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PLYMOUTH, MICH., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 1903.

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Our Line of Holiday Goods

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The Wolverine Drug Co.

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Breezy Items

By Five Correspondents.

LIVONIA CENTER.

Mabel Smith Sundayed in Ypsilanti with her father.

Dingman and Brown lost a horse last week.

As Christmas falls on Friday next week Mr. Wolf will take taxes on Saturday the 26th instead of Friday.

"A Cheerful Liar" will be played by home talent at the town hall here Dec. 18th and 19th. Everybody come and laugh.

E. C. Leach, of Plymouth, purchased the grange hall at the Center last Thursday.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, dizziness, headache liver or bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. 25c at Hubbell's Pharmacy.

NEWBURG.

Rev. Stephens' subject Sunday was "And God said unto the snow be on the earth." A faithful few braved the storm and went to church and Sunday-school. So cold there was no League. Same program next Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Macender visited his brother C. Macender last week.

Ladies' Aid with Mrs. Chilson last Friday was well attended. Fine synopsis of the lesson by Mrs. Bennett and nice selections by Mrs. King and Mrs. Ryder.

Miss Jennie Woodworth visited in Detroit last week.

Mrs. Knight, of Trenton, visited in Detroit last week.

Mrs. Farwell is visiting her daughter in Detroit.

Mrs. Langs visited in Detroit last week.

Tom Davey is working for the D. P. N. R. R.

Report from the Reform School.

J. G. Gluck, Superintendent, Pruntytown, W. Va., writes: "After trying all other advertised cough medicines we have decided to use Foley's Honey and Tar exclusively in the West Virginia Reform School. I find it the most effective and harmless." Hubbell's Pharmacy.

PERRINSVILLE.

Mrs. Maggie Sherman is a little better.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sherman were in Plymouth last Tuesday.

There will be a Christmas tree at the church on Christmas night. A fine programme is being prepared.

Miss Lizzie Theuer has been visiting with Miss Minnie Wuschack of Dearborn.

Mrs. Bertha Meldrum is visiting her parents in Detroit.

Miss Edith Lyle was at home last Sunday.

Mrs. Maria Danes of Ann Arbor is visiting friends here.

A Thousand Dollars Worth of Good.

A. H. Thurnes, a well known coal operator of Buffalo, O., writes: "I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble for years, passing gravel stones with excruciating pain. I got no relief from medicines until I began taking Foley's Kidney Cure, then the result was surprising. A few doses started the brick dust like fine stones and now I have no pain across my kidneys and I feel like a new man. It has done me \$1000 worth of good." Hubbell's Pharmacy.

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Round Fare for the Round Trip to certain Canadian Points on all trains December 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th, 1903, valid returning to leave destination to and including January 9th, 1904. For further information call on your local Agent or write to Geo. W. Vaux, A. G. P. & T. A., Advertising Dept., Chicago, Ill.

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A Frightened Horse.

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A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by Hubbell's Pharmacy.

Eustacia—"What shall we do this Christmas?"

Edmonia—"You give me back all the things I've given you that you didn't like; and I'll give you all the things you gave me that I didn't like."

Makes assimilation perfect, healthy blood, firm muscles, strong nerves. Quickens the brain, makes and keeps you well. Great medicine, Rocky Mountain Tea. Wolverine Drug Co.

Dickie—"Pop, have you written to Santa Claus yet?"

Papa—"No, Dickie; he never brings me what I want."

Dickie—"Well, Pop, let me write 'em in my letter; I allus get ev'ry thing I want."

A kidney or bladder trouble can always be cured by using Foley's Kidney Cure in time. Hubbell's Pharmacy.

LOOKS ROSY FOR WARNER.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 16.—Shrewd state politicians are watching the cat to ascertain which way it is going to jump before declaring themselves on the governorship question.

Banking Commissioner Moore, who has more or less of a personal interest in the governorship; Railroad Commissioner Atwood, Auditor-General Powers, Land Commissioner Wildey and Gov. Bliss were all here yesterday but not one of them would make a positive statement on the gubernatorial question, nor voice their preference.

Every appointive state officer who hopes to secure a reappointment is not going to limit his chances by lining up with the wrong crowd, although it requires no great degree of penetration to discover among them a preference for Warner.

It is generally admitted that some of Warner's lieutenants made a mistake when they attempted to control the action of the farmers' clubs association on the primary election question, but it should be stated that whatever was done was not sanctioned in any way by Warner himself. In fact, Warner's only hope for nomination lies in the purity of the primaries, as he cannot go into the field and compete in the use of money with some of the candidates who are expected to be in the field. He has already announced himself as being opposed to the use of money in securing nominations or election, although he has been non-committal on the question of primary reform.

One of the appointive state officers stated today that he would wager that Warner will win out in Wayne county as against Stearns and that, in his judgment, Kent county will be for Diekema. He thinks that Warner's chances for a nomination are better than those of any other man at present.

Railroad Commissioner Atwood, when asked to name the next governor, said he was looking for information himself.—Free Press.

A Timely Topic.

At this season of coughs and colds it is well to know that Foley's Honey and Tar is the greatest throat and lung remedy. It cures quickly and prevents serious results from a cold. Hubbell's Pharmacy.

Woman's Literary Club.

The last meeting of the Woman's Literary Club for the year 1903 was held Dec. 11th, and as usual it proved a most interesting one. After the Shakespeare lesson, which is always much enjoyed by the ladies, the remaining time was given to the program in charge of Mrs. Chas. Butterfield, chairman of the 6th division. Mrs. Stovall gave a paper on the famous Spanish painter Murillo, and Miss Sherwood gave the picture studies of two of his most noted paintings, "Holy Family" and "Immaculate Conception." Mrs. C. H. Bennett gave the study—Grotto's Tower, from a former program, furnishing a rare treat with the pictures loaned to her by Prof. Griffith of the Detroit Museum of Art. Ad-journed to meet Jan. 8, 1904. Margaret Miller, Sec.

One hundred and twenty-seven Michigan high schools are entitled to have their graduates admitted to the University of the state without entrance examinations. Ten years ago only seventy-eight schools of the state could be regarded as good enough to prepare students for University work. We are glad to say the Plymouth schools are "good enough."

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Best 1/2 Cabinets	2.00 doz
Best 1/4 Cabinets	1.00 doz
24 Twofers for	24 doz

Enlarging done cheaply. Good work for the least money of any place in Michigan. Come and see samples and have your picture taken. Come early in the day with children—light is poor after 3 o'clock.

Thanks for all past favors. Hoping to see all old and many new customers, I will aim to please.

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Do Your Buying Early--Others Are

Christmas bells will soon ring out; do you realize it? Bring in your "Present List" and fill them from one of

The Best Selected Stocks

Ever shown in Plymouth. Our stock is larger and more complete than ever, and it will do you good to come in and see the many pretty things.

C. O. HUBBELL

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Brush and Comb Sets,

Fine Perfumes in dainty boxes,

BonBon Boxes, hand painted.

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Hand Painted Fern Bowls,

Fine Plate Glass Mirrors, in gold plated frames

Austrian Court Boxes, trimmed in brass,

Perfumes in fine Cut Glass bottles

Bronze Plaques and Trays,

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Cigar and Tobacco Jars,

Lowney's Chocolates

Handsome Vases.

A Holiday Greeting

I wish to thank the public for the large trade I am enjoying and the confidence I have gained among the people of Plymouth and vicinity during the short time I have been with you. I aim to treat all alike. My goods are all marked in plain figures. Your child will receive same treatment as yourself. If any mistakes are made will gladly rectify them.

January 1st I will put in a stock of Granite and White Enamelled Ware at unheard of prices. If there is anything you want and I have not the same stock, will get it for you and save you money. Why pay such big prices when you can get better goods for less money? There is one man who

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These are Prices that Talk

For themselves. Read them over carefully and don't forget I am here to stay and save you Dollars.

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- Sanitary fleece-lined 25c
 - Sanitary, fleece-lined 45c
 - Ribbed, fleece-lined 49c
 - Union, fleece-lined, regular \$1.25 suits, 100c
- ### Gents' Hosiery.
- Superior, seamless 10c
 - Vicuna, seamless 15c
 - A 50c Hose 25c
 - All Wool Socks 25c, 30c
 - Cotton Socks 5c, 8c, 10c

- ### Gents' Gloves and Mittens.
- Canvas Gloves, 7c, 3 pairs 20c
 - Canvas Gloves, 11c, 3 pairs 32c
 - Unlined Calf Gloves 40c
 - Unlined Muleskin 24c
 - Russian Lined Gloves 25c
 - Wool Lined Gloves 25c
 - Calf Lined Mittens 45c
 - Knit-lined Mittens 21c

- ### Boys' Knee Pants.
- 4 years to 15, warranted not to rip
24c, 49c, 74c

- ### Ladies' Underwear.
- Swiss, Ribbed Vests and Pants, garment 35c
 - Jersey Ribbed 25c
 - Sanitary fleece ribbed 18c
 - Fine fleece ribbed 49c
 - Union fleece ribbed 100c

- ### Children's Underwear.
- 25c, 30c, 35c.

- ### Ladies' Hosiery.
- Fast Black 15c, two pair 25c
 - Fine Wool 19c
 - Fine Wool 25c
 - Franklin Cashmere Hose, double sole 48c

- ### Infants' Hosiery.
- 25c and 25c.

- ### Children's Hosiery.
- Vicuna French Ribbed 10c
 - Cotton, fleece lined 25c
 - Iron Clad 25c

- ### Ladies' Gloves and Mittens.
- Cashmere Fleece 10c, 15c, 25c
 - Golf Gloves 25c, 49c
 - Mittens 25c

- ### Boys' & Girls' Gloves & Mittens.
- Boys' Canvas Gloves, 7c, 3 pairs 20c
 - Boys' Scotch Gloves 25c
 - Buckskin Mittens 25c
 - Girls' Gloves 10c, 15c, 22c
 - Girls' Mittens 25c

- ### Tinware.
- Coffee Pots 8c, 10c, 11c
 - Milk Pans 9c
 - Pudding Pans 10c, 11c
 - Funnels 3c, 5c
 - Measures 5c, 8c
 - Teakettles 25c
 - Slop Pails 40c

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Glass Lamps at unheard of Prices.
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Story Books of all kinds for Christmas.

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THE GIRL AT THE HALFWAY HOUSE

STORY OF THE PLAINS
BY E. HOUGH, AUTHOR OF THE STORY OF THE COWBOY
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CHAPTER X.—Continued.
And so it was. The procession of the sand dunes began to show gaps and open places. The hills grew less tall and more regular of outline.
"We're all right for water now," said Sam. "See that little pile of rocks, 'bout as high as your head, off to the right down the creek? That's water there, sure."

They now rode on more rapidly, bearing off toward the cairn which made the water sign. All at once Juan lifted his head, listened for a moment, and then said, with positiveness in his voice: "Vacas!" ("cows; cattle").
Curly straightened up in his saddle as though electrified. "Vacas? Onde, Juan?—where's any cows?"
"Vacas! muchas," repeated Juan carelessly.

"Lots of 'em? Well, I'd like to know where they are, my lily of the valley," said Curly, for once almost incredulous. And then he stopped and listened. "Hold on, boys, listen," he said. "Look out—look out! Here they come!"

