searching for work, a little passionate striving for room for the exercise of our powers, and then we go with the drove. A woman must march with her regiment. In the end she must be trodden down or go with it, and if she is wise she goes."

"I see in your great eyes what you are thinking," she said, glancing at him. "I always know what the person I am talking to is thinking of. How is this woman who makes such a fuss worse off than I? I will show you by a very little example. We stand

poor, both young, both friendless. There is not much to choose between us. Let us turn away just as we are, to make our way in life. This evening you will come to a farmer's house. The farmer, albeit you come alone and on foot, will give you a pipe of tobacco and a cup of coffee and a bed. If he has no dam to build and no child to teach, tomorrow you can go on your way with a friendly greeting of the hand. I, if I come to the same place tonight, will have the strange questions asked me, strange glances cast on me. The Boer wife will shake her head and give me food to eat with the Kafirs and a right to sleep with the dogs. That would be the first step in our progress—a very little one, but every step to the end would repeat it. We were equals once when we lay, newborn babes, on our nurses' knees. We will be equals again when they tie up our jaws for the last sleep."

Waldo looked in wonder at the little, quivering face. It was a glimpse into a world of passion and feeling wholly new to him.

"Mark you," she said, "we have always this advantage over you—we can at any time step into ease and competence, where you must labor patiently for it. A little weeping, a little wheedling, a little self-degradation, a little careful use of our advantages, and then some man will say, 'Come, be my wife!' With good looks and youth, marriage is easy to attain. There are men enough, but a woman who has sold herself, even for a ring and new name, need hold her skirts aside for no creature in the street. They both earn their bread in one way. Marriage for love is the beautifullest external symbol of the union of souls; marriage without it is the uncleanliest traffic that defiles the world." She ran her little finger savagely along the topmost bar, shaking off the dozen little dewdrops that still hung there. "And they tell us we have men's chivalrous attention!" she cried. "When we ask to be doctors, lawyers, lawmakers, anything but ill-paid drudges, they say: No, but you have men's chivalrous attention. Now think of that and be satisfied! What would you do without it?"

The bitter little slivery laugh, so seldom heard, rang out across the bushes. She bit her little teeth together.

"I was coming up in Cobb & Co.'s the other day. At a little wayside hotel we had to change the large coach for a small one. We were ten passengers—eight men and two women. As I sat in the house the gentlemen came and whispered to me: 'There is not room for all in the new coach. Take your seat quickly.' We hurried out and they gave me the best seat, and covered me with rugs, because it was drizzling. Then the last passenger came running up to the coach, an old woman with a wonderful bonnet and a blue shawl pinned with a yellow pin."

"There is no room," they said. "You must wait till next week's coach takes you up," but she climbed on to the step, and held on at the window with both hands.

"My son-in-law is ill, and I must go and see him," she said.

"My good woman," said one, "I am really exceedingly sorry that your son-in-law is ill, but there is absolutely no room for you here."

"You had better get down," said another, "or the wheel will catch you."

"I got up to give her my place."

"Oh, no, no!" they cried. "We will not allow that."

"I will rather kneel," said one, and he crouched down at my feet, so the woman came in.

"There were nine of us in that coach, and only one showed chivalrous attention, and that was a woman to a woman."

"I shall be old and ugly, too, one day, and I shall look for men's chivalrous help, but I shall not find it."

"The bees are very attentive to the flowers till their honey is done, and then they fly over them. I don't know if the flowers feel grateful to the bees. They are great fools if they do."

"But some women," said Waldo, speaking as though the words forced themselves from him at that moment, "some women have power."

She lifted her beautiful eyes to his face.

"Power! Did you ever hear of men being asked whether other souls should have power or not? It is born in them. You may dam up the fountain of water and make it a stagnant marsh, or you may let it run free and do its work; but you cannot say whether it shall be there. It is there. And it will act, if not openly for good, then covertly for evil, but it will act. If Goethe had been stolen away a child and reared in a robber horde in the depths of a German forest, do you think the world would have had 'Faust' and 'Iphigenie'? But he would have been Goethe still, stronger, wiser than his fellows. At night round their watch fire he would have chanted wild songs of rapine and murder till the dark faces about him were moved and trembled. His songs would have echoed on from father to son and nerve the heart and arm for evil."

"Do you think if Napoleon had been born a woman that he would have been contented to give small tea parties and talk small scandal? He would have risen. But the world would not have heard of him as it hears of him now—a man great and kingly, with all his sins. He would have left out of those names that stain the leaf of every history, the names of women who, having power, but being denied the right to exercise it openly, ride in the dark, covertly and by stealth, through the men whose passions they feed on and by whom they climb."

