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NORTH VILLAGE

A remarkable political coincidence is the fact that Bryan received just the same number of votes in Ohio, this year as in 1896. McKinley, however, received 21,927 more than four years ago.

Messrs. Hawkes and Angus, who are pushing the extension of the electric railway between Jackson and Ann Arbor, are hustling the construction between Chelsea and Ann Arbor, and hope to have it running cars in a short time. When the line is completed to Jackson they expect to make the time between Detroit and that point in three and one-half hours.—Wayne Review.

After January 1 don't leave your baggage at the depot longer than twenty-four hours unless you are willing to pay storage. Notices have been posted saying that storage will be charged after the first twenty-four hours, at twenty-five cents for the first subsequent twenty-four hours and ten cents for each twenty-four hours thereafter. This has always been the nominal rule but has never been enforced. The station agents say they now have orders to enforce it strictly.

Trenton Times: Gov. Pingree has appointed Tracy McGregor of the helping hand mission, to succeed John Hosmer as county agent. McGregor is a young and active man; Hosmer is an old man. The friends of the governor say that the change was made to get a younger man in the place and not that there was any dissatisfaction with Mr. Hosmer. The change was made without any warning to Mr. Hosmer. The compensation for this office cannot exceed \$300 a year. Mr. Hosmer has held the place since 1889.

Some six months ago The Ladies' Home Journal offered a series of cash prizes for the best outdoor photographs taken by amateur photographers during the summer. The returns almost swamped the Philadelphia postoffice, which in three months delivered 26,400 photographs to the magazine. The photographs make perhaps the largest single collection ever sent to one particular quarter. It will require nearly a month's work on the part of the magazine's entire staff to assort the pictures and make the awards.

A newspaper reporter dreamed one night that the editor had decided to get out a paper that was entirely satisfactory. Every item that was brought in was carried around to different houses, and if any objections were raised it was promptly "killed." At 3:00 p. m. the paper went to press as usual and when the patrons unfolded it that evening they found nothing but a blank sheet. The editor of the paper slept sweetly that night, realizing that he had printed nothing to offend anybody and that his paper was entirely satisfactory.

Carleton Times: Last Saturday night about 7 o'clock, fire was discovered in the John Discher homestead west of town, and in spite of all efforts of the neighbors and friends, the fire kept making headway until the homestead was completely destroyed. Considerable of the furniture was saved, which could be grabbed hold of quick and carried out, but the remainder was burned. The homestead was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Discher, who were visiting at Geo. Discher's, a few rods away, when the fire happened. The building was insured in the Farmers' Mutual for \$1,200.

Boy and girls don't wait until you are grown up to decide what you will be or what you will do to help on the world's work. Instead of building castles in the air and imagining yourselves to be the heroes and heroines of impossible situations in an impossible world, be every day heroes and heroines in a real, everyday world. The boys and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow. Begin then, today to build the foundations of your castle, not in the air but on the solid ground; and when the morrow comes it will find you ready. Resolve early in life what you will be and your usefulness to the world will be doubled. Don't imagine you are too young. Thomas A. Edison, the great electrician, was making experiments in chemistry at the age of twelve. Francis F. Willard, the great temperance leader, with the help of her brother, Oliver, started a paper at fourteen, and the boy and girl talked frequently of what they would be when they were grown up. The great McMahon was told, when a poor

#### STEPS WORTH OF GOOD.

A. H. Thurness, of Wills Creek Coal Co., Buffalo, O., writes: "I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble for years, passing gravel or stones with excruciating pain. Other medicines only gave relief. After taking Foley's Kidney Cure the result was surprising. A few doses started the brick dust like fine stones, etc., and now I have no pain across my kidneys and I feel like a new man. Foley's Kidney Cure has done me \$1000 worth of good." Take no substitute. '93 Pharmacy.

boy that he could be anything he wanted to be if he only kept working and thinking about it. "Then I'll be a marshal of France," said the boy, and he became both marshal and president also. Lucy Stone, the great champion of higher education and quality for women, made up her mind when but a tiny bit of a girl that she would go to college and graduate, and she did. She picked berries and nuts and sold them to buy books, and eventually was graduated at Oberlin, the only college then open to women. Decide now what you will be, what you will do. Don't dream. Think and work.

Jay Vinton & Co., the Detroit contractors, have secured a tract of land on the Eureka road about a mile west of town, and are preparing to start a big hennery. J. B. Schmitt, a practical man, is in charge of the enterprise as superintendent. Incubators of the most improved type, will be installed after suitable buildings have been erected, and the firm expect to do a big business. Operations are already under way to provide the necessary buildings. The product will be shipped to outside points for marketing.—Wyandotte Republican.

Farmington Enterprise: Last Saturday afternoon Carl Lang and his son were engaged in hauling wood from the field to the house. Late in the day the father sent the son on to the house with a load and remained to put up the fences that they had taken down for the team to pass through, intending to walk to the house. The son, after unloading, proceeded to Gildemeister's mill returning home about six o'clock. As the father had not been seen since he passed him with the load, a search was made and in the field where he had remained to fix the fence, they came upon the body lying in a kneeling position on the ground. It was cold at the time of the discovery and it is supposed that his death took place shortly after the son left him.

A glimpse of the luxury with which rich Americans surround themselves is given in the January number of The Ladies' Home Journal, under the title "Housekeeping in a Millionaire's Family." If this issue of the Journal is a fair sample of what that popular magazine intends to give its readers in the new century its already wide field of usefulness will be greatly enhanced. One of the striking features of the January Journal "The Baltimore Belle Who Made the Most Brilliant Match of Any Girl in America," recalls the fact that a Yankee "Queen" once sat on a Vice Regal throne in Ireland. Edward Bok has an article on "The Two Centuries and this Magazine," giving a short review of the history of the Journal. There are also many other features that will prove useful and helpful to home-makers. By the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. One dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

County School Commissioner Yost is making an effort to establish good libraries in every district school, says the Wyandotte Independent. He has visited over one hundred schools during the past fall, and has impressed upon the scholars the value of spending the winter evenings reading some good books. This is a matter of interest to every parent and child in the county, and all should do their part towards establishing a good library in every school. If you have a spare book or want to do something to help along a good school library, buy a book or two and put it in your school library. Commissioner Yost in his circular to teachers upon the question as follows:

"A word about the district school libraries. I am sure nothing could be done that would be of more benefit than to establish a library, though small in every district school. I think there is not a teacher in the county who cannot do this if the proper effort is made. What is needed in every school is not a large collection of miscellaneous books, but a well chosen list of books of history, travel and stories from history. Where such libraries are established and well kept up in the school room, pupils are advanced fully one grade in reading, history and geography. It should be impressed upon the pupil's mind that it is not now many books he reads, but how well he reads them. How to get the library. See the director and find the amount of the library fund. Then prepare a list of books you would like to buy. And then see the board and get their permission to buy."

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and la grippe during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Thos. Whitfield & Co., 241 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this, says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for la grippe in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia." For sale by Mielers' Drug Store Plymouth.

#### An Inglorious Ending.

The rejection by the senate of the tax bill forms an inglorious ending to Gov. Pingree's career, and to that of the senate as well. So far as the senate is concerned, it is only what might have been expected. It was only under great pressure of public opinion that they were brought to take the preliminary steps in this measure, and it is but natural that when an entirely distinct question gives them a political advantage that they should take advantage of it. It is not by any means creditable to the senate, but it is just about what one would expect.

As for Gov. Pingree, he has no one but himself to blame. Had it not been for his outrageous abuse of the pardoning power for some reason not yet entirely clear, this result might have been easily avoided.

The refusal of the senate to allow the use of the senate chamber for his banquet, and the refusal of the judges of the supreme court to attend it, serve but to emphasize the general attitude of the public towards the governor.

It has been suggested that the judges declined on account of the freedom with which liquor was to be served. This may have had some influence, but the fact that the governor has taken it upon himself to pour contempt on two different judges of the state because of their faithfulness to their official duty, may be allowed to have some weight. The judges of the supreme court are supposed to have some sense of the dignity of the bench.

As for the senate, it has simply taken advantage of the chance offered to give the governor a snub and at the same time pose as the protector of public decency. Whether this adds anything to the governor's humiliation depends on how you look at it. To fall below the senate's standard of propriety may perhaps be considered a fall indeed.

When, in addition to all this, we are confronted by the official extravagance during the governor's incumbency and the cost of this fruitless extra session, it must be acknowledged that as a reform administration the present one leaves something to be desired.—To-Day, Detroit.

If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price 25c. Samples free at Mielers' drug store, Plymouth.

#### W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Jennie Voorhies has returned for a short stay in Plymouth and will give a report of the National W. C. T. U. hall. This will be a rare treat and none of the members should miss it.

Death has again entered our ranks and has taken away one of our most valued, faithful workers. Mrs. Esther Vickery, our beloved vice president was called home Friday, Dec. 21, 1900, after an illness of only one week. For years she had been identified with our organization and a portion of the time had occupied the position of President until, through pressure of other duties, she had been compelled to refuse a re-election to this office. She was one of the "tried and true" and, even the last Friday before her illness she attended our meeting and inspired us all with her cheery words and presence. Our hearts are filled with sorrow as we think of the place that must evermore be vacant, of the dear face that we shall see no more. Death is so sad, so terrible. And yet 'tis a beautiful thought that this true-hearted sister left the world beloved by all who knew her and that she scattered sunshine wherever she went. With tender sympathy we think of the sorrowing family and of the home made desolate by the loss of this dear one.

The day had been drear and gloomy,  
When the loved one was borne away,  
And eyes that were dim with weeping  
Saw clouds that were dark and gray.

Yet, just as the church was entered,  
All silent, sudden and strange,  
There came, for a few brief moments,  
A subtle, wonderful change.

No clouds from the heavens lifted,  
The shadows were put to rout,  
The sun, in a burst of splendor,  
Its radiance shed about.

It flooded the church with glory,  
Dispelling the shadows there;  
The rays fell soft on the casket,  
Gleaming the blessed fair.

A while and the radiant splendor  
Had vanished as swift as a ray,  
Once more came the sombre shadows,  
Once more the clouds so gray.

And we thought as the grieving family  
Passed on toward the silent tomb,  
"For her is the dawn's glory,  
For there is the deepening gloom."

—Nettie H. Pelham, Supt. Press.

NOTICE.—I will be at the Plymouth Savings bank on Thursday, Jan. 3, to receive taxes for Canton township. Also assessments in the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co.

G. H. SILLINGTON,  
Treas. Canton, Twp.

## Look for Bargains

FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

A Few Overcoats at \$4 & \$5

A Few Men's Suits \$4, \$5 & \$6,  
to close out.

