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Pencil and Pastepot

Miss Zadah Steel has been very sick at Plymouth, and on Sunday was removed to her home. Her condition has improved considerably since then, but she is still very sick and will be confined to the house for some time.—Farmington Enterprise.

The University of Michigan Calendar for the college year 1899-1900, which is now in press, gives 3,441 as the grand total of students in the University. The number includes 138 enrolled in the summer school for 1899, and not enrolled in any other department of the University. Deducing this number the total is 3,303.

A woman's idea of fact, says an exchange, is to kick her husband's feet under the table when they have company and she is afraid he is going to say something. As she does the same thing when she wishes to impress him that he is to "say no more about it," the poor cuss is sometimes at a loss to understand the feitiographic signals.

The most unique feature of the new sanitarium in course of erection at Battle Creek has just been completed. It is the smokestack, which like the building itself, is of natural faced field stone or boulders laid in Portland cement. The stack is 8 1/2 feet square at the base, and 102 feet in height, and is the only one in the world built entirely of stone.

A Richmond hotel is the possessor of a queer contrivance in the shape of a clock. The dial is a large tin plate, to which are attached a dozen small oyster shells marking the hours. A common fork does duty as an hour hand, and a knife marks off the minutes. Back of this queer face, however, is a set of works which causes the clock to keep fairly good time.

After the repeated failures the House has at last adopted a bill which is hoped will prevent the extermination of our game birds. It gives the Secretary of Agriculture power over all game killed in one state and sent into another for sale or in order to evade the local game laws. The bill also provides that the duties and powers of the Agricultural Department shall be enlarged so as to include the preservation, distribution, introduction, and restoration of game and wild birds.

The Senate committee on Commerce has favorably reported the bill for the survey of the Illinois river. The object of the survey is to ascertain the cost of the improvement of the upper Illinois and the lower Desplaines Rivers, with a view to the extension of navigation from the Illinois River to Lake Michigan, at or near Chicago. The engineer officers are required to report the estimate of costs for channels ten, twelve and fourteen feet deep through the proposed route, estimate to cover and include proper connection at Lockport with the sanitary and ship canal.

Logs from the largest elm tree ever cut in Michigan were recently brought on the M. & N. E. railway to Buckley & Douglas's mill, Manistee. The tree was about 30 feet in circumference at the base. Some distance up it branched into three parts. The logs brought to the mill were cut from the parts, and measured 11,000 feet of lumber, enough to build a good sized two-story dwelling furnish it and leave enough slabs to keep it warm for a year or two. The diameter of the largest log was 108 inches at the butt and 54 inches at the small end.

Detroit News: The Dearborn township board granted a franchise through the township along Warren avenue to the Detroit, Plymouth & Ann Arbor railway, of which Messrs. Kinsella and Muir are the promoters. The board and the promoters wrangled nearly all afternoon regarding rates of fare and it was settled by the road agreeing to carry passengers from any part of the township to the city hall for 15 cents and to issue mileage books at one cent a mile. Eastern capitalists are said to be interested in the scheme and the road will be in operation within a year.

Wyandotte Herald: It would appear that there are others who entertain the same opinion we do, concerning the candidacy of George W. Coomer for a place on the Wayne circuit court bench and unless we are greatly mistaken the delegates to the county nominating convention from the townships and the city of Wyandotte, will be quite unanimous in favor of the nomination of Mr. Coomer. Why not? Is the city of Detroit entitled to the entire six judicial positions and the country none? There would not now be more than two of the present Republican judges who ran

a year ago that would be holding down their positions, if they had relied upon the city of Detroit to have elected them. We are satisfied that Mr. Coomer will, in addition to the support he gets from the townships and the city of Wyandotte, have some valuable assistance from the city of Detroit—from such as do not feel like gobbling up everything in sight.

To swear is neither brave, polite, nor wise. Profanity never did any man any good. No man is made richer, or wiser, or happier for it. It commends no one to decent society, is disgusting to the refined, abominable to the good, insulting to those with whom we associate, degrading to the mind, unprofitable, needless, corrupting, and injurious to society. He who feels it necessary with every breath to swear to his own statements, shows a distrust of his own truthfulness, and will, most likely, cause others to distrust him still more. It is a violation of the law of God, as well as the statute of the state, and still the evil grows, because men to whom the rising generation should look for an example of clean conversation, are many times indecently vulgar and profane. Ex.

Farmington Enterprise:—Last Sunday Manager Canfield opened up the service on the Northville division of the road changing cars at the Owen House, and the business was a revelation to all in the town and the officials as well. During the rush hours of the day it was almost impossible to secure standing room, nearly every car leaving as many for lack of accommodation as they carried. At Northville there was the same rush to ride on the new line and at the close of the day's business the registers showed that over 3000 people had made the trip. There is a feeling in some quarters that this will be the best paying division on the road and certainly Sunday's business has a tendency to strengthen that belief. The cars have since made trips every two hours through the day and as soon as the larger cars are placed on the line hourly trips will be made.

There will be trouble selling fleeces this year tied with sisal or other soft twine, the fibers of which will mix with the wool. It is a great annoyance as well as an expensive one to manufacturers, for these fibers are carried into the goods, and depreciate their value. Get a small hard line twine to do up your fleeces with: the slight difference in cost will be made up by saving dockage on one or two fleeces of an average clip. This is something that the wool-grower can afford to do as it will pay. Anything that can be done to add to the value of a clip without entailing much expense, should certainly be done. Let each wool-grower take a little more pains with his clip this season for his own satisfaction and to help the reputation of Michigan wools. Keep out the heavy wet tags and use good twine. Also avoid the use of a lime and sulphur dip. Michigan Farmer.

The Ann Arbor electric line may not extent its railroad to Jackson this year, through the right of way has been secured, because of the high prices of material and the inability of manufacturers to supply the demand. The manager of the road said to an Ann Arbor Argus reporter:

"The demand is greater than can be promptly met and the result is prices are high. This will in time retard the building of new roads and then prices will go down again." Judging from the foregoing inference is that it is very doubtful whether the line will be extended west this season. It would look to a layman, also, as though these same influences would operate strongly upon these who contemplate the building of competing lines. If these influences are powerful enough to retard the building of an extension of a road which is a paying investment, they must operate more powerfully still upon projected competing lines. Here may be the reason why so little is heard these days about the Bellville line, although the time limit when the work must be begun is very near at hand, May 1.

Biliousness is a condition characterized by disturbance of the digestive organs. The stomach is debilitated, the liver torpid, the bowels constipated. There is a loathing of food, pains in the bowels, dizziness, coated tongue and vomiting, first of the undigested or partially digested food and then of bile. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets allay the disturbances of the stomach and create a healthy appetite. They also tone up the liver to a healthy action and regulate the bowels. Try them and you are certain to be pleased with the result. For sale by Meilow Drug Store, Plymouth.

For Sale.—A quantity of early New York seed potatoes. Enquire of Mrs. Julia Stuart, Plymouth.

A cow for sale. Enquire of H. Wills, Plymouth.

Remember the Straub Concert Co., at the Opera House to-night. Admission 25c., with 10c. extra for reserved seats. Doors open at 7, concert at 8. You want to come.

A New Procedure
A new and most liberal offer is being made by the publishers of "Good Health" in the form of a "Family Box" containing useful household articles, which they are offering as a premium for one new subscription to their magazine at the regular subscription price of one dollar. Our attention has been called to this exceptional offer, and feeling that many of our friends would be glad to avail themselves of this opportunity, we give the contents of this Family Box, as follows: "1 pkg. Pearlinae; 1 bar Fairy Soap; 1 pkg. Allen's Foot Ease; 1 large box Talcum Powder Quaker Oats; 1/2 lb. Protose; 1/2 lb. Nut Butter; 1 pkg. Granose Biscuit; 1/2 lb. Fig Bromose; 1 pkg. Granola; 1 can Protose & Beans; 1 lb. Camel Cereal, and 1 copy Healthful and Artistic Dress System Pamphlet, illustrated." The box weighs fourteen pounds, and is sent by freight or express, carriage charges collect. It is furnished by the Good Health Publishing Co., Battle Creek, Mich., if requested, when one dollar is sent them direct in payment of one new subscription to that magazine. Address all orders to Good Health Publishing Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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. If unable to secure them of your local druggist, send fifty cents to the Knox Chemical Co., Battle Creek, Mich., and a full sized box will be sent postpaid.

Homeseekers' Excursions via Ohio Central Lines.
May 1st and 15th, to points in the South, Southwest, West and Northwest. For full information, time of trips and other particulars, call on any agent of Ohio Central lines, or address C. S. Rogers, G. A., Detroit, Mich.; D. J. Cargo, Pass. Agt., Toledo, O.

Plymouth Markets.

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

GRAIN AND SEEDS.	
No. 2 Red Wheat	88
No. 1, White	88
Oats, white, per bu	25
Beans, per bu	1.50 to 1.80
Rye	54
DAIRY AND PRODUCE.	
Butter, crock	16
Eggs, strictly fresh	10
Lard, lb	06 to 07
POULTRY AND MEATS.	
Spring chickens, live, per lb.	08
Pork, dressed, per cwt	05
Beef	04 1/2
Veal	07 to 07 1/2
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Flour, retail price per bbl	\$3.75
Ham, per cwt	80
Short feed	85
Shop	90
Potatoes	25

An Emphatic Letter of Approval from T. M. Lotts, Orion, Mich.

I had for the past 10 years previous to the fall of '98 paid hundreds of dollars and taken medicine from eminent physicians in Detroit and at sanitariums, and my case was pronounced cancer of the stomach, which I am thankful to say was not correct; it was a very weak condition of the stomach. I have taken 5 bottles of

POPE'S STOMACH REGULATOR

and can say I am cured. When I commenced taking could not keep food on my stomach and only weighed 124 pounds, but now I can eat anything I wish, and weigh 160 pounds. It has done wonders for me.

See it at most all drug stores.

BARGAINS

ALL ALONG DOWN THE LINE.

Bargains in Furniture,
Bargains in Carpets,
Bargains in Wall Paper.

We always have a Bargain for every one. You will find that

Our Prices are the Lowest.



We have just received a fine assortment of

Parlor Tables,

And we now have the largest stock of Parlor Tables ever shown in this town. In Brass and Iron Beds we have a very fine line to select from. We have them in the different colors and our prices on them are exceptionally Low.

We have also added to our stock a nice assortment of

GO-CARTS.

We can save you money on these, if in need of anything in that line. Anything that you may need in the Furniture line, we will quote you lowest living prices. Our assortment is always complete. Our goods are purchased from reliable houses. We do not keep the Cheap John goods, but good goods at very moderate prices. We have added many new customers to our list, all on account of our mark-down prices. This is certainly very evident that we have the right prices on our goods.

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DR. GEO. H. TOWNER, DETROIT, MICH.

CASE OF FIVE TO ONE

That Now Being Argued Between Marshal Roberts and the Burghers.

ONE CONTINUOUS FLANKING MOVE

British Drive the Boers Out of Fourteen Streams.

Sayman Reported to Desire to Raise the Siege of Mafeking for Fear of Being Cut Off—Occupation of Winburg.

Warrenton, Cape Colony, May 8.—The Boers have been driven out of Fourteen Streams and the British are now encamped on the north bank of the Vaal river.

London, May 8.—The Lourenzo Marques correspondent of The Times says: "Commandant Sayman is so alarmed at the prospect of having his retreat cut off that he has appealed for permission to retire northward from Mafeking to intercept Colonel Plumer."

London, May 8.—The following press dispatch is printed here:

"Smaldeel, May 6.—The movement that culminated in the capture of Winburg and Smaldeel was part of a great general movement extending from General Hunter on the west to General Buller on the east. Lord Roberts' admirable strategy resulted in placing everywhere five British to one Boer. Out of what appeared the inextricable



COLONEL PLUMER.

confusion of divisions and brigades order was quickly evolved and the Boers were compelled to meet Lord Roberts under unfavorable conditions. What is more important is that the British are now able to wait. Their front and strong positions are safe in the knowledge that their flanking columns will advance and outflank the Boers.

Boers Leave Forty in Dead.

"Yesterday the Boers held a really strong position, from which earlier in the campaign they could only have been forced by hard fighting. General Hamilton's arrival at Winburg, although not directly outflanking the Boers, made their position extremely uncomfortable. General Hutton's movement on the left was even more successful than at first imagined. Forty Boers were killed. The march today was short, but General Buller's division marched fifty-eight miles in four days. General Tucker's division is marching on our left today and General Maxwell's brigade will be able to cross the river before night.

Every Farm is a Fort.

"Lord Roberts has been very strict in his examination of the farms, with the result of disclosing the fact that nearly every house is a miniature arsenal. Mausers, Martini and abundance of ammunition being found. If these had not been discovered the army would be leaving in its rear the material in arms and men for a dangerous mine for the inhabitants. All along the railroad culverts, wherever of any size, have been utterly destroyed, but the engineers hope to make a detour in some cases and in others they will fill up the gaps. Three of the four spans of the Vet river bridge have been utterly destroyed and it will be necessary to make a temporary line down the river bed, as at the Moulder. Reports have been heard this afternoon showing that more culverts and bridges are being destroyed northward."

Mafeking Depressed but Determined.

London, May 8.—Lady Sarah Wilson wires from Mafeking, under date of April 22 as follows: "The situation is unchanged. The garrison is depressed at their being no sign of relief, but is as determined as ever to deprive the Boers of a crowning triumph on the western border. A case of whiskey realized \$450 at a raffle, and a pound of flour was sold at auction for two guineas."

HUTTON MEETS IRISH-AMERICANS.

They Are Said to Have Lost Heavily—Summary of the War News.

London, May 8.—The mounted infantry with Lord Roberts, among which are the Canadians, have picketed their horses on the south bank of the Vet river, eighteen miles north of Brandfort. The head of Lord Roberts' columns has thus advanced thirty-two miles from Karee Siding in two days, or fifty-three miles north of Bloemfontein. Little powder was spent. The British work was hard marching, the Boers retiring out of the reach of the British shells. The correspondents supplement Lord Roberts' plain statements with a few details.

At General Hutton, with the First mounted infantry, brigade drew near Brandfort he saw a khaki-clad body of troops ahead of him. He was surprised, but thought they must be the British. Soon, however, they opened fire upon the British, who replied heavily. They were the Irish-American brigade from Lourenzo Marques, and it is reported that they lost severely. The Boer flag was flying over Brandfort as the British entered the town.