"Power!" she said suddenly, smiting her little hand upon the rail. "Yes, we have power, and since we are not to expend it in tunneling mountains nor healing diseases nor making laws nor money nor on any extraneous object, we expend it on you. You are our

goods, our merchandise, our material for operating on. We buy you, we sell you, we make fools of you, we act the wily old Jew with you, we keep six of you crawling to our little feet and praying only for a touch of our little hand, and they say truly there was never an ache or a pain or a broken heart but a woman was at the bottom of it. We are not to study law nor science nor art, so we study you. There is never a nerve or fiber in your man's nature but we know it. We keep six of you dancing in the palm of one little hand," she said, balancing her outstretched arm gracefully, as though tiny beings disported themselves in its palm. "There—we throw you away, and you slink to the devil," she said, folding her arms composedly. "There was never a man who said one word for woman but he said two for man and three for the whole human race."

She watched the bird pecking up the last yellow grains, but Waldo looked only at her.

When she spoke again, it was very measurably.

"They bring weighty arguments against us when we ask for the perfect freedom of women," she said, "but when you come to the objections they are like pumpkin devils with candles inside, hollow, and can't bite. They say that women do not wish for the sphere and freedom we ask for them and would not use it."

"If the bird does like its cage and does like its sugar and will not leave it, why keep the door so very carefully shut? Why not open it, only a little? Do they know there is many a bird who will not break its wings against the bars, but would fly if the doors were open?" She knit her forehead and leaned farther over the bars.

"Then they say, 'If the women have the liberty you ask for, they will be found in positions for which they are not fitted.' If two men climb one ladder, did you ever see the weakest anywhere but at the foot? The surest sign of fitness is success. The weakest never wins but where there is handicapping. Nature left to herself will as beautifully apportion a man's work to his capacities as long ages ago she graduated the colors on the bird's breast. If we are not fit, you give us to no purpose the right to labor. The work will fall out of our hands into those that are wiser."

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The Lutheran Church.

The Rev. J. B. Remondy of New York city says that in 1890 Presbyterians, Reformers, Baptists and Methodists had from 1 to 2 per cent, while the Episcopalians gained 6 per cent, and of the seven principal Protestant denominations the Lutherans led all others, with a gain of 14 per cent. In financial matters the Episcopalians, Congregationalists and Methodists show a falling off, while the Lutherans show the largest increase, viz. \$11,000. In the city of New York the Episcopal and Lutheran churches were the only denominations that made any gain, and of these two the Lutheran church made relatively the greater gain. "The Lutheran church," he adds, "is simply reaping the reward of conservative methods and of even, regular painstaking Christian work. Relying upon the faithful use of the Word and sacraments as the all potent means of grace, the Holy Spirit is working through and blessing her agencies. Thus she experiences a continued revival from week to week through the ordinary services of the house of God."

Editors and Readers.

It is hardly true as regards the editors of this city that the editorial chair is but a make-shift. Yet it is a fact that during the past 40 years not a few of them have sought public office. Mr. Raymond was lieutenant governor and booked for a higher place. Mr. Webb was minister to Brazil. Mr. Greeley was a candidate for the presidency. Mr. Dana was assistant secretary of war. Mr. Reid has been a candidate for the vice presidency, minister to France and special ambassador to Queen Victoria; Mr. Halstead was a candidate for the German mission. Mr. Pulitzer was once a member of congress, and other New York editors have held minor offices. I should say in a cautious manner that such experiences as these may sometimes be advantageous to green editors.—John Swinton in Independent.

The First Jewish Peer.

Lord Rothschild has just celebrated his fifty-ninth birthday. His lordship is the male heir of old Meyer Anselm Rothschild, the founder of the wealth of the family. The latter's son became an English subject, and the father of Lord Rothschild was the grandson of old Meyer. For 20 years Lord Rothschild sat in the house of commons as member for Aylesbury, and in 1885 he was promoted to the peerage, the first Jew to receive the honor. It was Mr. Gladstone who created the innovation, but Lord Rothschild is now a follower of Lord Salisbury.

An Industrial Factor.

A Kansas man figures that the value of the cotton flannel used in making gloves for cornhuskers, in the state alone this year is about \$4,350. These gloves last only a few days, but this material seems to be the best that has been found for the purpose. One husker will use about four yards of flannel during the season.—New York Post.

The Passion Play.

A hall has been built at Oberammergau for future performances of the Passion play. It cost \$50,000 and is capable of holding an audience of 4,000. The stage and proscenium will still be open, and the valley and mountains as a background. The first performance this year will take place on May 24.

Smith & Co. in the House.

At the beginning of the present session there were six Smiths in the house. One advanced to higher honors on Jan. 1, 1900. He is John Walter Smith of Maryland. He comes from the eastern shore and succeeds Hon. Isaac A. Barber. Mr. Smith was a state senator when elected to congress. He was a congressman when elected governor, and it is possible that he may be governor when elected United States senator. There were four Smiths among the new members, but Henry Casotte Smith is the only one of the four who ventured into the arena while the gold bill was under consideration.—Saturday Evening Post.

BREATHING FOR SINGING.

Sims Reeves, the Tenor, Tells How It Should Be Done.

