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3 lbs Bulk Raisins	25c	Apples, peck	25c
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BOTH PHONES

Local Correspondence

LIVONIA CENTER.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greenlaw visited Plymouth friends Monday. Our school children are enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

Reported that there will be another play put on the boards at the town hall in the near future.

Report says Horace Kingsley expects to start for Cuba the first of February in company with Ed. Warren of Detroit.

Mrs. Fred Lee has been on the sick list the past week with a severe cold on her lungs.

C. F. Smith visited friends in the city a part of the week.

There were two funerals this week at the Center church—Mrs. Matt Sherwood and a five months old son of Frank Oldenburg.

Mrs. Lou McDonald of Darisburg, Oakland county, who is visiting her people at Stark, called on Center friends Sunday.

Paul Lee visited Elmer Chilson Friday night and Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Peck and Harry were in Plymouth Tuesday calling on friends.

LAPHAM'S CORNERS.

The Salem farmers club meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hooper Wednesday, Jan. 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Curtis are the proud parents of a little baby boy, born January 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Lyke are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lyke of Superior this week.

Little Helen Jarvis has been quite sick, but is now gaining slowly.

The Ladies Aid meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith Wednesday, Jan. 13th. Everybody welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Withee are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Withee.

NEWBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Joy and daughter returned home to Toledo Saturday, Jan. 2nd.

Mrs. N. M. Breckenrid returned home Tuesday night feeling quite well.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oldenburg buried their babe in Livonia cemetery Wednesday. They have the sympathy of the whole neighborhood in their affliction.

School has begun again this week. The soup of the bell is very welcome. Mrs. Ann Eliza Farwell and granddaughter, Bonibel went to Detroit Tuesday.

A household of guests met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bassett on New Year's Eve, to welcome home their son Clark, who has taken Lillian Gear for his bride. Many useful presents were given the worthy couple as a token of esteem from their friends in and about Newburg. James Norris made a presentation speech, and all join him in wishing the bride and groom prosperity and happiness in the future. An appetizing supper was served before midnight and various games were indulged in when the alarm clock notified all that the new 1909 year was ushered in. All wishing each other a Happy New Year.

ELM.

Mrs. Geo. Cornell visited with relatives in Detroit last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Rohring attended the theatre in Detroit Saturday night.

A number from here attended services at Clarenceville last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wilson called on relatives in Detroit New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mason of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Matthy of Plymouth visited with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hirschlieb last Sunday.

Chas. Hirschlieb attended a meeting of the H. D. Epilou at Detroit Wednesday night when the 5th degree was exemplified on five candidates after which a banquet followed.

President Helps Orphans.

Hundreds of orphans have been helped by the President of the Industrial and Orphan's Home at Mason, Mich. who writes: "We have used Electric Bitters in this institution for nine years. It has proved a most excellent medicine for stomach, liver and kidney troubles. We regard it as one of the best family medicines on earth." It invigorates the vital organs, purifies the blood, aids digestion, creates appetite. To strengthen and build up pale, weak children or run down people it has no equal. Best for female complaints. Only 50c at The Wolverine Drug Co. and J. L. Gale's.

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PIKE'S PEAK.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. C. Long and Thomas Bridge and son spent last Tuesday at Mrs. James Bridge's.

Mrs. Agnes Krumm of Plymouth visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wright and family last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kubik of Perrinsville spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. J. Roache's.

Erwin Wright and Roy Badelt were Plymouth callers Monday.

School opened in the brick school Monday after a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard York have gone to Detroit to spend the winter with Mrs. W. Robinson.

A Horrible Hold-Up.

"About ten years ago my brother was 'held up' in his work, health and happiness by what was believed to be hopeless consumption," writes W. R. Lipscomb, of Washington, N. C. "He took all kinds of remedies and treatment from several doctors, but found no help (I) he used Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles. He is a well man to day." It's quick to relieve and the surest cure for weak or sore lungs, hemorrhages, coughs and colds, bronchitis, lagrippe, asthma and all bronchial affections. 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by The Wolverine Drug Co. and J. L. Gale.

WEST TOWN LINE.

Mrs. Matt Sherwood was buried at Livonia Center Tuesday, leaving her husband and children to mourn their loss.

Mr. and Mrs. James Spencer of Livonia entertained Thomas Spencer and family and James Heeney and family on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Savory and Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Kingsley spent Wednesday at Ann Arbor visiting Mr. and Mrs. Worden.

George Innis has purchased a fine new driving rig.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Heeney were entertained New Year's day at Mrs. Heeney's sister's at South Lyon.

Martin Boyle of Detroit visited the old homestead Jan. first.

Harmon Kingsley's birthday was not overlooked by his faithful wife for she entertained some sixty guests in honor of it Saturday evening. No doubt Mr. Kingsley could give a very accurate psychological description of the sensation which we call surprised. At all events every one had a pleasant time in the hospitable home and wished Mr. Kingsley many happy returns of his birthday.

Spencer Heeney played at a concert in the cospervatory at Detroit, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Thomas Heeney entertained her sister and niece from Whitmore Lake, New Year's.

A social for the benefit of St. Mary's Church at Northville was held at Thomas Spencer's Thursday evening.

MURRAY'S CORNERS.

Mrs. John Forshee, Jr. gave a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Sadie Galpin Saturday afternoon. There were about forty young ladies present. Miss Galpin received many beautiful presents. One of the special features of the event was the mock marriage ceremony. The wedding party consisted of Mrs. C. E. McClumpha, Mrs. S. W. Spicer, Mrs. Tom Gear and Miss Ada Westfall.

Tom Carter found a large dead badger in his father's woods last week.

Mrs. Orson Westfall is very sick.

Miss Sadie Galpin and Mr. Fred Humm were married Wednesday-noon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Mrs. Philo Galpin in the presence of about forty friends and relatives, Rev. Loomis officiating. The bride was dressed in blue silk and carried white carnation. Miss Cora Shanklin and Mr. Arnold Humm acted as bridesmaid and best man. After a beautiful dinner was served the young couple left for a three weeks' visit with relatives at Fairgrove and Caro.

The out-of-town guests were Mrs. Humm and two sons, Mr. Culver and Mrs. Jones. The bride was well-known in this vicinity and the groom had made his home here for the last two years and the correspondent in behalf of the neighborhood extend congratulations.

The "Martha's" will give a chicken dinner at the home of Mrs. Hiram Murray and Mrs. S. W. Spicer next Thursday. Everybody invited.

The California Cars to be here January 15 and 16, are well recommended to us and all say there is more to see for 15 cents than at many higher priced shows.

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Sugar Corn, good, 3 cans	25c	Yeast Foam, pkg.	4c
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SOLVING A RAILWAY MURDER

By George Barton

Col. James Fraser and His Wonderful Capture of a Crook

Hurried Investigation, a Trip by Night and Other Mysterious Features Are Inoculated Into Col. Fraser's System of Arriving at Identity of the Criminal Parties—Scene Is Placed in an English Station.



THE time was an evening in July, some years ago; the place the station platform of the North London Railway company at the Metropolitan borough of Hackney. A number of passengers were there, awaiting the six o'clock local from London. It arrived presently, with bell ringing clamorously and engine puffing up great clouds of smoke and sparks. The moment the train came to a full stop, a man on the platform made a rush for the nearest railway carriage. He opened the door and entered, but suddenly drew back with a look of fear on his face and a cry of horror on his lips.