Lord Kitchner arrived at Brandfort at noon and Lord Roberts at dusk. General French's cavalry are sweeping the country northward.

General Hunter's crossing of the Vaal at Winderton brings relief of Mafeking, 193 miles beyond, almost within a calculable interval. It is now regarded as quite possible that Mafeking may be succored before the Queen's birthday.

Plot to Assassinate Roberts.

London, May 8.—The Standard hears that information has been officially received of a plot to assassinate Lord Roberts; that the latter has been warned, and that telegrams are now passing between the Cape authorities, Lord Roberts and the home authorities on the subject.

CULLOM FACTION WINS.

Dawes Elected Temporary Chairman of Peoria Convention.

Peoria, Ill., May 8.—The Republican state convention was slow in assembling and it was not until 11:05 that Chairman Rannells of the Republican state central committee called the convention to order. After prayer by the Rev. John Faville of the First Congregational church of Peoria, Chairman Rannells announced that in accordance with the long-established custom the Republican state central committee had directed him to name the Hon. J. G. Brown of Vandalla as temporary chairman, and he called for other nominations. S. H. Bethea on behalf of the Cullom faction, nominated Charles G. Dawes. He demanded a roll call by counties and Chairman Rannells directed the secretary to call the roll.

As the roll-call proceeded the even division of the opposing forces became apparent. It was also clear that the Cullom-Reeves-Carter combination had executed a shrewd move in putting up for temporary chairman, Charles G. Dawes, thus, by inference at least, bringing to their support the McKinley administration. Dawes was elected, the vote standing: Dawes 793, Brown 720.

After the announcement of the new state central committee the convention took a recess to 4 p. m. The election of Dawes for temporary chairman is regarded as signifying the probable nomination of Reeves for governor.

MEMPHIS GOES DEWEY-WILD.

Town Turns Itself Loose in Its Welcome to Its Guest.

Memphis, Tenn., May 8.—Memphis went Dewey-wild yesterday and the city surrendered unconditionally to the gallant admiral and his gracious wife. The climax of the day's festivities was a gorgeous flower parade yesterday afternoon, which passed through the principal streets and received the plaudits of thousands of enthusiastic citizens and visitors.

Decorations lined the thoroughfares on either side and flags and bunting and Dewey paraphernalia stretched from window to window, from home to home, from block to block and down Main street in one long unbroken line. Thousands of visitors arrived during the night and the streets were crowded with strangers.

At 9 p. m. Admiral and Mrs. Dewey, accompanied by Lieutenants Caldwell and Crawford, visited the Lyceum theatre and at 10 p. m. later repaired to the Grand Opera House, where a full dress ball was given in their honor.

HELP WANTED AT SCOFIELD.

One Hundred and Nine Victims of the Mine Disaster Buried.

Scotfield, Utah, May 7.—A volume of agonizing scenes and incidents attended the burial of 109 victims of the mine disaster Saturday. The wholesale burial went on all day. The bodies were taken to the cemetery by trains of wagons and a man stood at the gate and checked from a long list the names of the bodies in the caskets that were taken in. Fifty more bodies are yet to be buried.

There are nearly 1,000 widows and orphans to provide for and help is badly needed. A Salt Lake City dispatch says that the relief fund has reached \$70,000. The number of victims is declared to be just 250.

Tried to Cremate His Family.

Waterbury, Conn., May 8.—In a lonely part of Morris "Was" Churchill lived for years. His wife is an invalid and he was never considered sane. In a frenzy he burned his own farm house, his wife and children, surrounded by the flames, cried loudly for deliverance. He fought the crowd of farmers, back and when held by two of them he broke away and jumped into the burning building. With much difficulty the family were all rescued, but Churchill was burned frightfully and died of his injuries.

Populists Assembling at Sioux Falls.

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 8.—The Nebraska delegation to the Populist convention arrived early in the day, being the first complete state delegation to reach the convention city. They came in on a special train with banners flying and shouting for Bryan. Other delegations are expected during the day. Populist leaders here profess not to be concerned over the possible nomination of Mr. Donnelly at Cincinnati, claiming that whosoever the nominee is he will not receive a vote that will be appreciable in size.

Lives Lost in Hotel Fire.

Geneseo, N. Y., May 8.—The American hotel here was destroyed by fire at an early hour. At first it was thought that all the guests had escaped from the burning building, but a search after the fire had been gotten under control resulted in the finding of the bodies of Lafayette Carney and Sherman Deborny of West Sparta, on the third floor. It is thought a woman also lost her life, but her identity is unknown and the body has not yet been found. The fire was of incendiary origin.

Goebel Murder Case.

Frankfort, Ky., May 5.—All the state testimony in the case of the assassination of the late Senator Goebel—including that of the physicians—goes to show that the shot that killed Goebel was fired from the window of the secretary of state's office.

MacArthur Believes Otis.

Manila, May 5.—General MacArthur has returned from a tour of the islands and has relieved General Otis, who has sailed for the United States on the transport Meade.

TIE-UP AT ST. LOUIS.

Nearly All the Employees of the Street Car Companies Quit.

THE USUAL RIOTING TAKES PLACE.

Attempt to Run Cars Meets With Violent Resistance—Boys Seriously Hurt.

St. Louis, May 8.—With the exception of a few cars on the Park avenue division of the Lindell line, which are being run by non-union men, all the lines comprising the St. Louis Transit company are tied up in consequence of the strike of the employees whose demands had been refused. At several points along the Park avenue division crowds assembled early. At first they contented themselves with jeering the non-union conductors and motormen, but about 8 o'clock they began to throw mud and stones, and pull the loyal employees from their cars. Police were called to Eighteenth street and Park avenue and Broadway and Washington avenue, the latter in the downtown retail district, to disperse the crowds gathered there.

Prisoner Rescued by Mob.

At Park and Jefferson avenues, where two lines cross, a crowd of strikers gathered at 7:30 a. m. and attempted to stop three cars on the Park avenue division, by putting heavy stones on the track. A squad of police arrested Charles Doyle, but the mob attacked the officers and released him. Doyle was finally recaptured and taken to the Park avenue police station, followed by a great crowd.

Ten cars on the same division were blocked at Park avenue and Nebraska street by a crowd of 200 strikers and sympathizers, who pulled down the trolleys and cut the ropes. Several hundred strikers at Mississippi and Park avenues attacked passing cars with sticks and stones. The cars were loaded with men and women, and although several windows were broken nobody was seriously hurt. As far as can be learned, 3,300 of the 3,000 men employed by the St. Louis Transit company on its cars and in its sheds are out.

Boy Seriously Shot.

John Kohring, a 16-year-old boy, who was in a crowd on Park avenue, was shot and seriously wounded by Conductor George McClellan in charge of a car on the Park division. The boy was removed to the city hospital and Conductor McClellan was arrested.

A riot call was turned in at 8 o'clock from the corner of Broadway and Washington, and a wagon load of police turned out to keep order but their efforts were in vain.

At this point a motorman was hit over the head with a club, which cut a gash in his scalp. A piece of brick struck him in the mouth, lacerating his lip and his nose was washed by a stone. The motorman left his car and ran into a saloon for protection. Almost at the same time a good-looking, well-dressed young woman, about 20 years of age, who was riding in the car, was struck on the head by a sharp stone that crashed through the window and badly wounded her. Finally the motorman returned, and amid a shower of stones and mud, succeeded in getting his car away from the crowd.

Tram Virtually Suspended.

Shortly before 8 o'clock the strikers gathered in force at the Broadway station of the Suburban and as fast as cars were started the strikers boarded them and pulled the motor man and conductor off. As a result, the cars were stopped. By 10 o'clock traffic on the Suburban line down town had been virtually suspended. The motorman and conductor on more than one car had deserted their posts at the impunities of the strikers after reaching Sixth and Locust streets, and several other cars had been turned back by the Suburban officials from Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh streets for fear if they were allowed to come down town they could not be sent back. Several arrests of rioters were made on this line. The strike is reported to have seriously interfered with the collection and delivery of the mails. Six United States postal cars were tied up. Each makes seven trips daily, and covers a total of 100 miles. They bring the mails from all sections of the city. Forty sub-stations receive the delivery.

EDWARD CLIFFORD HANGED.

Man Who Captured Desperate Train Robber Dies on the Gallows.

New York, May 8.—Edward Clifford was hanged in the Hudson county, N. J., jail for the murder of Division Superintendent W. G. Watson of the West Shore railway in 1905.

The murder was committed because Watson had refused to reinstate Clifford as a railroad detective. According to the evidence at his trial Clifford began drinking when he received a reward for the capture of Oliver Curtis Perry, the train robber, a few months before the murder of Watson. His share of the reward is said to have been \$1,500. On the afternoon of the murder Clifford went from a saloon to the superintendent's office and demanded that he be reinstated. Superintendent Watson refused and asked Clifford why he had not turned in his reports for a week past. Clifford drew from his hip pocket a revolver and with the remark: "These are my reports," shot the superintendent.

A hard fight was made to save the murderer. The plea of insanity was set up and Clifford was six times relieved before the sentence was finally carried out.

Daily Base Ball Record.

Chicago, May 8.—Following are the scores at base ball made by League clubs yesterday: At Brooklyn—Philadelphia 9, Brooklyn 13; at Pittsburgh—Chicago 4, Pittsburgh 6; at Boston—New York 11, Boston 18; at St. Louis—Cincinnati game called account of rain.

American League.

At Cleveland—Buffalo 7, Cleveland 5; at Detroit—Indianapolis 11, Detroit 2; at Kansas City—West grounds.

NATIONAL LEGISLATURE

Synopsis of Proceedings in the Senate and House.

Washington, May 4.—The senate yesterday adopted the motion of Hoar to take up the Clark resolution—Montana bribery case, and then postponed consideration of the question for a week. The army appropriation bill was passed without division. The day closed with the passage of a number of private pensions and house census law amendment giving more compensation to supervisors.

The house without division passed the "free home" bill which has been pending before congress for a number of years. The remainder of the day was devoted to the sundry civil appropriation bill. The last but one of the great supply bills.

Washington, May 5.—The senate, after a debate of but three hours, yesterday passed the army reorganization bill. It makes General Miles a lieutenant general. The fortifications appropriation bill was passed. An executive session was held.

The house made fair progress yesterday with the sundry civil appropriation bill, completing seventy-three of the 132 pages of the bill.

Washington, May 7.—The house Saturday passed the sundry civil bill. It carries slightly more than \$61,500,000, about \$10,000,000 more than any previous sundry civil bill. The fortifications bill was sent to conference.

Washington, May 8.—At yesterday's session of the senate Teller spoke strongly urging the senate to extend its sympathy to the Boers. The senate considered the naval appropriation bill without much progress. A joint resolution was adopted authorizing a survey of the Illinois and Desplaines rivers and an estimate of the cost of constructing a ten, twelve and fourteen foot navigable channel from Lockport to the Mississippi river.

The house passed the senate bill to amend the general pension laws so as to provide for aggregating disabilities under the act of 1880 without regard to service origin and to increase from \$90 to \$250 the net income a widow may have without destroying her right to a pension. The bill to increase the appropriation for the national guard from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000, also was passed. Mayor of New York attempted to secure action upon his pro-Boer resolution, but was cut off by the speaker.

BETRAYED TO FUNSTON.

The Man Who Has Been the Head of Filipino Guerrilla Tactics.

Manila, May 7.—General Pantelone Garcia, the highest insurgent officer except Aguinaldo, was captured yesterday by Lieutenant E. V. Smith, of General Funston's staff, in the town of Jaen, three miles northwest of San Isidro, province of New Ecija.

Spies reported that Garcia was sick and had been compelled to hide in Jaen, and Lieutenant Smith, with Lieutenant Day and forty cavalrymen, surrounded the town. The spies led them directly to the house where Garcia was, disguised as a peasant, only a major and two servants being with him. These also were captured.

Garcia commanded all the insurgents in central Luzon, several generals, including Pio del Pilar and Mascardo, being under him. He was the director of the Filipino guerrilla operations.

Manila, May 8.—Telegrams received here from General Young reports that Aguinaldo has rejoined the rebel General Tino in the north, and that they have reassembled a considerable force in the mountains. General Young desires to strike them before the rains and asks for reinforcements. The tenor of the dispatches indicates that General Young is confident that Aguinaldo is with Tino, and it is presumed they are planning to resume fighting during the rains.

Three More Americans Killed.

Manila, May 8.—A force of rebels, May 2, attacked twenty men of Company I of the Forty-fourth regiment stationed at Baratac, Holo province, on the Island of Panay. Three of the Americans were killed and seven were wounded.

IN HONOR OF A PRINCE.

Kaiser's Son Friedrich Wilhelm Celebrates His 18th Birthday.

Berlin, May 8.—The celebration of the 18th birthday of Friedrich Wilhelm, prince imperial of Germany and prince royal of Prussia, began at 8 o'clock in the morning with the dedication of the monument to the Emperor Sigismund, which bears alongside of the effigy of the emperor those of his two faithful vassals, Leopold von Brodow and Brent Ryke. It was an interesting coincidence that the monument should have been unveiled during the visit to Berlin of one of Sigismund's descendants in the line of the Hapsburgs. Emperor Francis Joseph, however, was not present at the unveiling of the statue, being represented by the chief of the Austrian general staff, General von Beck.

By 11 o'clock an immense concourse had gathered in the Unter den Linden to see nobles in their brilliant gala dress pass to attend the ceremonies in the Schloss. Shortly before the service there the United States ambassador, Dr. Andrew D. White, was received by the emperor, who thanked the ambassador for President McKinley's message of congratulation. The crown prince expressed himself after the same fashion.

BECAUSE GATES DIDN'T GO

Directors Sellsman and Strauss Decline to Stay in the Directory.

New York, May 8.—"We have resigned from the directory of the American Steel and Wire company because John W. Gates did not at today's meeting retire from the management of the company, as we had been given to understand he would do." That is the statement in brief made by Henry W. Sellsman and Frederick W. Strauss yesterday afternoon. They add that it was impossible for them to force Gates' resignation and that it was impossible for them to continue on the directory of the company when Gates was in control.

Famous Small Man Dies.

Beloit, Wis., May 8.—Paul Robinson, known throughout the country for his small stature, is dead at the age of 70 years. He was only 40 inches high, but was a capable, well-educated business man.