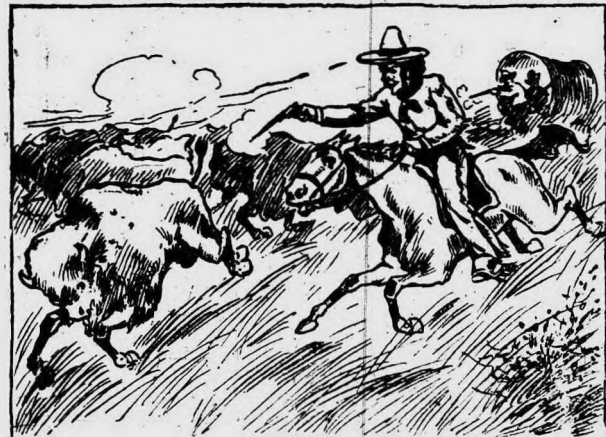
Every ear caught the faint distant pattering, which grew into a rapid and insistent rumble "Cavalry, b'gad!" cried Batterleigh. Franklin's eyes shone.
Presently there appeared at the brink, looming through the white dust cloud, a mingling mass of tangled, surging brown, a surface of tossing, hairy backs, spotted with darker fronts, over all and around all the pounding and clacking of many hoofs. It was the stampede of the buffalo which had been disturbed at their watering place below, and which had headed up to the level that they might the better make their escape in flight. The horses of the hunters, terrified at this horrid apparition of waving horned heads and shaggy manes, plunged and snorted in terror, seeing

the ponies came on with what seemed an effect of a tossing sea of waving manes and tails, blending and composing with the deep sweeping feather trails of the grand war bonnets. Red-brown bodies, leaning, working up and down, rising and falling with the motion of the ponies, came into view, dozens of them—scores of them. Their moccasined feet were turned back under the horses' bellies, the sinewy legs clamping the horse from thigh to ankle as the wild riders came on, with no bridle governing their steeds other than the jaw rope's single strand.

The Indians came on, close up to the barricade, where they saw the muzzles of four rifles following them steadily, a sight which to them carried a certain significance. The mingling, shifting line, obedient to some loud word of command, swept up near to the front of the barricade, then came to a sudden halt with half the forefeet off the ground. The ponies shuffled and fidgeted, and the men still yelled and called out unintelligible sounds, but the line halted. It parted, and there rode forward an imposing figure.

Gigantic, savage, stern, clad in the barbaric finery of his race, his body nearly nude, his legs and his little feet covered with bead-laden buskins, his head surmounted with a horned war-bonnet whose eagle plumes trailed down the pony's side almost to the ground, this Indian headman made a picture not easily to be forgotten nor immediately to be despised. He sat his piebald stallion with no heed to its restive prancing. Erect, immobile as a statue, such was the dignity of his carriage, such the stroke of his untamed eye, that each man behind the barricade sank lower and gripped his gun more tightly. This was a personality not to be held in any hasty or ill-advised contempt.

The Indian walked his horse direct-



The butchery was sudden and all too complete.

ly up to the barricade, his eye apparently scorning to take in its crude details.
"Me, White Calf!" he exclaimed in English, like the croak of a parrot, striking his hand upon his breast with a gesture which should have been ludicrous or pompous, but was neither.
"Me, White Calf!" said the chief again, and lifted the medal which lay upon his breast. "Good, White man come. White man go. Me hunt, now!"

Franklin stepped boldly up from the barricade and extended his hand. "White Calf, good friend," said he. The Indian took his hand without a smile, and with a look which Franklin felt go through him. At last the chief grunted out something, and, dismounting, seated himself down upon the ground, young men taking his horse and leading it away. Others, apparently also of rank, came and sat down. Franklin and his friends joined the rude circle of what they were glad to see was meant to be an impromptu council.

White Calf arose and faced the white men. "White men go!" he said, his voice rising. "Injun heap shoot!"
"B'gad, I believe the hayloft thinks he can scare us," said Batterleigh, calmly.

Franklin pointed to the carcasses of the buffalo, and made signs that after they had taken the meat of the buffalo they would go. Apparently he was understood. Loud words arose among the Indians, and White Calf answered, gesticulating excitedly:
"Heap good horse!" he said, pointing to the horses of the party. "White man go! Injun heap get horse! Injun heap shoot!"

"Give up our horses? Not by a d-d sight!" said Curly. "You can heap shoot if you want to turn loose, but you'll never set me afoot out here, not while I'm a-knowin' it!"

The situation was tense, and Franklin felt his heart thumping, soldier though he was. It was an edged instant. Any second might bring on the climax.
And suddenly the climax came. From the barricade at the rear there rose a cry, half roar and half challenge. The giant Mexican Juan, for a time quieted by Curly's commands, was now seized upon by some impulse which he could no longer control. He came leaping from behind the wagons, brandishing the long knife with which he had been engaged upon the fallen buffalo. He would have darted along into the thick of the band had not Franklin and Curly caught him each by a leg as he passed.

The chief, White Calf, moved never

a muscle in his face as he saw his formidable adversary coming on, nor did he join in the murmur that arose among his people. Rather there came a glint into his eye, a shade of animation in his heavy face. "Big chief!" he said, simply. "Heap fight!"
"You bet your blame life he'll heap fight!" said Curly, from his position upon Juan's brawny breast as he held him down. "He's good for any two of you, you screechin' cowards!"

The Indian chief stood silent for a moment, his arms folded across his breast with that dramatic instinct never absent from the Indian's mind. When he spoke, the scorn and bravado in his voice were apparent, and his words were understood though his speech was broken.

"Big chief!" he said, pointing toward Juan. "White Calf, me big chief," pointing to himself. "Heap fight!" Then he clinched his hands and thrust them forward, knuckles downward, the Indian sign for death, for falling dead or being struck down. With his delivery this was unmistakable. "Me," he said, "me dead; white man go. Big chief (meaning Juan), 'him dead; Injun heap take horse,' including in the sweep of his gesture all the outfit of the white men.

"He wants to fight Juan by himself," cried Franklin.
"Yes, and b'gad he's doin' it for pure love of a fight, and hurra for him!" cried Batterleigh. "Hurra, boy! Give him a cheer!" And, carried away for the moment by Batterleigh's own dare-devilry, as well as a man's admiration for pluck, they did rise and give him a cheer. They cheered old White Calf, self-offered champion, knowing that he had death in a hundred blankets at his back.

There was no time to parley or to decide. Juan the Mexican was regarding the Indian intently. Perhaps he gathered but little of the real meaning of that which had transpired, but something in the act or look of the chieftain aroused and enraged him. With one swift upheaval of his giant body, he shook off restraining hands and sprang forward. He stripped off his own light upper garment, and stood as naked and more colossal than his foe. Weapon of his own he had none, nor cared for any. More primitive even than his antagonist, he sought for nothing better than the first weapon of primeval man, a club which should extend the sweep of his own arm. From the hand of the nearest Indian he snatched a war club, not dissimilar to that which hung at White Calf's wrist, a stone-headed beetle, grooved and bound fast with rawhide to a long, slender, hard-wood handle, which in turn was sheathed in a heavy rawhide covering, shrunk into a steel-like reinforcement. Armed alike, naked alike, savage alike, and purely animal in the blind desire of battle the two were at issue before a hand could stay them. All chance of delay or separation was gone. Both white and Indian men fell back and made arena for a unique and awful combat.

There was a moment of measuring, that grim advance balance struck when two strong men meet for a struggle which for either may end alone in death. The Indian was magnificent in mien, superb in confidence. Fear was not in him. His vast figure nourished on sweet meat of the plains, fed by the pure air and developed by continual exercise, showed like the torso of a minor Hercules, powerful but not sluggish in its power. His broad and deep chest, here and there spotted with white scars, arched widely for the vital organs, but showed no clogging fat. His legs were corded and thin. His arms were also slender but showing full of easy-playing muscles with power of rapid and unhampered strength. Two or three inches above the six-foot mark he stood as he cast off his war bonnet and swept back a hand over the standing eagle plumes, whipped fast to his braided hair. White Calf was himself a giant.

(To be continued.)

His Gentle Rebuke.
The turbulent blood of old Ireland flowed in his veins, unless his rugged countenance was in error, and it could be seen that prosperity had not weaned him of his short pipe as he sat in the men's cabin of the ferry-boat Rutherford, says the New York Times.

A package occupied the seat beside him, and as a man full of his own importance made for the place the old Irishman removed it, leaving a few drops of a whitish liquid on the seat.

"Is that milk, sir?" demanded the important one.
Without a word the Irishman took out his pocket handkerchief and wiped away the offending liquid that had oozed from his package.

The important one gathered his overcoat about him and sat uncomfortably on the edge of the seat without any recognition of the courtesy of the Celt, while the other commuters watched the performance.

"Thank you kindly, sir," quietly remarked the Irishman, with just a suspicion of a twinkle in his eye, and the important one suddenly sought the other cabin.

Benefit of Wide Tires.

At an experiment station it was demonstrated that it requires 40 per cent more power to draw a load on a wagon with one and one-half inch tires than on one with a three-inch tire. With a Baldwin dynamometer careful tests were made with loaded wagons drawn over blue-grass sward. In a wagon weighing 1,000 pounds it was found that a load weighing 3,148 pounds could be drawn on wide tires with the same force required to move 2,000 pounds on narrow tires. Moreover, the wide tires did not injure the turf, while the narrow ones cut through it.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS AT RIGGS'.

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Men's and Boys' Suits
Men's and Boys' Pants
Hats and Caps
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Fine Shirts and Underwear
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And hundreds of other things too numerous to mention. Don't fail to look over our great line of Christmas Wearing Apparel. You are sure to appreciate it and do yourself justice.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thanking our friends and customers for their liberal patronage in the past year,
I am yours truly,

E. L. RIGGS

ASKS JUSTICE FOR GEN. WOOD

Secretary Root Appeals for Fair Treatment for the Soldier.

SAYS EVIDENCE IS PERVERTED

Declares Some Persons Are Furnishing Reports to the Press Containing False Statements to the Prejudice of Former Military Governor.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate committee on military affairs, which is investigating charges against Gen. Wood, has received a letter from Secretary Root, in which he says:

"I inclose a letter from Brig. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss asking attention to the report of his recent testimony before your commission as a witness regarding certain objections to the confirmation of Gen. Wood. At the same time I wish to call the attention of the committee to the fact some persons seem to be persistently furnishing to the press false statements, the perversion of the evidence being in every case to the prejudices of Gen. Wood.

Unfair to Officer. "If the evidence actually given called for Gen. Wood's presence, I should, of course, bring him back from the Philippines.

"It hardly seems fair that an officer who is not here to protect himself, but is serving his country faithfully, should have his reputation stabbed in this way."

Gen. Bliss says he testified that he served directly the orders of Gen. Wood for two and a half years and knew of no action of his that was not consistent with the character of an honorable officer and a man of integrity.

Dr. C. E. Fisher of Chicago, who was on the Havana Post, told the committee that Gen. Wood knew of Belair's bad record.

J. O. Lafontese of the Jacksonville (Fla.) Times-Union corroborated the testimony given by Dr. Fisher.

Brooke's Testimony. Gen. Brooke told the committee that he had issued an order which directed Gen. Wood, in command of the province of Santiago, not to make expenditures for public purposes in excess of \$10,000 a month without first submitting the question to the military governor. Gen. Brooke said that Gen. Wood had ignored that order and had gone on spending money without authority from the military governor.

L. H. Morrison, a lawyer of New York, testified that he was interested in a company which received contracts from Gen. Wood. He said that \$8,000 is still due the company, and that Cuban officials in Havana swear the money was paid Gen. Wood. Mr. Morrison said he believed that Gen. Wood received that money.

Senator Hanna made a formal request of the committee that Gen. Wood be subpoenaed to come home from the Philippines to answer the charges against him.

DISCUSS CANAL. Democratic Senators Fail to Agree on Party Policy for Panama Route.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The democratic members of the senate met in Senator Gorman's room to see if some policy could not be agreed upon by which all the democratic members might stand together when the Panama canal matter comes up for action. An effort was also made to make the action of the caucus more effective. Senator Blackburn offered a resolution that when by a two-thirds vote the caucus determined upon any course this should be regarded as binding. Senators who have become accustomed to legislation by unanimous consent did not take kindly to this proposal, and after some spirited argument the subject went over. Senator Blackburn is somewhat dissatisfied by what he regards as the disorganized condition of the majority and the disposition of each member to follow his individual opinions regardless of

party animosities or partisan principles. As the situation now stands the house democrats are pursuing an entirely independent and different course from the democratic members of the senate. On the subject of the administration's Panama policy there is great lack of harmony among democratic senators and there promises to be much wrangling before they will all consent to be bound by any caucus agreement.

HANNA'S SUCCESSOR.