The guard looked and what he saw robbed his tongue of its gibberish. The setting sun sent a golden streak into the coach and the glaring light revealed there on the blue-cushions a pool of red blood. The guard and the hesitating passenger entered together and made a careful examination of the carriage. The man's first sight had not deceived him. There could be no possible doubt about it. The cushions of the carriage were soaked with human blood. Inside the coach was a hat, a walking stick, and a small black leather bag.

The railway carriage was run on to its destination and a dispatch instantly flashed to Col. James Fraser, the head of the London police force. In the meantime the most persistent cross-questioning failed to throw any light whatever upon the mystery of the blood-soaked cushions. The guard remembered in a hazy sort of way that two men had entered the carriage just before the train left Fenchurch street in London. His impression was that they were together but he had no certain recollection of that. As to their appearance, he was totally at sea. He only knew that he had a crowded train that day, and in the hurry and bustle of his work paid but scant attention to individuals.

There was one clue, however, and that was of a character that could not be overlooked even in the density displayed by the railway officials. It was the impression of a blood-stained hand on the door of the railway carriage. The first act of Col. Fraser was to order the gully carriage out of service. He directed that special pains be taken to preserve the impression of the blood-stained hand so that it could be referred to whenever the occasion demanded.

That same night word came to police headquarters that the body of a well-dressed man had been discovered at a spot where the North London railway passes Victoria park. The man was unconscious but still alive. He was taken to a nearby hospital and all that medical science could do was done to restore him to consciousness, but in vain. He died within 24 hours without saying a word. It was evident from the start that he had been murdered. Unfortunately, his head and face had been beaten so cruelly that he was unrecognizable. Just at a time when the solution of his identity seemed farthest away, the hospital authorities came upon a card in his vest pocket. It read "Thomas Briggs, Roberts & Co., Lombard street, London."

An officer was at once dispatched to the office of Roberts & Company, in Lombard street. The head of that firm said that Mr. Briggs was their chief clerk, and one of their most valued employees, and that they were at a total loss to account for his unexplained absence from his post. He had been with their banking house for nearly half a century, and during all of that time had promptly reported for work as the clock was striking nine. He failed to do so that morning and they had assumed that he was ill. Just as they were preparing to send an inquiry to his home a message was received, stating that he had not returned to his home in Hackney the night before. A hurried investigation proved that Mr. Briggs left his home at the usual hour on the previous day. He carried a gold-headed cane and wore gold-rimmed eyeglasses, and had in his possession a gold watch and chain. After concluding his business at the bank he left at the usual hour in the afternoon, and dined with his married daughter at Peckham. He returned to the city in

time to take the regular train at Fenchurch street for his home at Hackney. That was the last time he was ever seen alive.

It did not take many hours to prove that the unoffending clerk of Roberts & Company and the unknown individual whose body had been found near Victoria park were one and the same person, and that the old gentleman had been brutally murdered for his money. The eye-glasses and the gold watch and chain were both missing. The blood-soaked cushions, the general disorder of the railway carriage, and the imprint of the bloody hand on the door of the vehicle proved that a terrible struggle had taken place before the foul deed was accomplished. It must have been done very quickly because the distance from Fenchurch street, from whence the train started, and Hackney was only a matter of three miles—in fact, the deed must have been committed immediately after the train left the city, for the body had been thrown into the bushes of Victoria park, and the murderer had evidently jumped from the train before it reached Hackney station.

But the days went by and there was no result. The newspapers were filled with the details of the crime and there was great public indignation. The oldest citizens of the metropolis wrote scathing letters to the London Times in which they inquired dramatically whether it was possible for a man to go on a railway journey in the heart of the British Empire without incurring the risk of being murdered. The police chafed under this criticism, but still they did not appear to make any progress. Col. Fraser sat in his office day by day and tried to solve the problem. He finally resolved that it would be necessary to trace the gold watch and chain that had been stolen from Mr. Briggs before it would be possible to get a clue to the man who had committed the murder. Every pawn-shop in or around the metropolis was visited but none of them possessed any jewelry that corresponded to that which had been stolen from the bank clerk in the railway carriage. Col. Fraser was not satisfied with these reports, and determined to personally prosecute his inquiries and researches in another direction. He selected the jewelers of London and began his work in the locality known as Cheapside.

To his delight he came upon a significant clue within 24 hours. Mr. Graves, a jeweler in Cheapside, possessed a gold chain which was identical with the one that had been owned by Mr. Briggs. The jeweler said that he had accepted the chain in exchange for another one which he had given to a foreign looking person who had called at his establishment. To add to the importance of this discovery, it was learned that the exchange of the jewelry had been made on the day following the murder of Thomas Briggs.

The news of this first link in the chain of evidence was widely published in the London newspapers. On the day following, while Col. Fraser was seated at his desk in the police headquarters, the door opened and a stranger entered the room. He was a short, stout, red-faced man, wearing a blue coat with brass buttons. The man carried a whip and from his dress and manner was evidently a cabman. He saluted in an awkward manner.

"Is this Col. Fraser?"
"It is," was the terse response.
"And may you be the chief of police?"

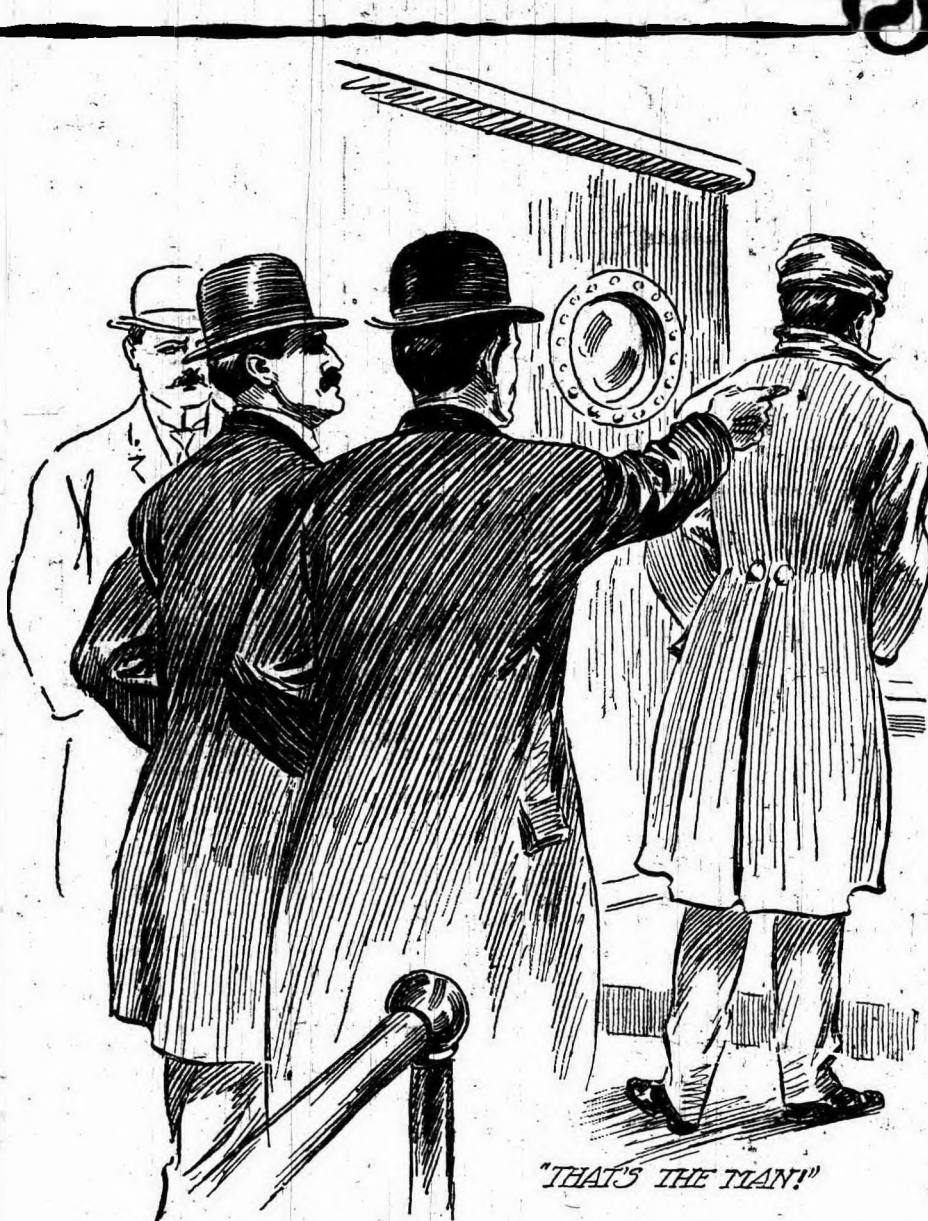
"That's what I am called sometimes," was the indulgent response.
"Well, my name's Bobby Smith."
"Glad to see you, Mr. Smith."
"I'm a cabman."