Breathing is an exercise in itself. Singers should not purposely study the anatomical conditions of the throat and lungs. It is with the emotional, not the anatomical, side of his art that the singer has to do. For the practical purpose of singing a knowledge of the muscles of the throat is as useless as a knowledge of the muscles of the arm is for the playing of cricket. Cases are not infrequent where these anatomical studies have a tendency to set up a sort of nervous dread in the singer that the breathing is not being done the correct way. Incorrect breathing is an acquired habit. Induced sometimes by an elaborate means taken to avoid it. A few simple hints are all that are necessary. The rest of what is called the art of breathing is very much a matter of instinct.

Avoid breathing through the mouth. Whenever possible inhale through the nostrils. This allows the nose to purify and warm the air before reaching the throat, which needs to be warm in order for the production of good tone. It is frequently remarked that such and such an artist's voice "improved later in the evening," which means that the singer's throat became warmed as the concert or opera proceeded and not that the voice improved, though the tone may have done so. Breathing constantly through the mouth inclines to dry the throat and make the voice husky. But it is impossible to sing declamatory music without breathing through the mouth. It is even necessary for effect that the breathing should at times be audible, and in long Handelian passages and florid music of that description what are called half-breaths through the mouth are allowed; otherwise the singer could not inhale breath and keep in strict time.

Never heave up the shoulders in the act of taking breath. There should be no perceptible movement of the body at all. Never take in breath of a sudden when only practicing, although the singing of certain passages obliges the performer to do so. The ribs should expand sideways in the taking of breath, the chest rising and falling with each phrase. False breathing, such as when a lady's shoulders rise as if they were about to expand like wings, not only tires the throat, but makes a disagreeable impression on the audience. Singers should once a day practice before a looking glass in order to correct any faults arising from defective breathing or from grimace. Breath must never be taken between a head note and a chest note. The transition from the one voice to the other must be done with very little breath and very softly.

Nasal singing destroys the carrying power of the voice. Voices which are metallic in sound carry best. Singers whose voices are naturally soft in quality should therefore try to acquire a little stridency in tone, and, vice versa, singers whose voices are too strident should aim at a softer and softer quality. In some halls the reverberation blurs the tone of the voice; therefore the singer must accommodate the amount of tone to the acoustic properties of the place where he is singing. In a warm, oppressive room it is necessary to reserve the power of the voice, because forcing the voice under such circumstances allows it to become easily fatigued and used up. The best way of concealing an echo in a hall is never to shout. It appears easy to sing in a hall full of vibration, but this is a deception. The tone goes all round the singer's ears, and he cannot hear properly when he sings aloud, and so he loses control of the tone. It is therefore advisable to sing piano and feel the way, as the quieter tone travels better and the percussion is not so great as in a loud, shouting place.

Increase and decrease of tone are produced by the breath alone. A man in a raging passion will swell the muscles of the throat and grow red in the face in attempting to give utterance to his anger, but he is, indeed, as the phrase goes, "choking himself with rage," because he is trying to get a terrific volume of voice by physical pressure on the throat, and the more he swells his veins and muscles the less able he is to speak at all. Singers, therefore, should not attempt to get a crescendo by pressing the muscles of the throat. Command of breath is the only method.—Sims Reeves in London Teller.

A Wonderful Boy Soprano.

The youngest famous church singer in New York is Master Earl Gulick, soprano soloist at the Church of the Heavenly Rest. Earl is 11 and earns more hundreds of dollars a year by his church singing than he is years old, and this is a mere tithe of his earning capacity. In spite of his heavenly voice and the fame it has brought him Earl is a regular boy and becomes enthusiastic over boyish sports with charming spontaneity. Competent musical authorities consider his finest boy soprano voice in America, and Dudley Buck, who, as a rule, cares little for boys' voices, says he will defy even an expert hearing without seeing him, to tell whether he is listening to a boy or a prima donna.—Success.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO MICHIGAN PEOPLE.

A Good Report of Happenings Throughout Our Great State...

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 5.—This city will probably be the headquarters for three gubernatorial booms...

Democratic Sentiment Outlined. The Democrats of Ionia held a banquet last week...

Bryan and the Chicago Platform. The speeches were bitterly anti-administration and were as devotedly free silver as in other days...

Position of the Republican League. Ionia, Mich., March 5.—President E. H. Smith, of the State League of Republican Clubs...

What It Is Said at the State Capital. Lansing, Mich., March 5.—Governor Phinney has appointed Michael J. Lehman, of Detroit...

Michigan Concerns Boomed. Foreign Associations Are Taxed on Their Stock While Home Ones Are Exempt. Lansing, Mich., March 2.—The stock of the Michigan building and loan associations...

Looking for a Sewing Girl. Kalamazoo, Mich., March 6.—Sheriff Porter, of Ingham county, is here again looking for Miss Carpenter...

Fell Asleep for Ever. Cassopolis, Mich., March 6.—J. R. Grossman was killed in a peculiar manner. He uncoupled an engine from a train to permit the locomotive to run down to the tank for water...