Crane of Massachusetts Is Slated for Head of National Committee.

Washington, Dec. 15.—It was announced by a senator whose reputation for reliability is excellent that ex-Gov. Murray Crane of Massachusetts had been chosen by the president as successor to Senator Hanna when the latter retires from the chairmanship of the national committee, which will be after the business of the next Republican convention has been finished. Crane is the choice of Senator Lodge and President Roosevelt, both of whom are his intimate friends and greatly admire him.

Postal Receipts.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The gross postal receipts at the largest fifty postoffices in the United States for last month, compared with November, 1902, were \$5,402,530, an increase of over 7 per cent. The highest increase was 25 per cent at Los Angeles. The heaviest of the six decreases reported was 16 per cent at Jersey City. New York receipts increased almost 9 per cent and Chicago over 8.

Illinois Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt nominated the following Illinois postmasters: William Hawley Dundee; Thomas S. Green, Gardner; William E. Cummings, Highwood; David Herrlett, Morgan Park; Horace H. Peaslee, Naperville; Richard R. Puffer, Odell; Harry E. Spear, Polo.

First-Grade Postoffices.

Washington, Dec. 15.—These Illinois postoffices will be advanced to the presidential grade Jan. 1: Arlington Heights, Athens, Byron, Clay City, Grant Park, Louisville, Mansfield, Potomac, St. Elmo, Sidell, Tamaroa, Tampico, Tolono.

Fail to Agree.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Iowa delegation in congress met to consider the judgeship contest for the northern Iowa federal district, but adjourned until after the holidays without taking any ballot.

Postpones Drainage Case.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The United States supreme court extended the time for taking testimony in the case of Missouri vs. Illinois, involving the Chicago drainage canal, until April 1.

Delegate for Porto Rico.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The committee on insular affairs of the house favorably reported a bill giving Porto Rico a delegate in congress.

ELKHART BANKERS TO ANSWER

President Brodick and Cashier Collins Are Held to Grand Jury.

Goshen, Ind., Dec. 15.—President Brodick and Cashier Collins of the defunct Second National bank of Elkhart have been bound to the federal grand jury in the sum of \$5,000 each. The specific charges against Brodick were permitting the Elkhart Egg Case company to overdraw its account \$10,000, accepting \$2,000 from depositors and not crediting it for several weeks and collecting \$10,000 on notes for the Garden City Stationery company, but crediting it to the Elkhart Paper company, of which Brodick was treasurer. Collins was charged with overstating deposits nearly \$30,000 and understating checks and drafts over \$40,000 in his last report to the comptroller.

Mrs. Yates Is Seriously Ill.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Yates, wife of Gov. Yates, has been confined to bed for several days with neuralgia of the spine. Her mother, Mrs. A. C. Wadsworth, arrived from Jacksonville to attend the patient, who has not shown any signs of improvement.

Rock Island Buys a Line.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 15.—The W. W. Cargill company of this city has sold the Pine Bluff & Western road, running from Pine Bluff, Ark., to Benton, in the same state, to the Rock Island road for \$1,000,000. The local company retains the right of perpetual use of the line for its lumbering business.

Three Die in Fire.

Braidwood, Ill., Dec. 15.—Mrs. J. Messersmith, her daughter, and Frank Smith, a clerk, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the meat market and residence and the dry goods store of J. Simon.

Raid Illicit Still.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 15.—Chief Cureton, with a force of men, raided an illicit distillery on Senator B. R. Tillman's plantation. Much whisky was poured out. The furnace, barrels and sheds were destroyed.

Man Is Killed by Fall.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 15.—H. H. Keenan, foreman for a Chicago company installing new elevators in the courthouse, fell through the shaft, receiving injuries which resulted fatally.

Victims of a Gasoline Lamp.

McAllister, Wis., Dec. 15.—By the explosion of a gasoline lamp, Charles Donaldson, Gus Swanson and Ole Erickson were badly burned. The two first named will die.

Conceal Body Under Hay.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 15.—Two thugs probably fatally assaulted Enoch Passwater, a farmer of Heyworth. They robbed him of \$40 and concealed his body under hay.

Former Senator Is Dead.

Long Branch, N. J., Dec. 15.—Former United States Senator Alexander McDonald of Arkansas is dead at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. William D. Harper, at Norwood Park, N. J.

Bandits Rescue Partner.

Bowling Green, O., Dec. 15.—Desperadoes invaded Bradner. One was arrested, but was rescued by the others, who dug into the jail. All escaped.

Smokes on Powder Keg.

Boulder, Colo., Dec. 15.—William Miller, 17 years old, sat on a powder keg smoking when a spark fell into it. He was hurled several yards but not killed.

Gold Watch in Crow's Nest.

York, Pa., Dec. 15.—A small gold watch which disappeared a year ago from Miss Kate Storer, has just been found in an abandoned crow's nest.

Justice Brown's Sight Lost.

Henry Billings Brown, associate justice of the United States supreme court, is threatened with total blindness. He was informed by his physicians that the entire loss of his eyesight within a week is now indicated. If Justice Brown's illness takes the unfortunate turn anticipated he will be compelled to relinquish his position on the supreme bench.

He was appointed December 23, 1890, by President Harrison. He is 67 years old last March. He is eligible for retirement under the clause providing for voluntary withdrawal after 10 years' service.

Justice Brown was admitted to the bar at Detroit in 1860 and practiced there several years.

Mrs. Soffel Free.

Mrs. Katherine Soffel, wife of the warden of the Allegheny county jail at the time of the escape of the notorious Biddle brothers from that institution, was liberated from the Western penitentiary Thursday, having served twenty months for the part she played in that sensational affair. It will be remembered that Mrs. Soffel released the two bandits and then accompanied them in their flight from Pittsburgh. During her incarceration in the penitentiary her husband was granted a divorce. It is said Mrs. Soffel has rejected two offers to go on the stage, and that she proposes to retire to her father's home and live quietly.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Hearse drivers will go on strike with the other livery drivers in Chicago. They demand shorter hours and better pay.
Leri Perham, aged 19, related in the

county court in Bennington, Vt., now, for love of Mrs. Mary H. Rogers, he aided the woman to murder her husband, to the end that with the \$500 insurance obtained on his life, she might furnish a home for the man she loved.

"Dowie is a fraud and a pretender. I am the true incarnation of Elijah the Prophet." Such is the claim of Miss Adelaide Stutton, a woman of mystery, now holding revival services in a tent at Tar Ridge, Ky. "The end of the world is near at hand," declares Miss Stutton. "I have been sent to earth to prepare the people for the coming of judgment day. From heaven I came, and thence will I go when my mission is fulfilled. Prepare for the end, for it is near at hand."

Charles Rain, sheriff of Cherokee county, Kas., was held up and robbed by an escaped prisoner and his pal at Baxter Springs, Kas. The sheriff noticed Clarence Cunningham, who had escaped from the Columbia, Mo. jail going into the railway station, and followed him with a drawn revolver in his hand. Cunningham stood quiet, but a pal put a revolver to the sheriff's head and Cunningham then robbed him of everything he had. They also held up the station agent and a livery man, from whom they took a buggy and a pair of fast horses and made their escape.

LIVE STOCK.

Detroit—Choice steers, \$4.25@4.75; good to choice butchers steers, 1.000 to 1,200 lbs., \$3.95@4; light to good butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 lbs., \$2.25@2.75; mixed butchers' fat cows, \$2.50@3; canners, \$1.62; common bulls, \$2@2.50; good shippers' bulls, \$3@3.25; common feeders, \$2.50@3; good well bred feeders, \$3@3.75; light stockers, \$2.75@3. There was a very poor lot of common cow stuff and milk cows fell off from \$2 to \$5 per head. The calves offered were so poor prices fell from \$1 to \$1.50 below last week.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, \$4.25@4.50; pigs, \$4.10@4.15; light Yorkers, \$4.10@4.25; roughs, \$3.25@3.95; stags, one-third off.

Sheep—Best lambs, \$5.15@5.35; fair to good lambs, \$4.95@5; light to common lambs, \$4.25@4.75; fair to good butcher sheep, \$2.75@3.50; culls and common, \$1.50@2.

Chicago—Good to prime steers, \$5@5.75; poor to medium, \$3.25@4.75; stockers and feeders, \$1.75@2.30; cows, \$1.50@2; heifers, \$1.75@2.50; canners, \$1.30@2; bull, \$1.50@4.25; calves, \$2@2.75; Texas fed steers, \$3.65@4.

Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$4.35@4.65; good to choice heavy, \$4.55@4.95; rough heavy, \$4.30@4.60; light, \$4.25@4.50; bulk of sales, \$4.45@4.85.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$3.75@4.30; fair to choice mixed, \$3@3.75; native lambs, \$4@5.75; fed western yearlings, \$4.70.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit (actual sales)—Wheat—No. 1 white, 89 1/2c; No. 2 red, 1 car at 89 1/2c, closing 89 1/2c; December, 2,000 bu at 89c; 2,000 bu at 85 1/2c, 2,000 bu at 85 1/2c, closing 85 1/2c; May, 5,000 bu at 86 1/2c, 10,000 bu at 87c; No. 3 red, 84 1/2c; by sample, 1 car at 84 1/2c.

Corn—No. 2 mixed, old, 56c; new, 1 car at 42c; No. 3 yellow, old, 48c; new, 2 cars track, at 43 1/2c; ear corn, 2 cars at 35c.

Oats—No. 1 white, 4 cars at 37 1/2c, 1 car at 37 1/2c; No. 4 white, 25 1/2c per bu. Rye—No. 2 spot, nominal, at 68c bu.

Beans—Spot and December, 1 7/8 bid; January, 50 bags at \$8 80; March, 100 bags at \$6 90; by sample, 12 bags at \$6 20, 20 at \$6 14 at \$5 85, 200 at \$5 75, 5 at \$5 50, 2 at \$5 per bu. Prime alsike, \$6.50 per bu.

Chicago—Wheat—No. 3 spring, 81c; No. 2 7/8; No. 2 red, 81 1/4@81 1/2c.

Corn—No. 2, 41 1/2c; No. 3 yellow, 44c.

Oats—No. 2, 34 1/2c; No. 3 white, 35 1/2c.

Rye—No. 2, 59 1/2c.

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Weak and unhealthy kidneys are the cause of more sickness and suffering than any other disease. If you have the slightest symptom of these troubles—don't delay; fatal results may follow. We have placed the price within the reach of all.

50 CENTS PER BOX.

C. O. HUBBELL.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Car thieves infest Menominee. Copac is to have electric lights. Good sleighing in Grand Marais. White Creek has a case of smallpox. Sagatuck wants to bond for water works.

Montrose has a few woodpile thieves. Kalamazoo is to have a school for deaf people. The Wood camp school is closed by unruly boys.

Hillsdale farmers are caught with corn unhusked. Burr Oak shipped 146 carloads potatoes this season.

Menominee fishermen are getting ready for winter. Three weeks' trapping netted a Quincey man \$55.

Kalamazoo butchers fight the meat inspecting ordinance. A 33 years old horse was sold in Fremont for six bits.

One of the successful assessors of Menominee is a woman. Jesse Randel, weather observer, at Manistique, has resigned.

The big rolling mill plant at Dollar Bay is to be moved east. Frank Moss, aged 80, is the oldest hunter in Sault Ste Marie.

Alpena wants a \$100,000 appropriation for a federal building. Menominee has an ordinance prohibiting saloons on Main street.

There is more call for houses in Cassopolis than can be supplied. In North Newfield some of the corn crop still remains in the field.

Alden is to have a commercial electric lighting plant next spring. Cattle are permitted to run at large in only two Oceana townships.

Clarence Kelly, of Motley, was lost in woods 18 hours in snowstorm. Delta county drinking water in Rapid River district tastes of oil.

Peaches are raised on Newaygo county land once thought worthless. "Frenchy" Villema, an eccentric Muskegon man, is on trial for arson.

A Fenor man loses an eye, his wife having thrown carbolic acid on the optic. Ell B. Sutton has written a story of a young man in Mexico. He ought to know.