Have you Tried

Our Choice Cuts Pork and Beef?

THEY ARE THE BEST.

Our Bolognas, Franforts, Sausages, always fresh.

Our Lard is pure. Try it.

Sugar cured Hams, Boneless Ham and Breakfast Bacon always on hand.

Orders called for and delivered in any part of the village.

YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED.

H. HARRIS

The Home of Plenty.

Everything that it is possible for the skilled baker to make with fine flour and other ingredients of superior quality is to be found fresh daily at

Taylor's Bakery

The goodness of our productions is known and highly appreciated wherever Bread, Rolls, Pies, Cakes, etc., are eaten. Skillful hands make pleasing things which tickle the palate and nourish the body.

G. A. TAYLOR

GAYDE'S MEAT MARKET

Spring Chickens, We have Spring Chickens ordered, and will dress them when ordered.

PORK SAUSAGE,

We have our own brand of the finest always on hand.

OYSTERS, OYSTERS

Steamed Ham for Cold Meats—Try it. Goods delivered to any part of the village free. Give us a call.

WM. GAYDE

NORTH VILLAGE.

Bicycle Times.

OUR LINE FOR 1900 BEATS THEM ALL.

COLUMBIA (Chain).....	\$50 00
CRESCENT.....	35 00
HARTFORD.....	35 00
IMPERIAL.....	30 00
SOUDAN.....	22 00
SOUDAN (Boys).....	20 00

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They come and go, and go and come again. There are hundreds of them! A bird's-eye view of that section of country between Cincinnati, Toledo, and Detroit, through which ply the numerous passenger trains of the C. H. & D. Railway, would equal in interest the most wonderful Kaleidoscope, or Biograph picture! When our Grandfathers wearily walked the tow-paths and toted their own carpet-bags

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Call and get our prices and look over our stock
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SUCCESS DEPENDS
UPON SEASONABLE
& SALEABLE GOODS

Sailors at 225, 30c, 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.
Roses at 5c, 10c, 25c, 75c and \$2.00.
Violets, two bunches for 5c; also at 20c per bunch.
Silk Ribbons at 15c and 25c per yard.
Black and white Silk Laces at 10c per yard.

MAUD VROOMAN,

Main St., Plymouth

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE.

MY ENTIRE STOCK OF
HARNESS, WHIPS, ROBES, BLANKETS,
TRUNKS & VALISES

Less than Wholesale Prices

F. E. LAMPHERE.

For Sale Cheap

600 ft. Norway Ladders.

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J. O. EDDY

A new time card goes into effect on the Pere Marquette next Sunday. We have not received a copy of the new card and cannot give the time of trains for Plymouth. Detroit papers, however, publish the following, which relates only to that city:

The train leaving Detroit for Grand Rapids at 6 p. m. will hereafter leave at 5:15; the train for Saginaw at 6 p. m. will leave at 5:30; the morning train from Saginaw, arriving in Detroit at 10:45, will arrive at 11:15 a. m.; the afternoon train from Saginaw, arriving in Detroit at 3:10, will arrive at 3:40, making the run from Saginaw in three hours less. It will be shortened in the next change, which will take effect June 17, beginning Sunday, May 30, the evening train from Saginaw will arrive at 9:30 instead of 9:25 p. m.; the train for Milwaukee and Grand Rapids, which arrive in Detroit at 11:50 a. m., and the train leaving Detroit for Milwaukee

and Grand Rapids at 5:15 p. m. will run daily and Sunday.

W. C. T. U.

The union temperance meeting last Sabbath evening at the Methodist church was well attended. A fine address given by Mrs. Jennie Voorhies at the annual meeting of the Ann Arbor W. C. T. U. was read, with much expression, by Miss Maude Oliver. The speakers of the evening were Mrs. Florence Crooker, of Ann Arbor, and Rev. W. G. Stevens, whose remarks were brief and pointed, and were listened to with great interest by all present.—Supt. Press.

All kinds of stove repairing and cleaning done by G. P. Allen, the Northville stove man. Leave orders at Dibbles store.

PLYMOUTH MAIL

F. W. SAMSEN & SON.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

One Year \$1.00
Six Months .50
Three Months .25

ADVERTISING RATES.

Business Cards, \$5.00 per year.
Resolutions of Respect, \$1.00.
Cards of thanks, 25 cents.
All local notices will be charged for at 5 cents per line or fraction thereof, for each insertion. Display advertising rates made known on application. Where no time is specified, all notices and advertisements will be inserted until ordered discontinued.

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1900

DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS.

The publisher of one of our county seat exchanges announces that hereafter no subscriptions to his paper will be taken unless paid in advance, and that all past due subscriptions will be dropped from the list after a certain date. The publisher says he has lost hundreds of dollars on past due subscriptions, and hereafter is going to enforce to the letter the advance pay rule. No advance pay, no paper, is his decree.

This is a good business plan, and in a large town can be made to work much more successfully than in a small town, though why it should it is hard to understand. It is probably safe to say that nine out of every ten subscribers to a "country paper" would feel offended if their names were dropped from the subscription list at the expiration of the time for which their subscriptions are paid. Hence, most country publishers "send along the paper," and most of their subscribers are glad they do. The delinquents mentally resolve (many of them at least) to step into the publisher's office soon and pay for another year, but alas, they forget or neglect to do so, and in course of time the publisher finds a large sum due him from the many small sums accumulated on past due subscriptions. This means that the publisher is out a large sum of money for paper and labor, but every delinquent subscriber does not stop to think of that.

Now the question is, why should not every delinquent subscriber regard his debt to a newspaper as much a debt of honor as any other debt? Most of them undoubtedly do, yet it is a deplorable fact that many delinquent subscribers are entirely too indifferent about this and some of them escape payment if they can. And right there is where they make a great mistake, for in these days of business men's associations and protective organizations, the person refusing to pay an honest debt when able to do so is sure to get a record which will embarrass him in the future.

The Mail believes that most delinquent subscribers are honest and have no intention of beating the publisher. At the same time it believes that the advance payment plan is better for the subscriber every time, as it most certainly is for the publisher.

It is reckoned that the damage to the Washington monument has reached about \$25,000. The work is by vandals who have chipped every memorial stone in the monument, many of them being damaged beyond repair. Mutilation of the outside has been begun, and each day finds some new mark. So far only the most trifling lines have been imposed.

U. S. Consul Schumann, at Mainz, has informed the State department at Washington that Prof. Doctor Winkler, of Giessen, Hesse, is said to have discovered an extremely simple preventive against the spread of the hoof and mouth disease, which is unusually prevalent among German cattle at present and which it has been almost impossible to stamp out or check. Prof. Winkler claims that if the well boiled milk of afflicted cattle be fed to healthy animals for a period of about eight days, the latter will enjoy immunity from the disease.

Queen "Lil" has a grievance, arising out of the unsettled colonial system of the United States. She claims that she is a loyal citizeness, but she objects to paying duty to Hawaii on a locomobile and an automobile that she has sent to those islands for her use this summer. The customs officials there charged her something over \$100 duties on them. This has broken the ex-Queen's heart and she has appealed to numerous Senators and high officials, making the protest that inasmuch as Hawaii is a part of the United States such duties are preposterous. The Queen considers this heaping insult on injury, as Congress failed to appropriate the pension for her which she was seeking.

For the proper determination of the average condition of winter wheat on April 1, not only have a more than ordinarily large number of reports from the regular crop-reporting agencies of the U. S. agricultural department been utilized, but a special statistical agent has visited seven of the principal winter wheat States and made a thorough personal examination of existing conditions. The average condition, as thus determined, was 82.1, as compared with 77.9 on April 1, 1899, 86.7 on April 1, 1898, and a ten-year average of 82.8. The most striking and significant features of the situation are the ravages

Straw Goods

They are the proper article for this weather.

Men's Fancy and Plain Straws... 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50
Boys' Fancy and Plain Straws... 25c, 50c
Children's Fancy and Plain Straws... 10c, 12c, 15c, 25c
Harvest Hats at 5c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 20c, 25c.

Underwear, Light & Medium Weight

Fine, all wool, in tan color..... \$1.00
Fine Combed Balbriggan, in light tan color..... 1.00
Fine Jersey Union Suits, in blue and flesh color..... 1.00
Fine Random, fancy color..... .50
Fine Balbriggan, light blue color..... .50
Fine Egyptian Ribbed, flesh color..... .50

Be sure to see our Balbriggan and Ribbed Goods at 25c.

J. W. OLIVER

Gayde Block, Plymouth.

of the Hessian fly in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana, with the probable result that not one of these States will produce more than half a crop, and the exceptionally high condition reported from the principal winter wheat States west of the Mississippi river and from the Pacific coast.

General Grosvenor of Ohio has introduced a bill which is of great interest to national banks and banking associations. It gives such banks power to discount and negotiate promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange, and other evidences of debt, to receive deposits, to buy and sell exchange, coin, bullion, to loan money on personal and real estate security, and to obtain and circulate notes according to law. It is provided that these associations may purchase, invest in, or loan upon bonds secured by mortgage or unincumbered real estate situated in the State or Territory where the association is located, worth exclusive of buildings, at least double the amount loaned.

"It is with a good deal of pleasure and satisfaction that I recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," says Druggist A. W. Sawtelle, of Hartford, Conn. "A lady customer, seeing the remedy exposed for sale on my show case, said to me: 'I really believe that medicine saved my life the past summer while at the shore,' and she became so enthusiastic over its merits that I at once made up my mind to recommend it in the future. Recently a gentleman came into my store so overcome with colic pains that he sank at once to the floor. I gave him a dose of this remedy which helped him. I repeated the dose and in fifteen minutes he left my store smilingly informing me that he felt as well as ever." Sold by Meilers Drug Store, Plymouth.

There has come to our office a combination match box (and striker issued from the office of E. G. Siggers, one of the leading patent lawyers of Washington, D. C. It is an household and office necessity, and we are informed that inventors can procure samples of the same by writing him at once. His address appears in this paper.

Beware of a Cough.

A cough is not a disease but a symptom of consumption and bronchitis, which are the most dangerous and fatal diseases, save for their first indication a persistent cough, and if properly treated as soon as this cough appears are easily cured. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has proven wonderfully successful, and gained a wide reputation and extensive sale by its success in curing the diseases which cause coughing. If it is not beneficial it will not cost you a cent. For sale by Meilers Drug Store, Plymouth.

25 CENTS WILL BUY
WHY PAY 50 CENTS?

KNILLS RED PILLS

For Wan People, Pale and Sallow People. The great tonic for the nerves and blood (Woman's friend). Restores health, strength and beauty (Men's delight). The great developer and invigorator for young or old.

KNILLS WHITE LIVER PILLS

Anti-Bilious, Cathartic—Cure Constipation. The great liver invigorator, system renovator and bowel regulator. 25 doses, 25 cents.

KNILLS BLUE KIDNEY PILLS

Cure all Kidney and Urinary Troubles, etc., and all diseases arising from any disorders of the Kidneys and Bladder, Lame Back, etc.

Eat as you like! Eat what you like! Keep strong by taking Knill's Anti-Dyspepsia Tablets. They will digest any and all kinds of food. Cure indigestion and correct any acidity of the stomach. Only 25 cents a box. Sold only by druggists.

THE pills and tablets in one box contain more medicine than a \$1 bottle of any liquid preparation and are better than any 50 cent pills or tablets. Cheapest and best. Warranted. Take no others. Sold by all druggists. Write for pamphlet (sent free) or Pills, 25c a box or 5 boxes for \$1.

NOTICE!

These pills and tablets are warranted to do as advertised, or money refunded by your druggist.

Knill's Red, White & Blue Pill Co.,
PORT HURON, MICHIGAN.

Miss Florence Newman, who has been a great sufferer from muscular rheumatism, says Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only remedy that affords her relief. Miss Newman is a much respected resident of the village of Gray, N. Y., and makes this statement for the benefit of others similarly afflicted. This eminent is for sale by Meilers Drug Store, Plymouth.

\$100 REWARD, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

COMRADE

M. H. DeLong.



of Schuylerville, N. Y., who served in Company E, 5th Vermont Volunteers, had other foes to battle with after his return from the late war. He recently wrote:

"I have used Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine for nervousness brought on by the use of tobacco and too close application to business. It gave me prompt relief without leaving any unpleasant effects. The result was beneficial and lasting. I heartily endorse it."

DR. MILES' Restorative Nervine

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NORTHVILLE, MICH.

EXCURSIONS Via the PERE MARQUETTE R. R.

Toledo, Sunday, May 20th.

Train will leave Plymouth at 10:00 a. m., and arrive at Toledo about 11:55 a. m. Returning leave Toledo at 6:00 p. m. Round trip rate 75c. Lake Erie Park and Casino will open for the season on this date with a fine list of attractions in the theater, zoological garden, etc. Aside from this, other attractions in the city of Toledo are numerous for the entertainment of visitors. H. F. Moeller, Acting G. P. A.

NEW MILWAUKEE LINE via OTTAWA BEACH.

The Pere Marquette R. R. will establish on May 14 a new steamer line between Ottawa Beach and Milwaukee. The steamers "F. & P. M. No. 4" and "Petoskey" will be used in this service, which will be first class in all respects. Connecting train will leave Plymouth at 6:02 p. m., arriving at Ottawa Beach at 11 p. m. Steamers will arrive at Milwaukee at 6 a. m. East bound steamer will leave Milwaukee at 10 p. m., connecting with train leaving Ottawa Beach at 5:50 a. m., and arriving at Plymouth at 10:57 a. m. These steamboat trains will carry cafe parlor cars between Detroit and Ottawa Beach, via Grand Rapids, in which supper and breakfast will be served. It is hoped that the new line will be a popular one with the traveling public.

C. H. & D. Home-seekers' Excursion. On May 1st and 16th and on June 5th and 19th, the C. H. & D. Ry. will sell special excursion tickets to those desirous of seeking homes in the West, South, and Northwest. Call on nearest C. H. & D. Agent for full particulars.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE 1st National Exchange Bank

At Plymouth, in the State of Michigan, at the close of business, April 28, 1900.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$ 54,296 69
Overdrafts	69 32
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures	7,263 45
Other real estate owned	5,837 78
Due from approved reserve agents	30,288 46
Internal Revenue Stamps	80 21
Value of other National Bank notes	3,204 00
Fractional paper currency, notes, and coins	182 14
Specie	6,640 40
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, 5 per cent of circulation	1,062 50
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent redemption fund	27 20
Total	\$ 152,022 17
LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	6,510 81
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,628 88
National bank notes outstanding	9,960 00
Dividends unpaid	50 00
Individual deposits subject to check	32,288 24
Demand certificates of deposit	51,645 61
Total	\$ 152,022 17

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

U. A. FRANK, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of May, 1900.
MORRIS P. LOUGHRAN, Notary Public.
Wayne Co.