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tion as well as of the law faculty of the university. The second session of the round-up of farmers was devoted to the discussion of higher education...

Pays Some Money to Michigan. Detroit, March 2.—The Henderson-Ames company of Kalamazoo, dealers in military clothing and supplies, has paid over to Attorney General Owen \$12,347.78...

Report of the Game Warden. Lansing, Mich., March 6.—State Game and Fish Warden Morse has made his report for February. Seventy complaints were made, resulting in twenty-seven arrests...

Well-Known Firm Dissolves. Fremont, Mich., March 2.—The firm of Darling & Smith, dealers in general merchandise, has been dissolved. This firm has been doing business at the same stand for the past seventeen years...

The Man Behind O. L. McKinley. Lansing, Mich., March 2.—It develops that the individual who is behind Oscar L. McKinley, who was recently awarded the contract for the state printing for two years from July 1, to 31, is H. H. Haddock...

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CAUSE OF ROPINESS

HOW BACTERIA MAY EASILY BE TRANSMITTED BY UNCLEAN UTENSILS. The great importance of thoroughly scalding or otherwise sterilizing all the utensils used in handling and delivering milk is emphasized by the investigation of two outbreaks of rosy milk...



ROPY MILK. surface became rosy to such an extent that it would adhere to a table fork, strung out in a rosy mass. The ropiness was found to be due to the action of a bacillus which was present in the rosy cream...

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Smooth brome grass will withstand changes in the temperature without injury. Its ability to produce good pasture during long periods of drought far exceeds that of any other cultivated variety.

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Improving Pasture Lands. Many farmers and ranchmen in the northwest have been able to materially increase the stock carrying capacity of their pasture lands by scattering over the worn spots the seed of such grasses as western wheat grass (Agropyron spicatum), prairie June grass (Koeleria cristata), Kentucky blue grass and smooth brome.

News and Notes. No Plus Ultra, an English variety of bean, is highly commended by American gardeners as a late crop, dwarf, garden bean. In Bohemia, where horse radish is grown to perfection, the kind known as maliner or maliner kren, which has just been introduced into the United States, is considered superior to any other.

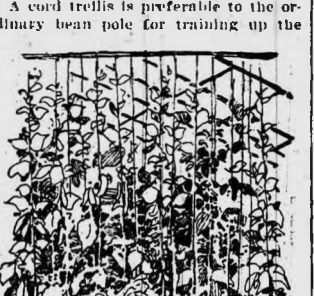
POLE BEANS UNDER GLASS.

A Good Forcing Crop, Affording a New Opportunity to Gardeners. The forcing of dwarf or bush beans under glass has been a favorite practice at certain seasons of the year with most gardeners, but it is believed that the experiments of Professor F. W. Rane of the New Hampshire station, begun in 1896-7, in the forcing of the pole or running varieties are perhaps the first of their kind to claim attention.

The requisites for forcing pole beans under glass are practically the same as for bush beans, sweet corn, melons, cucumbers, etc., a night temperature of not less than 60 degrees, with 10 degrees or more higher during the day.

The varieties that were found to do well when tested were Mastiff (golden pod), Early Golden Cluster and Golden Champion, named in order of productivity.

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Executor's Sale of Real Estate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne, ss. In the matter of the estate of Benjamin F. Wright, deceased. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order granted to the undersigned, Geo. A. Starkweather, executor of the last will and testament of the said deceased, by the Hon. Edgar O. Durfee, Judge of Probate for the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1901, there will be sold at public vendue, to the highest bidder subject to the confirmation and approval by the said Judge of Probate, at the late residence of said deceased, the same being the dwelling house on the premises hereinafter described, in the township of Canton county of Wayne, State of Michigan, on Wednesday, the twenty-first day of March, A. D. 1901, at one o'clock in the afternoon of that day...

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE. STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne, ss. In the matter of the estate of Ralph VanHouten, deceased. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order granted to the undersigned, George C. Hiltson, administrator of the estate of said deceased, by the Hon. Edgar O. Durfee, Judge of Probate for the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1901, there will be sold at public vendue, to the highest bidder subject to the confirmation and approval by the said Judge of Probate, at the late residence of said deceased, the same being the dwelling house on the premises hereinafter described, in the township of Canton county of Wayne, State of Michigan, on Wednesday, the twenty-first day of March, A. D. 1901, at one o'clock in the afternoon of that day...