At Lexington there is a man so mean that he steals the chimneys off the street lamps. Petoskey ladies have been annoyed recently by strange men who follow them home nights.

Linden Presbyterians have secured Rev. Albert Rosa, of Huron county, as their new pastor. Farmers' Creek school, three miles west of Metamora, is closed on account of diphtheria.

The creamery at Overisel, Allegan county, was robbed of 180 pounds of butter, valued at \$36. It is up to the farmers round about Lansing to raise the cucumbers if they want a pickle factory.

Wolves are increasing in numbers in the upper peninsula and destroy more deer than the hunters. The congressional party out to inspect Michigan sugar beet factories left Detroit on Tuesday.

A Birch Creek farmer feeds his cows sugar beet tops to increase the quality and quantity of milk. A Post House youth stopped in between quarreling man and wife. The lad is laid up for repairs now.

THE COUNTRY.

One brother is a rich merchant in the Straits Settlements on the Malay Peninsula. The other brother was, until a few weeks ago, the cook in a cheap restaurant on South Clark street.

The merchant sent to the cook a draft for sufficient money to pay his expenses out to Asia, and the cook gave up his job and has started for his brother's home. The interesting thing about the whole incident, says the Chicago Tribune, is the letter, written by the wealthy merchant, which accompanied the draft.

In the first place the draft was made payable in New York. "I send you the money in a draft payable in New York," wrote the brother from far-off Asia. "You can go over and get it cashed there. On the way I wish you would stop at Texas and see brother Thomas. I haven't heard from him for two years now and I'd like to know how he's getting along."

The Reasoning Child.

It was in a public school the other day that a class in spelling was going over a lesson in words of two syllables. One of the words was "mummy." "Children," said the teacher, "how many of you know the meaning of the word 'mummy'?" After a long silence one little girl raised her hand.

"Well, Maggie?" "It means yer mother." The teacher pointed out her mistake, and explained fully the meaning of the word. Presently the word "poppy" had to be spelled.

"Who knows what 'poppy' means?" asked the teacher. The same little girl raised her hand, this time brimful of confidence.

"Well, what's the answer, Maggie?" "It means a man mummy," replied the child.

Morgan's Quiet Rebuke.

Here is a conversation that Wall Street men insist took place between J. Pierpont Morgan and John W. Gates at the time when the latter was doing some remarkably heavy plunging both in the stock market and at the race tracks. Wall street is recalling it just now with much interest.

"Mr. Gates, I wish you wouldn't gamble so openly. It has a bad effect on the market," said Mr. Morgan. "The doors are open when I do things," replied Mr. Gates in his usual bluff fashion.

"Doors were made to shut. Mr. Gates," was Mr. Morgan's quiet reply, as they separated.—New York Times.

Puzzled Englishman.

In a certain beach front pavilion at Atlantic City a very stout man from London said to a chance acquaintance from Philadelphia: "I believe that old bath house keeper likes English people. He told me that he would rather serve a dozen Englishmen than one American."

"Why is that?" lastly asked the Quaker City man. "I don't know. He said it would be twelve times as much money. I wonder what the Mamma's 'Miss meant'?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Drawing Room Decoration.

A country drawing room looks charming with a white, narrowly striped satin paper, flowered with the roots of violets, just such as one might pull up in country woods, with some of the flowers full blown and some in bud, the little plants or clusters of stems, and a delightful fresh-looking room is the result.

F. W. SAMSEN.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.
 One Year \$1.00
 Six Months50
 Three Months25

ADVERTISING RATES.
 Business Cards, \$5.00 per year.
 Resolutions of Respect, \$1.00.
 Cards of thanks, 50c.
 All local notices will be charged for at 5 cents per line or fraction thereof, for each insertion. Display advertising rates made known on application. Where no time is specified, all notices and advertisements will be inserted until ordered discontinued.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1903.

FOR LOWER RATES.

While there are undoubtedly some people in Plymouth who will not use electric lights in their homes on account of the expense of wiring, yet there are also undoubtedly many who would incur this expense at once if a satisfactory rate were made by the council for furnishing the current. The rate at present established by the Plymouth council is ten cents per 1000 watts, with a minimum charge of \$1.00 per month. The Mail is of the opinion that the rate is too high and this opinion is shared by nearly everybody in the village. The electric light plant is owned by the people of Plymouth and they are paying for it, and the charges for electricity furnished should be brought as low as possible in order that the greatest number may become patrons of the plant. This certainly is the object in view—the greatest good to the greatest number. The more patrons the more revenue.

Other villages like ours are working along nicely with a low rate and with the experiences of these villages at hand, Plymouth may take that advantage. What they can do we can do. The writer has obtained figures from several villages and they are herewith presented. It should not take long for our council to see their way clear to make a lower charge and there would be more satisfaction among the people if it were done at the beginning than if it should be done later on. The places named below own their plants.

Northville charges eight cents per 1000 watts. Meters furnished at cost or at a rental of 20 cents per month. Burned out lamps replaced free of charge. No minimum charge per month.

Chelsea rates are eight cents per 1000 watts. Meter rent 25 cents per month. No minimum charge. Chelsea also has a flat rate of 40 and 30 cents per month per light.

Howell rates are eight cents 1000 watts. Minimum charge per month 50 cents. No meter rent.

Durand makes a rate of 12 cents per 1000 watts. No minimum charge per month. Meter rent 15 cents per month.

Romeo eight cents per 1000 watts. Minimum charge per month 50 cents. Meter rent 15 to 25 cents per month.

CHURCH NEWS.

The Universalist Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Ida Dunn Dec. 23rd.

The subject for next Sunday morning at First Church of Christ, Scientist will be "Christian Science." All are cordially invited.

Worship with preaching by the pastor at the Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening, Subject "The Greatest Gift," "Crowded out."

A Christmas Cantata, "Santa's Surprise Party," will be given by the children at the Presbyterian Church Christmas Eve, at 7:30. Every one cordially invited.

The pastor of the M. E. Church will preach a Christmas sermon next Sunday morning. A Christmas Anthem, "Glory to God," by Augusto Rotoli, will be sung.

Rev. David Howell, D. D., of Lansing, will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning and evening. Dr. Howell was superintendent of schools in Lansing for a number of years before studying Theology at Princeton, N. J. and will give one of his characteristic addresses to young people in the evening. Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:15 P. M.

Fight Will be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. K. Beall, of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by Hubbell's Pharmacy. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

Pere Marquette in Chicago.

On and after December 15, Pere Marquette System passenger trains will arrive at and depart from the Grand Central Passenger Station, Harrison St. and Fifth Ave., Chicago.

H. F. Moeller, G. P. A.

Mid-Winter Holiday Excursions.

The Pere Marquette will sell tickets from all stations on its lines at a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Selling dates December 24, 25 and 26, 1903, and January 1, 1904. Tickets good returning until Monday, January 4th, 1904. Ask agents for particulars.

A Drop in Temperature.

There was a nice fall of snow last Saturday and it was followed later in the day by rain, but along about nine o'clock the mercury began to go down and it kept going down until Sunday it had reached the zero mark and below. People were almost unprepared for the terrific change. At least The Mail outfit had neglected to watch its water pipes and they were frozen solid as was also the gas engine cylinder. An early fire Monday started the seams of the water pipes and the result was a young flood before the water could be shut off. The stores of Bogert & Son and Mrs. Harrison suffered some from the "overflow," but altogether the damage was not so serious as it might have been had the break occurred in the night time.

The street car company also had a serious time of it Sunday. One of its cars jumped the track opposite Mr. Hoyt's house and struck the platform in front of Woodworth's store. But few trips were made all day.

W. C. T. U.

We may feel justly proud of our gains in the state this last year. To carry away any one of the beautiful white silk star-spangled banners left in trust by Frances E. Willard is deemed a great honor, but this time, both state and district also Y banner, also parliamentary "Certificate of Honor," and the largest "pay down" subscription list to the Union Signal all fell to Michigan. Our state president, Mrs. Benjamin says, "That we all rejoice, I am sure not because we have won banners, but because we did the hard work that entitled us to them. Now for such a 'pull' as shall enable us to win them again in 1904."

There will probably be no meeting next week Thursday, it being the day before Christmas.

It is hoped that there will be a general rally after the holidays, that the regular meetings will be more largely attended.

CARD OF THANKS.—Mr. W. N. Wherry, Mrs. W. H. Wherry, Mr. F. H. Wherry and families wish to thank their many kind friends for their sympathy and kindness during their recent sad bereavement.

It warms the heart like sunshine, cheers the soul like ancient wine, gives hope for the future, blots out the past. That's what Rocky Mountain Tea does. 35 cents. Wolverine Drug Co.

Tom—"Automobile-cramp is the latest."

Dick—"Yes; it is cramping me like the mischief to get mine paid for."

Mrs. Turner will continue her sale of hand-painted China at Murdock's drug store, Northville, until Christmas. Those who wish for more will find a good assortment at that place.

Plymouth Markets.

Wheat, Red, 84c.
 Wheat, white, 84c.
 Oats, 33c.
 Rye, 53c.
 Potatoes, 50c.
 Beans, basis \$1.50
 Butter, 23c.
 Eggs, 27c.

PROFIT

The matter of feed is of tremendous importance to the farmer. Wrong feeding is loss. Right feeding is profit.

The up-to-date farmer knows what to feed his cows to get the most milk, his pigs to get the most pork, his hens to get the most eggs. Science.

But how about the children? Are they fed according to science, a bone food if bones are soft and undeveloped, a flesh and muscle food if they are thin and weak and a blood food if there is anemia?

Scott's Emulsion is a mixed food; the Cod Liver Oil in it makes flesh, blood and muscle, the Lime and Soda make bone and brain. It is the standard scientific food for delicate children.



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 Be sure that this picture in the form of a label is on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.
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 50c. and \$1. all druggists.

The North Side

Hats at half price at Mrs. Dickerson's.

Frank Beals was in Saginaw on business the first of the week.

Mrs. Harry Saible and Miss Iva Smith visited Detroit Wednesday.

Mr. Riley, operator, has moved into Mr. Rupp's house on north Main street. Geo. Shlyfield and family of Salem visited F. F. Pinckney Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Slater and son, of Marshall, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Pitcher and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sage visited in Detroit Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith, of Colorado Springs, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Dickerson this week.

Wm. Baker succeeded Henry Jacobs as foreman at the P. M. coal shutes, commencing Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sallow entertained a number of friends at cards and finch Tuesday evening.

Coda Savery, on Route No. 1 caught his thumb in a feed grinder on Wednesday, badly crushing it.

The mix up social at Mrs. Carrie Markham's last Friday evening was well attended and all reported a fine time.

A small wreck occurred at the junction on Monday evening, three empty coal cars leaving the tracks, but did not block the Main line, so no trains were delayed.

The Haydn Recital.

The Haydn Recital was well attended yesterday afternoon at the High School. On the part of the students Anna Birch, Pearl Jolliffe and Elsie Eddy gave very pleasing piano solos. Kate Passage gave an interesting paper and John McLaren an excellent oration on the life of Haydn. Three songs by the Primary children, a quintet composed of High school students, and the newly organized Echo Glee Club, respectively, were well received. The High School Chorus with Miss Buell Bertha Shattuck and Leigh Markham singing the solo parts, sang "The Heavens are Telling," Miss Emma McDonald with the cello, Miss Angeline Meade with the violin, accompanied on the piano by Miss Leona Troy, rendered some difficult yet beautiful pieces and were repeatedly recalled.

The High School Chorus closed the program with the Austrian Hymn.

The Senior class presented each of the ladies from Detroit with a bunch of carnations.

Upon request Miss Meade met a number of those interested in violin music and made arrangements to organize a class for instruction upon the violin.

Miss Angeline Mead, formerly of the Michigan Conservatory of Music will form a class in violin at the home of Mrs. Chauncey Baker. For terms apply to above address at 10 a. m., Jan. 9th.