"An honorable vocation," responded the colonel, with a smile.
"I understand you're investigating the murder of Mr. Briggs."

"At this Col. Fraser was all attention. He scanned the man's face carefully and replied:
"Yes, I am. Can you furnish me with any information on the subject?"

"I don't know," was the response, "but I have a little box here that may interest you."

Whereupon he handed Col. Fraser a jeweler's little card box bearing the name of Mr. Graves, the Cheapside jeweler. The officer looked it over and said:
"Where did you get this?"



"It belongs to my little girl," was the reply.

"Where did she get it?"
"It was given to her by a man who lodged with us—his name is Franz Muller. He left very suddenly after the papers had become full of the Mystery of the Railway Carriage."

This was news with a vengeance. The cabman was taken in hand and subjected to a rigorous cross-examination. He told all about his German lodger and said among other things, that the man had left his photograph on the bureau in the second-story back room where he had lodged. The police immediately secured the photograph and Col. Fraser hastened to Cheapside and presented it to Graves, the jeweler.

"Did you ever see that man?" he inquired.

"I did," was the reply. "He is the foreigner who came here and exchanged the chain on the day after the Briggs murder."

Col. Fraser returned to the cabman's home and held another long interview with the red-faced person who had so providentially furnished him with a clue.

The cabby proved to be a veritable mine of information. He testified, among other things, that he had purchased the hat which was found in the railway carriage, doing so at the request of Muller, his German boarder. It was learned that Muller had transferred his residence to a cheap lodging house in the Whitechapel district. This was carefully guarded, and Col. Fraser having supplied himself with a warrant, went there one morning to arrest the suspect. Two men were stationed in the front of the house and two in the rear, and Col. Fraser, himself, went upstairs to make the arrest. He hammered at the door. There was no response. He burst it open, and found—nothing. The room was empty. The bird had flown.

Col. Fraser realized the importance of prompt and speedy action and he at once formulated plans by which two of the shrewdest detectives in the metropolis were detailed to go to America to arrest Mr. Franz Muller, Bobby Smith, the cabman, and Mr. Graves, the jeweler of Cheapside, were sent with the officers for the purpose of identifying Muller. This curiously assorted quartet immediately went to Liverpool and took the first steamer across the Atlantic. It proved to be the "City of Manchester," which in its day was one of the fastest ocean liners, but which at the present time would be ranked among the slow

freighters. However, the sailing vessel in which Muller took passage was even slower, and it was calculated that the "Manchester" would reach New York some days before the "Victoria."

It was an anxious voyage, and the time was counted with feverish impatience; but the expectations of the pursuers were realized and the "Manchester" reached New York more than 48 hours ahead of the "Victoria." The four men waited on the dock, and as soon as the vessel reached the pier, they went aboard. Muller had been quite sick on the way over and he came on deck looking pale and careworn. Mr. Graves and the cabman recognized him at once and shouted in unison:
"That's the man!"

The two detectives immediately placed him under arrest and before leaving the vessel made a search of the prisoner's box. The watch belonging to the murdered man was found in his trunk, wrapped up in a piece of leather. Most audacious of all, Muller, at the time of his capture, was wearing the hat which belonged to the murdered man. It had been cut down and somewhat altered, but there was no difficulty in finding traces which made it correspond to the article of headgear which had been in the family of the victim for many years.

Through the co-operation of the American authorities, extradition papers were speedily prepared and the prisoner went back to England in the custody of his four captors, arriving there in the middle of September of the year of the murder. Although the Bertillon system of identification by means of thumb-prints had not been perfected at that time, the first steps taken by the authorities was to secure the impressions of the prisoner's hands. These were carefully compared with the blood-print on the door of the railway carriage, and the marks of the right hand were found to correspond fairly well with the blood-stained impression on the door of the coach.

The trial occurred at the next session of the general criminal court. Sir Robert Collyer, the solicitor-general, had charge of the prosecution which was based entirely upon circumstantial evidence. It was charged that Muller had committed the murder under a sudden impulse; that standing at the station he had noticed Mr. Briggs' watch and chain and jewelry, and was filled with an overwhelming desire to possess them; that on the spur of the moment he had determined to follow him into the carriage. The victim resisted, but his as-

saliant determined to possess the valuables, no matter at what cost. He had tried to choke Mr. Briggs into insensibility, and not succeeding in that, had seized hold of a life preserver such as is carried in English railway carriages and had used it to batter in the head of his venerable victim. There was a deep wound over the ear, the skull was fractured, and there were several other blows on the head. Following up this presentation of the crime, the distinguished solicitor-general presented, piece by piece, the bits of evidence which, in his mind, convicted Franz Muller of the murder of Thomas Briggs. Sir Robert Collyer said that it was the strongest circumstantial evidence which had ever been brought forward in a murder case in his time. Muller, on his part, set up an alibi, but it was not very well substantiated, and the jury without the slightest hesitation, returned a verdict of guilty.

After his conviction Muller insisted that he had been found guilty upon a false statement of facts. His case was taken up by the Society for the Protection of Germans in England, and the most powerful influences were exerted there and abroad to obtain a reprieve for the convict. In the meantime, Muller was urged to make a confession of his crime. He evaded any direct response to this appeal, usually saying: "Why should man confess to man? Man cannot forgive man; only God can do so. Man is therefore only accountable to God." He persisted in maintaining this attitude until the very last. He was not a vicious man in any manner or way, and it was quite evident that his crime was not premeditated, and this fact at times caused some uneasiness of conscience to his captors. His refusal to admit his guilt was perplexing and disquieting.

Finally the day of execution arrived. A German pastor attended him to the scaffold and urged him to make his peace with God. The black cap was placed over his eyes, and the rope was adjusted about his neck. The executioner prepared to give the signal which would launch him into eternity. At that psychological moment Muller leaned over and whispered in the ear of his pastor:
"I did it!"