We also have some Ladies' and Men's  
Shoes, which we are going to close  
out at from 50c to \$1 pair.

Flour, per sack, best	50c
9 bars Santa Claus Soap for	25c
8 bars Queen Ann Soap, cash, for	25c
3 cans Choice Sweet Corn	25c
3 cans Choice Tomatoes	25c
Beat Early June Peas, per can	10c
Lion and XXXX Coffee	12c
Beat Corn Syrup, per gal	25c
Pure ground Pepper, per pound	20c
Our Best Tea, per pound now	50c
Tea Dust, per pound	25c
Good Fine Cut Tobacco, per pound	30c
Sweet Cuba Tobacco, per pound	35c
Pure Cider Vinegar, per gallon	15c
New Prunes, 7c per pound, 4 pounds for	25c
Beans, per quart	5c
Clear Back Pork, per pound	9c
Red Gross Plug Tobacco, per pound	30c
A new line of Prints	5c and 6c
Best Overalls, per pair	50c
Men's Perfection Rubbers, from	\$1.25 to \$1.50
A nice line of Outings, ranging from	5c to 12c yd

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25 CENTS.

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COULDN'T KEEP THE SECRET.

A Groceryman at Moscow, Hilldale Co. Three Two Men to Burn His Store on Contents That He Might Get the Insurance—Other Items.

Sensational Developments in Arson Trial.

The trial of Chas. W. Hewitt on a charge of procuring the burning of a store building and the contents of the same, owned by himself, has been in progress in the circuit court at Hillsdale for the past 10 days and some sensational developments have resulted. The property was located at Moscow, Hilldale county, where Hewitt was engaged in the grocery business on a small scale. The fire occurred on the night of Jan. 20, 1900. It was suspected at the time that it was of incendiary origin and Hewitt himself made a show of soliciting the aid of the authorities in hunting down the firebugs and bringing them to justice. Matters ran along until last September, when two citizens of Lenawee county, who live just over the county line, began to leak badly, to their own and Hewitt's discomfort. These two men are Henry and Will Marvin, father and son. The Marvins were soon arrested and the younger man confessed to burning the building, but charged Hewitt with hiring him to do it. He said his father was with him, and before he applied the match they looted the store, taking a wagon load of stuff home with them.

Hand, Nye and De France Pardoned.

Gov. Pingree has granted a pardon to Clifford Hand, who was sent from Washenaw county to Jackson prison for life for the murder of Jay Pulver. The pardon was petitioned for by 300 of the leading citizens of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. The case presented in behalf of Hand is remarkable in several respects. The evidence was purely circumstantial, and the governor states that it is just as consistent with the theory of innocence as of guilt, and that the supreme court has decided that in such cases, the doubt should be resolved in favor of the accused.

Geo. Nye returned to Detroit from Jackson prison shortly after noon on the 25th with Adj. Anthony Weiler, who went to Jackson the night before with the pardon papers which materially shortened the five-year sentence Nye was serving after conviction on a charge of perjury in connection with the Nelson Cunningham holdup case at Detroit about a year ago.

Stonewall J. De France, confidence man, forger and an all around expert crook, has been pardoned says a dispatch from Jackson dated the 25th.

Marsh's Pardon Held Valid.

The supreme court has, in a unanimous opinion written by Justice Moore, dismissed the appeal in the case of Arthur F. Marsh, thus holding the pardon granted him by Gov. Pingree valid. The opinion says that the important question in the case is whether there has been a conviction of the respondent within the meaning of the constitution, so that executive clemency may be invoked, the prosecution having urged that before the governor can exercise the pardoning power there must be a sentence of the court as well as conviction. It is the opinion of the court that Gen. Marsh was convicted when he asked for clemency, therefore the pardon is valid and the accused must pay the sum stipulated by the governor when he granted the pardon.

Beats a Poor Crop Last Season.

The Wolverine Sugar Co., of Henton Harbor, finished grinding this year's crop of beets on the 19th and closed down as soon as the sugar was turned out. The output of the factory this season is less than that of last year, owing to the poor crop of beets which were blighted by dry weather in August. The beets, while a poor crop in bulk, were also short in saccharine substance. The factory's offer of \$5 per ton for beets next season, it is thought, will give them all the beets they can handle next year.

Pingree Cited for Contempt.

Gov. Pingree will have to show cause, Saturday, Dec. 29, why he should not be punished for contempt. Judge West having made such order on the 24th, on petition of three members of Ingham county bar, who say their action is taken at the request of numerous members of the bar association. Action is based on an interview published in the Detroit Tribune, Dec. 7, in which the governor bitterly attacked the court using vile epithets, etc. Judge West will call in an outside judge to hear the case.

A crusade against all vice is on at Bay City.

The organization of the Lansing Sugar Co., with a capital of \$400,000, was perfected at Lansing on the 19th. The smallpox scare around Yale has abated somewhat. It is not believed that those exposed will have the disease. Wood is such a scarce article in Michigan that apple trees in orchards in that vicinity have been cut down for fuel. About 150 guests sat down to the 25th annual banquet given by the Christian Endeavor society at Northville on the 19th. The four special sessions called by Gov. Pingree during his two terms in the executive office cost the people of Michigan \$20,118.32.

Confessed of Several Crimes.

A man named E. Green has surrendered himself to the police saying that he and his brother, John, murdered a man named Bill Feeny, at Claire Station, Isabella county, in 1875. He says they took Feeny out, knocked him in the head, cut his throat and robbed him of \$600. He says that he and his brother also committed several other crimes, and that his brother was shot while trying to hold up a Southern Pacific passenger train; that he is now willing to pay the penalty for his crimes is evident. He gave himself up to the authority at Sacramento on the 26th.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Yale is to have a new \$15,000 hotel in the spring.

Calumet was visited by a \$3,000 fire on Christmas day.

There were 44 deaths in Oakland county during November.

Several cases of diphtheria of a mild form are reported at Lapeer.

The postoffice at Hesper, Macomb county, has been discontinued. Mail to Rome.

More than 1,000 acres of land near Paw Paw will be set out to grapes in the spring.

Work on the new Grand Rapids, Allegan & Kalamazoo Electric railroad will begin at once.

Burglars secured about \$200 in cash from the Gaylord postoffice on the morning of the 20th.

Potosley is to have a butter factory, and a project is on foot to establish a creamery in the near future.

It is said that the Calumet & Hecla mine has reduced its force by 1,900 men during the past 90 days.

Tekonsha hasn't a saloon, yet the News says that drunks are common sights on the streets of the village.

The village council at Yale is buying large quantities of stone, which will be crushed and put on the streets in the spring.

The Elks of Muskegon distributed 750 pounds of turkey, 20 bushels of potatoes, bread, etc., to 75 families on Christmas day.

The mild weather which has prevailed in the upper peninsula has practically caused a suspension of lumbering operations.

The village trustees of Rogers City recently ordered a well driven for fire protection, and at a depth of 100 feet a fine flowing well was struck.

During the past season, 238 days in all, 25,613,073 tons of freight passed through the American and Canadian ship canals at Sault Ste. Marie.

An Eden farmer owns a curiosity in the shape of a calf. The animal's head and forequarters resemble a deer, while the rest is of the bovine species.

Rabbits grow to a large size in Marcellus, according to the News, which says a hunter in that vicinity mistook a colt for one and badly wounded it.

Funds have run short at Ludington, and the street lights will be shut off for two months from Jan. 1 until some more money comes into the city treasury.

The Hasting Journal asserts that the value of the poultry product exported from Barry county this year is almost double that of the wheat raised in the county.

It is now an assured fact that Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister at Washington, will deliver an address at the U. of M., Ann Arbor, some time during April or May.

Cheboygan will start the new century with her clocks right, the council having decided to do away with the old fashioned sun time, so-called, and run standard after Jan. 1.

Farmers around Reading are putting in gasoline engines to do pumping, feed-grinding, wood sawing, etc., and windmills are looked upon as a back number in those parts.

The special session of the legislature adjourned sine die at noon on the 23d. In the house no member was present to make the formal motion to adjourn and the session just died.

The early sown winter wheat in the vicinity of Waterford is looking badly from the effects of the Hessian fly, and the weather so far this month has made no improvement in it.

Michigan leads the world in the production of beets. New York for a long time held that honor, but for the past five years Michigan has increased rapidly in this line of agriculture.

The grounds at Cassopolis, which for many years have been used for the annual pioneer picnics of that county, will be sold under the hammer on March 2 next to satisfy a mortgage.

The National Guard in Michigan and every other state stand a chance under the army reorganization bill to be armed with Krag-Jorgensen rifles, the standard arm of the regular regiments.

Wm. Butler, of Detroit, recently advertised to sell two yards of silk for 10 cents, and filled his orders by sending silk thread. He is now sojourning at police headquarters to await his hearing.

Three cars of sugar and merchandise were spilled along the tracks of the F. & P. M. at Northville on the 25th, caused by a collision of a passenger and freight train. No one was hurt.

Hudson Everette, the young colored boy who stole a diamond ring from Mme. Herrmann while she was filling an engagement at the Wonderland theater, Detroit, a few months ago, was sentenced to 18 months in the state house of correction at Ionia on the 21st.

According to an opinion handed down by Atty. Gen. Oren it is the duty of each township in the state to establish its own hospital for communicable diseases. However, adjoining townships may go in together and establish quarantine grounds at the joint expense of the townships using it.

The Prindle Co., Ltd., of Grand Rapids, capitalized at \$18,000, was forced into bankruptcy by the U. S. supreme court on the 19th. Creditors' claims amounting to \$32,000 was presented.

Gov. Pingree on the 19th pardoned a "lifer" at Jackson, Johannes Salmonson, who was convicted of murdering Richard Carlson, of Manistee county, in 1891, was the prisoner thus honored by the governor.

There is a move on foot at Durand to clean out the poker joints in town. There are four such places there and gamblers from all over the state spend part of their time there fleeing the victims who are roped in.

Eau Claire was visited by a destructive fire on the morning of the 25th. Fully one-third of that bustling village was destroyed. The aggregate losses are estimated at \$20,000. The stores destroyed will be rebuilt.

Guy Havens, who recently sued the city of Hastings for \$10,000 for injuries sustained by falling upon a defective sidewalk six years ago, was awarded a judgment of \$1,000 by the jury in the circuit court on the 20th.

Another paper mill will be built at Kalamazoo in the near future which will, when completed, give employment to about 100 persons. It will be what is called a "coating" mill, which makes the finest printing paper known to the trade.

The newspaper publishers of Barry county have organized a trust to keep the price of legal advertising up to the full legal rate, raise the subscription price in some cases, and make things easier for themselves in a financial way generally.