Correct—Attest: R. L. ROOT, W. H. HOYT, R. C. SAFFORD, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Plymouth Savings Bank,

At Plymouth, Michigan, at the close of business, April 28th, 1900.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$151,004 61
Notes, bonds, mortgages, etc.	54,288 26
Overdrafts	15 30
Banking house	4,343 00
Furniture and fixtures	3,022 98
Other real estate	5,000 00
Due from banks in reserve cities	40,111 72
U. S. and National Bank Notes	4,541 00
Gold coin	3,286 00
Silver coin	2,228 39
Nickels and cents	26 41
Checks cash items, internal rev. acct.	77 22
Total	\$304,110 98
LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	5,000 00
Undivided profits, less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	1,428 98
Dividends unpaid	120 00
Commercial deposits	62,022 72
Certificates of deposit	65,591 16
Savings deposits	125,318 12
Total	\$304,110 98

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

E. K. BENNETT, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of May, 1900.
MORRIS P. LOUGHRAN, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: W. O. ALLEN, F. C. LEACH, L. C. BOGUE, Directors.

ASK YOUR GROCER FOR JANDI TEA

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IN SEALED PACKAGES ONLY—PURE AND FRAGRANT.
"IT COSTS NO MORE—TRY IT"

Local Newslets

Calling cards 50 cents per 100 at this office.

Mr. Herbener, of Detroit, was in town Tuesday.

A. W. Chaffee is repainting his house this week.

Ed Lee, of Cleveland, visited C. H. Bennett Wednesday.

Leater Brown is clerking for the Ceiner Hardware Co.

F. M. Briggs left yesterday on a business trip to Scranton, Pa.

A. W. Reed, of Lenox, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Riggs, this week.

W. D. Morton and family, of Wayne, visited H. E. Millsburgh and wife Tuesday.

John McLaren is shipping several cans of baled hay from this station every week.

Miss Flora Goodrich, of Detroit, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Martin Leonard this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Sherman, of Pike's Peak, visited J. C. Peterhans and family on Sunday.

A number of young people attended the high school entertainment at Northville Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Porter, of Toledo, attended the wedding of her sister, Miss Juanita Whipple, Wednesday.

Ernest Lane left Wednesday for Windsor, Canada, where he has a position in a bicycle factory.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. VanArsdale, of Detroit, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dibble Sunday.

The illustrated story, "In His Steps," will be given at the M. E. church, Wednesday evening, May 16th.

The Ladies of the Maccabees and the W. C. T. U. expect to give an entertainment in about three weeks.

Messrs. Leon Owenshire, of South Lyons, and Earl Childs, of Milford, Sunday at their respective homes.

H. C. Leach was called to Hudson Mich., Tuesday to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Louise Leach-Green.

Mark Ladd and Foster Hanchett are each laying the foundation for a new house on East Ann Arbor street, near the fair grounds.

The D. P. & N., during the summer, on Saturday and Sunday nights will run an 11:15 car through to Northville from Wyline. Other cars run as usual. The change begins Saturday.

The township has so far been without a dog warden, and it seems to be a hard matter to obtain one. Not many men want the office and those that do are unable to give the \$500 bond required.

Fred Burch, of this place, and Wm. C. Eley, of Northville, have leased the Park House at Northville and took possession Monday. Mr. Eley has been clerk in the Park house for a number of years.

The council at its meeting Monday evening appointed Melvin Wicks as village marshal, vice Lewis Hassinger resigned. Jacob Bogert was also appointed street commissioner, but has refused to qualify.

Don't forget Robinson's auction sale of household goods Saturday afternoon at the livery barn.

The council at its meeting Monday evening ordered paid the repairs made in the village hall by the Lively Colored Boys, the latter to pay \$5 per night for the use of hall, and which is satisfactory to all concerned.

Landlord Klee, of the Hotel Plymouth, has been unable to secure liquor bonds and his bar is closed. He is, however, having a most satisfactory run of hotel business, which includes a large number of boarders.

The report that we are not going to give trading stamps is false. As we shall give stamps until further notice.
J. R. RAUCH & SON.

Wm. Gates lost a two-year-old colt this week. The animal was turned out in a field and it is thought was kicked by another horse, as one of its legs was found broken. This is the third horse Mr. Gates has lost in a short time, having had two killed by the cars.

James R. Hough died May 3, his funeral occurring on the following day at Newburg, services being conducted by Rev. Stephens. Mr. Hough was born in Livonia township, Aug. 8, 1829, being, therefore, nearly 70 years of age. In July, 1876, Mr. Hough was prostrated by a sunstroke, from which he never recovered. While in health, he was a faithful attendant at church and Sabbath-school, and a worthy member of the community in which he resided.

Miss May White, of Northville, spent Sunday with Miss Autie Millard.

The Straub Concert Co., of Detroit, will give a concert at village hall tonight.

Highway Commissioner Wm. Henry is repairing the Ann Arbor street bridge.

The Daisy Mfg. Co. are building an addition on the south side of their factory.

Mrs. H. H. Safford has built a new porch and is painting her house on Main street.

J. D. McLaren is using the old F. & P. M. depot for a storage building. He is baling large quantities of hay.

Sheldon's story, "In His Steps," illustrated, will be given at Newburg hall, Thursday evening, May 17th, by C. G. Curtis.

See Huston's line of Buggies before you buy.

Admiral Dewey has wired Mayor Maybury, of Detroit, that himself and Mrs. Dewey will be guests of the city on June 8 and 9.

Fred Lamphere has secured a position as assistant engineer on the steamer Frank E. Kirby, running between Detroit and Sandusky. He will go to work about June 1st.

Among the real estate transfers recorded May 8th, was one of the Citizen's Saving Bank, of Detroit, to Chas. E. Dale, southwest quarter section 10, Plymouth, 160 acres, \$8,200.

The trial of Col. Eli Sutton, for conspiracy to defraud the State in the military clothing deal, was begun at Lansing Monday. The trial will probably occupy several weeks.

Some sixty members of Wayne Lodge F. & A. M. attended a meeting of the local lodge last Friday evening. The third degree was conferred, and after "labor" the craft came to refreshments in the banquet room.

Wm. Kay died Wednesday at the residence of Ollie Penney, who lives south of town. Deceased was about 70 years of age. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. F. I. Beckwith at the Baptist church to-day at 2:30 o'clock.

Huston & Co. still sell old reliable Wedgeway lawn mowers.

An action was begun Wednesday by prosecuting attorney Frazer against the D. P. & N. Ry., to recover the penalty prescribed by law for failure to provide interlocking switches at the crossings in this village with the F. & P. M. Ry.

The semi-annual apportionment of primary school money gives Wayne county, with 99,199 children, \$49,599.50. Plymouth township, 524 children, \$262.50; Northville, 576 children, \$288; Canton, 364 children, \$182; Livonia, 428 children, \$214; Nankin, 832 children, \$416.

Rev. Stephens was called back by telephone from Pinckney last Friday morning, whether he had gone for a visit, to perform a marriage ceremony for Franklin W. Crawford of Ann Arbor and Mrs. Dr. Maria H. Crawford of Flint.

Mrs. W. G. Stephens received a telegram Friday informing her of the serious illness of her mother at Rockwood Canada. She left Saturday morning for that place and Rev. Stephens is informed that the mother will not recover. The fact also caused the postponement of Mr. Stephens trip to Chicago to attend the General Conference.

Patent hair mattresses, thoroughly ventilated, are something new at Millsburgh Bros.

Messrs. Muir and Kinsella, the promoters of the Detroit, Plymouth & Ann Arbor electric line, will not get a franchise through this township for a song. The terms proposed are only such as ought to be asked by the town board, and provides that a company must be organized under State laws within a prescribed limit of time after the franchise is accepted by the promoters, and unless so organized the agreement is null and void. The promoters asked three years in which to build the road, but this will not be considered a moment.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whipple, three miles west of Plymouth, Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m., in the presence of about fifty relatives and friends, the contracting parties being Miss Juanita Whipple and Mr. Norman Miller, of Toledo. Miss Sadie Merrill acted as bridesmaid and Harry Whipple as best man, Rev. Stephens performing the ceremony, and after which the guests partook of an elegant wedding collation. The young couple left on the afternoon train for Toledo, where they will make their future home. They have the well wishes of a host of friends for their future happiness and prosperity.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Prof. Scott, instructor in rhetoric and English composition at the University, is requiring the pupils in his normal class to go, each to some high school and give a lesson in composition according to the methods used by him. On Monday of this week Mr. George Bentley gave such a lesson to the class in English in the Plymouth high school. The data given from which to write were: suppose three boys got into the water while rowing on the Huron river at Ann Arbor; how did they get into the water and how get out safely? The pupils were required to answer these questions in a composition containing not more than 200 words nor less than 100. It was a test of the pupils' power of invention as well as their use of language. Mr. Bentley took the productions to Ann Arbor where they will be made the subject of a paper criticising them, which will be afterwards overlooked by Prof. Scott together with the productions themselves.

The subject of art criticism and the development of a taste for art by teaching about the great masterpieces is a movement in school work that has gained great popularity in the most progressive schools. The remarkable low price for which reproductions of pictures and casts of statues and busts can be obtained has stimulated the new movement, and rendered it possible. An agent of the Florentine Art Company, of Detroit, was in town on Monday, to try to introduce a plan by which the pupils can earn the money to obtain casts. The plan has been successfully carried out in over 400 schools in this state. Some of the grades are anxious to attempt it and the opportunity will be given them.

The following program is to be given by the Eighth grade, Friday, May 18, 1900. All are cordially invited to attend:

Prayer..... Mr. Stephens
Lord's Prayer..... Class
Recitation, Excelsior..... Bertha Shattuck
Chorus..... Class
Recitation..... Flora Whitbeck
Recitation..... Lee Jewell
Piano Solo, "Reverie"..... Eva Adams
Class Poem..... Elsie Eddy
Recitation..... Claude Henderson
Lullaby..... Quartette
Recitation..... Lulu Sutherland
Recitation..... Frank Bassett
Recitation..... Eva Adams
Chorus, "Lightly my Bark"..... Class

We have just received a line of the latest novelties in framed pictures, from 40 cents to \$1.25. They are beauties.
MILLSBURGH BROS.

CHURCH NEWS.

Rev. Chas. Curtis supplied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday morning.

Rev. Harry A. Essex, of Wayne, will assist Rev. Beckwith at the Baptist church next Sunday morning. Communion service will be observed. Subject for evening sermon: "The Permanence of Character." Everybody invited.

The B. Y. P. U. will hold an ice cream social at the new home of Dan Baker's, east of Markham's shop, Saturday evening, May 19th.

The meeting of the Presbyterian church and society held on Saturday last, was adjourned one week. We hope to see a large attendance as the question then to be decided is of vital importance.—C.

The subject for the E. L. devotional meeting Sunday evening, May 13th, is "Vision of Service." E. Childs, leader.

About twenty attended the E. L. business meeting held at the church Monday evening. As it was the first meeting since the election of the new cabinet each department was thoroughly discussed and there is a very favorable outlook for the coming year. After the business session, oranges were served and a social time spent.

Frank Raymond, a brakeman on the Toledo branch of the Pere Marquette slipped from a box car in the yards here last Saturday night and fell to the ground, striking on a pile of stone. He was rendered unconscious, in which condition he was found by a tramp. While badly bruised and shook up, his injuries were not serious.

A cyclone struck the hamlet of Wellsville, in Lenawee county, May 8, and demolished the only store there, besides doing other damage. Burt Rauch was the owner, and his wife and child were seriously injured and himself sustained a broken leg. He is a distant connection of J. R. Rauch, of this village.

Bargains at Robinson's auction sale Saturday afternoon, May 12th.

Detroit will entertain the sixteenth annual meeting of the Michigan Equal Suffrage association, May 15-17, in the Unitarian church. On Wednesday evening Rev. Anna Howard Shaw will give an address and on Thursday evening Mrs. Carrie Catt, Pres. N. A. W. S. A. will address the convention.

Auction at H. C. Robinson's livery barn Saturday afternoon, May 12th, of all kinds of household goods, harness, etc., etc.

A CARD.—I desire to express my sincere thanks to those who furnished flowers, to those who sang to the bearers and all who expressed sympathy, also to our pastor for assistance in my sorrow.
JULIA M. HOUGH.

FOR SALE.—Lady's Imperial wheel 90 model, \$22. Enquire of W. O. Allen.

The North Side

Sailors 25c. at Mrs. Dickerson's.

Frank Blakely is visiting at Saginaw this week.

Chas. Dickerson was in Detroit on business Monday.

Harry Williams called on friends at Northville Sunday.

Miss Mary Gayde visited relatives in Detroit over Sunday.

Harry Jolliffe and Asa Jewell visited Detroit on Thursday.

Robt. Maiden and daughter visited at Farmington on Tuesday.

Dan Jolliffe was in Chicago a few days last week on business.

John Neumann, of Detroit, visited friends in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strang spent Sunday at their place in Greenfield.

Geo. VanDeCar moved in the house he bought of Horace Smith this week.

Rev. G. D. Ebnis, wife and daughter, visited her parents at Saline this week.

Rudolph Ruppert is again chief clerk under D. W. Shaver at the Union depot.

Mrs. Dickerson's is the place to buy your millinery.

Miss Alice Springer is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Stewart, in Detroit, this week.

Mr. Mackey moved into the rooms over Mrs. Dickerson's millinery store last week.

Miss May Brockett, of Northville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Worden this week.

Rev. F. I. Beckwith attended the funeral of his grandmother this week at Fenton.

C. H. Armstrong is doing a big business in eggs. He shipped sixty crates one day last week.

Carpenters began work this week repairing the Kensler house, which burned a short time ago.

A new line of curtain poles at Millsburgh Bros.

Ladies Bicycle, nearly new, for sale cheap. Enquire of A. Gayde.

While fishing at the Phoenix pond last week Irving Comstock slipped and broke his shoulder blade.