The next second the drop had slipped, and Franz Muller had gone to meet his Creator.

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Hen Lays Eggs on Table.

A resident of the village of Beighton (Eng.) has a hen which always lays her eggs either on the kitchen table—a peculiarly appropriate place—or in one of the beds in the house. When the house door is shut and the bird wants to lay an egg it paces backwards and forwards until the door is opened.

What It Was.

She was visiting a Chinese restaurant for the first time, and had ordered among other things an omelet. After sampling the succulent chop suey and the appetizing chow mein, she turned her attention to what seemed a dish of pancakes. Puzzling over the combination of ham, onion and other ingredients, she suddenly exclaimed to her companion: "Why, there's egg in this."
"Sure; it's the omelet," he replied.

Thankful He Isn't Rich.

One Adam Croaker is enjoying the highlight of the following paragraph: "I am thankful I am not a millionaire. I do not, however, claim any special credit. It seems to run in the family. I have traced the history of the Croaker family back to the founding on place and find there has not been a wealthy one in the whole bunch, and the records show that there has never been a duke or count who tried to break in."—Atlanta Constitution.

The Unexpected.

The judge was about to pass sentence upon the condemned man.

"In view of certain contingent circumstances," he said, "I'm inclined to treat you with leniency."

A veiled woman who was sitting at a little distance suddenly burst into tears.

"Are you the prisoner's wife?" his honor inquired.

The woman could only nod.

"I think that in view of all these mitigating influences," the judge resumed, "I will fix three years."

The veiled woman suddenly gasped.

"It ain't half enough, judge; it ain't half enough!" she wildly shrieked.

THEN AND NOW

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1909.

Great Chance For The Forty-Fifth Legislature.

Detroit Free Press: A new legislature, the forty-fifth in Michigan history will come into being as soon as it has taken the prescribed preliminaries and completed its organization at noon today.

The unusual opportunities which it will have for usefulness have been repeatedly emphasized. If any of the spirit of the last official body which utilized the second floor of the state house remains within its walls, those opportunities will not remain unimproved. Desires long entertained by the people for fulfillment in the work of the constitutional convention, which adjourned less than a year ago.

A privilege reserved for this forty-fifth legislature is to provide the statutory machinery which will give effect to principles formulated by that convention and later approved decisively by the voters.

The work of supplementing in obvious directions the provisions of the new constitution is an important duty, but there will be a widespread sense of public disappointment if the legislature should be content with the discharge only of this duty. The issues decided in the convention are already accepted as res adjudicata. The people are looking for progressive legislation in other and new directions.

The merit system should be applied to the subordinate appointees and employees of all state departments.

A new and perfected primary statute should be enacted which will guard against the abundant opportunities for fraud which the present statute has been shown to present.

The demand that the people themselves shall have the right to select more of their public servants than they are now permitted to select should be satisfied. This demand was recognized by the new constitution in a provision specifying that the state board of agriculture shall hereafter be elective instead of an appointive body. This principle should have a still further extension by statute.

A legal necessity exists for the re-enactment of the law under which the new state railroad commission exercises its power. This law should be re-enacted in an amplified and stronger form, and the right to select its members should be reserved exclusively to the people. Other state officers which an unsatisfactory system now renders appointive should also be made elective. The limitation which now prohibits the incumbent of the office of sheriff or county treasurer from holding his office for more than four years out of any term of six should, of six should, of course, be extended to the governorship. The constitutional convention was overwhelmingly in favor of such extension, but took no action, as the issue was involved in current politics.

A legislature whose aspirations and accomplishment will be in sharp contrast on most points with those of the 1907 legislature of ineffectuality and bankruptcy will be certain of a most appreciative reception from the people just now.

Can You Beat It?

We answer for you—You can't! Not in a thousand years. Think of a countryman buncoling a desperado gang and getting away with the swag. Sounds good, doesn't it? Well, it's better than that. So is the next issue of this paper we want you to read *Hoggs—His Greenhorns Coup*, by an ex-operative of the secret service. "Red" Hank Bonner is the near-hero, but Hoggs proved the real one. It teems with a mysterious air of the "con" man's den. Then the double-cross is unfolded for the benefit of the denizens of the high circles in crookdom. Not a dull moment in this story. These crooks picked out the victims who laid their wealth at their door. What happened to Hoggs? We'll tell you that in the next issue when you read this story. Read it. It is appropriately illustrated by that renowned artist Dearborn Melvill.

THE RIGHT OF WAY

Has to be given. Harrell's Condition Powders, which for over seventy years has been the standard of perfection. Why? Because every ounce and particle of the ingredients do their share towards contributing to the quality of the stock, to which the powder is given. You should not fail to try this stock food and we feel sure, that after a few days, you will notice a wonderful change in the stock. Get a package at the nearest drug store. Price 25 cents. Sold by John L. Gale and Beyer's Pharmacy.

CHURCH NEWS.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST.

Communion service next Sunday morning at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 10:10 A. M. Subject, "Sacrament." Sunday-school for children 11:00 A. M. Wednesday evening testimonial service, 7:10 P. M. Every one is welcome.

UNIVERSALIST

Rev. F. W. Miller, Pastor. Morning service as usual next Sunday at 10:00 A. M. Sermon by the pastor upon the subject "The Certainty of a Just Retribution for Sin." Sunday school at 11:15 A. M. At 7:00 P. M. the W. C. T. U. is to be present by invitation, to listen to an address by the pastor. The public is cordially invited to all the above services.

BAPTIST.

Rev. C. T. Jack, Pastor. The regular services next Lord's day. Morning worship 10:30, sermon by pastor. Sunday school 11:45. B. Y. P. U., 6:00. Topic "Living for the day or for eternity." Leader, Ernest Robinson. Song service 7:00 to 7:15, followed by evening sermon. We are glad to see so many young men and women in our evening congregation, but a number of good seats are unoccupied. Mid-week prayer and praise service Wednesday night, 7:30. Don't miss this service, if you wish to grow strong and healthy spiritually.

METHODIST.

Rev. E. King, Pastor. Services next Sunday will be held as follows:—Morning service at 10, preaching by the pastor and special music by the quartette. Sunday-school at 11:30.

In the evening there will be a Union service of the Epworth League and evening service commencing at 6:30, held in the auditorium, conducted by Prof. W. N. Isbell. This will be a praise and song service and is necessitated by the pastor being at the Toungish service. It will be an enjoyable meeting.

Some of the pleasing features of our work recently are the following:—Eighteen new members received during the past two Sundays, the large attendance at Sunday school last Sunday, the live interest in the Epworth and Junior League, and the fine increase of congregations at morning and evening services. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. H. N. Ronald, Pastor. Sunday 10:00. Morning worship. Preaching by the pastor. Subject "The Mission of the Church." 11:15, Sunday-school. 6:00, Young People's Meeting. 7:00, Evening gospel service. Preaching by the pastor. You are most cordially invited to all these services. Also the midweek prayer service Thursday evening at seven o'clock.

Nineteen-eight has been a banner year for our Sunday-school. The average attendance for the year was 108 as against 76 a year ago. The following officers were elected for 1909: Supt., C. H. Rauch; Ass't. Supt., Mrs. H. N. Ronald; Sec., Miss Genevieve McClumpha; Treas., Miss Clara Patterson; Pianist, Miss Hazel Smitherman.