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the condition of a certain mortgage made and executed by Matilda Barnhart of the township of Plymouth, County of Wayne and State of Michigan, to Jacob Westfall, of the same place, bearing date the twentieth day of March, A. D. 1880, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Wayne and State of Michigan, in Liber 305 of Mortgages at page 121, on the ninth day of July, A. D. 1880, which mortgage has been duly assigned by F. Markham Briggs, Administrator, with will annexed, of the estate of the said Jacob Westfall, to Mary Briggs, of the Township of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, by assignment bearing date the seventh day of December, A. D. 1880, duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wayne County, Michigan, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$112.30, and no suit or proceeding having been instituted at law to recover the whole or any part of the debt now remaining secured thereby; notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage given and of the statutes of the State of Michigan, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1904, at 12 o'clock noon, city time, at the southern or Congress Street entrance to the Wayne County Building, in the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan (that being the building in which the Circuit Court for the said Wayne County is held), the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the amount due and interest, cost of sale and charges allowed by law; which said premises are described as follows, to-wit: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Plymouth, County of Wayne and State of Michigan, described as follows, to-wit: One acre of land out of the south west corner of the northwest quarter of section twenty-one (21), in the township of Plymouth aforesaid, described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of said quarter section and running thence east along the south line of said quarter section sixteen rods, thence north ten (10) rods, thence west sixteen (16) rods, thence south ten (10) rods to the place of beginning. Also all that certain piece of land situated on the east half of the southeast quarter of section number twenty (20) in said township of Plymouth, and lying along the north side of the Detroit, Lansing & Lake Michigan Railway, containing one acre of land, more or less.

Dated Plymouth, Mich., December 17th, 1903. MARY BRIGGS, Assignee. F. W. VOORHIES, Attorney for Assignee.

Commissioner's Notice.

In the matter of the estate of John Kape, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate court for the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against and between do hereby give notice that we will meet at the residence of William Kape, in the township of Livonia, in said county, on Wednesday, the 9th day of March, 1904, and on Thursday, the 9th day of June, 1904, at two o'clock P. M. of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that six months from the 9th day of December, 1903, were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.
 Dated December 9, 1903.
 GEORGE P. SMITH,
 WILLIAM WITTER,
 Commissioners.

Important Notice to Buyers Of Holiday Goods

We have never known a year, not even the dullest, when there was not a scramble for Holiday Goods towards the end, and late buyers were disappointed in getting what they wanted. Now is the time to buy Holiday Goods while stock is complete. We have the largest and best line of

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In Plymouth, ranging in price from \$2 to \$13.50 each.

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Toy Sweepers, Wash Sets, Building Blocks, Chairs, Toy Furniture, Christmas Tree Ornaments and Candles.

We have a large line of the Best Perfumes, in Cut Glass and Hand-Painted Bottles, put up in Fancy Boxes, for Holiday Trade.

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Make your friends happy with Useful Gifts, something they can wear and that will be of service to them.

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Men's Suits and Overcoats\$6.00 to \$15.00
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Misses' and Children's Fine Shoes50 to 2.00
Ladies' Fur Trimmed Slippers75 to 1.50
Men's Leather and Velvet Slippers50 to 1.50
Misses' and Children's Slippers85 to 1.00

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Local Newslets

Christmas Stationery at Hubbell's. Miss Lena Vrooman is home from Alpena.

Miss Dix, of Belleville, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. A. A. Taft is spending a few days in Detroit this week.

Charlie Hassinger and Frank Black spent Sunday in Plymouth.

Full assortment of Lowney's Chocolates and Bonbons at Hubbell's.

An Epworth League Social will be held at S. O. Hudd's tonight.

Miss Bessie Brown, of Detroit, is visiting relatives in Plymouth.

Ed. Hubbard, who had his leg broken last Thursday, is doing nicely.

C. G. Draper has just placed a new gasoline light machine in his store.

Mrs. James Clapp and daughter, of Wixom are visiting at Mrs. Tait's.

Oliver Penney left Tuesday for Roxbury, Va., where he will visit for a time.

Mrs. Claude Bennett and Miss Richardson of Northville visited in town Wednesday.

A beautiful line of bevel plate mirrors in fancy metal frames at Hubbell's.

Miss Jayne Corwin was in town Wednesday for the first time after a long illness.

O. A. Lyon who has suffered much with rheumatic troubles, is reported very ill at this writing.

Plymouth Chapter, O. E. S., conducted an initiation Tuesday evening, after which a very fine banquet was served.

J. D. McClaren & Co. lost a car load of potatoes Monday by a stove in the car becoming overheated and setting fire to the car.

Perfumes of all kinds in plain and cut glass, from 25c to \$6.00 per bottle, at Hubbell's Pharmacy.

Dr. Nichols expects to occupy his new house on Sutton street by Christmas time. It is one of the finest residences in the village.

Mrs. Neal of Northville, has a very nice assortment of hand-painted china on sale in the window of George Taylor's store. Drop in and see it.

G. F. King, living near Newburg, will have an auction sale of farm stock and utensils on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 1 o'clock p. m. John Bennett, auctioneer.

Dainty hand painted wave Crest Ware—nothing finer for a Christmas gift than this ware. See it at Hubbell's.

The weather or the nearness of the holiday season seems to have a bad effect on the local and correspondence this week. There appears to be "nothin' doin'."

Chas. Hotwick, of Georgia, was in town the fore part of the week. He was a former resident here and came north to attend the funeral of his mother at Dexter.

The remains of the late W. M. Wherry were brought here from Detroit last Saturday afternoon, and placed in the vault in Riverside cemetery. Rev. T. B. Leith conducted the burial service.

A good fountain pen would make some one glad. We have them from \$1.00 to \$6.00. Every one is guaranteed. See them at Hubbell's.

L. L. Lewis and "Doc" Smith had some words Monday over a small sum of money the latter is alleged to have owed Lewis, which resulted in blows being struck and blood staining the snow.

The churches of the village will all have Christmas programs next week Thursday evening. Of course, the children will all expect a visit from Santa Claus, and we hope none of them will be disappointed.

James McKnabb, switch-light tender for the Pere Marquette, stepped on a needle Tuesday morning, which entered the ball of the foot, causing a painful injury for the time. He was unable to go to work that evening.

Wreaths for the cemetery—Green all winter, 25 cents. Leave orders with Cora L. Pelham. Phone 108.

Merchants expect to do a rushing trade from now until Christmas. Their stocks are complete with the finest up-to-date goods and prices are lower than in the cities. Make your selections early and don't wait until the last day or two.

One of our school-ma'ams visited Detroit last Saturday and lost her purse and valuables, and even her railroad tickets, by some one picking it up at a restaurant while she was talking to a friend, having her back turned a moment.

Foley's Honey and Tar positively cures all throat and lung diseases. Refuse substitutes. Hubbell's Pharmacy.

Charles Granger, who has been car inspector at Romulus, has secured a place in the Plymouth electric light power-house and will move here. Fred Gates has been appointed to fill his place at Romulus. Granger will occupy the house now occupied by Frank Oles, the latter moving onto a farm.

Don't be imposed upon by taking substitutes offered for Foley's Honey and Tar. Hubbell's Pharmacy.

House to Rent. Enquire of W. F. Hoops.

Mrs. O. A. Fraser is on the sick list. Prices to suit all at Maude Milepaugh's.

Arthur Pitcher, of Flint, is visiting his parents.

Miss Maude Merrill visited in New Boston Sunday.

There was a small wreck in the P. M. yards Tuesday.

Mrs. Geo. Johnson spent the latter part of last week in Detroit.

Miss Eugenia Carpenter spent Monday and Tuesday in Detroit.

Miss Ada Safford is home from Detroit until after the holidays.

Frank Loveridge has moved into the O. H. Polley house on Main street.

Orrin Merrill, of Detroit, is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. G. Draper this week.

Great reduction on all hats at Maude Milepaugh's.

Quite a number of young people attended the Maccabee dance at Northville Wednesday evening.

Oscar Larkins—who shot himself last week while temporarily deranged, is improving right along and his mental equilibrium is again in a normal state.

Hand-glasses and hair brushes in French stag, some plain, others mounted with sterling silver—a handsome gift—at Hubbell's Pharmacy.

President Robinson desires The Mail to inform all concerned that the ordinance prohibiting the throwing of ashes and garbage on the streets of the village will hereafter be rigidly enforced.

The funeral of Mrs. Emeline Pelkey of Livonia, who died on Tuesday last, was held at the Livonia Union church on Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. G. Stephens. She was 80 years of age.

The morning train west now leaves at 7:35, making direct connections at Grand Rapids for Chicago, reaching the latter city at 5 o'clock. It is expected trains will soon run through without change.

The Livonia Dramatic Club give an entertainment at the Livonia town hall Friday and Saturday evenings of this week, the three-act farcical comedy, "A Cheerful Liar," being presented. Admission 15 and 10 cents.

Five new members were initiated by Plymouth Camp, M. W. A., last Wednesday evening. Members of the order from Wayne and Northville were present and after the initiation a very fine banquet was served. The occasion was a pleasant and enjoyable one for all concerned.

Robt. McPherson returned from Woodstock, Ont., a day or two ago, having completed the organization of the Crown Lumber Co., of which he will be the managing member. He expects to close up his business in this section and will remove to the above city after the first of January.

On account of the bursting of the water pipes in the printing office over our store, we will sell our goods that are slightly damaged at great reduction. Mrs. Harrison.

Wm. Couttell and Wm. McGraw were arrested Wednesday by Officer Springer on complaint of Special Agent Loudon of the Pere Marquette, charged with jumping onto a moving train. Being arraigned before Justice Valentine they pleaded guilty and were sentenced each to pay a fine of \$10 or spend 30 days in the work house. They had no cash.

One of the finest assortments of High class Holiday goods ever shown in Plymouth will be found at Hubbell's Pharmacy.

Wm. White was arrested a few days ago by Deputy Springer, who caught the man in a freight car which he had broken open. There was a little mix-up in the matter in which the local officer won out. When arraigned before Justice Valentine Tuesday, however, White was charged with being a disorderly person. He pleaded guilty and will spend 60 days in the house of correction.

At the meeting Monday evening of the K. O. T. M., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

P. C.—A. M. Eckles.
Com.—John Quartel.
L. C.—Ernest E. Roe.
R. K.—Jas McKeever.
F. K.—A. N. Kinyon.
Chap.—Wm. Minehart.
Phys.—Dr. T. S. Tillapaugh.
M. R.—Ed. Willett.
Sar.—Mark Joy.
F. G.—Will Farley.
S. G.—Will Reddeman.
Sen.—Will Eckles.
Pickett—Henry Wright.
Capt. Degree Team—Mark Joy.

Orson H. Polley died at his home in this village Sunday morning about 2 o'clock. Deceased had lived in Plymouth over forty years, following the occupation of blacksmith. He was born in Piedmont, N. H., May 17, 1827. He leaves a widow and one son, D. F. Polley, to mourn their loss. The funeral occurred at the M. E. church Monday afternoon, there being present a large number of old friends and acquaintances, Rev. W. G. Stephens conducting services. There were some elegant floral tributes from the Markham Air Rifle factory.

A faded out, care-worn woman of 40, with a spruce, up-to-date husband, should take Bucky Mountain Tea. Brings back that youthful, girlish beauty. Keeps the old man from going to the ledge. Mc. Wolverine Drug Co.

J. L. GALE'S Christmas Goods

When you are buying Christmas Presents go to Gale's and see his stock of New Goods.

To Help you Pick out Your Toys

I give name of few articles in stock:

- Boys' Sleighs, 30c, 50c and 75c.
- Checker Boards and Checkers
- Dominos, Lotto, Panic, Pitt,
- Uncle Sam's Cabinet, Flinch,
- Cards of Fortune, Quoits,
- Alphabet Blocks, Drums,
- Banks, Houses, Stables,
- Trumpets, Jewsharps, Mouth Organs,
- Noah's Ark, Metalephone, Accordions,
- Furniture Sets, Crank Toys, Go-carts,
- Hay-carts, Whiys, Mystic Balls,
- Telephonet, Rubber Animals,
- Peck's Bad Boy and
- 50 other different Toys

In China and Glass

I bought this year of Kinney & Levan, the Cleveland importers, as they sell the best houses in Detroit one half of their goods in this line. You will find in my stock some of the best goods in the market.