The social at Mrs. Fred Gentze's on Thursday evening was largely attended and all enjoyed a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Walline, of Apsilanti, visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Starkweather a few days this week.

S. D. Fry, special agent for the Union Central Life Insurance Co., was in town this week in the interest of the company.

Julius Stever and G. Bolgas have built on and repaired their houses throughout, which makes a great improvement to their places.

The Pere Marquette R. R. built platform 100 feet long west of the freight house this week, to be used in transferring freight, as all freight is now handled at this depot since the other depot has been closed.

W. E. Kimball and family moved into Mrs. Smye's house on Mill street, formerly occupied by Wm. Gottshalk. Mr. Gotshalk moved to Detroit on Saturday, having secured a position there in the Rolling Mills out Fort Street.

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

Woman's Literary Club.
The Woman's Literary Club met with Miss Fairman Friday afternoon, May 4th. In the absence of the President, the meeting was presided over by the vice president, Mrs. F. B. Adams. The usual regular business, after which Miss Brisban was elected to membership of the club. The literary function was in charge of Miss Hanford, who opened the program with a paper on "A Character Study of Othello," followed by a talk on "epic, dramatic and lyric forms of poetry." Reading of "Othello" by the club. The leader, Miss Hanford, prefaced the reading by a review of the incidents of the play, bringing out the part that each act takes in the Shakespearean drama. The social function was in charge of the hostess, who served light refreshments. Mrs. Loomis' invitation to hold "Open Day," May 18th, at her home, was accepted and meeting adjourned.—Sec.

The report that we are not going to give trading stamps is false, as we shall give stamps until further notice.
J. R. RAUCH & SON.

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne, ss.
At a session of the Probate court for said county of Wayne, held in the Probate office, in the city of Detroit, on the seventh day of May, in the year one thousand nine hundred, Present, Edgar O. Durfee, Judge of Probate, in the matter of the estate of Handel Beal, deceased.
Rollin H. Beal, administrator of said estate having rendered to this court his final administration account.
It is ordered, that the fifth day of June next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for examining and allowing said account.
And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said time of hearing, in the Free Press, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Wayne.
EDGAR O. DURFEE,
Judge of Probate.
JOHN F. PETERS, Deputy Register.

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TELL HIM SO.

If you have a word of cheer
That may light the pathway
Of a brother pilgrim here,
Let him know.
Show him you appreciate
What he does, and do not wait
Till the heavy hand of fate
Lays him low.
If your heart contains a thought
That would brighten his lot,
Then, I beg you, lose it not;
Tell him so.
Life is hard enough at best,
But the love that is expressed
Makes it seem a pathway blent
To our feet;
And the troubles that we share
Seem the easier to bear
Smile upon your neighbor's care
As you greet.
Rough and stony are our ways,
Dark and dreary are our days,
But another's love and praise
Makes them sweet.
Wait not till your friend is dead
Ere your compliments are said,
For the spirit that has fled,
If it know.
Does not need to speed it on
Our poor praise; where it has gone
Love's eternal, golden dawn
Is aglow.
But unto our brother here
That poor praise is very dear.
If you've any word of cheer,
Tell him so.
—Denver News.

KILLING HIS MAN.

BY M. QUAD.

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"Have I ever killed a man?"
Of a sudden, as he lay dozing on his bed in camp one day, Private Hollins asked this question of himself. He had been in battle and skirmish. He had fired away his 40 rounds and fired to kill, but as he began to recall all his battles he could not remember that he had ever had an enemy so near and so fairly before him that his bullet had surely done the work. There were few soldiers who boasted of taking life. There were sharpshooters who had brought down a dozen men, but they never talked about it. Men were promoted for desperate fighting, which sometimes meant killing single-handed, but they were proud only of the promotion. It was a curious question Private Hollins asked of himself, and it led to strange results. He was not a bloodthirsty man, and yet as he lay thinking the idea came to him that he had not done himself justice as a soldier. He had not killed a man. When the war was over and he had returned home, he would be asked the question. His friends and neighbors wouldn't be satisfied with his record of battles, but would sweep it aside and say:
"Yes, we know you were in five or six battles and that you fired hundreds of bullets at the enemy, but can you truthfully say you ever brought a man down?"
He couldn't say it, and he felt that he would lose caste. This feeling brought a sudden resolve. It was a resolve that started him at first, but the more he thought of it the more determined he was to carry it out. He would kill a man; he would do it next time he went on picket. There were no orders against firing. It was by tacit agreement among the pickets that they refrained. If he brought one of the enemy down, he would not be reproved even if not praised. He would not boast of the kill to his comrades, but when he reached home and farmers and their wives and sons sat listening to his stories of war he could answer the question they would be sure to put, and answer in the affirmative. It was a fortnight before Private Hollins was detailed for picket duty. He was not impatient. He was willing that time should pass, but when the opportunity came he would kill a man. He never wavered in this resolution.
"This is your post, Hollins," said the corporal as he left him one afternoon at the edge of a wood under a large oak. "We don't know exactly where the enemy's picket is, but it's somewhere around that log house. However, if you don't get too fresh and go to walking around in the open he won't bother you. There hasn't been a shot fired along here for two weeks. If you go in for roasted acorns, don't make much of a fire."
"Today I shall kill a man," said Private Hollins as he was left alone, and he began his preparations at once. At long rifle shot, away across an old cottonfield, was a log house with a few fruit trees standing about it. One might be sure the farmer was off to war and that wife and children, if they had not abandoned the place, were having a miserable existence. Hollins crept down to the fringe of bushes on his side of the field and peered and watched and waited like an Apache in ambush. For an hour he saw nothing. Then a gaunt, ill-used dog came among the trees and trotted about in the open in a sneaking, furtive way. If the dog was there, the house must be inhabited. He had just come to this conclusion when he caught sight of a figure among the trees. It was between the house and the bushes, where he believed the enemy's picket was lying. It must be the picket on his way to and from the well. Perhaps he had gone to the house to light his pipe or boil his coffee. There was a glimpse and it was gone. Another glimpse, another hiding, and then the figure was fair to view. It was a long shot, but a pretty fair target, and without an instant's hesitation he drew up his gun and fired. When he looked over the smoke, the figure was gone.
"But I know I hit him, and he's lying dead on the grass," said the soldier as he reloaded his gun. "Now I can tell them at home that I killed a man. Mighty long shot, but I dropped him for sure."
The dog was still in the open. As the shot rang out he looked back among the trees. As the echoes died

away he turned his head toward Hollins and howled dully. A moment later and the figure of a young girl appeared beside the dog. She was bareheaded, barefooted and not over 8 years old. Hesitating for only a moment, she began advancing across the field. The smoke from the soldier's musket had located him. The dog followed at her heels, head and tail down, and with surprise Hollins watched the girl's approach. It took her five minutes to cross the field. She came straight at him as he stood up among the bushes, and when she reached him she extended her hand and clasped his and said:
"Come along, you!"
He rested his musket against a log and permitted her to lead him out into the open and across the field. He did not inquire why she had come. He did not ask where she was leading him. Not a question passed his lips, nor did she speak further. Straight across the field to the trees among which his victim had stood, but long before he got there he saw a form on the grass. By and by they were close up to it, and the girl let go of his hand and pointed and said:
"You shot mam!"
It wasn't a man lying dead on the grass, soldier or farmer, but a woman. The soldier rubbed his eyes and looked around in a dazed way. A boy of 10 and a girl of 5 came out of the house and stood there and looked from the soldier to the dead woman and back. They spoke no word; they shed no tears. It was true that the enemy's picket post was in the bushes a few rods away. The man on post came out of his hiding. He came walking slowly down, and when he had reached the body there was a gasp in his throat. He looked around upon the children, looked up at the blue sky as if speaking to God and, with a groan, turned his back on the place and returned to his post.
"Well?" queried Hollins of the children as they continued to stare at him. They simply pointed to the mother lying dead and uttered no word. The soldier tried to speak again, but he could not. With face white as paper and one on the grass with quivering chin and blinded eyes, he made his way slowly across the old field to his post. As he lurched and staggered he heard the dog howl again, but no one fired upon him, no one called to him. When he reached his post, he sat down on the ground and covered his face with his hands and groaned. An hour later the corporal came with the relief. Hollins was lying on the ground with arms extended.
"Say, boys," said the corporal, as he bent over the body. "I'll be hanged if Dan hasn't gone and killed himself with his own musket! Who'd ever have thought of it!"
Up there among the trees, standing about with the awe of death upon them, the children had heard the shot, and as they looked at each other the girl had whispered:
"Mebbe he's dead too!"

Cable Joiners.
Cable joiners are clever specialists who work for telegraphic engineers and contract in the memorandum of agreement to go anywhere. They are employed on the ships of the ocean telegraph companies, and their duty is to make splices and joints in the cables which are dragged up from the sea for repairs. To those who are not initiated this would seem to be fairly easy work, but it really requires great skill and takes years to learn. Few are aware how liable to damage undersea cables are. In the case of some of the old lines there is scarcely a mile of the cable that has not one or more joints in it.
Expert engineers can determine in a length of thousands of miles to within a few feet where a break in a cable is, the telegraph ship proceeds to the spot, which is indicated by a buoy; the damaged length of cable is dragged up, and the joiners proceed to cut out the fault and deftly splice the cable. The slightest mistake, a tiny air bubble, in the reheated India rubber would spoil the insulation. That would mean that the cable would fail to transmit messages, at an important moment and that a ship, with all its high priced scientific staff, would have to steam hundreds or perhaps thousands of miles to pick up the cable again.—New York Sun.

The Waves Kicked.
In the old theatrical days, before the introduction of "mechanical waves," it was the custom, when a sea scene was wanted, for men to "make" the waves by kicking about under a green cloth tacked across the front of the stage, the men being blindfolded to keep the dust out of their eyes.
One night a "new hand" was asked to tack the cloth down across the stage, but instead of doing this he tacked it across the curtain. The wind whistled, the thunder rolled, and the curtain went up, revealing a body of men lying on their backs, kicking for their lives, instead of the sad sea waves.
The roars of laughter from the audience may be better imagined than described.

Hills and Voices.
The low lying level of Lincolnshire, England, is accountable for a curious difficulty at Seaforth—namely, the absence of boys with choir voices. The influence of a hilly environment in developing singing talent has long been well known, and even in the middle ages it was not uncommon for boys to be sent from the highlands of Scotland to supply the treble and alto in continental cathedrals.—London Standard.

A Clipper.
"Has he got a yacht?"
"No, but he has a revenue cutter that's a regular clipper."
"You don't say!"
"Yes, the scissors he cuts his capers with."—Philadelphia Press.

WHILE THE HEART BEATS YOUNG.

While the heart beats young, oh, the splendor of the day,
With all her dewy jewels on, is not so fair a thing;
The fairest, rarest morning of the blossom time of May
Is not so sweet a season as the season of today.
While youth's diviner climate folds and holds us close around,
As we feel our mothers with us by the touch of face and breast;
Our bare feet in the meadows and our fancies up among
The airy clouds of morning—while the heart beats young!
While the heart beats young and our pulses leap and dance,
We hear the birds with wonder, and with wonder watch their flight,
Standing still the more enchanted, both of hearing and of sight,
When they have vanished wholly, for, in fancy, wing to wing
We fly to heaven with them, and, returning, still we praise the praise of this lower heaven with tireless voice and tongue,
Even as the Master sanctions—while the heart beats young.
While the heart beats young! While the heart beats young!
Oh, green and gold old earth of ours, with azure overhung
And looped with rainbows, grant us yet this grassy lap of thine;
We would be still thy children through the shower and the shine;
So pray we, hisping, whispering, in childish love and trust,
With our beseeching hands and faces lifted from the dust,
By fervor of the poem, all unwritten and unsung,
Thou givest us an answer, while the heart beats young.
—James Whitcomb Riley.

THE PASSING OF THE LAIRD

A Story of the South African War.

It was that field of dread memory—Magersfontein. From dawn—when the belching hill front of fire had mowed in swathes the ranks of the Black Watch—till dusk—when the last gun had sent its whistling shrapnel—the air had seemed to live and screech and scream and to main, blast and wither the men of the Highland brigade.
The dark African night had flung its blackness over Magersfontein, and in the scanty scrub and hollows remained those who could not well retire when the bugles, with reluctant notes, sounded the retreat.
Piper Duncan Farquharson sat up and groaned. His last experience of life had been rather mixed. He remembered retiring behind a wire fence, and after he had scuppered over the yeldt a few dozen yards something happened. What this was Duncan was uncertain, but as he felt his head he knew he had been hit.
The blood had caked hard on his neck and collar, and as he moved it began anew to trickle down his face. He took out his handkerchief and bandaged his wounds as well as he could.
His pipes were safe. He could feel the reeds lying over his knees. He bent to grasp them.
He was tormented with an awful thirst. His water bottle was still intact, and he raised it to his lips. Still the thirst continued.
He sat up and considered. Where was his company? Where was the captain and his lieutenant, the young laird, who bore the same name as he bore? He would go to them. So he went.
He rose up and, reeling, fell. He rose again and once more came down. Then he crawled.
There were groans and curses and sobs from the darkness, and sometimes a wild yell tore the night asunder. There were calls for water in all the dialects spoken north of the Tweed and in many forms of southern Anglo-Saxon.
Duncan crawled through them. At last he came to the barbed wire entanglements. As he crawled through these the barbs tore his skin and hose, and he felt them enter his flesh, but at last he threw himself clear.
Then he rolled down a short way, and a bowlder brought him up. He put out his hand to protect his face and caught another hand, cold and clammy, in his own.
The other groaned aloud.
"Is that you, laird?" said Piper Duncan Farquharson.
"Ah, it's you, Duncan," said Lieutenant Duncan Farquharson.
"Ah, it's me, laird. Are ye sair hurt?"
"Oh, I don't know, Duncan. For heaven's sake, if you have any water, give me some!"
"I've nae water, laird, but I'll get ye some. Ye are awfu' caul', though," said the piper.
He took off his tunic and wrapped the laird in it as well as could be done under the circumstances.
The laird suddenly stirred.
"Do you mind the loch your father and we two used to fish at the back o' Ben-d-honnan? Now, was it a Jock Scott he used? I don't remember."
He shivered; then he came back to Magersfontein.
"Duncan, lad, if you can move, bring me a drink of water."
Duncan sat still and felt his head. He heard with his ears, but his brain was not yet comprehended.
Then consciousness returned to him. He must obey the laird.
It was in these circumstances that Piper Farquharson robbed the dead on Magersfontein.
His field of operation was limited, but he had many within it, limited though it might be.
Duncan pillaged from an officer a silver flask which its owner would never more require.
With other melancholy loots Duncan crawled slowly back to the laird, and, feeling for his face, he poured whisky and water between his lips.
The laird caught his trembling hand.