The annual meeting on Monday evening was a decided success in spite of the rain. Messrs. O. H. Loomis and Asa Joy were elected elders to succeed themselves for a term of three years. Frank Oliver was elected deacon, and Mrs. Hulda Huffman deaconess for a term of one year. Messrs. John E. Wilcox and Cass Gittine were elected trustees for one year and two years respectively, to fill vacancies. The board of trustees being authorized to choose their own treasurer, John E. Wilcox was chosen treasurer for 1909. The new current expense budget calls for \$1350, one hundred dollars of which is additional salary voted to a grateful pastor by a thoughtful people.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Mrs. Rauch, Mrs. Hillmer and Nina Stuart were school visitors this week. Miss Williams, our former science teacher, is attending the University of Chicago.

Richard Hartung of Wayne has entered the 4th grade and Nina King of Detroit the 2nd.

A certain Junior has bad eyes. Any way he wears glasses which make him look like horned kubbious.

Janitor Baker has found a pair of new mittens. The owner can have them by applying at his office.

The Gogman II. class have finished reading Storm's Immensee and are now reading Auerbach's Brigitta.

The H. S. boys like variety and to secure the desired "spice of life," they swap neckties about 10 times a day.

The Freshmen are talking some of buying the school board a valentine, to show their appreciation of the extra vacation.

The First Grade are studying about the life, home and habits of the Eskimo. A good snow storm would make it more realistic.

Mr. Aldrich, of the U. of M., sang in chapel Monday morning. From the applause that he received it was evident that he made a "hit."

There was no school in the 2nd

Grade Monday and Tuesday because Miss Coombs did not return on account of the illness of her mother.

Martha Wellman of the Sophomore class left school this week to enter the Benton Harbor High School. She will be greatly missed by her associates.

The 3rd Grade will have their Christmas exercises this afternoon. They were to have been given before vacation but were postponed on account of the closing of school.

A grade teacher asked her geography class what they had for breakfast and where it came from. A little boy soberly replied: I had sugar from the sugar bowl and pancakes from the spider.

School closed unexpectedly Dec. 21, '08 because a case of scarlet fever was reported from the 6th Grade. The school board wanted to be good and careful and in order to be both they gave us an extra week's vacation. Monday morning of this week all returned and because so many new things were in sight, it was evident that the mamas, papas, etc., alias Santa Claus, thought us good kids. The vacation was very welcome, for we all needed a rest so that we could "sprint" from now till the end of the semester, which is only two weeks away.

Michigan Dairymen's Ass'n.

The 13th auxiliary meeting of the Michigan Dairymen's Association will be held at Salem, Jan. 15th and 16th, 1909. The following is the program:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15th, 2 P. M.
Music.
Prayer by Rev. Betty.

Address of Welcome, M. J. Knowles, Response, Sec. S. J. Wilson.

A Co-operative Cow Testing Association for Salem—Colon C. Lillie.

Discussion by Clayton Deake. How to Improve the Quality of our Dairy Products—Dr. Floyd W. Robinson, State Analyst.

EVENING MEETING, JAN. 15th.
Question Box.
Music.

Dairy and Food Laws and their Enforcement—Dr. Floyd W. Robinson, State Analyst.

Should Agriculture be Taught in our Public Schools?—Principal Salem Schools.

What the State Dairy and Food Department is Doing for Dairying.—Colon C. Lillie.

JANUARY 16th, 10 A. M.
Co-operative Dairying—E. S. Powers, State Dairy Inspector.

Discussion—W. W. Hamilton, Salem. Contagious Abortion—Dr. Marshall, M. A. C.

General Discussion.
AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.
Local Dairy Conditions—R. W. Smith, Salem.

Discussion—E. S. Powers. Tuberculosis—Its Cure, Prevention and Treatment—Dr. Marshall, M. A. C.

The Meanest Man in Town
Is the one who always wears a frown, is cross, disagreeable and short and sharp in his answers. In nine cases out of ten it's not the poor fellow's fault, it's his liver and digestion that make him feel so miserable, he can't help being disagreeable. Are you in danger of getting into that condition? Then start at once taking Dr. Herriek's Sugar-Coated Pills for your liver—the safe, sure and reliable vegetable liver regulator. Ask for a free sample. Sold by John L. Gale and Beyer's Pharmacy.

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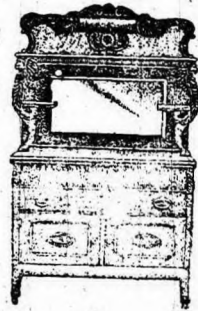
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Commencing Saturday, Jan. 2,

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\$2.50 Net Shirt Waists, \$1.79

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7.00 " " " 5.50

7.50 Blue & Pink Party Waists 5.50



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 Effective Nov. 17, 1920.
EAST BOUND.
 For Detroit via Wayne 6:30 a. m. and every two
 hours to 9:30 p. m.; also 9:42 p. m. changing at
 Wayne. To Wayne only, 10:30 p. m.
WEST BOUND.
 Leave Plymouth for Northville 6:30 a. m. (Sun-
 days excepted), 7:10 a. m. and every two hours
 to 10:30 p. m.; also 10:42 p. m. & 12:20 a. m.
 Leave Detroit for Plymouth 5:55 a. m. (from
 Michigan car barn), also 7:30 a. m. and every
 two hours to 9:30 p. m.; also 9 p. m. and 11 p. m.
 changing cars at Wayne.
 Leave Wayne for Plymouth 6:30 a. m. and every
 two hours, to 8:30 p. m.; also 12:10 p. m. mid-
 night.
 Cakes connect at Wayne for Ypsilanti and
 points west to Jackson.

Probate Notice.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne, ss.
 At a session of the Probate court for said
 county of Wayne, held in the Probate office, in
 the city of Detroit, on the twenty-third day of
 December, in the year one thousand nine hun-
 dred and eight. Present, Edgar O. Durfee, Judge
 of Probate. In the matter of the estate of
 John Nash, deceased.
 An instrument in writing purporting to be
 the last will and testament of said deceased
 having been delivered into this court for probate.
 It is ordered, that the 7th day of Janu-
 ary next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said
 court room, be appointed for proving said in-
 strument.
 And it is further ordered, that a copy of this
 order be published three successive weeks pre-
 ceding the said time of hearing, in the Plymouth
 Mail, a newspaper printed and circulating in
 said county of Wayne.
EDGAR O. DUFFEE, Judge of Probate.
 (A true copy.)
EVYN K. PALMER, Probate Clerk.

Probate Notice.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne, ss.
 At a session of the Probate court for said
 county of Wayne, held in the Probate office, in
 the city of Detroit, on the fourteenth day of
 December, in the year one thousand nine hun-
 dred and eight. Present, Edgar O. Durfee, Judge
 of Probate. In the matter of the estate of
 Robert L. Busbie, deceased.
 John Nash, executor of the last will and tes-
 tament of said deceased, having rendered to
 this court his final administration account
 and filed therewith his petition praying that
 the estate of said deceased may be assigned in
 accordance with the provisions of said last will.
 It is ordered, that the nineteenth day of
 January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at
 said court room, be appointed for examining
 and allowing said account and hearing said
 petition.
 And it is further ordered, that a copy of this
 order be published three successive weeks pre-
 ceding the said time of hearing, in the Plymouth
 Mail, a newspaper printed and circulating in
 said county of Wayne.
EDGAR O. DUFFEE, Judge of Probate.
 (A true copy.)
ALBERT W. FLINT, Deputy Register.