Gen. R. A. Alger presented the Detroit Newsboys' association with a check for \$250 as a Christmas gift—\$1 for each member of the association at the time the check was drawn—but the membership has since been increased by 100 new members.

Negotiations are under way for the purpose of sinking a test well at the axle works in Buchanan to determine if possible the source of the oil which is flowing near the shop. Repeated tests have failed to discover any leakage from the oil tanks at the shop while the flow of oil continues unabated.

Chas. R. Mains, the disbarred attorney of Battle Creek, has commenced suit in the Calhoun county circuit court against B. F. Morgan, his late benefactor, Deputy Sheriff Elliott, Justice Bidwell and Attorney Powers, for \$50,000 damages for causing his alleged illegal arrest recently on a charge of embezzlement.

On the 23d Gov. Pingree issued three more pardons: Albert Nickeloy, of Shiawassee county, sentenced to 25 years for statutory assault, Thos. Pool, of Luce county, sentenced to 12 years for assault, and Fred Clark, of Clinton county, sentenced to six years for the same offense, were the persons thus honored by the governor.

Proof that a man may live with a bullet in his heart was afforded by the use of the X-ray upon Chas. B. Nelson, of Cadillac, at Chicago on the 24th. Under the fluoroscope the ball in Nelson's heart could be plainly seen rising and falling with each pulsation of the vital organ. The bullet has been there since the night of July 1, 1895.

Last August it was voted at a special election held at Homer to bond the village for \$10,000 for water works purposes, but recently an injunction was secured against the village issuing the bonds, on the ground that they were illegal in that the money was not intended to be used for the purpose specified, but to be given as a bonus to secure a manufacturing institution for the village.

There has been an epidemic of post-office robberies in Michigan the last few months. Eight have occurred the last month. Postoffice Inspector E. Parsell thinks that an organized gang is doing the work. The two last robberies, those at Oscoda and Gaylord, were within 23 miles of each other and both obviously the work of professionals.

There will be three baseball associations next season: the National, American and the American-National. The last named is the one recently launched. Up to date, Dec. 24, the following cities have signed the agreement for the new league clubs: Detroit, Toledo, Kansas City, Minneapolis and Louisville. This will give Detroit almost continuous baseball games next season.

One of the old hunters in the vicinity of Grand Marais says that more deer are killed by wolves and wildcats than by the hunters' bullets. On his cruise through the woods during the open season he came across a large number of deer carcasses that bore evidences of having been hunted by the wild animals. Similar reports have been received from other parts of the upper peninsula.

Clinton county will not be a good place hereafter for people to go who want divorces in order that they may remarry immediately. Judge Stone, of that circuit, has announced that with all decrees granted in pro confesso cases—that is, cases where no contest is made against the granting of the decree—an order will be entered forbidding the remarriage of either party within two years.

A little Battle Creek girl received an odd Christmas present—a little walnut crate made by her grandfather from a lead of the first table owned by her grandfather and grandmother, and in the crate is a tick made from the first tick owned by them and filled with feathers that were picked by her great, great grandmother. This is the end of the century, and the feathers were picked before the beginning of the century.

An Oscoda farmer recently dressed a hog that weighed 326 pounds, at the age of 240 days. This shows a gain of over a pound a day, dressed weight.

CUDAHY PAID THE RANSOM.

Followed the Instructions of the Bandits and Got His Son.

PUT UP \$25,000 IN COLD CASH.

Kidnapers Operated Successfully Within a Few Miles of Omaha, Neb.—Stole a Millionaire's Son and Held Him for a Ransom—Other Events.

Cudahy Pays \$25,000 Ransom.

Edward Cudahy, the wealthy packing house owner of Omaha, Neb., on the 20th, paid the ransom of \$25,000 in gold, asked for by the abductors of his son, and the boy was returned to his parents as per agreement. The bandits had planned to steal Mr. Cudahy's daughters instead of his son, according to a statement made by the conspirators which was overheard by the lad while he was in their power. Mr. Cudahy has offered another \$25,000 as a reward for the capture of the gang of kidnapers, and the police and detective forces have redoubled their number and think they will succeed in getting part of the gang if not all of them. Later—the detectives believe they have located the house occupied by the bandits during their operations. The house is located four miles from Omaha, and is splendidly situated for such a purpose.

Fire Under Control After 42 Years.

The officials of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. are jubilant over the fact that the fire in the celebrated burning mine at Summit Hill, Pa., which started 42 years ago, is now under control, and, it is said, the next two years will see its extinguishment. The fire, which has consumed about 35 acres of the best coal land in the anthracite coal region, has moved westward toward Lansford. Two immense drilling machines which have been constantly probing for the fire have now non-yeasted the earth to the west of the burning portion. Cullm is being poured into these holes, and a solid mass will thus confront the fire.

Came to America to be Free.

Rafael del Pan Fontela, a refugee from the Philippine islands, and first president of the M-r-did junta, arrived in New York from Canada on the 26th. "I came here to be free," he explained. "It was impossible for me to be other than a slave to America when I lived with my wife and five children in Manila, so I have come where I won't have to be subservient. Americans are not subservient to Americans, and while I don't approve of the American methods employed in the Philippines, I'd rather be a free American than an enslaved Filipino."

45 Insurgents Killed.

Advices received at Manila by steamer from southern Luzon on the 23d, say that a lieutenant and 60 men of the 9th U. S. cavalry attacked a large body of insurgents on the 19th, near Guinobatan, province of Albay. After the battle 45 dead insurgents were counted, together with many wounded. The only American casualty was the wounding of a sergeant, who was cornered by several rebels and struck in the leg by a bolo. The rebel loss was the heaviest recorded among recent encounters. The cutting of wires has delayed the official report of the engagement.

CHINA WAR NEWS.

Still the news keeps coming telling of the wanton cruelty of the German troops in China. It is reported that recently the German troops visited Lung-Ching and shot 60 imperial troops who were engaged in suppressing boxers and also killing 30 other Chinese, including three converts. They took 200 prisoners, including 30 natives attached to the Anglican mission. In consequence of an appeal from the magistrates, however, the prisoners were liberated in return for the payment of 20,000 taels. This punitive expedition was in defiance of the understanding that no such measures should be taken pending negotiations. The Germans are said to have looted the place.

A special from Washington dated the 24th says that \$200,000,000 is the maximum sum the administration wants the powers to demand of China as indemnity, but the figures are likely to be many times that amount. The U. S. army has a deficiency of \$11,000,000 for transportation and army supplies, most of that is charged against China.

The envoy's note has been presented to Prince Ching and is now reported on its way to the emperor and empress. It is believed that China will accept the powers' condition within a month.

Seven of the crew of the schooner Ivorra, which foundered near Goetoberg recently, were drowned.

The largest coal deal ever made in Harrison county, W. Va., will be closed in a few days. The territory comprises 12,000 acres, or 19 square miles lying around Salem. The purchasers are Jas. E. Brown, of Uniontown, and Alfred J. Cochran, of Dawson, who will pay \$342,000 for the entire tract.

President McKinley's second inauguration on March 4 next, will be marked with a ceremonial splendor never before attempted in Washington. Military will be the main feature of the parade. The committee has invited state organizations to participate, and from the responses it is probable that more militia bodies will be in line than ever before. The navy for the first time in an inaugural ceremony will be represented. In command of Admiral Dewey all the warships in eastern waters will be ordered to Washington and steam up the Potomac river, making grand naval parade.

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

A dispatch from Cape Town, dated the 20th says The situation here is more serious. Fully 2,000 Boers have invaded the northern section. Grave fears are entertained that Dutch sympathizers will join the rebellion. Although there is no fear as to the ultimate result, the lack of a sufficient number of mounted troops is felt by the British. The enormous waste of horses in South Africa was not fully appreciated until now. Martial law has been proclaimed in the following additional districts: Britstown, Victoria, West, Richmond, Hanover, Murraysburg, Graaf Reinet, Aberdeen, Middleburg, Steynsburg, Craddock, Tarka and Molteno.

Lord Kitchener's dispatches, breathing a confidence hardly justified by their contents, are almost the only available news from these hostilities in South Africa; but telegrams from Cape Town depict the situation in anything but roseate hues. Without believing the assertion of the Transvaal agency in Brussels that 6,000 Boers have invaded Cape Colony, it is quite evident that the invasion was a serious and well planned affair.

A dispatch from London dated the 26th says that 1,500 Dutch residents have joined the Boers in the Philips-town district alone. Energetic measures have been taken to stem the invasion, but there is unquestionably danger that parties of Boers will get through into parts of the colony and gradually raise the whole Cape into rebellion.

Gen. De Wet had 6,000 men and 18,000 horses when he captured De Wetsdorp, according to a gentleman who was imprisoned there. The Boer commander then declared that he was not going to surrender without a free pardon for all his men, including many Cape Dutch. The force of 6,000 is now divided into three sections.

The steamer Lake Champlain, having on board Col. Otter and 350 Canadian troops returning from South Africa, arrived at Halifax from Liverpool on the 23d and disembarked. Among the returned soldiers were 40 sick and wounded, and one insane man.

The Windsor, Ont., soldiers arrived home from the Transvaal on the 25th. Every one of them looked the picture of health and was in the best of condition to do justice to the Christmas dinner that awaited him at his home.

A dispatch from Cape Town dated the 20th says that fighting is going on near De Aar. Particulars are unobtainable. Two hundred Boers have left Briston, after commandeering all supplies available.

Capt. Heygats of the British army is purchasing 50,000 cavalry horses and mules for the British army in South Africa.

Lord Kitchener arrived at De Aar, Cape Colony, on the 24th, and is taking measures to crush the Boer invasion.

New Zealand will send more men to South Africa to fill the ranks caused by the dismissal of those now there.

BRIEF NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

Thousands are dying in Russia as the result of an influenza epidemic.

Minnesota experienced the first blizzard of the present winter on the 23d. As a result of a recent storm that swept British Isles 29 persons are reported to have perished.

The second earthquake experienced in the vicinity of Santiago de Cuba within a month occurred there at noon on the 24th.

A detachment of 184 recruits left the U. S. barracks at Columbus, O., on the 20th for San Francisco, destined for service in the Philippines.

Mexican troops in Sonora, Mex., were recently attacked by a band of Yaqui Indians and four officers and about 30 men were killed outright.

Chicago will ask the Illinois legislature to pass a bill allowing municipal ownership of its street railways. People will decide the grants by popular vote.

The Kuechtel furniture factory, at Hanover, Ont., was destroyed by fire on the 20th, entailing a loss of \$125,000. Two hundred men are thrown out of employment.

The government of Chile which recently invited tenders for 400 freight cars, has accepted 300 from Doeblich & Co. and 100 from W. R. Grace & Co. all of American manufacture.