Come and see our fine stock of Water Sets, Creamers, Salads, Cake Plates, Teas and Coffees, Comb and Brush Trays, Pin Trays, Spoon Trays, Ash Trays, Shaving Mugs.

In Candies and Fruits

We will have the largest and best line in town. We have Candied Pineapple, Candied Peas and Apricots, etc. Lowney's in all size boxes and all prices. Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Bananas, Dates, Nuts of all kinds, Malaga Grapes, Cranberries, Celery, Lettuce, Oysters. A full line of Groceries and Drugs.

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BOOKS FOR THE OLD,
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DOLLS OF ALL KINDS,
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DRESSING CASES,
BRUSH AND COMB SETS,
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We have a fine line of Umbrellas from \$1 to \$6.

Ladies' Petticoats, \$1 to \$5.
Ladies' Silk Petticoats, \$5 to \$7.
Ladies' Vestings (30 Patterns) \$1.50 to \$1.80 each.
In fact our Dry Goods Department is overflowing with useful presents.

Ladies' Fine Dress Shoes.
Ladies' House Slippers.
Gents' Fine Dress Shoes.
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Toys at Half Price!

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Toilet Sets, Photo Frames,
Purses, Hand Bags, Wrist Bags, Cameras,
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It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble it will be found just the remedy you need. It has been tested in so many ways, in hospital work, in private practice, among the helpless too poor to purchase relief and has proved so successful in every case that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of this paper who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root and how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The regular fifty cent and dollar sizes are sold by all good druggists.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

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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-fifth day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and three. Present Edgar C. Darbo, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Catherine E. Wilson, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition of Cornelia J. Houtart praying this court to ascertain and determine who are or were at the time of the death of said deceased her legal heirs and entitled to inherit the real estate of which she died seized.
It is ordered, That the sixth day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said court room be appointed for hearing said petition.
And it is further ordered, That a copy of this order be published three consecutive weeks previous to said time of hearing, in The Plymouth Mail, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Wayne.
EDGAR C. DARBO, Judge of Probate.
(A true copy.)
HARRY S. HILLMAN, Register.

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FROM ALL OVER MICHIGAN.
Latest News Gathered From Every Section of the State.

THE STATE GRANGE SPEAKS

The Reforms Advocated by the Grange Briefly Stated—Suicide in Detroit—An Otter Lake Painter and a Ann Arbor Student Kill Themselves.

The State Grange speaks. At the concluding session of the State Grange, held in Lansing, by a unanimous vote and practically without debate several reforms advocated by standing committees were adopted. The matter of primary elections was stated clearly and unequivocally and the vote on the resolution shows that the Grange demand it. Briefly stated, the desired reforms are:

Complete ratification of last year's demand for primary election reform. The drafting of a primary bill by the State Grange.

The enactment of the Torrens system of land titles.

Prohibition of the sale of cigarettes. Regulation of the speed of automobiles on country roads.

Election of drain commissioners at the polls. Election of United States senators by direct vote.

A reformation of the present plans regarding grange deputies.

A bureau of information for members desiring to make sales or exchanges.

A suitable grange headquarters at the state fair.

Good roads by virtue of national, state and township expenditures.

More power to the arm of the state forestry commission.

Standing committees of women in each grange to co-operate with the state committee.

A grange cyclone insurance society.

Optional biennial elections in subordinate granges.

Public ownership of public utilities.

Election of state tax commissioners by popular vote.

Appointment of a government official to guard against cruelty in the Chicago stock yards.

Eight More Are Called.

Monday eight more warrants were issued as a result of Salisbury's testimony in the Grand Rapids water scandal for these accused men:

George E. Nichols, ex-state senator, Ionia, for perjury.

Gerrit H. Albers, attorney, for perjury.

William F. McKnight, attorney, for attempting subornation of perjury.

E. D. Conger, editor and publisher of the Grand Rapids Herald, for conspiracy.

Charles S. Burch, general manager of the Grand Rapids Evening Press, for conspiracy.

J. Russel Thompson, former Evening Press reporter, for conspiracy.

Isaac Lamoreaux, former city clerk, for conspiracy.

J. Clark Sproat, former manager of the Morning Democrat and Evening Post, for conspiracy.

Several of the newly accused men in the above list appeared in police court and furnished bond for their appearance for examination at a later date.

Suicide in Detroit.

Forty-one Detroiters took their own lives during the year now drawing to a close. Hot weather seems to have been most prolific of suicides, as only six out of the 41 killed themselves during the winter months. Thirty out of the 41 were married or had been. Hanging was the favorite method of transition, 10 having adopted that course for shuffling off the mortal coil; eight chose carbolic acid, three laudanum, two arsenic and two morphine, while shooting, drowning, stabbing and cutting throats had five, two, one and three exponents respectively. The remaining five took their lives by poisons other than those specified. Seventeen of those who took their lives were between the ages of 30 and 50. The youngest was Belle Newton, a bride of 17, and the oldest Wm. Hilme, 83.

Driven to Suicide.

Harry Holmes, aged 25, a painter, was found dead Sunday in his room in the Garland hotel, Otter Lake. He had taken an overdose of morphine, and this was attributed to accident or ignorance, owing to the fact that he had been ill the day before, until it was learned that a note he had given Blanche and Norman Fite was about to fall due; then the conclusion was drawn that he had killed himself because he was without the means of meeting the obligation. Holmes was married about six years ago, but his wife left him a year and a half ago and went to Detroit, saying that she would sue him for a divorce on the ground of non-support.

Student Suicide.

Russell McWilliams, a member of the junior class, U. of M., committed suicide Wednesday morning by shooting himself through the heart with a 32-caliber revolver. Temporary insanity is said to have been the cause. McWilliams was 19 years old and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. White Suttles, his roommate heard the shot, and found McWilliams dying in bed. The suicide was a complete surprise and recalls the epidemic of student suicides that occurred at this time last year. McWilliams' father, mother, brother and sister live in Kansas City, and as far as can be learned it was not bad news from home that caused the suicide.

Sagatuck will bond for water works.

George Mott was arrested in Chicago Monday charged with complicity in a burglary in Flint a year and a half ago.

Mrs. Luck Nelson, of Lansing, has presented a claim to the council for \$10,000 for negligence on the part of the city in the death of her husband while splicing wires for the city.

Mrs. McKnight in Jackson.

On Friday Mrs. McKnight, who was convicted of murder in Cadillac and received a life sentence, was taken to the Jackson penitentiary. It was evident from her appearance that she had not rested much as she looked haggard and sad. There was a large crowd at the depot, including her sister, Mrs. Chalkier, who has been her constant companion through her trouble. The general impression is that Mrs. McKnight will not live long, as she pines and starves herself. She is the first person to be sentenced for life from Wexford circuit court, and her's was the first murder trial ever held in Cadillac.

Smallpox Outbreak.

The first case of smallpox this season was reported to the Muskegon authorities Monday. John Loodquist, a boy of 10 years, had the disease a week, but no physician was called. The boy's father and older brother have been working in factories and have exposed hundreds of workmen. Energetic measures will be employed to check the spread of the disease. The house has been quarantined and an officer stationed on guard. Last year smallpox cases aggregated over 200 cases and cost the county thousands of dollars.

STATE NEWS IS BRIEF.

Ithaca's tub factory will employ 200 men.

Otsego's county clerk issued 350 deer licenses.

Lansing's 97 factories employ 3,600 persons.

Mason county is spending \$14,000 on roads.

The Wood camp school is closed by unruly boys.

East Nelson people are wrestling with tonsillitis.

A Quincy man caught 500 muskrats in three months.

Menominee fishermen are getting ready for winter.

One hundred persons visit the U. of M. museum daily.

Metamora schools are closed on account of diphtheria.

Montrose children are having a scare of scarlet fever.

Deer hunting fatalities in Michigan: 14 killed, 21 wounded.

Over 600,000 former Michlganders now live in her states.

Michigan has trained 33,000 young people in its universities.

Lyman Mann, a St. Joe bigamist, got one year in Jackson.

A hard fight for local option is started in Grand Haven.

Stanton local optionists are fighting "clubs" which keep liquor.

Ionia county free mail service will go into effect June 1, 1904.

Alden is to have a commercial electric lighting plant next spring.

Frank Fisher, Owosso, had an ear partly bitten off in saloon fight.

No trace of Geo. Hurisey, the missing Soo man, has been found yet.

A Menominee farmer grew 22 tons of sugar beets on 1 1/2 acres of ground.

An Osseo farmer raised 3,000 pounds of tobacco from 2 1/2 acres, netted \$450.

Wm. Pitts, of Grand Rapids, has been arrested for deserting his small son.

Marquette and Menominee Dowleites have \$10,000 ready to send to Zion City.

Alpena county's criminal docket is cleared. Seven defendants pleaded guilty.

Marquette has the tallest U. S. mail carrier—Ed. Homeler, 6 feet 5 1/2 inches.

Fire destroyed the three-story brick Masonic temple in Blissfield Saturday evening.

A Kalamazoo woman named her house "The Club" and now she stays home nights.

Nels O. Paterson, of Lakewood township, aged 18, was instantly killed by a falling tree while he was cutting wood.

At Lexington there is a man so mean that he steals the chimneys off the street lamps.

The prison board has rejected all the bids for the new block of cells and will readjust.

Lorency C. Ruellus, aged 96, of Allegan, died in the poorhouse. She never wore shoes.

John Woolery, an inmate of the state school for the deaf, at Flint, has been arrested for theft.

Linden Presbyterian have secured Rev. Albert Ross, of Huron county, as their new pastor.

A Grand Haven man died of disease supposed to have been caused by a dog bite three years ago.

Roy Quinn, of Battle Creek, died Saturday as the result of injuries received while coasting.

Capt. Cleary, of the Marquette life-saving station, reports the quietest season in many years.

Wheatland has furnished only one criminal case in the Hilldale county circuit court in 30 years.

A member of the Au Train school board has been arrested, charged with defacing the school building.

August Moore, colored, of Lansing, aged 18, was sentenced to a maximum of fifteen years and a minimum of five years in Ionia for burglary. He has been arrested twenty-two times in nine years.

The St. Johns common council does not believe in slugs and has ordered that all be removed from the village's principal business street.

At a depth of 620 feet, the Umboltz Oil Co. struck oil on the Umboltz farm, seven miles northeast of Niles, and great excitement prevails.

Fully 2,000 farmers visited the city from all over the state to inspect Menominee's \$1,000,000 beet sugar factory, now running in full force.

The corn husker claimed another victim at Davison, Frank O'Leary being caught in the machinery and losing a finger of his right hand.

Out of 450 suicides in Chicago for the present year, 239 were married, 30 widowers, 14 widows and 10 divorcees. Poison was taken by 225 persons.

John McCoy, of Alfordton, O., complained that he was fleeced out of \$800 in a gambling room over a Moreau saloon. He accuses a traveling man.

The Lapeer lighting plant has changed hands. John Leslie, of Hopkinsville, Ky., the purchaser, will enlarge the plant, erect additional buildings and put in new engines.

Ex-Senator A. O. Blackwell, an ex-mayor of Gladstone, but who has been for some time postmaster at Laporte, Tex., is under arrest charged with the irregular sale of postage stamps.

George LaTourrette, of Pontiac, charged with enticing away 13-year-old Bessie Perry, and his son, Guy, charged with a statutory offense, have been bound over to the circuit court.

Judge Coolidge, of St. Joseph, sentenced Bejeska to Ionia for murder. Lyman Mann, bigamist, will go to Jackson for a year, and James Prettyman, of Niles, who resisted an officer, to Jackson for two years.

George Green, colored, well known in Durand and Vernon sporting circles, and employed by Lots Kellogg, of Durand, was found frozen to death in a ditch near the railroad track in Vernon with a whiskey bottle in his pocket.