R-I-P-A-N-S Tablets
 Doctors find
 A good prescription
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 The 5-cent packet is enough for usual occasions.
 The family bottle (50 cents) contains a supply
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 OR MONEY REFUNDED.**

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Local News

Miss Mabel Merkeson is home from
 Ypsilanti.
 Mrs. Dewar is visiting friends in
 Grand Rapids.
 Mrs. C. O. Dickerson is on the sick
 list, and is very low.
 Mrs. Phila Harrison is in Detroit
 caring for her niece.
 Mr. and Mrs. Bert Crumble spent
 Sunday in Northville.
 Mr. and Mrs. Brant Warner spent
 New Years in Oakwood.
 Lulu Holtz of Ypsilanti visited Miss
 Leone Hickmott last week.
 Clifford Maltby of Detroit spent
 Sunday with Miss Viva Willis.
 Frank Nicholson and Lelia Murray
 spent New Years in Ypsilanti.
 Henry Davis of Cincinnati spent
 last week at Mrs. C. J. Hamilton's.
 John Jones of Rochester, N. Y.,
 spent Sunday at M. A. Patterson's.
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dates and son of
 Detroit are visiting at Byron Dates'.
 Robt. Jolliffe entertained about
 twenty-five friends last Friday night.
 New Independent telephones this
 week: Will Arthur and E. N Gray.
 Mrs. Bert Norton of Rochester visit-
 ed her mother and sisters over Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tait and Miss
 Mabel Oliver spent Sunday in North-
 ville.
 Mrs. Anson Hearn attended the fun-
 eral of her aunt in Vermontville this
 week.
 Mrs. F. A. Blinn of Chelsea spent
 Sunday with her sister, Mrs. M. A.
 Rowe.
 Mrs. B. H. Rae entertained about
 fifteen friends and relatives New
 Years.
 Mr. and Mrs. Markham of Detroit
 visited at Frank Oliver's during the
 holidays.
 Miss Della Eberly of Williamston
 spent a few days last week with friends
 in Plymouth.
 Mrs. Geo. Delker and Mrs. Earl
 Finkbeiner of Detroit spent Saturday
 in Plymouth.
 Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Snyder of De-
 troit spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs.
 Arthur Hood.
 Gertrude Smith received a branch of
 southern mistletoe among her Christ-
 mas presents.
 The monthly B. Y. P. U. supper
 Friday, Jan. 15th. Price 15 cts. Sup-
 per from 5:30 to 7:30.
 The initial meeting of the Whist
 Club was held Monday night with Mr.
 and Mrs. Fred Ekloff.
 Elmer Durant of Tawas City, Mich.
 spent Christmas and New Years with
 Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sears.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Felt and Gladys
 spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs.
 Geo. Proctor at Tonquish.
 Mrs. Chas. Hamilton and sons Eddie
 and Clifford of Ann Arbor visited at
 C. G. Draper's New Year's.
 Misses Grace and Mary Knoepfler
 of Milford spent Friday and Saturday
 with Mrs. L. B. Wheaton.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wheaton, son
 Raymond and Charles Wheaton spent
 Sunday with Milford relatives.
 Dr. E. E. Easter delivered a lecture
 at Hartland Tuesday night, the Doctor
 filling a number in the course.
 Many of the souvenirs given away
 on the California Cars are worth more
 than they charge for admission.
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason of De-
 troit spent New Years with the lat-
 ter's parents Dr. and Mrs. Grainger.
 Mrs. Cal. Stevens entertained about
 twenty-five relatives from Plymouth,
 Ann Arbor and Detroit New Years.
 T. Tyson Kirkby and bride of Win-
 nipeg, Manitoba visited their aunt and
 uncle Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Beals Wed-
 nesday.
 Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Nichols left
 Wednesday for Florida to spend the
 winter, stopping at Lake Como most
 of the time.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wheaton enter-
 tained at dinner a party of friends
 from Milford and Northville New
 Years day.
 Miss Jennie Robertson, who has
 been visiting at the home of Frank
 Beals, has returned to her home in
 Ottawa, Ont.
 Millions of people have passed
 through the Stanislaus County Exhibit
 Cars in the time they have been out,
 and thinking people are always pleas-
 ed.
 The Ladies Literary Club will hold
 an open meeting this afternoon in the
 Presbyterian church parlors and each
 member will be privileged to invite one
 guest.

Don't Get a Divorce.
 A western judge granted a divorce
 on account of ill temper and bad
 breath. Dr. King's New Life Pills
 would have prevented it. They cure
 constipation, causing bad breath and
 liver trouble, the ill temper, dispel colds
 banish headaches, conquer chills. 25c
 at the Wolverine Drug Co. and J. L.
 Gale's.

Brave Fire Laddies
 often receive severe burns, putting out
 fires, then use Bucklen's Arnica Salve
 and forget them. It soon drives out
 pain. For burns, scalds, wounds, cuts
 and bruises it's earth's greatest healer.
 Quickly cures skin eruptions, old sores,
 boils, ulcers, felon's, bunions, pile cure
 made. Belief in instant. 25c at The
 Wolverine Drug Co. and J. L. Gale's.

A. J. Lapham has a cut price sale.
 See advt.

Miss Rose Hillmer visited her cousin
 in Detroit this week.
 Hugh Aldrich of the U. of M. spent
 the first of the week at J. E. Rauch's.
 Miss Lena Vrooman of Lansing
 visited friends here during the past
 week.

Some of the members of the Eastern
 Stars will visit the Northville Chapter
 tonight.
 Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Brown of Lan-
 sing have been spending the past week
 with friends in town.
 Mrs. Durfee and daughter, Mrs. Arm-
 strong moved into their new home on
 Sutton street yesterday.

Oliver Wingard's new house on Oak
 street is nearly completed. They ex-
 pect to move into same next month.
 Fred Hatcher and Miss Mabel Lar-
 kins of Detroit visited the latter's
 uncle, Henry Sage, and family Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shattuck and
 daughter returned Monday from a
 week's visit with relatives at Ypsilanti.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lang and child-
 ren and Maurice Smith returned from
 Marshall Saturday after a week's visit
 with relatives.
 The "Marthas" will give a chicken-
 pie dinner at the home of Mrs. Hiram
 Murray and Mrs. S. W. Spioer next
 Thursday. Everybody invited.

The "German Band" met at Albert
 Steyer's New Year's eve. Cards was
 pastime until the New Year appeared,
 when refreshments were served.
 Farmers, take a day off and bring
 your families to see the finest fruits
 and biggest fish ever, and learn your-
 self what irrigation will do for a
 country.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Rowe go to Sag-
 inaw on Saturday to visit friends until
 Monday, when they will start for Flor-
 ida where they expect to remain un-
 til spring.
 A shaft in the feed mill of Shaw
 Bros. at Elm broke while the mill was
 running last Wednesday, a part strik-
 ing Roy Shaw on the jaw, breaking it
 in two places.