Samuel MacDonald, the treasury clerk who shot and killed Frank H. Morris, auditor for the war department, at Washington on the 22d and wounded himself, is not expected to live.

The friends of Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson want him rewarded for sinking the Merrimac. Congress will be asked to grant him some kind of a recognition for his heroic deed.

According to a dispatch from New York, dated the 20th, the total vote polled in the U. S. at the recent national election was 13,967,209. McKinley's plurality being 659,824, and his majority 468,055.

Portions of the counties of Noxbee, Pickens and Sumpter, Alabama, were visited by a tornado on the night of the 22d. Two Negroes are known to have been killed and much damage to property is reported.

Every one of the 300 car and barn employees of the Scranton Railway Co. obeyed the strike order which went into effect on the 23d, and as a consequence only two cars were run in all of the Lackawanna valley during the day. These two cars were manned by Supt. Patterson and dispatchers, foremen and clerks. No attempt was made to molest them, and although rain fell a greater part of the day the two cars seldom had a passenger. The men demand a scale of 30 cents an hour for old employees and from 15 to 17 1/2 cents for new men. The demand is a just one and it is hoped the men will win out.

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When it comes to getting something for nothing the nickel-in-the-slot-machine isn't too slow. A piece of poetry about a shattered idol seems to appeal particularly to every married woman.

C. H. Crabtree, Des Moines, Iowa, will on request explain all about the Standard Gold Mining company; extremely interesting; write now.

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"Well, well, so this is New Year's day," said Mr. Spooner. "Do you remember how we quarreled this day one year ago?"

"Remember! I think I do!" cried his wife. "Why, the cards were ordered when it happened, and I didn't know whether I could have your name taken out and Dick's inserted, in case I changed my mind."

"In case I changed my mind, you mean, dear. Strange that I never suspected how much poor Dora cared for me until that day."

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"I remember how badly I felt when she replied to my New Year's greeting with the remark that happiness for her was over forever. And before I could comfort her Miss Marie came in and I could only go sadly away without telling her that I should always be a brother to her."

Seasonable Sayings.

The new leaf that very seldom gets turned over is the one in the diary.

Some men claim that they see the old year out and the new one in by getting so drunk that they can't see anything.

By New Year the silver plating wears off many a Christmas present.

A good beginning is half the battle except in the case of keeping a diary.

The new date is as hard to remember as the new leaf.

Even though the arctic explorer never discovers the north pole he deserves credit, for he always keeps a diary.

New Year gives us a chance to re-allocate to those who unexpectedly gave us a present at Christmas.

Heading the old year out puts a man in a fit condition to swear off the next day.—N. Y. World.

The New Year's Greeting.



"You look worried, Brown," said Green.

"Worried! I should say I am. See these?" And he drew out of his overcoat pocket a great bundle of statements of accounts.

"Hat ha!" laughed Green, "you will make Christmas present to your wife, will you, without counting the cost first?" The lines around Brown's eyes deepened and his mouth drooped sadly. "No," he said, "that's not it. These are not for presents I made my wife."

"Why, what are they for, then?" asked Green, wondering.

"For the presents my wife made."

And the men shook hands in tender sympathy.—Detroit Free Press.

Show Your Merit.

It is not wise to have so many a Christmas that you cannot have a New Year.—Chicago Tribune.

"And poor Dick, I asked him if there was anything I could do for him; he replied: 'Yes,' but just then the maid came in with a note for him, and he said he must go at once—I think he wished to be alone with his sorrow. Then you came in, and, instead of sharing my pity for him, you accused me of flirting with him!"

"—er—don't remember that. But wasn't it odd that before I left you forever, Miss Marie should come in and tell us that Dora and Dick were engaged! I've often wondered how it happened that they decided to console each other."

"And so have I. Why, here is Marie now—perhaps she can explain. Sit down, Marie, do. Tom and I are just going over old times. Do you remember last New Year's day, and—"

"Indeed I do. I've just been to see Dora, and she was talking about it. She and Dick quarreled last New Year's Eve, about the date of their marriage, and almost parted forever."

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which come true; and for this reason the words should never be spoken idly, or used as a mere matter of form. On the other hand, to be sincere in the greeting and to do what the words imply, is certain to bring happiness to all.

And now, let us go on to the next word in the analysis, "new."

Everybody likes new things, unless an exception may be made to the so-called "new woman." New gowns, new bonnets, new personal belongings of all sorts appeal especially to women. While "clothes do not make the person," every one has learned that appearance in this world goes a long way toward success. Under the inspiration of knowing that one is well-dressed often one has done his best and the key note of success has been touched. It is human nature that womankind should love pretty new dresses, new bonnets and dainty surroundings, so let no one accuse her of vanity for desiring them.

New ideas are sought after by the philosopher; new conditions by the scientist; new inventions by the inventor. Editors eagerly examine new matter; and that which is truly original or opens a new field of thought is never found "unavailable" no matter how poorly it may be written.

There is a constant hunt going on for something new to further stimulate the energies, ambitions and desires of the world's people; and never was this craving so apparent as now when we are closing the nineteenth century. Everyone seems to feel that we are on the verge of a new era which in spite of the inventions of the past is to be the most wonderful producing period in the world's progress. If the inhabitants of Mars continue to signal us, as has been stated, who knows but what some shrewd, enterprising Yankee will put on his thinking cap, build a flying machine that will overcome all atmospheric conditions and go sailing over to the planet one of these coming days? Perhaps the North Pole will be discovered in the same way, although why so many people will risk life and property to find a spot that is almost certain to contain nothing that will sustain life or hope, can only be laid to their insatiable greed for something new.

It is to be hoped, however, that while these greater things are going on, some one may invent an automatic servant that will get up in the morning without being called, never let the fire go out, wash our best china without breaking it, and, from the very nature of the invention, cannot "talk back" when we happen to go into the kitchen and scold a little—Household Realm.

The Annual Greeting. "A Happy New Year to you!" This is the greeting which will be heard on every side as we cross the threshold of the new year. It has become a custom to repeat it. In many cases it has little meaning, and is nothing more than an empty compliment or an idle wish. How much do you mean by it? It is very easy to repeat the formula. It is a very simple matter to buy a New Year's card and enclose it in an envelope. But when you send this greeting, or speak it, do you regard it as a pledge or promise that you will do nothing to make the recipient of it unhappy, and that you will do all in your power to relieve his anxieties and bring gladness to his heart?—Baptist Union.

HER NEW YEAR. Crowned evermore in endless light she greets The New Year's dawn. While we, with heads bowed low and dull heartbeats, Live sadly on. Visions too grandly bright for mortal gaze, To her unfold Blossoms each noble deed of earthly days. In beauty's mold. The glory of our Lord her eyes have seen. With undimmed sight, Safe in His presence dear, she dwells serene And knows no night. She clasps the hands of loved ones waiting there On Heaven's shore. With them she treads those streets so wondrous fair, In rapture o'er. In glad surprise, joyous and pure and free, Her soul so blest, Solves the deep mystery of eternity And perfect rest. —Isabel L. Boardman, in N. Y. Observer.

Merely an Official Form. He wished us a happy New Year; The words would have tickled me, but I knew from his bearing and tone I was booked for a salary cut. —Chicago Record.

In the Fowler's Snare

By M. B. MANWELL

CHAPTER X.—(Continued.)

"Better send the young people to bed, it is now daylight almost," suggested the elders, and they carefully avoided looking at each other.

That some terrible calamity had happened even Lady Jane, whose first fear had been that the bride had run away, was fully convinced.

"But, Lella, you will stay by me?" quavered the mistress of the house, suddenly transformed into a broken-down old woman.

"I will, dear aunty," gravely said Lella. "I shall see little Syb safe in bed, then I shall return to you."

Lella Desmond, slenderly graceful, oft and caressing womanly to the finger-tips, was yet one of those loyal, strong natures we turn to lean upon in the "day of trouble."

Gervis gave her one look of reverence, then he placed his arm round her mother for whom he and this perfect woman, nobly planned had sacrificed themselves so fatally.

Every hour was bringing home to him the terrible blunder he had made in his life. Love between man and woman was God-given, to be prized and sacred; but under the specious pretext of sacrificing himself for the good of his house, he had torn love from his heart, and then sold that empty shell for gold. That it had been a bitter, sinful bargain he now knew.

Perhaps this impending calamity which he was helplessly waiting for on new day to discover might be heaven's punishment for what he had done.

It was still and quiet in the old house. There was a lull of expectancy until the daylight should come to activate action to be resumed.

In Lella's room it was silent as the grave. Beside the white-draped bed knelt Lella herself. She was praying, with frightened tears now and one was by to see them—praying earnestly for the hapless girl who had shadowed her life.

That something dire had happened Lella instinctively knew; but all she could do was to pray for help from above.

"Lella! Lella!" A hoarse, shrill voice made her spring to her feet. Close at her side stood Syb, shivering in her little blue dressing-gown, her face working convulsively.

"I can't keep it from you any longer! I dare not, though I do hate her so!" the deformed girl was saying, her teeth chattering as much from terror as from cold.

"Speak, Syb!" Lella, gripping the thin wrist, her breath coming thick and fast. Syb knew, then!

"I heard a cry, a smothered scream from the old oak chest; as I walked round the gallery; but I hated her so that I would not speak before! And when I saw you, through the open door between our rooms, praying with sobbings, I knew it must be for her. So I must tell, and you'd better be quick!"

Syb slipped to the floor in a swoon. But Lella was already gone. With flying feet she was rushing downstairs from the third floor, where her bedroom and Syb's were.

"Gervis! Gervis! Come, and come quickly! Bring Barnes!" When she had reached the gallery she shrieked loudly. Her voice, sharp with fear, rang through the old house and made Gervis leap to his feet.

"It's Lella! She has found out something! Mother dear, stay here, I pray you!" He pressed Lady Jane back on her seat.

"No one knows what we have got to face!" "Bring Barnes. Oh, be quick!" Lella's voice cried again in an agony of haste.

Barnes, the white-haired old butler, was stiff and rheumatic. It seemed as though he would never reach the top of the wide, crimson-covered staircase, and yet the old man was doing his best, though Gervis would fain have dragged him up two steps at a time.

"Where are you, Lella?" he hoarsely shouted.

"Here! here! Quick!" Round the curve of the gallery they found Lella, tearing frantically the holly and moss decorations from what had been a bank of greenery.

The blood was trickling down her hands and wrists, as the holly tore them cruelly. But, unconscious of pain, Lella continued to pull, until the old black-oak chest, which had been the foundation of the green bank, was displayed.

"Press the spring, Barnes! Nobody in Temple-Dene knows the secret but you. Press, for Gladly's dear sake!" panted the girl, madly beside herself.