MORTGAGE SALE. DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made and executed by George W. Dunn and Amy B. Dunn, his wife, of Plymouth, Wayne county, Michigan, to Burtie E. Baker, of the same place, bearing date the third day of May, A. D. 1898, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, on the seventh day of May, A. D. 1898, in book 66 of mortgages, on page 31, which said mortgage was duly assigned by the said Burtie E. Baker to the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, of the village of Plymouth, county and State of Michigan, by deed of assignment bearing date the eighth day of February, A. D. 1899, and duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, on the seventh day of February, A. D. 1899, in book 47 of assignments of mortgages, on page 28, which said assignment consists in the non-payment of the interest and mortgage due and payable on the third day of May, A. D. 1899, and which has remained due and unpaid for the period of thirty days and more, and becoming due and payable and now remains due and unpaid, by reason of which the said assignee of said mortgage has exercised its option in said mortgage to sell and convey to the said assignee of said mortgage, the premises and interest upon said mortgage, to be sold and payable, and to cause the same to be sold and conveyed, and to cause the power of sale contained in said mortgage to become operative, and whereas there is now claimed to be due on said mortgage the sum of ten hundred and one and 25/100 dollars, principal and interest, and no other proceeding at law having been instituted to recover the money secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, or to enforce by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the twenty-first day of April, A. D. 1901, at twelve o'clock noon of said day, (Detroit city time), the undersigned assignee of said mortgage will sell at public vendue, to the highest bidder, at the westerly or Griswold street entrance to the city hall in the city of Detroit, State of Michigan, (thirty) thirty parcels of land in which the city of Detroit, County of Wayne is held, the lands and premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, with interest, and all other costs, charges, expenses and attorney fees allowed by law and provided for in said mortgage, and lands and premises being described in said mortgage as the lands, premises and property situated in the township of Plymouth county of Wayne and State of Michigan, described as follows: to-wit: A lot and a part of a lot situated on the northeast quarter of section number twenty-eight (28) and described as commencing at the southeast corner of lands now owned by Clarence E. Baker and formerly owned by Samuel Stambaugh, said point of commencement being on the east and west corners of section line, namely: ground that lies on the center section line to a point from which a right line running southerly parallel with the east line of said lands owned by Clarence E. Baker to the center of the Section corner south, thence in a right line along the center of said road to the northeast corner of said Clarence E. Baker's lands, and thence southerly along the east line of said Clarence E. Baker's lands to the place of beginning, shall contain one (1) acre of land exclusive of the small parcel of land owned by said Clarence E. Baker, and being the same lands sold and conveyed by said Burtie E. Baker to said George W. Dunn.

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Breezy Items

By Elze Correspondents.

SALEM.

Mr. and Mrs. George Van Sickle entertained a large party of their friends at dinner on Friday.
Mrs. Clayton Duke has been quite seriously sick the past week.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Stanbro visited at South Lyon Saturday of last week.
George Wheeler attended the farmers' institute at Ann Arbor last week.
Our March weather has been unusually severe. Truly winter lingers in the lap of spring.
C. H. Coldren is the circuit court juror at Ann Arbor this week.
Miss Blanche Clark is visiting friends in Detroit for a couple of months.
Chas. Stanbro has engaged the Merritt Bros. to build his new hotel as soon as the weather will permit.
Miss Ethel Johnson, of Northville, spent the Sabbath with Mr. and Mrs. John Waterman.
Richard Tapt has moved from the Terrill farm to Wm. Yerkes' place on the electric road, about two miles east of Northville.
It is reported that Fred Forshee is to work Will Tousey's farm the coming season.

PERRINSVILLE.

Too late for last week.
Miss Maude Oliver, of Plymouth, spent Sunday at home.
Mrs. A. Robinson took dinner with Wm. Schunk and family last Sunday.
Mr. Fields, a Cuban veteran, former of this place, was here last week.
There was no church here last Sunday on account of the cold weather.
Several of the men at C. E. Kingsley's saw-mill have gone on a strike for higher wages.
Wm. Schunk and daughter Minnie and John Wilson, of Northville, was in Wayne last Tuesday.
Mrs. Frank Wade is ill with the grip.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hanchett, who have been away for the past week, are now at home.

PIKES PEAK.

Will Simmons is very sick at present writing.
Blanch Noctor visited with Mrs. Robinson last week, also with Mr. and Mrs. Schunk.
Wm. Schunk is working on Carl Kingsley's new house.
[Received too late for last week.]
O. T. Richards has bought the Giles Foster farm in Livonia and will move his family there in the near future.
Mrs. L. Cooper is on the sick list. Dr. Bennett, of Perrinsville, is attending her.
Mrs. Pheobe Robinson has returned home from Detroit, where she has been staying with her daughter Effa the past few weeks.
Mrs. Mary Robinson, who has been in quite poor health this winter, is improving.
Miss Eliza Sherwood is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Blauvelt.
Miss Agnes Simmons is spending a few days with her parents.
Miss Clara Rathburn, who has been suffering from a severe attack of scarlet fever, is convalescing.
A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harer Saturday evening in honor of their son Charley. Quite a large crowd was present and the evening was spent in dancing; after refreshments were served, they all departed to their homes having spent a pleasant time. Excellent music was furnished by Dan McKinney and Will Simmons' full orchestra.
One of the worst snow and wind storms of the season has been raging here since Tuesday night. Snow has fallen to the depth of one and one-half feet and, with a high wind, is drifting badly.

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NEWBURG.