Among the holiday guests at Frazer
 Smith's were Mrs. H. E. Kipp of Mil-
 ford, Mrs. Ina Pickett and daughters
 Gwineth and Esther of Ypsilanti, also
 Charles Kipp of Chicago.
 Dr. Hayes and Mr. McKiuey of
 Livonia were struck by a car near
 Eloise Wednesday, their buggy being
 smashed to pieces. Neither of the
 men were seriously injured.

Chas. McConnell and Miss Minnie
 Weiher were married last Friday noon
 at the home of the bride's parents,
 south of the village. They are visit-
 ing for a few weeks in Avoca, after which
 they will make their home in Plym-
 outh.

The attendance at the Y. M. C. A.
 in the Presbyterian church parlors
 Wednesday was most gratifying, the
 boys finding a warm welcome there.
 It's a good place for the young men
 and boys to pass away an evening.
 Doors are open every Monday, Wed-
 nesday and Friday evenings.

The members of the W. C. T. U. are
 urged to bear in mind that Rev. Miller,
 pastor of the Universalist church, has
 announced his intention to deliver a
 temperance address at his church Sun-
 day evening, Jan. 10th. He extends
 an invitation to the society to attend.
 All friends of temperance, and every-
 body in general will be welcome.

Mrs. Matt. Sherwood died at her
 home north and west of the village
 Saturday night, aged 36 years. She
 leaves a husband and two children to
 mourn their loss. The funeral occur-
 red Tuesday afternoon, services being
 conducted at the Livonia Center
 church by Rev. T. C. Jack, there being
 present a large concourse of mourning
 relatives and friends.

Shingleton-Daggett.
 Among the New Year's weddings
 was that of Mr. Robert W. Shingleton
 of Salida, Colorado, to Miss Pearl
 Daggett of Plymouth at the home of
 the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. E. R.
 Daggett, on Oak street, on New Year's
 afternoon at 4 o'clock. The ceremony
 was performed by Rev. E. King, in
 the presence of the friends of the bride
 and groom from Ovid and Toledo and
 of this place.

The bride received many pretty and
 useful gifts, among others being a
 hundred dollars in gold from her
 father. The bride and groom were
 both formerly of Ovid where they
 have a host of friends. Mr. Shingleton
 is a successful young business man of
 Salida, Colorado, and the bride has
 made many friends here since coming
 to Plymouth four months ago. After
 a couple of weeks' visit with friends
 in Michigan they will go to Colorado,
 with the best wishes of all their ac-
 quaintances, for a pleasant matrimo-
 nial voyage.

Wants, For Sale, To Rent, etc.
 5c. per Line, One Insertion.
 FOR SALE CHEAP.—A buggy and
 buffalo robe. Mrs. L. Lygo.
 FOUND.—Pair ladies' undressed kid
 gloves. Finder can have same by
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 Wheat, Red, \$1.58
 Oats, 46c.
 Rye, 70c.
 Beans, basis \$1.50
 Buckwheat, \$1.40 per cwt.
 Potatoes, 27c.
 Butter, 27c.
 Eggs 28c.

The Mail is pleased to publish per-
 sonals and items of social inter-
 est and appreciates contributions of
 this nature. To insure insertion
 contributions should reach this
 office not later than noon Thurs-
 day.

Resolutions.

To Mrs. J. G. MEILER—
 Whereas, It has pleased Almighty
 God in his infinite wisdom to remove
 from among us our beloved brother,
 John G. Meiler, who for many long
 years has been a faithful and devoted
 Odd Fellow, and while we mingle our
 sorrow with yours in this your
 affliction, we have the consolation of
 knowing and believing that he has
 passed to a better home beyond; and
 while you mourn the loss of a compa-
 nion and husband we, too, mourn the
 loss of a brother, and trust we may all
 meet where sorrow and death will
 never come. Therefore be it
 Resolved, That, while we humbly
 bow to His Divine will, we hereby
 tender to you our sincere and hearty
 sympathy in this your sad bereave-
 ment and hope and pray we may all
 meet in that home beyond eternal in
 the heavens.
 Signed in behalf of Tonquish Lodge,
 No. 32, I. O. O. F.
 D. A. JOLLIFFE,
 C. G. CURTIS,
 Committee.

By Plymouth Chapter, O. E. S.
 Whereas, In view of the loss we have
 sustained by the decease of our friend
 and associate, Sister Kate Lauffer, and
 of the still heavier loss sustained by
 those who were nearest and dearest to
 her; therefore, be it
 Resolved, That it is but a just tribute
 to the memory of the departed to say
 that in regretting her removal from
 our midst we mourn for one who was,
 in every way, worthy of our respect
 and regard.
 Resolved, That we sincerely condole
 with the family of the deceased on the
 dispensation with which it has pleased
 Divine Providence to afflict them and
 commend them for consolation to Him
 who orders all things for the best, and
 whose chastisements are meant in
 mercy.
 Resolved, That this heartfelt testi-
 monial of our sympathy and sorrow be
 forwarded to the husband of our de-
 parted friend; also that it be recorded
 in the minutes of this meeting and that
 a copy be published in the local paper.
 IDA M. DUNN,
 P. B. WHITEBECK,
 DANIEL F. MURRAY,
 Committee on Resolutions.

W. C. T. U.
 The meeting next week Thursday,
 Jan. 14, will be held at the hall, begin-
 ning at 2 p. m. The leaders are Mrs. F.
 W. Miller and Miss Ursula Harbaugh
 and we can be assured of a good meet-
 ing. It is expected that the new pro-
 grams for the year will be ready for
 distribution and it will be a good op-
 portunity to secure one. Resolutions
 are in order at this time of year, and
 it is hoped that as many as possible of
 our 67 members will resolve that they
 will make an effort to be present at
 every meeting the coming year. In so
 doing they not only encourage our
 President and the other officers, but
 they keep better informed in regard to
 the work and consequently more in-
 terested.

The Chicago Interior says that at a
 conclave of liquor men in the city the
 other day, called to consider by which
 bootstrap the trade had better try to
 pull itself out of the bog, it has got
 into, one sapient representative of the
 traffic declared thusly: "The key of the
 situation is to drive the ministers out
 of the fight." If this is their only hope
 the saloonist might as well erepe
 wholesale while it's cheap.—Supt.
 Press.

A crowded house greeted the Chi-
 cago Male Quartette at the opera house
 Wednesday evening, the entertain-
 ment being given under the auspices
 of the Citizens' Entertainment Course.
 If the reception given the members of
 the company by the audience was any
 criterion of their individual merits,
 they must believed themselves highly
 appreciated, as they were. The prom-
 ises made by the committee that this
 entertainment would be one of the best
 of the series, were fully sustained.
 Every number was fine. The charac-
 ter impersonations by Mr. Dixon were
 among the best ever given here.

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MICHIGAN BREVITIES

STATE HAPPENINGS

Truth About Pecan Raising. Nature has indeed played pranks with the pecan producers. Hundreds of thousands of nuts—large, smooth, thin of shell and plump of kernel—have been planted with care, nurtured with anxiety and brought to fruition in tranquility, only to furnish proof to the earnest orchardist that Nature held secrets he had not solved, for the crop was not what was expected, the products being "throw backs," as unlike the parent nut as the woolly Welsh pony is unlike the round barrelled, sleek limbed, satin coated thoroughbred. For years the struggle to unlock the closed doors of nut knowledge has been under way and success has made a timid approach, but pecan propagation is to-day almost as dubious an undertaking for a novice as the geometrical method of piling up millions by starting with one pair of rabbits and expecting to supply every glove factory in the land with the pelts of their progeny in from three to five years. For the comparative few who understand the perpetuation of choice types by scientific budding and grafting of a tree that seemingly possesses more variegates than does a disordered mind, there is wealth to be made, for the demand is far in excess of supply, and it is ever on the increase, says Technical World Magazine. The prices are high and are destined to remain high for years to come; the trees are hardy and long lived and the yields from the best of them are gratifyingly large.