"Steady, Duncan! I've enough. I'm going. Keep it for yourself."
"Na, na, laird; tak' some mair o't. I'll tak' some mysel', though."
He drank the mixture, and, as the spirit brought back life into his trembling frame, he said:
"Ma'n, laird, I houp that officer chiel was a good levin man. He deserves to gang to a place there's nae sich a drought as there's here."
"You were always plucky, Duncan," said the lieutenant. "But I'm going." His voice was now at a whisper.
"Na, na; ye'll tak' anither drapple!" said the piper, and again he poured a few drops between the laird's lips.
"Duncan, could you play a march before I go?"
"I'll try, but ma held awfu' queer. Hiv ye my pipes?"
"Yes; I kept them in my left hand."
Piper Farquharson tuned his pipes.
"Now, the 'Laughs o' Cromdale,' Duncan. I'm going," whispered the laird.
"Na, na; yer nae gann, laird! I'll play ye a reel." And over the desolation floated the springing crispness of the "Perth Hunt."
From the darkness the sentries on the heights and in the trenches fired off their rifles, and their sleepy comrades stood to their arms. These veredonned petticoat ronecks were to make a night attack. Suddenly the music stopped.
"Dae ye mind that? It was danced at yer coming of age."
"Yes, I remember, Duncan. But play the march and sit down here beside me. I'm cold. It will soon be snow, Duncan."
Duncan, whose head was throbbing with the effort in playing the reel, crawled down beside his laird.
"Aye; I think it will be snow afore mornin'," he said.
Then Piper Farquharson played marches and strathspeys, and in the cold and darkness death came to many of his audience. But as they fell asleep and their thirst was sated and their pain eased, their lullaby was to them, the sweetest they had heard since childhood.
Duncan could play no more. It was indeed only fitfully he had played at all.
And the laird was passing.
"Goodby, old man, and thanks," sighed the laird. "If you go home, tell them I sent my love. I wrote to them all yesterday. Good."
There was a slight tinkle, the laird fell sideways. He had gone with his comrades.
The dawn would come soon. Already the summits of the eastern hills were beginning to appear through the grayness. Day was coming, and the night and those who had gone under its blackness were now to be numbered with that which had been.
Duncan, however, was only concerned about one thing.
The laird was gone. He had asked him for a march. He should have one. Duncan rose, propped himself against the bowlder and stood over the body of his lieutenant.
Then over the yeldt the low, wailing strains of "Lochaber No More" rose and swelled in the dawn, like the voice of a mother mourning with a sore articulate grief the loss of her children.
It was well played. The infinite sorrow, the wild hopelessness of the music rang out over yeldt and kopje, and the more superstitious among the Boers muttered that "it was the wailing of the souls of the petticoat ronecks."
It was probably Piper Farquharson's best effort. It was his last.
The Boer sentinel in the advanced trench saw, as the dawn came, a roneck standing facing him. He was a petticoat and might have thousands behind him. The sentry brought his rifle to the "present." It was an easy shot—a tall man, with no khaki tunic to deceive the marksmen. Then the Mauser barked.
In this wise Piper Duncan Farquharson of the Highland brigade rejoined his laird.—Detroit News.

What is a Mystic?
What is a mystic? The dictionary gives us an answer perhaps, but one wants in a thousand cases something more than the dictionary. We like to make definitions ourselves. This is a stronger tendency than we suspect. A mystic is a man who makes his own definitions.
I knew a man many years ago in a country town where I lived who was a typical nonconformist and an example of self reliance. He was without a man of strong character and did not ask anybody's good opinion. He was a cabinet maker and always spelled bureau "buro." A man to whom he sent a bill said to him, "This is not the way Webster spells bureau." "Well," said he, "this is the way I spell it, and I have as good a right to my way as Webster has to his." He was a mystic in orthography.
"Ye must be born again." That was mysticism to Nicodemus. His dictionary didn't explain it. Jacob Behmen called the same thing "the morning redness." That, too, defies the dictionary. Swedenborg calls love "dru" and beyond all others in modern times makes definitions of his own. All poets are to some extent mystics, inasmuch as they express themselves in symbols and metaphors.—Coming Age.

Another Mean Man.
"Stimson is a mean man."
"Why so?"
"He's got a way of keeping his wife from going through his pockets for loose change."
"How's that?"
"He spends it all before he gets home."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Not Altogether Slow.
Merchant—I think I'll have to fire folk. He's frightfully lazy.
Friend—Slow in everything, eh?
Merchant—Well, no, not everything. He gets tired quick enough.—Philadelphia Press.

THE GREAT GROUND SLOTH.

A Patagonian Animal About Which There is Much Mystery.

Don Francisco Moreno of Argentina has recently taken to England the skeleton and hide of a gyropotherium, which he found in a cave in Patagonia. This animal, also known as the great ground sloth, has always been classed among the extinct monsters, and the finder of this specimen himself believes that it may have been preserved in the ice cold cave ever since the glacial period. The skin, however, seems to resemble that of the jemisch, an animal which, it is said, may still be found in Patagonia.
More than 20 years ago Mr. Chaworth Musters was camped one day with a party of the Tehuelche Indians on a river of Patagonia when two South American ostriches, which the hunters had killed and left outside the camp, disappeared during the night. Their torn and half devoured bodies were found next day in a shallow of the river, to which led the tracks of an animal that from all appearances were those of a mighty beast of prey. The cordilleran puma is a large animal, but the tracks of this mysterious beast were far larger than those of the puma. The Indians, frightened half out of their wits, declared that they knew the animal that had made these prodigious tracks. It was the "tigre del agua," or water tiger, a fierce yellow monster that haunted their rivers and lay in wait for the unwary swimmer to devour him.
Further facts about this mysterious animal have now been collected by Don Carlos Ameghino, who received his information from the same tribe of Indians. They call the animal the "jemisch," believe him to be invulnerable and do not like even to speak of him. The animal lives, the Indians say, in caves on the shores of rivers and lakes and emerges from his lair only in the night. They describe him as having a short, broad head, hide covered with short down hair, short, strong legs with long, clawed feet, like those of a bear, but webbed between the toes.
One of his first letters, containing his famous poem on the Chilkoot, having arrived by mail in this city, was ordered transmitted to the San Francisco paper by telegraph. Then a difficulty arose. Not a town could make meaning out of his lines, which resembled silhouettes of the Sierras. The San Francisco newspaper telegraphed an offer of \$200 to any one who could decipher it, without avail, and the letter was forwarded by mail, to be deciphered finally by his private secretary in San Francisco. The incident was mentioned jokingly to the poet, and he quickly rolled up the sleeve of his right arm, showing the scar of a bullet which had passed completely through the forearm, injuring the nerves and cords of the fingers. "That's just to show you," said Mr. Miller, "that, while I am unapparently conscious of my bad writing, it is not affectation."
Ex-Governor Semple, an old friend of Mr. Miller, told how the matter of the arrow wound in Mr. Miller's features had come to his personal knowledge. This led to a discussion of the cause of the poet's slight lameness. "I am not nearly so lame now as I was 20 years ago," said Mr. Miller. "That lameness was caused by another arrow wound many years ago. I never could quite understand why the old wound should continue to trouble me until one day in Dawson, Yukon after I had completed that long Yukon journey, I chanced to scratch my finger on my leg while taking a bath. To my surprise, I found a piece of flint, which I drew out of the leg. It was a part of that old arrowhead, which had worked clear through the leg. That endless walking—'mushing,' as they call it—had done it."—Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer.

Ministers Are Well Treated.
"No man has more reason to be grateful to his public than a minister, for I know of no servant who is more kindly treated," writes Ian Maclaren of "Is the Minister an Idler?" in The Ladies' Home Journal. "While there are, no doubt, in so large a body as the Christian church, censorious hearers and ill-mannered congregations, just as there are lazy and cantankerous ministers, yet the average congregation is charitable in its judgment of its minister, patient under his failings, keenly appreciative of any good work he does and most responsive to all his good offices. There are not many substantial complaints which a sane minded and good tempered minister can bring against the average congregation, but he has sometimes a grudge against his friends which he does not express, but which often rankles in his heart. It is not anything they say or anything they do; it is the quiet and perhaps unconscious assumption on their part that he has not enough work to do or that he has a considerable quantity of time at his disposal."

Sick of Seeing Blood.
Gunner S. Ward of the Seventh-eighth battery, Royal Field artillery, writing of the difficulties before General Buller's relief column, says, truly enough, that the opinion generally held is that one man in a trench is worth 15 in the open. "To tell the truth," he says, "I'm sick and tired of seeing so much blood. I've seen legs, arms and heads knocked off cleaner than one could cut them off. There's no mistake, it's something terrible. We dug a shell out of the ground weighing exactly 100 pounds, and it was 12 inches in diameter. That same shell killed three mules, one bullock, an Indian native and severely wounded one native. All that damage done without it bursting."—London Leader.

Magic of a Name.
"What's that ugly, yellowish brown thing you have on, Dorothy?"
"Ugly! This is my new khaki coat."
"It is? Oh, how lovely!"—Exchange.

IGNORANCE OF THE BIBLE.

Significant Results of a Test Among College Youths and Maidens.

"Significant ignorance about the Bible," as shown among college students of both sexes, is the subject of an article in The Century by the Rev. Charles F. Thwing, president of Western Reserve university.
"I sometimes ask myself," he writes, "whether the American people are really aware how far the Bible has ceased to be a force in both their literature and their theology. The Bible might continue to be a great force in literature and cease to be a great force in literature, or one can easily think that the Bible might maintain a high place in literature and yet lose its primacy in theology. The critic is causing it to lose its theological value, and apparently among the people it is ceasing to be known as a classic should be known."
"In the early part of the college year of 1894-5, as the first exercise in a course of study in the Bible, I set for the members of the freshman class an examination paper composed of extracts from Tenneyson, each of which contained a Biblical allusion not at all recollectible. To each of these 34 men 22 questions were put, which would demand 748 answers. The record shows that out of a possible 748 correct answers only 328 were given.
"So much for the first test. Five years later I made a like test of college girls. The questions were identical, with a single exception. Of all the questions, every one was answered correctly by just one girl, and what is more remarkable, her knowledge was so exact that to her replies to a good many of the questions she added the book of the Bible in which the reference is to be found. Another girl omitted the reply to the reference to Hezekiah and gave incorrect answers to the one about the miracle at Cana of Galilee. Another omitted the references to Hezekiah and to Peter's sheet and answered incorrectly the question of Pharaoh's darkness.
"The Bible societies may print the book by hundreds of thousands, but the people do not read it, or, if they do read it, they are not impressed by it. Its history, whether received as veracious or as fabulous, is not known; its heroes are less familiar than Jack the Giant Killer or Jack the House Builder; its poetry is not appreciated. The majesty and the magnificence of its style, its deftness of phrase and sweetness of allusion, its perfection of literary form, as well as the profound significance of its ethical and religious teachings, are ceasing to be a part of the priceless possession of the community. Explain the condition as best we may, point out the results as one ought, yet the first emotion is one of grief over this impoverishment of humanity."

THE SECOND MOZART.
A Three-year-old Musical Prodigy at the Spanish Court.
A little 3-year-old, already dubbed "the second Mozart," is now entertained in chief of the court of Spain. The young pianist is named Pepto Ariola, and, so far as may be told from all records, his precocity far surpasses that of Mozart himself.
A fact made much of by Spanish newspapers would seem to indicate that the 3-year-old is a natural phenomenon as well as a musical prodigy. Pepto can play octaves. How he does it nobody knows who has not seen him. Music entranced the little one from the time that his senses first responded to sound, and his hands no sooner learned to grasp and hold than they began to coax melodies from the piano with an incomprehensible witchery. His understanding of harmony seemed to have been inborn.
Pepto's home is in Madrid, and tales of his prowess came to the court. The young king said that he wished to hear Pepto play, and the queen mother declared that a fete should be prepared in the small musician's honor, thereby assuming that Pepto's digestion was as marvelous as his baby lands.
Pepto was accordingly invited to appear before a royal audience and came to the palace. He played his entire repertory with a mastery of his instrument lacking in many mature artists. The royal auditors were captivated by the performance and likewise by the performer, for Pepto is a beautiful black eyed baby, with the charming innocence of a Murillo child.
He was petted and kissed and admired and fed with bonbons and sugary cakes and wonderful little tarts till he forgot his dignity as a musician.
"Play once more, Pepto," they begged, and the amiable Pepto complied. But as he jumped down from the high stool he so sadly tore and disarranged his stiff little skirt that it all but fell off.
Frightful consternation was experienced by Pepto's family at this breach of court decorum, but the queen mother came to the rescue, smiling, and readjusted the second Mozart's skirt before he knew what was the matter.—New York World.

He Likes Air.
Sir William MacCormac, the great English surgeon, has a splendid constitution, which is attributed to his lifelong affection for fresh air. "When he was a boy," observed Dr. Brown, the president of the Dublin College of Surgeons, at a recent meeting, "his father, on going to wake him one morning, found his bed half covered with snow which had drifted in through the open window at the foot of his bed."

A Monster Raft.
A raft to contain 14,000 pigs is now being constructed at Seattle, Wash., by a San Francisco firm to be towed to Japan. When completed, the raft will be 635 feet long, 53 feet in diameter, and will contain 14,000,000 feet of lumber.—Marine Record.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO MICHIGAN PEOPLE.

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

Monroe, Mich., May 8.—It began raining last night and danger from the forest fires is lessened. Many reports reaching this city say that the rain has drenched the flames. The forest fires has shifted from west to the northward and raged fiercely yesterday. The town of Sturgeon was threatened, and the new saw mill of the Nallaban Lumber company, now in course of construction, was saved from destruction only after a hard struggle by the employees. Several thousand dollars' worth of lumber, however, was burned. The town of Loreta was also threatened with destruction and three fires were raging near Carney.

REPUBLICANS OF MICHIGAN.

Harmony a Feature of the State Convention—Transactions Thereof.