A wreck occurred on the Jackson & Battle Creek electric line east of Marshall Sunday night, a local car stalled in a snowbank being struck by a limited. Two passengers were injured, an Abdon woman and Miss Malin, of Rice Creek.

Geo. Kasmerick, aged 21, of Bronson, who was arrested, says that he never went with Mrs. Ludwick and never advised her to poison her husband on the promise that he would then marry her. Kasmerick has been discharged.

Michigan rural routes have been established to commence January 15 as follows: Lenox, Macomb county, route No. 1; length of route, 23 miles; population served, 666. Wales, St. Clair county, route No. 1; length of route, 24 miles; population served, 340.

There is much indignation expressed throughout the country over the discovery of Patrick McGuire, an aged patient at the county poor house in an oat bin, where he had been placed, it is alleged, by the authorities, because he is afflicted with fever sores.

A warrant is out for the arrest of Joe Edmunds, Bert McCafferty and Del Barber, of Lapeer, and John A. Williams, of Detroit, business men, charging them with stealing a deer from E. J. Thrasher, the county game warden. They say they are innocent.

Mrs. Clarissa Mullins, the spiritualist medium, has prepared a unique defense for her act in kidnaping 12-year-old Hazel Wallace of Owosso. She claims that she took Hazel away from the attentions of a bad young man who followed the child everywhere.

Reports just completed by the treasury department shows that customs receipts at the five Michigan ports of entry for the last fiscal year were: Detroit, \$1,265,998.43; Port Huron, \$384,036.00; Grand Rapids, \$91,711.94; Marquette, \$91,273.74; Grand Haven, \$4,890.00.

An ice gorge is forming in the river several miles below Sault Ste. Marie. The water has already raised three feet and the river is full of floating ice. Old residents say water in the river has never been as high as at present. No mail has been received here from the south since last week.

An attempt on the part of several prisoners in the Chippewa county jail to escape was discovered by Sheriff Bone in time to prevent it. A saw was found in the possession of John Curry, sentenced for murder from Brimley, while Curry and Richard Tebo, sentenced for larceny, had sawed three bars in two.

Mrs. Ludwick, aged 18, who murdered her husband the third week of their marriage, has made a second confession. She says her marriage was forced by her parents, and that Geo. Kasmerick, her lover, came to her on her wedding day and said if she would poison Ludwick he would marry her. Kasmerick denies the story.

Willis Lawrence, a rural mail carrier running between Battle Creek and Climax, is in a precarious condition, due to a peculiar accident. Lawrence started to fall on an icy sidewalk, and in his efforts to regain his poise he ruptured a blood vessel in his lungs. After numerous hemorrhages, pneumonia set in and the mail carrier is very ill.

Charles Easton, self-confessed murderer of Mrs. Ellen Leonard, was sentenced in Muskegon to imprisonment for life at Jackson. The prisoner displayed no emotion when sentence was passed upon him. A carriage was sent for Easton's father, aged 84, and an affectionate parting scene occurred before Easton left for prison.

Dr. W. J. Cavanaugh, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., is locked up charged with smuggling \$2,000 worth of jewelry into this country. Cavanaugh was arrested in a Port Huron saloon. The jewelry found in his possession, he claims, belongs to his wife. A letter addressed to the prisoner and intercepted by the customs officers, is signed "Queenie," and warns Cavanaugh to hide his "swag."

The cornerstone of Flint's new court house will be laid December 18 with Masonic ceremonies. Lodges from all over the country will be present, and military and other organizations will assist.

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The happy earth inherits, Love being born to-night!

Over the vast abysses of nothingness and gloom,
Where the old gods go reeling at the cry of the new name,
Lean your untold biases, and make the midnight bloom,
With your throbbing gladness stealing in a thousand points of flame.

O Angel of all Innocents, your viol make more sweet,
O Angel of all Lovers, touch tenderly your lute,
O Angel of all Heroes, your rapturous labor beat,
O Angel of all Triumph, sound your timbrel's swift pursuit;
For you hear the Voice above you, like the breath of some strong deity:
"To-night, to-night, Great Love is born, and joy is absolute!"

Forget, O Voice untiring, Gethsemane's dark cup,
Foretell not the heart-breaking despair of Calvary's night,
For with boundless sweep and gyring all the universe moves up,
The depth the dark forsaking with this primal Christmas night!

While sinking at the warning of the clear and mighty cry,
Shall the evil that is hoary, with the doom that was meet,
In the void of night and morning like a mist dissolve and die,
And death grow into glory now Love makes Life complete!
—Harriet Prescott Spofford, in McClure's Magazine.



"There, he is gone, and I won't see him for a whole week," and the brown-eyed, slender young girl on the station platform dabbed a gathering tear from each eyelid with a small wad of handkerchief. Meanwhile the train gathering momentum, sped around a curve carrying out of sight a youth frantically waving his hat at her from the rear platform.

George and Myra had always been inseparable companions; had grown up almost side by side, and gone through school together, and finished off at the academy. "Can't have too much book learnin'" was the comment of the parents of both, and when their school days were over, Myra taught school and George went behind the counter in old man Plumb's grocery store. It was on the cards that they should marry, everybody was willing, and the two loved each other devotedly.

But why should George leave his sweetheart? The truth is, there was a condition attached to their betrothal which George insisted upon: "We must wait, darling, until I can provide a home for you. I must work and save enough money for a small nest for my bride. Will you wait for me, darling?"

"Forever, George," replied the maiden, looking up into his face with a loving smile and snuggling up closer. "But it will not take that long. You know I have saved a little money out of my school teaching, and you have quite a large sum in Mr. Plumb's hands."

"Ye-es," said George with hesitation and with a gloomy look, "but it does not increase fast enough to suit me." The truth is the money was all gone, all their savings had been swept away. There had been trouble in Myra's family about which she knew little. Her uncle John had been drawn into a scheme, a shady transaction bordering upon a criminal offense. The parties to it disappeared, leaving Uncle John to bear the burden, and to keep him out of prison. Myra's father mortgaged his farm, used up all of Myra's savings and gratefully accepted George's board when that young man came forward and offered his all without reserve or condition.

Myra was ignorant of all this, for it had been kept a secret, and as Uncle John had departed for some unknown section of the great West, never letting anyone know his location, George considered his money lost, and that he would have to begin all over again, which meant a postponement of



"There, he is gone," his marriage to the girl he so dearly loved.

There was his job in Plumb's grocery, and Myra's salary, but his wages were small, without prospect of increase, and Myra's salary as school-teacher would cease on her marriage.

He was to be gone one week only. That was the understanding, and during that week he was to accomplish wonders and lay the foundations for a modest fortune. He had carefully read the newspapers, the columns of which glittered with opportunities to

"I came for you and I am going to remain with you."

"Wait until you hear how stupid I have been; you may change your purpose." But Myra shook her head with decision.

"There's nothing to tell, except that I have come for you, and you must go back home with me or I shall stay here with you. If you still love me, George," she hesitated and she blushed rosy red, "we don't have to wait until we have the money for a cottage, we can—"



"George!" timidly into his face without finishing the sentence.

"Myra, darling, would you marry me just as I am, without money or prospects?" and George pressed her hand tenderly.

"Of course I would, and I will marry you this moment if you say so. I have left everything to tell you that. I cannot let you leave me again."

So the two young hearts were united and they worked when they had work to do, which was not often, but they encouraged each other, and hoped on without repining. Their greatest worry was their landlady, who treated them like criminals when the rent fell behind a few dollars.

Early that morning they had received notice that on the day after Christmas they would have to vacate, the landlady explaining that she did not have the heart to turn anybody out of the house on that holy day. It was small comfort to them, for it mattered little whether it was Christmas or the day after, they would not be any better off.

Later in the afternoon the two young people sat talking about their future prospects, not forgetting the far-off cottage. Myra placed on the table a loaf of bread, some butter and a pot of weak tea. "This is our Christmas eve banquet," said she with a merry laugh. "And our last scuttie of coal," declared George, with equal levity. "To-morrow we will find a warm corner in some church and stay in it until we are thrown out, then next day—" "Oh, George, the next day will be the landlady," wailed Myra. "What shall we do?"

At that moment heavy footsteps were heard in the hall, and a thunder-knock sounded on the door.

"Heavens!" exclaimed Myra, "the landlady. She has changed her mind and will put us out to-night."

The door was flung open, and in stumbled two men laden with baskets and bundles, with Mrs. Dwight's motherly form in the rear. With a cry Myra was in her father's arms, and George was bringing his father's hand.

"Now you two women set the table," said he, breaking away from his son and taking charge. "We've come for you, George, and we're all going back home to-night. There's the orders of both mothers, and they must be obeyed. Uncle John has come back with a mint of money—he's going to marry the widow Mullins—everything has been paid off—he's bought out old Plumb for you, and deposited money for a big, new stock of goods—we're the majority of the school board and are going to put Myra back at a bigger salary—I've bought some Gallo-ways and Jerseys and want you to help on the farm—we're going to run you for sheriff—and—Thunderation! Ain't them women most through setting that table? I'm as hungry as a bear," and the old man paused for breath.



Our Christmas eve banquet.

A happy party at that humble table on that Christmas eve, and a happier party the next day around the Christmas board. Mrs. Dwight was carried along in spite of her protests that she had no clothes, for it was she who had kept track of the young couple, whose parents wanted to give them this particular surprise. Even the landlady was in the plot, and wept when her roomers left never to return except in the shape of a good donation every Christmas eve.

Before the next spring had passed the "cottage" had become a reality.



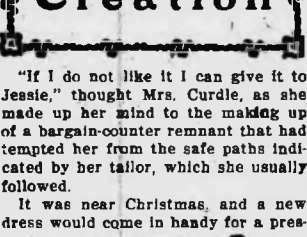
Christmas Times.

When common times are passing, and I go home at night I hear the children shouting before I come in sight; They rush to meet me down the steps, they clamor one and all Like soldiers making wild attack upon a fortress-wall.

Wee Moll and sturdy Jack and Bess, the whole gay roistering crew, Their mother laughing in the rear, snatch kisses not a few; In common times I never slip my latch-key in the door.

It's opened, when the street car stops, if not a bit before; But Christmas times are different, you'd hardly think a mouse Was stirring when I enter, so quiet is the house. There's deepest silence everywhere, and "Hush!" my daughter cries And whisks a way across the hall, a secret in her eyes. And stealthy figures flit about, and mysterious sounds;

The parlor is a place apart, a real holy ground; Soft voices murmur, break the spell, as if with fairy chimes; The spirit of enchantment is here in Christmas times. —Margaret E. Sangster, in Every Where, for December.



"If I do not like it I can give it to Jessie," thought Mrs. Curdle, as she made up her mind to the making up of a bargain-counter remnant that had tempted her from the safe paths indicated by her tailor, which she usually followed.

It was near Christmas, and a new dress would come in handy for a pres-



"Non your beensness, hol' man. I not on town for hax you notting." ent, representing in value more than her customary little check; and besides she would have extracted from the expenditure the pleasure of an experiment on her own account.

When Mr. Curdle saw the gown on his smaller half he wanted to know, with considerable emphasis, if she was arrayed for a masquerade or a cake-walk; and his approval or the reverse, being the final test of her efforts to please, the fate of the dress was fixed.

Accordingly, when Jessie, who occupied a position in a department store, arrives at her boarding place one evening during Christmas week, a large parcel, with her sister's love, awaited her in her hall bedroom. At the sight of the parcel some hard thoughts and a certain bitterness dissolved into tender feelings, which were succeeded by misgivings as glimpses of the contents showed through holes she impatiently tore in the wrapping.

"Land of liberty! does she take me for a leopard," she cried, when the whole artistic creation lay unfolded to her indignant view. "What possessed her to do that?"

The bitterness returned when she tried on the dress, and the facts revealed themselves in the misfit. "The mean little wretch! If she had given me half the money I could have got what I need for myself."

Thrown in a heap on the bed the bundle lay, an eyesore and offense, till relief, in the shape of Mrs. Maloney, the washerwoman, suggested itself; and at the bottom of her basket with a note inclosing a small present, Mrs.