Rev. Woodford's lecture, March 7th, was very scholarly and instructive. Although the audience was not large they were much interested.
Homer Adah and Roy Hodge came from Belleville to W. J. Ostrander's on Saturday and as the electric cars were not running Tuesday, they drove to Plymouth on their return to Owosso.
A forty acre farm for sale by Frank Gates, in the south west corner of Livonia.
The young people from Newburg enjoyed a sleigh-ride to Wm. Rattenbury's last Saturday evening.
Miss Eliza Clark has been quite ill for a few days.
Carrie Rutter and Ethel Woodworth came home to spend Sunday but as the cars were not running, they made a longer visit than they intended.
Ward Callahan called on Floyd Ostrander Sunday on his way home to Detroit.
Although Sunday was a very stormy day, a goodly number enjoyed Rev. W. G. Stephens' sermon at the Newburg church. George Davey taught the young people's bible class at Sunday-school.
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hodge attended a farmers' institute at Ann Arbor last week. Mr. Hodge came home Saturday and his wife came Wednesday as soon as the tracks were clear of snow.
At Newburg hall Wednesday eve, March 14, Mr. A. H. Griffiths, of Detroit Museum of Art, will give an illustrated lecture subject, "Art in Every Day Life." Music by H. Barnard, soloist, of Wayne. Wednesday eve, March 21, Rev. W. H. Shannon, of Wayne, with music by the Wayne Glee Club. Wednesday eve, March 28, Hon. Timothy E. Tarsney, of Detroit, with music by the Plymouth orchestra. Wednesday eve, April 4, Judge Donovan, of Detroit. Wayne county circuit judge, with music by Wayne orchestra. Judge Donovan did not lecture on Feb. 28, on account of the storm.

Detroit Free Press, Saturday March 3, says "Newburg with scarcely a baker's dozen buildings in the place, has arranged for a series of entertainments that would be a credit to any town."
Builders Notice Eavestrouthing, roofing and pump work at right prices. See Jas. Huff at Huston's hardware, Plymouth.

LIVONIA CENTER.

Miss Anna Baze visited friends in the city last week and brought a young lady friend home with her for a few days. The latter returned to the city Tuesday.
The law suit last Saturday at the Center brought out a large crowd. The defendant proved not guilty.
Every one should turn out and come to the convention at the Center church Saturday, March 10th. A fine program is out and a big crowd is looked for.
Every one is complaining of a bad cold.
Miss Coats is some better than at last writing, though very weak yet.
Ed. Creiger and family moved into the Pattison house Monday.
What was the trouble with the young people Sunday evening that they did not go to the League meeting at Newburg? We know of some that started, but they failed to put in an appearance.
There will be a masquerade dance at the town hall Thursday, March 15th. Music by Zisler's orchestra. This will be the last masquerade of the season most likely. So improve the chance and have a good time.

Does It Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the ONLY remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles. "Roche's German Syrup." It is at only one-half and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but always inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try our bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. Sample bottles at all Pharmacies.

PACKARD DISTRICT.

Arch Herrick begins work in Markham's shop on Saturday morning and will go from home mornings until he can make other arrangements.
Will Heeney is home from Cleary's College for a vacation.
The recent severe storms rendered the roads almost impassable in this vicinity and some of them are not broken yet.
Invitations are out for a party on Friday night at Norma Mathews'.
Mrs. Dewitt Packard has been on the sick list.

STARK.

W. H. Coats spent Saturday in Detroit.
Miss Mina Bridge spent Saturday in Detroit.
Daniel Bauers made a business trip to Detroit Tuesday.
Ezra Rice, of Kansas, is here visiting his wife, who has been very sick.
Mrs. Hannon Gottschalk is in Detroit to have a cancer removed; report is that she is getting along nicely.
Mrs. James LeVan has returned from Kentucky, where she has been curing for the sick.
H. E. Bennett's engine has arrived from Morrice and Clarence Brady is going to run it for John Myers, who is sawing lumber.
Will Rattenbury was quite surprised on Saturday evening by a sleigh-load of young people from Newburg. Reported that all had a good time.
Orin Marsh's auction sale was postponed on account of the bad weather until March 10th.
Those who leave items at the post-office, please sign your names.

A JADED HORSE.

The Whip May Spur Him on for a Short Distance.
When a horse becomes worn and tired he may be urged on by the whip in the hands of a heartless driver, but reason would say, let him rest and feed and give him time to recuperate, then he will renew his journey with ease and without fatigue.
When the stomach becomes tired and weak from impure blood a dose can be taken that will stimulate it on to do the work of digestion, but it is only a stimulant, and soon the stomach becomes dependent on this assistance. The proper and only way to have a healthy stomach is to make the blood pure and the liver healthy.
Knox Stomach Tablets are a new combination of remedies tried and tested. They purify the blood, make the liver healthy, and cure nervousness, dyspepsia, biliousness, loss of appetite, catarrh, and constipation. A single box will restore the bloom of health to the cheek and send pure blood coursing through the veins. An immediate relief for indigestion and a positive cure for dyspepsia.
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MOTOR WAGON WHEEL.