Detroit, Mich., May 4.—Harmony seemed to be the distinctive feature when the Republican state convention met at noon. Apparently there were no prospects of a fight over any of the subjects with which the convention was about to deal. Conversation among the big crowd of delegates and candidates during the morning turned more upon the chances of the big batch of candidatures for governor and other state offices than upon the work of the convention, viz: election of delegates-at-large and a state committee and adoption of resolutions. It was evident that the interest in the nominating convention, to be held later, will be tremendous.

The gubernatorial headquarters and the corridor of the Russell House swarmed with delegates and candidates all the morning eagerly discussing the prospects. A brief meeting of the retiring state central committee was held, an auditing committee was appointed and routine business transacted. The committee voted to recommend to the convention that the number of delegates to state conventions be apportioned hereafter according to the vote at presidential instead of at "off-year" elections.

The only thing that delayed the convention was the fight in Washtenaw county between the "regular" delegates and the "irregulars," the "regulars" getting the seats. Charles E. Townsend, of Jackson, was temporary chairman, and the temporary organization was made permanent. The following were unanimously elected delegates-at-large: Colonel Frank J. Hecker, of Detroit; Delos A. Blodgett, of Grand Rapids, and Captain William E. Parnall, of Calumet. William McPherson, of Howell, and Frank W. Gilchrist, of Alpena, fought it out for fourth place, with the result that McPherson won. The following were unanimously elected alternates-at-large: Albert S. Glasgow, of Jackson; Herbert S. Sands, of Pontwater; William Barie, of Saginaw, and John N. McCall, of Ithaca.

Gerrit J. Dieckema, of Holland, was unanimously chosen chairman of the state central committee. Stanley W. Turner, who had been considered the leading candidate for state chairman, having announced his withdrawal.

Major L. G. Wilcox, of Bay City, and Perry Hannah, of Traverse City, were elected presidential electors-at-large. The platform instructs for McKinley for president and otherwise its standard Republican on all issues.

STRICKEN DOWN ON THE STREET.

Atkinson, Sutton's Attorney, Too Ill to Appear in Court.

Lansing, Mich., May 7.—Because of the sudden and serious illness of Captain William E. Atkinson, Saturday, the trial of Colonel Eli B. Sutton did not proceed and was continued over until this afternoon. Court was to have convened at 9 a. m. Saturday. At 8 o'clock, Captain Atkinson, Elliott G. Stevenson and Colonel Sutton started from the Downey House to take a walk before going to the court house. They had gone several blocks beyond the city hall and were returning on Capitol avenue north, when Captain Atkinson put his hand on Colonel Sutton's shoulder and remarked that he was getting dizzy.

A moment later he would have fallen to the walk had he not been supported by Stevenson and Colonel Sutton. He became unconscious and it was at once apparent that he was a very sick man. Dr. Rauch was summoned, and after strenuous efforts Atkinson was restored to consciousness, but he could not attend court and the judge postponed the case to today.

Captain Atkinson has suffered two previous attacks similar to this, one in Port Huron and the other in Detroit several years ago.

SEEMS SOMEWHAT "RECEPTIVE."

Position of W. E. Burt with Reference to a Race for Congress.

Saginaw, Mich., May 8.—Notwithstanding the statement of Hon. Wellington H. Burt that "at the present time I have no idea of running for the office of congressman or for any other office," the fact that he has not absolutely said that he would refuse to make the run, if nominated gives hope to the Democratic leaders here that he can be induced to accept if tendered and the strongest influence will be used to bring that about.

When asked if he would accept the nomination if tendered, Mr. Burt said: "I am not a candidate for it. Further than that I cannot say, for that's all there is of it." The close friends of Burt are inclined to the belief that if tendered the nomination unambiguously he would not decline to make the run although it is conceded he is not a candidate in the sense of seeking the nomination.

OUT OF PRISON HEAD FIRST.

Madly Injured Convict Tries to Escape in Spite of Wounds.

Jackson, Mich., May 8.—Joseph Shaver, a convict from Saginaw, doing five years for larceny, made a desperate attempt to escape from the state prison Saturday night. He was crouched in the prison hospital, located in the tower, fifty feet up, and had considerable liberty. Thus he used to carry some sheep, which he tied to other, attached to the window sill

and swung his body out. His improvised rope broke immediately, and he fell to the cell roof, bounded off and plunged head-first to the earth, in which he made a hole a foot deep. His upper jaw was crushed and he was badly hurt internally, but managed to get across the river bridge, stole a horse blanket and went half a mile before he fell in a swoon, and was brought back to the prison.

Bride Repents in a Hurry.

Arian, Mich., May 8.—Two weeks ago last Thursday at the bride's home in this city W. H. Wiggins, a rich farmer, prominent in Michigan Democratic politics and garage matters, married Mrs. Mary A. Davis. The wealth and standing of the parties gave the affair considerable prominence. Saturday the bride's lawyers filed an application for divorce, alleging extreme cruelty. Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins have just returned from a bridal trip.

New Car Ferry in Prospect.

Ludington, Mich., May 8.—The officials of the Pere Marquette railway, it is said, will start a new car ferry, one between here and Kewauqua, Wis. The new line, it is said, will connect with the Kewauqua, Green Bay and Western at Kewauqua, and will give that road a long haul across the state and lake outlet, while under the present conditions the road is forced to send its trans-lake business to other ports.

Body in the River Six Days.

Saginaw, Mich., May 8.—Captain John Ballor, of the tug Andrew C. McLean, disappeared last Monday night while the tug was lying at the dock here. His body was found in the river Sunday near the tug. Captain Ballor was 35 years old, had sailed the lakes a number of years, and left a wife and four children at West Bay City.

Secured a Sympathetic Strike.

Ludington, Mich., May 7.—The striking Pere Marquette railroad freight handlers scored a point when they secured the co-operation of the vessel loaders' union. The latter body went out and refused to load the salt boats entering port. All the salt docks are filled and being deprived of means of shipment will cause all four of the local salt blocks to shut down.

Col. Atkinson is Improved.

Lansing, Mich., May 8.—Captain Atkinson's condition was so much improved Sunday that he went for a drive. He had a good night's rest Sunday night, and expected to appear in court right away. Juror Fred Brown, of Mason, was quite ill Sunday, but his condition has improved so much that he will not delay the trial.

Will Study the Dog Fish.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 8.—Professor Jacob E. Reizhard, of the department of zoology in the University of Michigan, has established a camp on the Huron river near Geddes and is engaged in studying the habits of the dog fish (Amia calva) in its natural surroundings.

Engineer Acquitted of Blame.

Detroit, Mich., May 7.—Engineer Thomas M. Thompson was Saturday acquitted of the charge of manslaughter by willful neglect of duty in connection with the explosion of the boiler in the Detroit Journal building Nov. 7, 1895, which caused the death of thirty-seven persons.

Brakeman Fatally Injured.

Monroe, Mich., May 8.—William Norton, a brakeman on the "Soo" road, was run over by a freight train near Heransville, Mich., Sunday evening. One leg was cut off and the other fractured. He was injured internally and cannot live.

Shingle and Tie Mill Burned.

Manistique, Mich., May 8.—The shingle and tie mill, owned and operated by Pankratz brothers at Hunt's spur, twenty miles east of here, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$18,000.

Ten Thousand Dollar Fire at Coleman.

Coleman, Mich., May 8.—Fire broke out in the rear of Swigart & Slater's feed barn and \$10,000 worth of property burned. At one time it looked as though the entire village was doomed.

MODJESKA TO DEFY THE CZAR.

Access Will Visit Her Native Land Despite Order of Exile.

San Francisco, May 8.—Mme. Modjeska has returned to her home in southern California after a successful season of thirty-one weeks in the east. She will not act next season, but instead will brave the czar's edict and visit her native land, Poland. Modjeska for several years has been under the displeasure of the czar. During the World's fair at Chicago she delivered an address on Poland before the woman's parliament. Modjeska was carried away by patriotic ardor and said things that displeased Nicholas and the edict followed, making her an exile. Recently a longing to visit her native land came over the actress.

The Russian government was communicated with, but word came back from St. Petersburg that the ban could not be raised. The Russian ambassador and other powerful influences at Washington have been at work and Modjeska has been advised to go to Poland and take her punishment. This she has decided to do.

Death Due to Starvation.

Philadelphia, May 8.—An investigation into the death recently of Mrs. Hegulus Meyer, 50 years of age, has shown that she was a victim of starvation following her attempt at fasting treatment for disease. C. F. Meyer, her husband, accepts the death of his wife as due to heart failure. He said that Mrs. Meyer had been suffering with chronic rheumatism for a year, and that the family physician's efforts to relieve her had been without avail. In despair she turned to the fasting treatment. Mrs. Meyer is said to have abstained absolutely from food for thirty-five days.

Opposed to Sunday Funerals.

Indianapolis, May 8.—Livermen of this city have formed a combination supported by undertakers to discourage Sunday funerals. They say the practice of holding bodies till Sunday for burial is so general that congestion results and better paying patrons cannot be accommodated. An advance of one-third in price on Sunday is made.



IRRIGATION CANALS.

Interesting Features in Their Operation—The Ditch Rider.

The owner of an individual ditch uses it as he pleases, subject only to the state laws governing the diversion and use of water. The practical operation of corporation canal systems is under the control of executive officers of the company, but the representative



FIG. I.—DIVISION GATE ON LATERAL.

with whom the farmer and irrigator comes into most frequent and intimate contact is the ditch rider, who is generally appointed by the manager or president. His duties consist in patrolling the ditch throughout the season of actual operations for the purpose of seeing that the works are in good repair and to superintend the proper distribution of water to the various stockholders from the system.

The larger irrigation systems generally have several distributary canals leading from the main one and following as nearly as possible the highest ground of the areas designed to be watered from them. At various points along the main canal or distributary lateral branches are diverted for conveying the water to land of individual consumers, and it becomes necessary to place regulating structures at the points of diversion for the purpose of regulating the flow into these laterals. These consist of wooden, boxlike structures in which sliding gates are placed, by which the size of aperture from the main canal is regulated and the flow of water therefrom controlled. Where accuracy of results is attempted there is also placed in the lateral ditch below the regulating gates a weir whose flow for all depths is tabulated, and a graduated scale is so placed with reference to the weir that the depth can be conveniently read off.

When it is desired to deliver into a lateral a given volume of water, the ditch rider consults his weir table and finds the depth over this weir necessary to discharge the required amount. He then increases or lessens the opening from the main canal by moving the sliding gate until the required depth over the weir is realized. This is the most important duty of the ditch rider, and for its proper execution he is expected to make a trip daily over the entire canal or his division of it. He usually travels on horseback or in a two wheeled cart and carries a shovel, a hatchet, a small sharp pointed bar and a number of empty sacks. The hatchet is used to repair structures, the

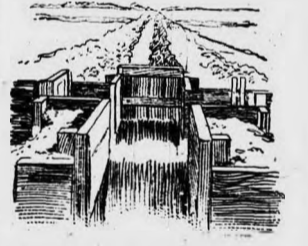


FIG. II.—DIVISION BOX ON LATERAL.

bar is for raising gates which may be difficult to move by hand, and the shovel and sacks are frequently required for the repair of banks and the stoppage of holes caused by gophers, muskrats and other burrowing animals. The holes thus made are usually insignificant at first, but become rapidly enlarged by the escaping waters and if not stopped carry away a portion of the embankment.

Upon the discovery of a leak the ditch rider's first efforts are directed to the location of the point on the inside of the bank at which the water enters the hole. This is frequently detected through the eddy appearing at or near the opening. The orifice, if small, can be closed by pushing into the hole one or two empty sacks; if already large, it can usually be closed by first filling a few sacks a half or a third full of loose earth and ramming them into the mouth of the opening.

The regulating gates are frequently kept locked and the key carried by the ditch rider. When a water consumer has completed his irrigation for the time being, he may desire that the water be shut out from his lateral. In such cases he leaves a note tacked to his head gate requesting the ditch rider to shut it off at a specified time and in the same manner notifies him to turn it on when he again needs it. The ditch rider gets these messages when he makes his daily round over the ditch.

Such are some of the items in the operation of ditches as described by J. C. Ulrich in a recent bulletin.

Formalin Treatment For Grain.

Hot water treatment for oat smut must be done just right, and all farmers do not have the facilities. Formalin is easier to use, one pound to 50 gallons of water. This is either sprinkled on with a watering pot, one gallon to a bushel of oats, or the oats are dipped in the solution. In each case they should stand two hours before being dried out, says an exchange.

BROOM CORN.

Information From One of the Leading Regions of Its Culture.

As a result of the high price of broom corn many are seeking the necessary information to enable them to enter upon the industry in sections where it has never yet been tried. These, and perhaps regular growers as well, may find desirable matter in the following from the broom corn region of Illinois, presented by Ohio Farmer: Broom corn was grown as an industry first in New York, and only within the last 25 years has the industry become one of any considerable proportions. The crop has been raised to some extent in Ohio, and also in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, but now the bulk of the crop is produced in eastern central Illinois. The rich, loamy soil suitable for the most successful growth of Indian corn is also the soil best adapted to its development.

The ground should be prepared in the same way as for Indian corn, except that it should be made even more smooth and mellow for broom corn, which should be drilled in, 75 to 90 seeds to the rod. Too much care cannot be taken in the selection of the seed. Experience proves that it pays to buy only what is known to be good seed, properly selected and saved. Put seed in a vessel of water and reject all that float. A difference of one-half in the amount produced has been found to result between the plantings of good and poor seed. The Tennessee Evergreen is the variety most generally grown, and its yield is large and of good quality. The Missouri Evergreen, as grown in Illinois, yields a somewhat finer and more pliable quality of brush which grades better for what is sold as "carpet stock."

The extreme limit of time for planting in this latitude is from the middle of May to the middle of June, the latter part of May and first of June being preferable, dependent, of course, upon the season and the condition of the ground, which is of primary importance. The black seed may be planted two or three weeks later, when it has been found impracticable to sow the Evergreen at the proper time, but it does not produce the best quality of brush.

The seed is rather slow in sprouting and in its early growth, and the ground should be well harrowed and worked while the plants are small and the weeds kept down until it is well started and indeed until the crop itself so shades the ground as to smother the weeds. The cutting should be done after the heads are fully out, but before the seed fully ripens. If delayed until the seed is ripe, the brush will not keep the good green color which is desired and which is of importance, as the color is considered in grading the stock and consequently affects the price of the marketable article. If left too long before cutting, the brush has a reddish cast.