"Whatever—" Barnes was beginning, and fumbling with his spectacles.

"Man, do as you're bid!" shouted Gervis, catching the infection of Lella's frenzy. And he dragged Barnes forward.

Something in his blazing eyes made the old man pull himself together. He stooped forward. With shaking hands, he felt along the carvings; but how slow he was! The watchers caught their breaths and shivered.

"Tis in the shamrock, I do mind me. 'Tis 'bund to be in the shamrock, the spring," he was muttering. In an instant Lella was on her

knees, and there, among the carved leaves and flowers of oak, was a single dainty shamrock.

It was the spring! Pressing it hard as she could, the carved lid clicked as it opened about an inch. Then Gervis, with strong arms, forced it back on its hinges, and a muffled cry broke from his lips.

CHAPTER XI. Lying huddled in the dusty chest was a little figure in gleaming silver brocade, stained here and there with bunches of crushed holly berries.

It was Gladly, stiffened and immovable, but with widely opened, round blue eyes.

That she was dead was the first muttered thought of both Gervis and Lella.

"No! 'Tain't death!" quickly said old Barnes, glancing at their white faces. "See ye, Mr. Gervis, there's a row of air-holes down each side o' the chest. I saw 'em made myself in the old squire's time, purpose-like, in case o' this very kind o' thing that's happened now!"

But Gervis was not listening. He and others who had rushed to the gallery were carefully lifting the small, stiffened form. A mounted groom had already been dispatched for a doctor.

"But something must be done at once," said Gervis, as they laid the unconscious girl on an Indian rug on the polished floor of the gallery.

Somebody was trying to force brandy through the marble white lips.

"Not a drop will go down! What are we to do until the doctor comes?" pitiously cried Lella, who, kneeling down, had slipped her arm under the little sunny-brown head.

"Fetch Mr. Ansdell!" commanded Gervis, with a sudden inspiration. Surely the American could give some help in the pressing emergency, otherwise, what was the value of his so-called scientific reputation?

Mr. Ansdell! Everybody then remembered that, oddly enough, the scientist had not been once seen during the hours of anxious search. It was curious, to say the least of it. And still more curious did it appear that no Mr. Ansdell hurried to the gallery in answer to the summons.

"Never mind, here's your young Doctor Goring himself, which is better," ejaculated Lady Jane, who had struggled upstairs more dead than alive from sheer fright, and looked on helplessly.

"It's a trance!" at last pronounced the doctor, a young man, with all the latest medical and scientific theories at his finger-ends. "She has been hypnotized! Who has done this mischief?"

He stood up and glanced round upon the awe-struck group sternly.

There was no answer, and Doctor Goring went on wrathfully:

"Somebody has got to answer for this night's work! The poor young lady has been brought to death's door, evidently, by some vile experiment. Now, then, clear out of this every one of you! Excuse my bluntness, Lady Jane, but this is not a moment for polite speech. I've got a life to win back if I can, and I can't have a crowd round me. Your ladyship can remain, and, yes, I must have Miss Desmond, if I've anybody."

One by one the spectators departed from the gallery, and the young medical enthusiast set to work, with the result that in a quarter of an hour Gladly feebly opened her lips and spoke.

"I want Lella," was the whisper. And when she saw that it was Lella herself who was supporting her head the bride's round eyes closed contentedly.

"She will sleep now. We must carry her to her bed," said Doctor Goring, well satisfied.

"You are wanted, sir, at once," came an urgent whisper, while Gervis, hitting his wife in his arms, carried her away.

"What! another case?" The doctor wheeled around, and he was silently beckoned to the quarter of the house known as the bachelors' wing.

Lying back in his chair in front of a writing table, and grasping a folded paper, was a dead man.

The room was in perfect order. There had been no assault, no murder, no suicide, so far as one could judge at the moment.

But that death had entered the half-open stare of the black eyes, the dropped jaw, and the marble hue of the long, lean fingers gripping the sheet of paper spoke all too clearly.

Little wonder that Paul Ansdell had failed to join in the search for the missing bride, failed to obey the summons for his helpful skill.

"He has been dead quite a couple of hours," said Doctor Goring gravely, secretly wondering what would be the outcome of this double tragedy.

"You must keep this business from the ladies as long as you can," he said, turning to Gervis, who had been hastily sent for. "There must be an inquest, of course; and, meantime, I should take possession of that folded paper. See, I've managed not to tear it. You'd best lock it away until we hand it to the coroner, Mr. Templeton."

"Why," gasped Gervis, as he caught sight of the close, upright handwriting, "my wife wrote that! What villainy is this? See here!"

"It was the last will and testament of Gladys Templeton, and, in common legal form it assigned everything the testator possessed to Paul Ansdell of Montreal, revoking all former wills and codicils. The document was duly signed, and the signatures and addresses of two Americans were appended.

Not a flaw was there from beginning to end of the deed.

"You hold the key that unlocks the whole of this night's mystery," briefly said the young doctor. "This unfortunate man must be a reckless adventurer, whose wits have put in his hands a most dangerous weapon. He is, we will discover, a criminal hypnotist, a so-called scientist, seeking some tool to further his own ends. You, yes; you'll see we'll find out that's what he is—was, I mean," said the medical man.

He was right in his surmise, as the inquest brought out, bit by bit, partly from papers belonging to the dead man, partly from the unwilling evidence of Gladly, who had been more or less under hypnotic influence since the night of the fire in the spow-shed.

As for the villain's own death, it was proved to be from natural causes, and due to long-standing heart disease, that caused a breakdown at the crucial moment of his career.

But the jury's verdict was the popular one—"By the visitation of God."

Five years have passed away. So many changes have happened to Temple-Dene and the Templetons that Lady Jane has come to look back upon the days when she wore faded silks and lived a sorely pinched life as the happiest she has known.

Today she no longer wears her favorite blue, for Francis Templeton has gone to his grave, his heart eaten out by the melancholy nothing would dispel.

So Lady Jane wears widow's weeds and has learnt the old lesson that "contentment is great gain."

The dainty American bride, so fragile and highly strung, never managed to weather the repeated shocks to her frail system. Like a broken flower she withered, until decline set in.

In Lella's tender, supporting arms, her weak hands clinging tight round Lella's soft throat, Gladly died peacefully.

"Take care of my Gervis, Lella. You will do it better than I," with the wondrous intuition of the dying she whispered at the last.

And now that the years have gone round, Gervis begins to think it is time Lella was taking care of him.

Between the two there is a perfect understanding, and by and by their wedding bells will ring out; for though "sorrow endureth for the night, joy is bound to come in the morning."

(The End.)

CHILD POLITICS.

The "Junior Republic" Alarm the City of Detroit.

Detroit is learning that the "Junior republics" established in the various schools of the city, which at first thought was a fine thing, is having evil results. The mayor protests and shows a condition that is hardly beneficial.

The citizens of these junior republics, for example, hallooted recently on such questions as these: Do you favor city ownership of the street railway system at the appraised value of \$17,500,000? Do you favor the appropriation of \$150,000 for the erection of another high school building? Do you favor expansion? (This involving a discussion of the Philippine question.) But more than this the "junior citizens" developed so rapidly as to become lobbyists. Children were asked to interview aldermen or school inspectors to urge appropriations for schools. In short, the junior republics did not confine themselves to theory, but got into practical politics with a unanimity and dispatch that was something appalling. The Detroit Free Press protests that innocent children that are already struggling against ninety-nine fads in learning to read, write and cipher, ought not to have their heads further muddled by an attempt to master the methods and processes by which the people of the country are governed.—Indianapolis News.

Food's Lowest Daily Cost. By actual experience the Ruskinham colony of socialists near Waycross, Ga., have demonstrated what is probably the lowest possible daily cost of food. They live at an actual cost per capita of less than 10 cents a day. Of course this could not have been accomplished except through co-operation. Everything they consume is bought at wholesale in large quantities and is cooked in the community. In the community dining room tables are set for 300 people. Those who do not wish to eat with the crowd are allowed the privilege of purchasing company stores and cooking them at home.

Ancient Dead in Philadelphia. The first deed conveying property to the proprietor of Pennsylvania, William Penn, is written in old Dutch, and is now preserved in the city hall. The property was what is now known as Lemon hill, including the mansion and the Schuylkill river front, where the old Fairmount waterworks was located. There Penn kept his barge and some rowboats, the barge carrying an admiral's pennant. It is said there is only one man in Philadelphia who can read this deed.

It is not work that kills men; it is worry. Work is healthy; you can hardly put more on a man than he can bear. But worry is rust upon the blade. It is not movement that destroys the machinery, but friction.—H. W. Beecher



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The River and Harbor bill has been completed and reported to the House. It was vigorously pruned at the last moment.

Representative Norton, of Ohio, has introduced a bill providing for the reduction of the domestic postage rate to one cent on an ounce.

As a preparation for a patent case soon to be argued in Washington, Ex-Speaker T. B. Reed sweltered for half a day in the great heat of the Homestead smelting rooms.

The President has named J. C. A. Leishman, of Pennsylvania, Minister to Turkey, leading to the supposition that Turkey has really paid up.

The lack of officers and men for naval ships is becoming acutely felt as preparations are being completed for the winter cruise of the North Atlantic fleet.

First Lieutenant Anita Newcomb McGee, the only woman who ever held a commission in the army of the United States has resigned.

The foreign trade of the United States continues to advance in a most extraordinary manner, and the figures for the calendar year closing will surpass those of any preceding year.

According to Consul Diederich at Bremen, the agrarian party in Germany, after having succeeded in passing a law practically prohibiting the importation of American corned beef and canned meats.

The reports have been presented to the House on the Hopkins Reapportionment bill, which fixes the membership of the House at 357.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets.

Rattenbury-Ashcroft. The marriage of Miss Flora E. Ashcroft and Mr. William T. Rattenbury supervisor of Livonia township, was celebrated on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1900.

The bride wore a light colored gown, trimmed with point lace and carried in her hand a beautiful bouquet of white roses. After congratulations the wedding dejeuner was served.

The British government having formally notified the United States government that it has been unable to locate the reported Philippine junta in Hong Kong, our governmental agencies have been put to work to ascertain the origin of the munitions of the war which reach the insurgent Filipinos.

A good deal of anxiety seems to have been wasted with reference to the trade relations between the United States and Germany. The trade restrictions proposed in Germany have not interrupted the commercial relations between that country and the United States.

Secretary Wilson believes that it is possible to raise the same crops in Alaska that are raised in Finland, where a population of 2,500,000 people is supported by agricultural industries.

CARD OF THANKS:—We wish to thank the many friends, the W. C. T. U. and the L. O. T. M. for their kindness during the sickness and death of our beloved wife and sister.