LATEST AND MOST ORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE AUTOMOBILE IDEA.

One of the latest and most original developments of the automobile is a motor wheel which has recently been patented by J. W. Walters, says The Scientific American. The motor wheel consists essentially of a heavy wheel which is journaled in a stout yoke or forks, the head of which turns in a socket. The arrangement is similar to the front wheel and forks of a bicycle except that instead of being controlled by a handle bar the wheel is steered by a hand wheel, shaft and gear wheels, as shown in the illustrations.
To the right hand fork is attached a two cylinder gasoline motor, and two



MOTOR WHEEL ATTACHED TO LIGHT WAGON. Gasoline tanks are carried on the other fork. The wheel is driven through a loosely mounted pinion, which meshes into a gear that is bolted to the spokes of the wheel, and a clutch mechanism, the lever for operating which is within easy reach of the driver of the wagon. The two cylinders are carried horizontally, one on each side of the fork, with the crank shaft, upon which is keyed a flywheel between them. The motor wheel is built in various sizes, from one horsepower, suitable to a bicycle, up to four horsepower for a carriage or ten or more horsepower for a heavy dray truck. In attaching the motor wheel to any existing vehicle it is merely necessary to remove the framework of the front wheels and bolt the steering socket to the body of the wagon. When the motor wheel is applied to a light vehicle, it is attached in front, thus transforming the same into a tricycle. In the case of hansom cabs it is attached at the rear. When it is applied to the heavier vehicles, such as express wagons, coal carts, etc., two idle wheels are attached to the motor wheel and work in unison with it.
One material advantage claimed for this system is that no reversing mechanism is necessary, the motor always running in the forward direction. If it is desired to back the car, the motor wheel is turned completely around in the steering socket and the motor started. It will be noticed that as the motor wheel is entirely self contained and has a single point of attachment to the car none of the twisting strains due to the irregularity of the road are thrown upon the motor. Moreover, in case of disablement of car or motor, the ease with which a change of motor wheels from one car to another can be made conduces to facility and rapidity of repairs.

Eels as Water Purifiers.

Professor Sebrero of Turin has recently suggested that eels should be used as purifiers of water. All that one has to do is to put two or three eels, not very big, but lively, into the domestic cistern. The reptiles devour with marvelous appetite everything which the water may chance to contain in the way of animalcules, infusoria, bird droppings from the roof, vegetable matter of any kind; nothing comes amiss to them. When the eels have fulfilled their mission, they can be eaten as a tartare, or they can be kept for further use as purifiers of the water supply. Such a method of fastening eels for the family table may not commend itself to the average British stomach, though these reptiles eat worse things in their ordinary haunts than they are likely to find in a cistern, even within the area of distribution of a London company. But as water purifiers a useful sphere of action might be found for them in reservoirs as well as in cisterns.—British Medical Journal.

GREAT TRUCK GARDEN.

Mexico May Supply Us With Our Early Vegetables.

From recent developments it is apparent that the southern states will not possess the monopoly of supplying northern cities with garden products, says the Philadelphia Record. The science of refrigeration and the construction of refrigerator ships and refrigerator cars has reached such a high state that it is now possible to raise fruit, it might be said, in almost any part of the world and carry it to any other part. This fact has been for years demonstrated by the shipment of carcases from Australia to England by the shipload, where an enormous trade has been built up. The same principle can be applied to the transportation of fruits. A very large proportion of the produce of California is now shipped eastward in refrigerator cars, and some of the finest fruits on display in the east come from that state in this way. The agriculturists in the south have recently had their attention directed to the advisability of diversifying crops by the high price paid for garden products. The market garden has of late years become a very important factor in southern agricultural economy.
Enterprising capitalists, since the development of Mexico by railroad, have been looking at the possibilities of climate there and have taken steps in some cases to establish plantations for the growth of fruits on a large scale, which it is their intention to ship by refrigerator processes to United States ports and then to inland points. The schemes read well and apparently are well based. There appears to be no reason why garden truck could not be raised in Mexico and delivered safely and profitably to a great many cities and towns throughout the United States. A great many products there are four to eight weeks ahead of the south. Dairy farming has become very profitable. Milk in large cities sells at 25 cents in Mexico; butter at 36 to 48 cents per pound. Labor costs only from 12 to 25 cents a day. Sugar cane turned into brown sugar yields from \$70 to \$85 per acre gross. Green barley and corn are raised in large quantities for fodder.

Gypsy Moths.