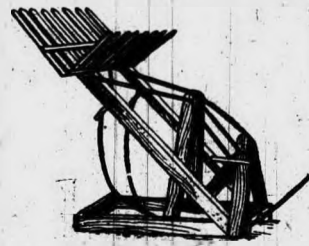
To raise and care for a crop of broom corn that will bring substantial returns when marketed the farmer must have special knowledge and training and be provided with the means for removing the seed and putting the brush in the drying sheds the same day it is cut. It must not be left exposed to rain or even dew overnight. Care must be taken in removing the seed that all the seed is taken off and all blades removed from the stalk. The sheds are built much like large, long corncribs, and the brush is laid on shelves made of slats, one above the other, the whole construction being with a view to the most thorough circulation of air through the brush. From ten days to two weeks is required for thorough drying, when it is ready to be baled. Bales are made to contain from 300 to 500 pounds, the average size being 350 pounds. The bales must be made square and smooth.

Seven Rules of Irrigation.

- 1. The more cultivation the less water is required.
2. Irrigation furrows should generally not be over three inches deep.
3. Do not let the water lie around the stems of plants.
4. Do not overirrigate. Two thorough soakings a month are usually sufficient.
5. Do not water trees or vines when in blossom, nor until the fruit has properly set.
6. Irrigate preferably on cloudy days or at night.
7. Do not apply water when the soil is hot.—Oceanside (Cal.) Blade.

New Standard Hay Stacker.

The cut shows a standard hay stacker invented by a Colorado man which is very simple in construction, strong and durable and has no castings. It is a combination of base frame, swinging derrick and stationary standard. The standard is the most novel feature about this machine. It serves to shorten the draft and elevate the draw rope to the arc of a circle, the derrick being



STANDARD HAY STACKER.

pivoted in the center of gravity, thereby minimizing the power required to elevate. The draft is the same at all points until the hay is delivered. One horse does the elevating. It is claimed that the new invention will do an equal amount of work in less than one-fourth the time required by the old style derricks. Its capacity is estimated at from 75 to 100 tons a day.

FRESHEST STYLES.

AS REVEALED IN ATTRACTIVE NEW COSTUMES OF CLOTH AND SILK.

A Swell Lightweight Check Spring Suit—Natty Foulard Summer Gown, Popsin Trimmings—Taffeta Tailor Suits the Latest Fad.

The fashion chronicler's task when selecting a few of the modes of the day for mention is an unusually pleasant one at present, for seldom has everything in the world of dress been more uniformly attractive. All recent changes tend, on the whole, to grace, elegance and comfort of attire. But



CHECK CLOTH SUIT.

fashion's moods have become so manifold with the advancing season that to attempt to generalize about them is distinctly less profitable than to bring before the reader some of the manifestations which have been received with greatest favor.

In the first cut we have, for example, a fashionable frock of black and white lightweight goods strapped with black taffeta silk, with which is worn a tucked taffeta vest, crepe de chine collar and bow and a scarlet silk waist band with fringed ends.

In the second cut is a smart foulard silk gown for summer wear, which shows one of the new tucked skirts, a very chic lace bolero and a silk waist band arrangement.

And just here it may not be amiss to remark upon the popularity of lace in summer modes. Lace appliques are, in fact, more noticeable on some gowns than the foundation material. Russian laces, especially in what is known as string or twine color, are the fashionable heavy laces for use with cloth, velvet and the heavier silks, and the color mentioned harmonizes well with pastel shades. Mechlin will be a favorite wash dress trimming. Cluny, Italian and valenciennes laces and batiste applique are other favorites for thin materials.

Appliques of every description rank among the idols of the hour. A lovely dress of coarse white net, for instance, is covered with appliques of "white cloth." Black and white spotted panne is also very much in vogue, and it is introduced as facings and serves on many of the light cloth walking gowns.

Another popular idol is taffeta, which the authorities have contrived to make of softer texture than heretofore, and taffeta costumes of coat and skirt



FOULARD GOWN.

style, elaborated with embroidery of chenille, will be among the extravagances of the season.

There is a tendency toward the revival of gold-braided and gold braid, and these on light cloth dresses, with a touch of black cleverly introduced and a cravat or vest of ecru lace, have undoubted charms.

Pleasing Way to Serve Butter.

A pleasing form in which to serve butter is that of a thin roll. Make butter balls first, and then flatten each ball by quick, sharp strokes of the paddles until it is an eighth of an inch thick. Lift one edge of the butter with the paddle and roll it lightly over until the edges lap, says The Cooking School Magazine.

NEW WALL PAPERS.

VERY TASTEFUL AND ATTRACTIVE DESIGNS OF THE SEASON.

Rich, Dark Colors With Large Figures—Plain Paper Still Used—Beautiful Tapestry Papers—Huge Flowers and Floral Stripes.

It is no difficult thing to understand that most of the newer designs for bedroom paper have been fashioned with an eye to country houses, for surely few city houses could hope to boast of bedrooms spacious enough to accommodate the great, glorious roses or poppies that appear on so many of the



TAPETRY PAPER.

newest papers, says the New York Sun, which gives the following information about them:

They are on almost any color, these flowers, and they are arranged in stripes in almost every case. In fact, the first and fundamental law governing paper for the bedroom seems to be that it shows a floral stripe. Huge poppies of red or of lavender, large red or yellow roses are among the favorites, for the colors are almost without exception gay and bright.

The more delicate floral stripes are still to be found in plenty, and with a confirmed following, since in the selection of wall paper more than in most things individual taste will have its way in spite of changes in style. That is true especially as regards the plain paper. It has always been more, or less in style, dating back to even the old days when a special border for each paper was a thing unknown. At that time, if a certain paper was selected, there were a few anxious moments on the part of the dealer while he hunted around among his assortment of borders to see if he could match one by any chance to the color, let alone the design.

The plain paper bids fair to remain in style, the only difference coming in with the color. Just now the best color is considered to be some one of the soft shades of brown against which pictures show up to their best advantage, although almost any color goes so long as it harmonizes with the furnishings of the room. The best plain paper is that with a crape finish, better than the cartridge paper because it takes on richer colorings, and rich coloring is a demand of the day in wall papers. To generalize and describe the new wall papers in one brief sentence one would probably say that they are dark and rich in coloring and large in design. That would about cover the field.

A great feature of the papers for libraries and dining rooms, where warmth of color is desirable, is the English or French tapestry design copied from old tapestries, with all the original wealth of hue, so that the effect is nearly perfect. A closely covered yet bold arrangement after English tapestries shows the fleeing stag, the pursuing pack and all the other details of the chase.

Some of the most beautiful of the drawing room papers are those with delicate hued flowers against a white background with the more antique effect. Heavy grosgrain white silk may be the suggestion offered by an



A MODERN ART DESIGN.

other paper where the dainty blues, pinks and yellows in which French papers revel appear in an ascending stripe.

But not even all the parlor papers are light and airy. The return to dark colors has made a dark toned red paper, red in the background, a still deeper and more velvety red in the floral design, a favorite. The heavy embossed papers, which are the most expensive of all, show a marked preference for rococo designs, although conventionalized patterns are no mean seconds.

Renovating Carpets.

An old housekeeper says that there may be many new liquids for freshening and brightening carpets, but she has yet to find anything that will do better work than ox gall. Use one gill to a gallon of cold, soft water, stirring the ox gall into the water with a stick. With a soft brush rub the carpet, making a white lather. Two persons should do this work, one following the other and washing the lather off with clear water. The water should be changed often, and then the carpet should be rubbed with clean cloths until dry.

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PERRINSVILLE.

A very pleasant surprise was given Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brown in honor of their twentieth wedding anniversary. About fifty friends and relatives partook of a bountiful supper. A number of useful presents were given them as tokens of esteem.

Wm. Wurtz is having his well repaired. O. T. Richards' is doing the work.

Emory Glass, of Elm, is very low at this writing.

John King's little daughter, who is living with O. T. Richards' family, is very sick at this writing.

Mrs. Ella Meldrum is no better.

L. Meldrum, having finished his term as jurymen, is at home again.

Giles Foster is having his house remodeled. Wm. Schunk is doing the work.

After the regular services last Sunday, Rev. Alvin Bills, of Oklahoma occupied the pulpit for a few minutes. Every one was well pleased with his preaching.

Geo. Draper has moved into his mother's house again.

The Cooper school closes for the summer vacation in two weeks.

SALEM.

The young ladies of the second Congregational church of Salem will give a concert at the church Sunday evening, May 13, to which all are cordially invited.

Henry Vanaken, who had his hand caught in a hay press last week, is doing very nicely.

F. G. Terrill was at Detroit last week in attendance at the republican State convention.

G. S. Wheeler was at Wyandotte last week Tuesday at the Republican district convention and was in Detroit the next day at the Republican State convention.

Will Thayer has been transferred from the fish hatchery at Detroit to the hatchery at Northville, where he will be employed until about the first of July, when he will return to Detroit.

H. P. Thompson died very suddenly at his home on Thursday evening of last week. Mr. Thompson was born at Peebles' corners about 67 years ago, being the only son of the late Seth Thompson. He was a prominent citizen, and a former supervisor of Salem. His funeral took place at his late residence last Saturday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. W. C. Allen.

LIVONIA CENTER.

There will be a cemetery meeting at the church on Saturday, May 19th. Every one is asked to come, so arrangements can be made toward uniting the old and new cemeteries.

Charley Kay expects to sail for old England in about two weeks and his many friends wish him well in his journey and that his health may be restored.

Horace Kingsley is home from jury duty, which lasted him some five weeks over time, on account of the famous Hodge case.

Mrs. Irwin Carpenter and three children returned home Monday, after a weeks' visit with relatives and friends at Wayne and Carlton.

Farmers that have their ground ready for spring crops find it too cold to plant, and it is feared that stuff planted on wet ground will rot if it don't warm up soon.

Ed. Warren, of Detroit, visited his mother, Mrs. W. O. Minkly, Saturday and Sunday.

Now is the time when every man that has the time is seen wending his way toward the Rouge and showing his ability as a fisherman.

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Fred Millard and wife have been obliged to leave Mr. Rattenbury's on account of Mrs. Millard's health, which is very poorly.

H. Kingsley and R. Z. Millard are painting the Briggs church this week. R. Z. says he has enough of work on hand to keep him busy all summer.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Johnston send congratulations to the young son, not forgetting the parents.

NEWBURG.

Miss Hattie Hodge returned Monday from Detroit, bringing Mrs. George Thomas, of Owosso, as her guest.

Wednesday the L. R. C. and G. A. R. met at the home of N. Barrows, and with well-filled lunch baskets served dinner and then presented Mrs. Dr. Barrows, mother of N. Barrows, with a willow rocker, for which she is very thankful.

Rev. W. G. Stephens gave us an interesting sermon last Sunday on the text, "Cast thy bread upon the water." The audience, we feel sure, will think of this sermon for many days. The class meeting held for half an hour before services is well attended.

Maud Peters was home Sunday. Bessie Rutter and Emma Bassett are visiting friends in Detroit this week.

Mrs. Bovee visited her mother, Mrs. Farwell, last week.

W. Rattenbury was in Detroit Wednesday.

Mrs. Lou Vanblireum returned from Detroit Wednesday, where she has been treated by a dentist.

Arthur Davey is very much missed in the choir and Sunday school, as he is working west of Plymouth.

TONQUISH.

The Helping Hand society met with Mrs. George Hix, May 2d. They will meet next with Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Bunyca in June.

There was a tramp arrested on the Pere Marquette track here last Sunday afternoon. He was suspected of pilfering from a house near there. Officer Smith, of Wayne, took him in charge.

William Ward spent the latter part of last week with old friends near Perrinsville.

Mrs. Maybee and her daughter have moved into L. T. Blount's house, formerly occupied by W. Broadbent.

There will be an apron and necktie social at John Hix's Friday, May 11. A cordial welcome is extended to all. Hot coffee will be served by the H. H. society.

Arden Sackett and son took a trip to Ypsilanti Sunday, returning home the next day.

Miss E. Margaret Hix spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Julia Hanchett.

Mrs. L. P. Hanchett, of Plymouth, spent a few days this week at her son, Merritt's of this place.

MURRAY'S CORNERS.

Miss Minnie Heide, of Plymouth, spent Sunday with Miss Matt Walker.

Miss Daisy Lilley, of Sheldon, is visiting friends in this vicinity this week.

Mrs. Swick of Vernon, Shiawassee county, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ira Kinyon, for the past two weeks has returned to her home.

Miss Gusta Hyde, of Plymouth, visited Miss Ada Westfall Sunday.

Mrs. Clifford McLumphia spent Wednesday with her aunt, Mrs. Herd of Plymouth.

Mrs. Orson Westfall is spending a few days this week in Detroit.

Hiram Murray, was in Ann Arbor Monday.

Go and Hear.

EDITOR MAIL: There is a curious fact, that you may have observed, that most of the large political events of our country national elections, conventions, etc. occur in the latter part of the year, while the more notable religious gatherings are held in the spring. Among other meetings of that sort is the annual gathering of the Presbyterian church, technically called the General Assembly, as the Methodists call theirs the Conference, and the Baptists a Convention, etc.

The General Assembly meets this year in the city of St. Louis, May 17th. A very important matter for consideration at that session is the revision of the creed. Now there are some of your readers to whom the term creed actually stands for crystallized religious despotism. There are others who regard the creed of the Presbyterian church as dealing only with the stern, hard features of religious truth, like a treatise upon Natural History, which should notice only the relentless law of gravitation, the ravages of disease, the pain and sorrows of death, taking no notice of the beauties of spring or the joys of childhood.

Now, if all your readers who are interested in what their neighbors really do believe will come to the Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon they will hear our beliefs set forth and also some reasons why we think those beliefs ought to be restated.

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MEAD'S MILLS.

Mrs. Amanda Ackly, of Wayne, was a visitor here last week.

Mrs. Crocker and family are staying with her daughter, Mrs. Cammi Benton, this summer.

Our Sunday school was opened last Sunday for the first time this year. Every Sunday now at 3:30. Mrs. Rockwell and daughter were

staying at her brother, Frank Johnson's last week.

Mrs. Ida Hughes was in Plymouth last week, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Bert Ray.

Mrs. Cook, Mrs. E. Taylor's mother, has been very sick with lung trouble.

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