Affected by the Season. Anthony Hope, among other odd characteristics, has a strong dislike to poetry.

Chronic Users of Coffee. A visitor who returned from Brazil says that the whole country is perpetually intoxicated by coffee.

Importance of Letters. If the invention of the ship was thought so noble, which carried riches and commodities from place to place, and consociated the most remote regions in participation of their fruits.

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

Table with columns for GRAIN AND SEEDS, DAIRY AND PRODUCE, POULTRY AND MEATS, MISCELLANEOUS. Items include No. 1 Red Wheat, Oats, Butter, Eggs, etc.

BLACKHEADS AND PIMPLES.

They Are Nothing in the World but Dirt.

Blackheads are not "fishworms," as so many still think. They are nothing in the world but dirt. Pimples are a name for one kind of inflammation, and this inflammation also is caused by dirt.

Three weeks ago I was stricken with Inflammatory Rheumatism and was absolutely helpless. Three bottles of Ath-lo-phos have enabled me to sit up and I think have saved my life.

INCOME OF A KING.

The Kabuka of Uganda Has Smallest Income.

Probably there is no monarch living and, nominally at any rate, ruling a large kingdom who has so small an income as has the "kabuka," or king, of Uganda, who receives an annual sum of \$650 from the British government.

Unworthy of the Least Mercy.

We live in hopes of witnessing the day when not an omnibus or road car will remain to afflict the eyesight, obstruct the progress, destroy the nerves or try the temper of the long-suffering Londoner.

How to Cure Croup.

Mr. R. Gray, who lives near America, Dutchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used."

E. W. Grove. This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call at the '98 Pharmacy and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar; it always gives relief.

STRAYED.—Came onto my premises two miles east of Canton Center, about Nov. 15th last, a red two-year-old steer. Owner can have property by paying all charges and damages.

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All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes. The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood.

Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE Plymouth Savings Bank, At Plymouth, Michigan, at the close of business, December 13th, 1900, as made to the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Loans and discounts, Stocks, bonds, mortgages, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

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.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE 1st National Exchange Bank At Plymouth, in the State of Michigan, at the close of business, December 13, 1900.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, etc.

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Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne, ss: At a session of the Probate court for said county of Wayne, held at the Probate office in the city of Detroit, on the twenty-fourth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and one, Edgar O. Durfee, Judge of Probate, deceased.

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

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, county of Wayne, ss: At a session of the Probate court for said county of Wayne, held at the Probate office in the city of Detroit, on the twenty-second day of October, in the year one thousand nine hundred and one, Edgar O. Durfee, Judge of Probate, in the matter of the estate of Joseph G. Bradner, deceased.

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

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, county of Wayne, ss: At a session of the Probate court for said county of Wayne, held at the Probate office in the city of Detroit, on the seventh day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and one, Edgar O. Durfee, Judge of Probate, in the matter of the estate of George W. Dunn, deceased.

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

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## Local Newslets

### A Happy New Year!

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lyndon Monday, a girl.

The Misses Mabel and Rhoda Spicer spent Christmas at home.

Miss Linda Brady, of Lapeer, was a guest at H. A. Spicer's Tuesday.

The Micol farm was sold at assignee's sale last Saturday to R. L. Root for \$1,800.

Andrew Rogers and wife, of Ann Arbor, visited their daughter, Luella, Tuesday.

Miss Lottie Grainger and Dan Murray visited the latter's parents at Salem Thursday.

Frank Saunders and Miss Gertrude Lee, of Detroit, spent Sunday at E. D. Hubbard's.

Mrs. C. T. Agnew, of Boardman, O., is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Walter Kinsler.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reed and son, Kirk, of Hudson, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Briggs.

Prof. O. L. Miller, of Sterling and Coloma township high school, Sterling, Ill., is home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Miller.

Tracy Hubbard and wife, of Saginaw, and Jesse Hubbard, of Bay City, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hubbard.

Married, on December 25th, 1900, by the Rev. W. G. Stephens, at the M. E. parsonage, Daniel McKinney and Jennie M. Smith, both of Livonia.

Mrs. Edward Hauss, nee Allen, left a few days ago for Hammack, Ala., where Mr. Hauss is superintendent of a big lumber manufacturing concern, owned by Detroit people.

The first death resulting from an accident by the electric cars, occurred Friday just before night when a dog belonging to Jack Lane suffered decapitation while crossing the track just north of Conner's store.

The Plymouth Lively Colored Boys will give a minstrel entertainment some time in February. The "boys" will be assisted by a number of "colored girls" and the entertainment is expected to eclipse all former efforts. Music for the opening overture has been received.

The Wayne Savings bank has moved into their new building and it is truly a model banking office. The main window is perhaps as fine an affair as there is in Wayne county outside the city of Detroit, says the Wayne Review. May be all true, but you forgot Plymouth is located in Wayne county.

The Modern Woodmen are making arrangements to give an entertainment at the opera house in the near future. They have engaged Miss Gertrude Sackett, principal of the department of elocution in the Vet. Academy, of Detroit, to drill them. The military play entitled, "Santiago, or For the Red White and Blue."

On Saturday the 22nd Mrs. J. Hood gave a dinner party in honor of Mr. Hood's 60th birthday. Covers were laid for fourteen and a bounteous turkey dinner served. The afternoon was spent in music and games and the guests departed pronouncing Mr. and Mrs. Hood fine entertainers and wishing him many more such happy birthdays.

An article in a metropolitan paper says "the future woman will not do housework." And the future man will not either if he knows his biz.—Ex.

Well, I don't know. With the "future woman" occupying every position now occupied by men, what else will there be left for him to do?

Northville is going through a siege of itch. Years ago it would have been called seven year itch, but Northville is a progressive town and therefore calls it "Filipino itch" and claims it was brought there from Plymouth or some other adjoining town by a returning soldier from Manila.—Delray Times.

Naw, it wasn't taken from Plymouth, at all. 'Twas a fellow in the Record office named "Philip Eno."

Christmas day in Plymouth was passed in a most quiet manner. Some entertained and some were entertained and others went out of town for the day. Each sought enjoyment as his or her inclination determined, and it is perhaps unnecessary to say that it was a "Merry Christmas" for all, old as well as young. Business was suspended after noon.

Rev. John Mathews, of Detroit, who will make the evening address at the Baptist church next Sunday, is one of the oldest and most esteemed Baptist ministers in Michigan. He was the first pastor of the Woodward Avenue Baptist and led in building the First and Grand River Avenue Baptist churches. He is a very happy speaker and keeps his audiences in good humor.

FOR SALE.—One small coal heating stove, self feeder; also No. 8 cook stove that burns wood or coal. Big bargain. Enquire at Mail office.

FOR PNEUMONIA.—Dr. C. J. Bishop, Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in some very severe cases of pneumonia with good results in every case." There is nothing so good. 32 Pharmacy.

Mrs. McNulty is on the sick list this week.

Fred Gray of Lansing, was in town Monday.

C. O. Hubbell and wife spent Christmas at Milford.

Don Safford, of Grand Rapids, is home for the holidays.

Geo. Van Vleet has had a 'phone placed in his residence.

C. A. Fisher and C. G. Draper spent Christmas in Ypsilanti.

Mr. Ketham, of Toledo, visited at E. C. Leach's Tuesday.

Miss Marie Root has gone to Leslie, Mich., for the holidays.

Ed Corwin, of Ispeming, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Ed Warner has gone to Rochester, Mich., for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbow, of Detroit visited at M. R. Week's Christmas.

Miss Edna Penney is visiting relatives and friends at Clare, Mich.

Mrs. Chas. Agnew, of Youngstown, O., is visiting at Walter Kinsler's.

Miss Francis Bailey is spending the holidays at her home, near Salem.

Claud Briggs, of Detroit, spent Christmas with his father, Elias Briggs.

Miss Lizzie Sutherland, of Toledo, visited Mrs. Robt. Mimmack this week.

Postmaster H. C. Loss, of Wayne, spent Christmas with Postmaster Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Detroit, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Gottchalk Sunday.

Theron Harmon and wife, of Casnovia, is visiting his parents south of the village.

W. A. Brewer, wife and daughter, of Saginaw, visited at J. D. McLaren's Sunday.

H. E. Roe, of Bay City, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Roe Tuesday.

C. A. Pinckney, wife and daughter Zaida, of Detroit, spent Christmas in the village.

Misses Sadie and Celeste Merrills spent Christmas with their parents at New Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Roe left Monday for a short visit with relatives at Fairgrove and Caro.

Walter Loomis, of Omaha, Neb., is visiting his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patterson.

Leon Owenshire attended the wedding of Edwin Smith and Nellie Brekaw, at Salem Tuesday.

Miss Ethel B. Palmer, of Chicago, has been the guest of Mrs. A. W. Chaffee for the past few days.

Miss Verna Root of the Michigan Agricultural College, arrived home last Friday to spend the holidays.

Mrs. J. W. Oliver and little daughter left Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents at Chesaning.

The remains of Charles Kingsly were brought here Monday afternoon and taken to his home near Salem, where the funeral was held Thursday.

Louie, son of Clinton Knapp, fell from a horse Sunday, Dec. 16, breaking both bones of fore arm and dislocating elbow. The fracture was reduced by Dr. Oliver, assisted by Chas. Hubbell and the patient is resting as comfortable as possible.

A great deal of interest is being manifested in the re-dedication services to be held at the new Baptist church next Sunday. It is the first church to be dedicated in this community in many years. There are some still living who attended the dedication of the old church nearly half a century ago, but for most of our citizens this will be the first dedication services they have ever attended in Plymouth.

At a meeting of Case Tent, K. O. T. M., last Monday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Com.—John Quartel.  
Lieut. Com.—Jay Knapp.  
R. K.—I. D. Wright.  
F. K.—A. A. Taft.  
Chap.—O. C. Marsh.  
Phys.—F. S. Tillapaugh.  
Saf.—E. F. Pinckney.  
M. A.—James Joy.  
1st M. of G.—B. F. Tyler.  
2nd M. of G.—Newell Wills.  
Sentine.—Josiah Cochran.  
Picket.—Wm. Mott.

Mrs. Leonard Vickery died on Friday last, after a short illness. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church Monday at 2 o'clock. Rev. Beckwith officiated, assisted by Rev. Leith. Mrs. Vickery was born in Plymouth 51 years ago. Her maiden name was Esther Bentley. She was a woman much loved by all who knew her. She had been Lady Commander of the L. O. T. M. for five years and had just been elected to another term. She was a member of the W. C. T. U. and also of the Baptist Ladies' Aid society. She was a noble worker and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and co-laborers. The funeral services were under the auspices of the L. O. T. M. at the church. The W. C. T. U. held services at the house, both societies attending in a body. Mrs. Vickery left a husband, a sister and two brothers to mourn their loss.