Holy saints! I'd be lookin' both ways for trouble if I tried to wear that."

Maloney found it the day before Christmas Eve. "Holy saints! I'd be lookin' both ways for trouble if I tried to wear that," exclaimed the worthy widow, as she measured the dress against her ample proportions.

"I suppose they gev it to her at the store, fer it's bran new, but no use at all. I wonder if old Moses Abraham'd give me a couple of dollars for it."

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Ideal Type of Hog.
In visiting many herds and flocks I have been most strongly impressed with the fact that there is no uniformity of type in them. Each man has all sorts of types and kinds in his herd or flock, says Professor G. E. Day, of Guelph. The result is that they breed up a flock or herd that will never be of any use in the country. Each young breeder, and old one, too, for that matter, must find out what is the right type; then set this up as an ideal and work to it. You cannot reach your ideal at once. It may take ten, fifteen, twenty or even forty years to do so, and perhaps you may never reach it, but keep it ever before you, never lose sight of it for an instant, nor let anything else drive it away. You will find that the man who makes a success of breeding is he who sticks to his ideal with, as it were, a bull dog tenacity, and though he may not become famous, he will at least make a name for himself in his sphere of life. I would emphasize the importance of getting the right type fixed in one's mind as an ideal. There is a type of hog that gives the best bacon, and if the production of bacon hogs is the ideal a man has set up for himself, then he should get as near to the ideal type as possible. Some breeds of hogs come much nearer that type than others. In judging of the length of a hog it is not enough that he should be long from the nose to the tail, but it is of special importance that he should be long between shoulder and ham. I have heard some people say that it costs more to produce a bacon type of hog than the fat kind. I want to give you this for your encouragement—it has never been proved that it does cost more. Our experiments show very conclusively that it does not necessarily cost more to produce a pound of gain in a good bacon hog than in a fat hog, and that a good bacon hog is an economical producer.

The Mare and the Foal.

Mares after being bred should not be worked for a few days, after which they may be worked right up to the day they foal, providing you have the right kind of work for them to do, writes John Gardhouse. They should not be hitched to any very heavy loads, or on to a tongue that will strike them in the side, and they should not be backed when heavy with foal. After fall plowing is done and you have no further work for them, do not tie them in the stable and let them stand without any exercise; that is too sudden a change. Let them out in the yard for exercise every afternoon, unless very stormy. A few weeks before foaling, feed a little flaxseed along with boiled oats and bran. Never allow the foal to run after the mare when working. Always keep it in a loose box, well bedded, and with plenty of light, but no holes which it can get its head through. Always give the foal a little feed when you take the mare out. Unless you are working a long distance from the barn, it will pay to take the mare in during the forenoon and afternoon, giving her a drink and a handful of oats, and let the foal suck, thus helping the mare and also the foal. When the foal is weaned, feed it often with good clover hay, chopped oats and bran, and all the milk it will take. Winter well the first winter. Many foals are allowed to winter around straw stacks and on poor, dry feed, and are very little heavier in the spring than when weaned in the fall.

Swiss Dairy Cattle.

The cattle of the several cantons of Switzerland noted for their dairying differ mainly in color and name. The Bernoise, Fribourgeoise and Simmenthal cattle are all spotted, and have yellows, reds and browns mixed with white in varying degrees and an infinity of patterns. Those with red or yellow spots usually have light muzzles and switches, while black noses and tails accompany the brown and black spots. The Schwyz breed, better known as the Brown Swiss, has been established in the United States for about thirty years. All these Swiss cattle are exceedingly coarse boned, large framed and heavy. They are exceedingly active for their size, famous mountain climbers, but carry a great superfluity of flesh for dairy animals, hardly compensated for by their performances at the pail. The Simmenthals are the largest, and by some preferred for milk stock, but unbiased judges generally give the Brown Swiss first place for dairy purposes. In America the last-named race has included cow which have made famous records in milk and butter production; but, as a whole, all Swiss cattle must be here regarded as of the "dual-purpose" kind, and this means that they are not expected to add much to the value of our dairy stock.—Henry E. Alvord.

Try Some Roots.

Many farmers are feeding some roots to their poultry in winter. About everything in this line has been tried and most things with success. Beets are split and the fowls are allowed to pick at them at their leisure. Carrots are equally serviceable, and the fowls seem to like them better than they do beets. Only a few should be fed at a time, as fresh ones are more likely to be eaten than old ones.

Many a man thinks he is reasoning with you when he is merely arguing.

LIVE STOCK



The Meat of Angoras.
Geo. F. Thompson, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, writes: In building up a flock of Angoras from common goats, the males must not be permitted to grow into bucks of breeding age; and even among the high grades there are comparatively few bucks that should be retained as such for breeding purposes. They should be castrated early. The great majority of these wethers, especially if they are of the first or second cross, do not produce sufficient mohair of good quality to warrant flock raisers in keeping them. These should be converted into meat as soon as large enough. Those wethers and does which produce a fair quality of mohair may be retained for that purpose for a few years and then killed for meat. They are not, however, so good for this purpose as the younger animals. There is a deep-seated prejudice as has already been stated against the use of goats of any kind for meat. This is founded upon ignorance rather than experience. The most ill-smelling "billy" of the worst possible type is by many made the standard of goat meat for the whole of the goat family. As far back as Abraham's day we read of goats being used for meat (very likely Angoras), and this, too, when there were many cattle and sheep. Certainly no prejudice existed against them at that time.

There is not much to be said about the meat of the common goat. It is not so generally used as that of Angoras. The flesh of their kids is considered very fine, and in some sections of the country goats of all ages are killed for meat. There are comparatively few common goats in the United States, and no attempt is being made to put them upon the market. The current report that goats are sold to the packers in the large cities for canning purposes is true in the main but refers to the Angora grades. The flesh of the Angora is exceedingly nutritious and palatable. Shropshire lambs, which are considered as among the best kinds of meat, are said not to be superior to a well-fed and well-cooked kid. In the Southwest these animals are as readily sold for meat as sheep and the market has never been overstocked. A gentleman in Texas found a ready market for his canned Angora mutton, but was compelled to close his cannery because the supply of goats was not nearly sufficient to supply the demand. In the Northwest the principal use of the Angora is for clearing bushy land and consequently they are not so extensively used as food. However in nearly every locality there some have been killed for mutton, and there has never been a derogatory statement concerning its quality, so far as the writer is able to learn.

Tendency to Reversion.

Like does not always produce like. Male and female of the same breed, or even of the same family, when mated, produce progeny exhibiting notable individual differences. This tendency to variety is sometimes exaggerated and "sports," as the horticulturist terms them, result. These variations have afforded materials from which have been formed the numerous so-called breeds of horses, cattle, sheep, dogs and pigeons. This variation is sometimes traceable to the law of reversion, or the appearance of ancestral characters. Examples of reversion are constantly met with, and are especially frequent where short-pedigreed, crossbred or otherwise faulty sires have been used. Amongst the heavier breed of horses the light carcass and thriftless habit, rough, coarseness, round limbs, short pasterns, pre-posing to ringbone, as well as peculiarities of gait or temper, which have marred the remote ancestors, are liable to appear in their descendants of the third and fourth generation. Amongst some of our longest cultivated white breeds of hornless sheep occasional individuals appear with black spots and rudimentary horns, testifying to the persistent descent of ancient characters which crop up after having remained latent for several generations. Darwin, in his work on "Animals and Plants Under Domestication," records a remarkable instance of this persistence of ancestral characters in pigeons. The numerous varieties, differing so greatly in color, feather, and even in structure, are descended from the Blue Rock, which has a slate blue color and dark bars on the wings and tail. In many modern sorts the blue color and feather markings have disappeared; but, although absent for generations, when two of these varieties are crossed the ancient insignia reappear in many of the progeny. In molding animals for special uses and maintaining acquired types breeders have constantly to battle with this tendency to reversion. In a few generations the numerous artificial varieties of pigeons, if allowed naturally to intermix, would revert to the original Blue Rock. Modern dairy cows, amidst unfavorable surroundings, in much less time than it has taken to bring them to their profitable yield of milk, would furnish only sufficient for their own calf.—Thomas McFarlane.

While the Hamburg is not looked upon as a profitable table fowl on account of small size, it must be remembered that the bones are relatively smaller than in most breeds, thus giving a large proportion of flesh.

HORTICULTURE



Peach Tree Pruning.

Some of our readers may ask why orchardists make so much of pruning the peach. The answer is that the peach tree develops very rapidly and sets more fruit than it can bring to proper size at maturity. Its roots cannot take in all the food that its leaves can elaborate. The best time to prune the peach is doubtless between the time when growth has stopped in the fall and before it starts in the spring. We think that February is considered about the best month in which to prune. The charge is made by the most successful of our peach growers that most of the farmers or even orchardists that grow peaches do not prune their trees enough for the best results. The trees therefore are allowed to form a large number of branches, and on these branches to set an enormous number of peaches, far more than can be developed to a size that the market will pay a good price for. In addition, the branches are so close and thick that the peaches never get the color that the buyer wants, and they have, as a general thing, too much acid in them to be palatable. It takes sunlight to change this acid sourness into the sweet flavor of the fully ripened, sunburned peach. When trees are allowed to set too full the fruit is half-starved from the time the blossoms open till the ripe fruit is ready for the eater. The greed for a big crop results in the production of a large quantity that no man cares to use. It always pays to produce peaches that are ideal in the mind of the consumer. Speak of peaches, and he has in his mind's eye a fruit two inches through, yellow or creamy white, delicious in flavor and falling free from the stone. That is the kind every man, rich or poor, is willing to pay a good price for. It is a mistake to assume that the rich only purchase our best peaches. The poor man would rather have a peck of good peaches than two pecks of poor ones.

After the tree has attained a good development of branches each fall it has also sent out its roots deeper and wider in the soil. Then cutting away part of the top leaves the root system greater than the top in proportion. This is what will supply the remaining branches with an abundance of sap out of which to manufacture large and most excellent fruit. Even then too much fruit will be set to give the best result, and thinning should be practiced. It seldom pays to thin apples, but we think always peaches. This work should be done in the early summer before the stones are fully formed. The peach growers that declare that some of our trees grow ten times much fruit as they should, both for the good of the tree and the good of the market, are probably right. In addition to the question of market is that of the vigor of the tree. A tree that overbears, weakens itself for the production of fruit buds that same year, for these are the buds on which must depend the succeeding year's crop.—Farmer's Review.

Formation of Fruit Buds.

During the early part of the season our trees are making their woody growth, increasing in size, and therefore in productive capacity, forming new buds to replace those which are removed by fruiting, and which will, by and by, if properly nourished, bear fruit themselves. Every bud is capable under favorable conditions of developing into a fruit bud. If it has not these favorable conditions it may remain dormant or only produce new twigs.

During the latter part of the season, say after the first or second week of July, trees which are going to fruit the following season are transforming buds (which were primarily leaf buds) into fruit buds. This process continues as long as the foliage remains on the trees. Consequently a long, fine autumn is favorable for a good set of fruit buds. But a careful orchardist does not trust altogether to nature to supply the favorable conditions for the formation of fruit buds. He wants a crop every year, and he is aware that, assisted by his skill, nature cannot be depended upon for this. In some very favorable fall the poorly managed tree will set an enormous crop of fruit buds, using up a great part of the available buds. We know that where a tree is overloaded it will not make sufficient wood growth to supply material for new fruit buds, and that these conditions are not favorable for the production of fruit buds for the next season; consequently we have off years. The work of the skilful orchardist is to so maintain the balance between the wood growth and fruit production that he may have fruit buds each year. If we are to have an annual crop it is evident that the tree should be handled in about the same manner each year. Manuring and pruning should be done annually, also spraying, whether the trees are bearing or not, for unless we protect the foliage and have it healthy and vigorous until late in the season we cannot depend upon a good set of fruit buds.—J. E. Orr.

It is a mistake to suppose that tows cannot be broken of the habit of egg eating, at least when it is newly acquired. The best way to do it is to give the tows a variety of diet, including meat in some form, and partially darken the nests.