Gypsy moths were introduced to America in 1859, but the insect is still confined to a limited area in Massachusetts near Boston. The first gypsy moths were brought over by Professor Trouvelot, the French savant, who was interested in trying to raise silk from native worms, and how they escaped is unknown. Twelve years from that time the moth was a nuisance in the neighborhood. In 1889 occurred the famous moth outbreak at Medford, Mass. Armies of worms suddenly appeared that June and July and seemed about to destroy everything green. They gathered in masses sufficient to blacken houses and fences in certain districts and devastated all sorts of foliage over extensive tracts, killing many trees, and the dropping of the caterpillars on people and sidewalks was most disagreeable. The streets were awful, and the destruction of the trees was greatest in those localities where the moth had been the longest. Frequently the trees sustained attacks for two or three years. The caterpillars destroyed not only the foliage and trees, but also fruit and vegetables. When the supply of leaves from the trees fell short, they attacked the gardens. Many vegetables were ruined, flower gardens were destroyed, and even greenhouses were invaded. At the close of the year 1899 the state of Massachusetts has expended in the annual appropriation for the gypsy moth work the sum of \$1,555,000.

Incense Trade.

There seems to be little doubt that the recent decision of the archbishops with regard to the use of incense in Anglican churches will have no appreciable effect on the trade in that commodity. At most of the Anglican churches incense would be used only four times a year. A very small quantity of incense is required for an entire service. As far as can be ascertained no Anglican church would spend more than £3 a year on incense, and the entire trade is probably not worth more than £100 a year. It is popularly supposed that there is a trade secret in the making of incense, but in most cases it is composed simply of gum olibanum, Siam benjamin, cascarilla bark, myrrh and copal varnish.—London Graphic.

Weight and Weight.

It has been seriously asserted by some persons that we are actually

gutter after a meal, and they have even gone the length of explaining this by the amount of gas that is developed from the food. Average observations, however, show that we lose three pounds and six ounces between night and morning; that we gain one pound and 12 ounces by breakfast; that we again lose about 14 ounces before lunch; that lunch puts on an average of one pound; that we again lose during the afternoon an average of ten ounces, but that an ordinary dinner to healthy persons adds two pounds and two ounces to their weight.

Novel Institution.

The Medical Institute of St. Petersburg is about to build a unique laboratory for the treatment of pest patients and the manufacture of pest serum. This laboratory is being built in Cronstadt and is entirely surrounded by water, so that it can be isolated at a moment's notice. It is to contain a stable with 12 horses, drug stores, dwellings or helpers and nurses and a lazaret in case the staff is affected by the sickness. Communication will be effected with Cronstadt by steam launch. It will be equipped with steam engines and electric and motor appliances and all the latest inventions and improvements.

A VAST PLACER MINE.

British Columbia Claims the Largest One in the World.

"Yes," said J. H. Patrick, from the Caribou Hydraulic Mining company's mine on the Quesselle river, British Columbia, "I guess I am with the biggest gold placer mine in the world. At least I never heard of a bigger one. One hundred and twenty whites and as many Chinese and Japs are employed during the working season. The face of the hill in which the gold is found is between 350 and 400 feet high, 120 yards wide at the bottom, and the pay streak is 120 feet thick. The water supply comes from two lakes, the larger 19 miles away, the smaller ten miles away. Dams have been put in, raising the level of the lakes 8 feet and 40 feet respectively. The water is brought down to a point above the mine in ditches, whence it is run into two 30 inch pipes, contracting to nine inches at the nozzle, with a fall of 420 feet. The tremendous head throws a solid nine inch stream of water 300 feet before it sprays, and its effect upon the face of the hill is like a tornado in a wooden town. This stream of water would cut a man in two like a cannon ball, and a Mauser rifle bullet shot at short range would not penetrate it. "The sluices are 7 feet wide by 5 feet in depth, the size of ordinary sluices being 12 by 8 inches. We use steel riffles in these sluices. We used wood before, but the force of the water and rocks and earth dashing through the sluices wore off blocks a foot thick every five days.

"The pay streak runs 25 cents to the ton, and our last clean up this season, which was for 23 days, showed \$100,000, or a little over \$3,000 a day of 24 hours. This product, which is in the form of 'shot gold' or 'pinhead gold' and nuggets, weighing sometimes as high as six ounces each, is melted up into a brick, which is brought out by the stage company. There is no risk in bringing the gold through a wild country, as the brick, ordinarily weighs in the neighborhood of 400 pounds, which the usual road agent would have some difficulty in carrying away.

"Will it last? Well, I can't say how long, but it will run for 50 years yet on what is in sight in the hill they are working, and then they can take another hill. That whole country is full of them, and it only requires capital to make them give up their treasure."—New York Herald.

Microbes in Wine.

The changes that occur in bottled wines in the course of time are, we are informed by an Austrian savant, largely due to the presence of living organisms. He opened several well corked bottles recently that had been lying undisturbed for 25 years. On examination he found the wine to contain many microbes and bacteria, some dead, but most of them alive and able to sit up and look cheerful. He says that different kinds of microbes have different effects on the wine, and it depends upon the nature of the minute organisms that are bottled up with it whether the effect is good or bad. All of which is very satisfactory and pleasant. We may as well have our share of microbes and bacteria in our wine as anywhere else.