Cold and cough cures are numerous, but the one that leads all others in merit is Foley's Honey and Tar, which is in great demand these days. 32 Pharmacy.

## A Christmas Fire.

About ten o'clock Tuesday morning neighbors of Alex. Black discovered the roof of the kitchen in a blaze. An alarm was promptly given and with the help that arrived all the household goods were removed in a more or less damaged condition. The house being located quite a distance from a hydrant it was some time before water was thrown upon the fire, and it had communicated to the upright part of the house. The fire was extinguished with a loss of perhaps \$300 to the building. We understand Mr. Black carried an insurance of \$700.

The fire laddies worked bravely and are entitled to especial credit. Some of the hook and ladder boys were dressed in their best clothes and unprovided with rubber coats, yet unmindful of this fact, they scaled the ladders to the roof and were repeatedly drenched by the dirty water. We understand Chief Hunter will now see that the boys are provided with rubber coats and hats.

The fire originated undoubtedly from a defective chimney. Mr. Black was at work at the time at his shop and Mrs. Black was in the house alone sick, and had to be carried out to a neighbor's. It was not a "Merry Christmas" for the family, both of whom are aged people.

## Safe Crackers.

An attempt was made some time Saturday night to "crack" the safe in the office of L. C. Hough & Son. The cracksmen entered the office through a window on the west side. The combination knob on the safe was broken off and preparations made to blow open the door, when the robbers were evidently frightened away, or at least they abandoned the job. They had made arrangements to escape by breaking open the section house and getting ready a hand-car. Tools were stolen from Chas. Brem's blacksmithshop. No money was kept in the safe and a card was hung on the knob stating this fact and giving the combination figures of the lock. The card was found on the floor.

## CHURCH NEWS.

Preaching services at the M. E. church on Sunday by the pastor.

Regular covenant meeting of the Baptist church in the parlors of the new church next Saturday at 2 o'clock.

The Epworth League social, held at J. Stewart's Friday evening was well attended and all enjoyed a pleasant time.

Service in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning. There will be no service in the evening on account of the dedication of the Baptist church.

Watch-night services will be held at the M. E. church on New Year's Eve. Meeting will commence at 9 p. m. Special program is being prepared for the occasion. Every one made welcome.

W. H. Hutton, of Northville, will have charge of the Epworth League devotional meeting Sunday night at 6 o'clock. The subject will be "The Old and the New; your Purposes." All are cordially invited.

The Christian Science Hall is open to the public every afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock, except Sundays, as a reading room. The subject for next Sunday will be "Christian Science." All are most cordially invited.

The ladies of the Universalist church desire to thank the people who so generously patronized their bazaar, Mr. Valentine for the use of his room for their last evening and Mr. Robinson for selling their goods. Receipts from bazaar, \$121.

The Episcopal church have secured the rooms over the Plymouth Savings bank and will hold services every Sunday morning in the future at 10:30. On next Sunday morning Rev. W. S. Sayres, general missionary, will preach, and will be assisted by Chas. Ramsey, of Detroit, who is in charge of the church here. Everybody welcome.

There will be three services at the Baptist church next Sunday. At the morning service, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, A. Gaylord Slocum, D. D., L. L. D., will deliver the dedication address. There will be a platform service in the afternoon at 2:30, led by local pastors and others. In the evening at 7 o'clock Rev. John Mathews, of Detroit, will speak. Special music has been prepared for the occasion and it is expected it will be an event long remembered in Plymouth. Every one is cordially invited.

The Christmas exercises at the M. E. church on Monday evening were very fine. Standing room was at a premium and some people were even turned away. A Christmas chimney was substituted for the customary tree, and to the delight of all present Santa Claus was seen to come down through the chimney and out of the fire place and fill some stockings; also to assist in the distribution of presents. The meeting was presided over by the general superintendent, V. E. Hill. The Christmas songs and recitations were good and much enjoyed, both by young and old. The pastor and his family were the recipients of several articles. Rev. Stephens receiving a beautiful robe.

FOR RENT.—The Peck's having bought a place, my house will be for rent the first of January.

Mrs. Geo. VANVLEET

## The North Side

Floyd Allen, of Detroit, spent Christmas with his parents.

Miss Alice Springer is visiting relatives in Detroit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith, of Wixom, visited at H. Jolliffe's Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dickerson spent Christmas with Northville friends.

You will be surprised at the low prices in millinery at Mrs. Dickerson's.

Rev. F. I. Beckwith visited his parents at Flint Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Granger, of Milford, took Xmas dinner at Harry Jolliffe's.

Miss Aderholt, of Detroit, spent Christmas with her cousin, Miss Alice Springer.

Frank Blakely, of Greenville, is spending a two weeks' vacation with his parents here.

Chas. F. Smith and family spent Christmas with their sister and brother-in-law, H. W. Tuttle.

Miss Mary Gayde and cousin Violet Videan spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gayde.

The Misses Minnie, Augusta and Etta Heide visited their sister, Mrs. Chas. Leverance, at Livonia, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Leitch and son, of Salem, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jolliffe and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dean are in Detroit attending the wedding of their grandson, Mr. J. Eugene Lee, who is to marry Miss Verna Emogee Parsons.

Geo. A. Starkweather closed a deal with the P. M. R. Co. Wednesday, selling them 3 1/2 acres of land for the new Y which they will build in the spring.

Little Gladys Passage entertained a number of her young friends Christmas day. A Christmas tree furnished the amusement and a fine time was had by all.

A surprise party was given Frank Blakely on Christmas night by a number of his young friends. All enjoyed a jolly good evening, after which refreshments were served.

Little Victor Jolliffe, while playing with some other children on Saturday last, in some way got tangled in a rope, which they had tied to a dog, with which they were playing, and was tripped up so as to break his leg above the knee. Under the care of Dr. Adams he is getting along as well as can be expected.

See our combination newspaper clubbing rates.

Fred Wagonstutz, of Plymouth, and Miss Dora White, of Canton, were married at the residence of Rev. G. D. Ehinis Wednesday afternoon.

A freight wreck occurred at Northville Christmas morning, in which three cars of merchandise were scattered about. One of the engines was also damaged. No one was injured.

L. J. Reiner, of Brighton, yesterday purchased the stock of goods of J. W. Oliver and will continue the business. Mr. Oliver has done business here nearly two years and has made many friends. Having been appointed to a position in the Sheriff's office at Detroit, necessitated the disposal of his business here. He will probably remove to the city soon.

Among the locals in one of the Record's exchanges last week were items in regard to several surrounding towns, besides Washington and Heaven. There is some doubt as to the appropriateness of the latter in the classification, anyway.—Northville Record.

Mighty small thing to mention, when the Record's "city news" columns are similarly affected. And when it comes to the Record's "Suburban News," the paper annexes the whole country and "Texas" within its territory. But it is absolutely certain Heaven will never come within the limits.

The annual meeting of the Universalist church and parish will be held January 7, at 7 p. m., at the home of Mary Penney, for the purpose of electing officers and such business as may come before the meeting. All interested are cordially invited to be present.—Clerk.

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## Commissioner's Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Marilla E. Joylin, deceased. W. C. Beckwith, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, commissioner to receive claims and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the store of Adelbert A. Taft, in the village of Plymouth, in said county, on Wednesday, the 27th day of February, 1901, and on Monday, the 27th day of May, 1901, at ten o'clock A. M. of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that six months from the 27th day of November, 1900, were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated December 18, 1900.

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ROSWELL L. ROOT,

Commissioners.

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Cincinnati girls are marrying dukes, counts, and things, and one Cincinnati belle, so the dispatches tell us, has just knocked down a Cincinnati beau...

The presentation shield intended for Gen. Baden-Powell, and which has been wrought from 200 Kruger sovereigns, has been completed.

A steady advance in prosperity has marked the career of Charles M. Hays, of St. Louis. At the age of nineteen he was a clerk in that city at the office of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

A persevering gentleman in St. John, Kansas, has been convicted of violating the prohibitory law by selling whisky. There were forty-nine distinct violations of the law, and he has been sentenced to forty-nine months in jail...

The Sober Scot Society has changed its name to the Scottish Self-Control Society, and has revised its constitution. The terms of membership are: 1. Not to drink anything before 12 noon...

One day in the spring of 1884 Mrs. Frederick White of Coventry, N. Y., asked her husband to bring her a sack of flour from a near-by store.

The operations of the Wallian military to destroy or capture the notorious band and murderer, Mussolino, have assumed the dimensions of a small campaign.

The Archivist of Hanover has just come across a curious relic of the Seven Years' War. It is a receipt given to a Hanoverian captain by a canon of Duisburg.

Sir Thomas Drew's appointment as president of the Royal Hibernian Academy has awakened again the talk about the neglect of art in Ireland.

It has been said that if General Washington should return to earth and make a trip from Mount Vernon to Boston over the old route, the only place he would recognize would be Annapolis.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

FOR THE WORLD'S DISSENTMENT.

A Sermon Especially Appropriate for the Christmas Season—The Mission of the Saviour of the World—Proof That God is Love.

(Copyright, 1900, Louis Klopfch, N. Y.) Washington, Dec. 23.—In this discourse, Dr. Talmage describes in a new way the sacrifices made for the world's disenfranchisement and deliverance.

Perilous undertaking would it be to attempt a comparison between the attributes of God. They are not like a mountain range, with here and there a higher peak, nor like the ocean, with here and there a profounder depth.

Indeed the older one gets the more he appreciates this attribute. The harshness and the combativeness and the severity have gone out of the old man, and he is more lenient and aware of his own faults.

If high intelligences looked down and saw what was going on, they must have prophesied extermination, complete extermination, of these offenders of Jehovah. But no! Who is that coming out of the throne room of heaven?

Notice that the wisest men of the nations for thousands of years did not, amid their idolatries, make something to represent this feeling, this emotion. They had a Jove, representing might; Neptune, the god of the sea; Minerva, the goddess of wisdom; Venus, the goddess of base appetite; Ceres, the goddess of corn, and an Odin, an Osiris, and a Titan, and a Juggernaut, and whole pantheons of gods and goddesses.

Now, there is nothing beautiful in a shipwreck. We go down to look at the battered and split bulk of an old ship on Long Island or New Jersey coast. It excites our interest. We wonder when and how it came ashore and whether it was the recklessness of a pilot or a storm before which nothing could bear up.

But for this divine feeling I think our world would long ago have been demolished. Just think of the organized wickedness of the nations! See the abominations continental! Behold the false religions that hoist Mohammed and Buddha and Confucius! Look at the Koran and the Shastras and the Zend-Avesta that would crowd out of the world the Holy Scriptures!

What do the Bible and the church liturgies mean when they say, "He descended into hell?" They mean that his soul left his sacred body for awhile and went down into the poison of moral night, and swung back its great door, and lifted the chain of captivity, and felt the awful lash that would have come down on the world's back, and wept the tears of an eternal sacrifice, and took the bolt of divine indignation against sin into himself, and having vanquished death and hell, came out again.

sufferings. I will go down and reform the world. I will medicate its wounds. I will calm its frenzy. I will wash off its pollution. I will become incarnated. I will take on my shoulders and upon my brow and into my heart the consequences of that world's misbehavior.

Christ the Comforter. If one paragraph of the creed seems to take you, like a child, out of the arms of a father, let the next paragraph put you in the arms of a mother. "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you."

This was the reason the Bible was written. The world needs no inspired page to tell it that God will chastise sin, for that is proved in the life of many an offender. You can look through the wicket of any prison and see the fact which the world under stood thousands of years before Solomon wrote it—"The way of the transgressor is hard."

Some have compared the love of God to the ocean, but the comparison fails, for the ocean has a shore, and God's love is boundless. But if you insist on comparing the love of God to the ocean, put on that ocean four swift sailing craft, and let one sail to the north, and one to the south, and one to the east, and one to the west, and let them sail on a thousand years, and after that let them all return and some one half the fleet and ask them if they have found the shore of God's love, and their four voices would respond: "No shore! No shore! to the ocean of God's mercy!"

Do you want more proof that "God is love?" Yes, disinterested love. No reward for its sacrifices. But I call that back. The world did pay him. It paid him on Calvary, paid him with brambles on the brow and four spikes, two for the hands and two for the feet, and one spear for the side near the heart; paid him in excretion; paid him with straw pillow in a barn and a cross on a hill; paid him with a third of a century of maltreatment and hardship save one year—yes, is paying him yet in rejection of his mission of mercy.

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eternal rescue if we will accept it. Read it slowly, read it solemnly, read it with tears. "He descended into hell." He knew what kind of pay he would get for exchanging celestial splendor for Bethlehem caravansary, and he dared all and came, the most illustrious example in all the ages of disinterested love.

Echoing Back Divine Love. Now, the only fair thing for human hearts to do is to echo back that sovereign love. You and I have stood in mountainous regions where, uttering one distinct word, the echoes would come back with a resonance startling and captivating, and from all our hearts there should sound unto the heavens responses glorious and long continued. Let the world change its style of payment for heavenly love. No more payment by lances, by hammers; no more payment by blows on the cheek and scourging on the back, and hooting of mobs, but payment in ardors of soul, in true surrender of heart and love to the God that made us, and the Christ who ransomed us, and the eternal spirit who by regenerating power makes us all over again.

Alexander the Great, with his host, was marching on Jerusalem to capture and plunder it. The inhabitants came out, clothed in white, led on by the high priest wearing a miter and glittering breast plate on which was emblazoned the name of God, and Alexander, seeing that word, bowed and halted his army, and the city was saved. And if we have the love of God written in all our hearts and on all our lives and on all our banners at the sight of it the hosts of temptation would fall back, and we would go on from victory unto victory, until we stand in Zion and before God.

Leander swam across the Hellespont guided by the light which Hero the fair held from one of her tower windows, and what Hellesponts of earthly struggle can we not breast as long as we can see the torch of divine love held out from the tower windows of the King! Let love of God to us and our love to God clasp hands this minute. O ye dissatisfied and distressed souls, who roam the world over looking for happiness and finding none, why not try this love of God as a solace and inspiration and eternal satisfaction? When a king was crossing a desert in caravan, no water was to be found, and man and beast were perishing from thirst. Along the way were strewn the bones of caravans that had preceded. There were harts or reindeer in the king's procession, and some one knew their keen scent for water and cried out, "Let loose the harts or reindeer!" It was done, and no sooner were these creatures loosened than they went scurrying in all directions looking for water and soon found it, and the king and his caravan were saved, and the king wrote on some tablets the words which he had read some time before, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."

Statistics recently published reveal some interesting facts regarding the fastest regularly scheduled railroad trains in the leading countries of the world. The United States heads the list with four trains from Philadelphia to Atlantic City. Two of these, running on the Philadelphia and Reading, attain a speed of 66.5 miles per hour for a distance of fifty-five and one-half miles, being the fastest regular runs in the world.

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## Breezy Items

By Five Correspondents.

### LIVONIA CENTER.

A brand new baby girl has come to live at R. Z. Millard's. She came as a Christmas gift Tuesday.  
Mrs. Will Barrows was buried in the Center cemetery Wednesday afternoon. The large funeral showed in what esteem she was held.  
Mr. and Mrs. Levi Joslin, of Detroit, are staying the week with Harrison Johnson, while Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are visiting friends in Canada.  
Miss Grace Peck is spending a few days at home.  
Several from Detroit attended the funeral of Mrs. Barrows Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Flint, of Detroit, are spending the week with friends around the Center.  
Some twenty-five friends of Mrs. Ada Smith surprised her on the 25th, it being her birthday. She was the recipient of some very nice presents.  
We are sorry to learn of the death of Henry Fendt, who passed away so suddenly Christmas night. He will be buried at Clarenceville, Dec. 27th.

A cold, cough or la grippe can be "nipped in the bud" with a dose or two of Foley's Honey and Tar. Beware of substitutes. '93 Pharmacy.

### MEAD'S MILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes and daughter Sadie went to Grass Lake and Jackson to visit with relatives for a week.  
Mrs. Nellie McRobert and Mrs. Mary Loud attended the silver wedding of W. B. Ames at Grass Lake, Dec. 24th, and will stay a week or ten days.  
Mrs. Jesse Thomas entertained relatives from Sand Hill Christmas.  
A family gathering and a Christmas tree at Carmi Benton's was enjoyed by all present.  
Miss Williams gave the children a Christmas tree and the children presented her with a fountain pen.

### PERRINSVILLE.

Albert Badelt is improving slowly. The L. A. S. will meet with Mrs. A. R. Stephenson Tuesday, Jan. 1. An oyster dinner will be served. Every one is cordially invited.  
The sheds back of the store occupied by A. Lyle are completed. They were built for the benefit of the public. Lean Sherman and George Draper did the shingling.  
Revival meetings are still being held at the church. But Mr. Clark will close them with a watch meeting Monday evening.  
W. R. and E. L. Parmelee took a business trip to Detroit on Monday.

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Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken a word above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is used largely by speakers and singers. Take no substitute. '93 Pharmacy.

### MURRAY'S CORNERS.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gale and Mr. and Mrs. Will Gale, of Frains Lake, spent Christmas at Charles Morgan's.  
The Aid Society will meet next Thursday at the home of Mrs. W. Depew.  
The Christmas tree at the Free church Monday evening was well attended.  
A china shower was given last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elwin Pooler, in honor of Miss Sadie Patterson. About twenty-five young ladies were present and all enjoyed a pleasant afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. Westfall and daughter, Ada, and Mrs. Clifford McClumpha spent Saturday in Ypsilanti.  
Miss Sadie Patterson and Mr. Bert Stuart were married last Wednesday at the M. E. parsonage at Denton.  
Miss Ellen McDugal and Mr. McCutchin were married Wednesday. They will make their home in Indiana.  
Miss Ada Westfall is visiting relatives at Fairgrove this week.  
Miss Mattie Walker will give a social and watch meeting Monday evening at George Walker's. Proceeds for the school library. Everybody invited.  
Miss Daisy Brown, of Detroit, is spending the holidays with relatives in this vicinity.  
B. C. Bradford, of Toledo, is home for the holidays.

### TONQUISH

Helping Hand meeting at Mrs. Henry Rhead's Wednesday Jan. 2, 1901. All come—everyone is welcome.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Hix, and son Ralph, and G. H. Fish, spent Christmas in Northville.  
The Christmas exercises at the church was a success and there was a full house. The children as well as all who took a part, did lovely. The arch was beautifully decorated.  
Ellis Hix is quite sick with La Grippe.

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### NEWBURG.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Rutter are spending the holidays with Clarence Rutter.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs. Day Dickerson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vanbaircom were in attendance at the Rattenbury-Ashcroft wedding Wednesday evening.  
Miss Margaret McGran is enjoying a week's vacation with her sister, Mrs. Charles Tuttle.  
Luella Rosenburg, teacher in the Norris district is spending the holidays at home.  
Miss Maggie Smith, of Wixom, is visiting at John Smith's.  
Mrs. Annie E. Farwell is visiting at her daughter's, Mrs. Nettie Bovee, in Detroit.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kerr are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Day Dickerson.  
Myrtle A. Chillson was born in the township of Livonia, May 26, 1865. She was married to Wm. H. Barrows Jan. 16, 1890. Died Dec. 23, 1900. She leaves a husband, father, mother and two brothers and one sister to mourn her loss. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 26, Center Livonia church, conducted by the Rev. W. G. Stephens, in the presence of a very large audience.

The Xmas exercises at our church were very good. Mr. Levan deserved great praise for training the choir, the singing being excellent. Santa Claus distributed the presents and made the children very happy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Squires, from Detroit, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Squires and Mr. and Mrs. Pitt Everett, their uncle and aunt.

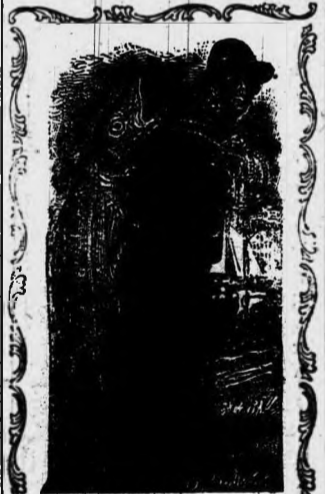
The exercises at our school house last Friday were excellent. The pupils showed good training and rendered their declamations and singing very nicely. Miss Leith presented each scholar with a little gift and a Christmas tree with lighted candles delighted them all. We were glad to see the parents present. Miss Leith's parents and sister, of Plymouth, were also present.

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### Resolutions.

It has pleased the great giver of all good to take from this world of trouble the soul of Mrs. Myrtle Barrows beloved wife of our friend and brother, Sir Knight William Barrows, be it Resolved, That we, the members of Case Tent No. 338, tender to our bereaved brother our heart felt sympathy and recommend him to that great sympathizer who dwells on high and doeth all things well; also be it Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions be spread on the records of this tent, printed in the Mail and presented to our sorrowing brother.  
W. I. SMITH,  
JNO. QUARTEL,  
FRANK POLLY,  
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