Detroit.—Henry C. Potter, Jr., banker, former treasurer of the Pere Marquette railroad, and a prominent figure in financial circles, committed suicide at his residence by shooting himself through the head. Ill health is the cause assigned. Officials of the People's State bank, of which the suicide had been vice-president, denied there was any trouble as to Potter's finances. President George P. Russell said Potter was worth between \$400,000 and \$500,000, and had no cause to worry over financial matters. Pontiac.—Nelle, one of the pair of pet deer at the Asylum park, has been subjected to a surgical operation which has rarely if ever before been performed on a deer. The deer recently fell and fractured a fore leg. Dr. Greene, a member of the asylum medical staff, set the fracture and applied a splint. The animal is now able to walk on three legs and gives every indication of complete recovery. Pontiac.—F. G. Ely, receiver of the Citizens' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Holland, has filed a bond of \$20,000 and all the books, records and property of the company have been turned over to him. The receiver's first duty will be to levy an assessment on all policy holders in the company and with the proceeds endeavor to pay outstanding losses. Sault Ste. Marie.—After a period of seven months' separation, during which time she had given him up for dead, Mrs. John Warwood has located her husband in a Chicago hospital. She received a letter from him in Chicago in which he said he had just regained his mind and come to the realization that he had been away from his family. Muskegon.—Using the home of his father-in-law as a "fence" for his stealings, 18-year-old Charles Bovee, the forger who cashed checks amounting to \$100 to keep his wife in comfort, has according to the police, been maintaining a systematic course of burglaries since his arrival in Muskegon, five months ago. Clinton.—Part of the loot secured by those who blew the safe in the post office here, July 7, was returned when men on the farm of Robert McHenne, east of here, in turning over a hollow tree found a package containing \$1,800 in notes which had been given Postmaster George W. Freese. Battle Creek.—Remarking that he had heard his daughter, who died last February, calling him, Edward Merritt, restaurant owner, fell dead. Merritt, who was not a spiritualist, was apparently in excellent health, and was telling the incident to a friend in his own home as a phenomenon. Bay City.—The police department started the new year by again closing the gambling houses and as usual an announcement was made this time the close was for good and all time. Last week a local saloonkeeper dropped a \$200 wad in one of the places and made a "squeal" to the police. Rochester.—Milo P. Newberry, one of the oldest and best-known men in Oakland county, is dead at his home south of this village after an illness of one week. Paralysis was the immediate cause of his death. Mr. Newberry was born in New York and came to Michigan over 70 years ago. Hillsdale.—Wellington Soper, a blacksmith, 40 years old, suffered from severe scalds at his home at Hankers, five miles southwest of this city. While at work he accidentally fell into a vat of boiling water used for setting buggy tires. His right leg was nearly cooked. Kalamazoo.—Game Warden C. D. Leach of Paw Paw is hot after several Kalamazoo county farmers who are alleged to have broken the game laws by catching bass through the ice at Gull lake. There is a special law which forbids catching bass through the ice in this county. Grand Rapids.—Because she said her husband stole from her the money she alleges he put into a half interest in a West side saloon, Mrs. Ted Thomas "Carrie Nationed" the saloon, throwing cupboards through the windows and bar mirror and generally smashing up the place. Marshall.—John Buskirk, who is charged with selling intoxicants on the fair grounds here last September while the Calhoun fair was in progress, was convicted in the circuit court at Battle Creek and received a jail sentence of 15 days in addition to \$30 costs. Kalamazoo.—Nurses of Bronson hospital were thrown into a panic when a burglar was discovered working in the building. The cries of the startled nurses woke every girl in the home, and so frightened were they that they did not go back to bed. Lansing.—"This court is not a clearing house for shame and dishonor," wrote Judge West, in denying a divorce to Mrs. Etta Ferry against Luther Ferry. The woman was convicted less than a year ago of living unlawfully with John Dennis. Marshall.—During the year 1908 there were 151 divorce suits started in Calhoun county and 561 marriage licenses issued. In other words, for every four licenses issued, there was a divorce. Lansing.—A jury in justice court found A. C. Bird, state dairy and food commissioner, guilty of violating the ordinance prohibiting the erection of outside wooden stairways. Menominee.—After a short illness with typhoid fever, Ralph Prince, pioneer settler, chairman of the town of Spaulding and a prominent merchant, is dead.

Buchanan.—Morgan McDonald, journeyed all the way from Louisville to take Christmas dinner with relatives in South Bend only to find his folks had moved leaving no address. Being without money he at once walked across country to this place, a distance of 14 miles, to visit a family he had known there years ago. Upon his arrival here the day after Christmas he learned that his old friends had moved to Chicago some time ago. Springport.—Mrs. Henry P. Fogelsang, wife of the cashier of the Springport bank, who is charged with making false entries, and who was recently permitted by his bondsmen and authorities of the law to go to Los Angeles, Cal., to endeavor to secure financial assistance from an uncle, received a telegram announcing that his mission has been successful. Monroe.—Wesley C. Richards of Carleton states that nearly 2,600 signatures required for presentation of the local option petition to the board of supervisors February 8 next have been secured, and there being from two to six workers in each of the townships, 3,500 names are expected on the date of presentation. Marshall.—The midwinter meeting of the State Historical society was held at Albion. Papers were read by professors of the University of Michigan. One feature of the meeting was an address delivered by Phineas Pamptoe, chief of the Pottowattomie Indians of Michigan, who is past 80 years of age. Hillsdale.—The number of prisoners in the county jail was swelled to 18 by the arrest of a suspected yegg. A stranger entered the blacksmith shop of Stanton & Vreeland and began conversation regarding the two post-office robberies and the card recently received by Sheriff Eggleston. Cadillac.—Will Martin, a dispenser of soft drinks at Mesauwataki, Westford county, and therefore a dry territory, was arraigned in the recorder's court on the charge of running a blind pig. He waived examination and was bound over to the circuit court for trial at the January term. Saginaw.—The city of Saginaw has joined in the systematic battle that is being waged on tuberculosis. The work will be done in co-operation with state association of the American Health league under direction of Dr. W. F. English of the board of education. Pontiac.—Sobered but defiant, Mrs. Sarah Decker and Mrs. Matilda Hill of Royal Oak, were arraigned before Justice North on a second offense drunkard charge. The pair celebrated New Year's and pleaded guilty. The former drew \$50 fine and ten dollars costs. Buchanan.—Mrs. Clara Richards, of this place, who for a number of years has been state oracle for the Royal Neighbors, was recently elected one of the board of directors of that society. Mrs. Richards is the first Michigan lady to be honored in that way. Owosso.—Jacob Heise, a civil war veteran, and Mrs. Louis Gevan were arrested for disorderly conduct. Heise says that the woman snatched his purse and that when he tried to recover it she "swatted" him in the face. They were fined \$10 each. Lansing.—State Superintendent of Public Instruction L. E. Wright, after being sworn into office, said that he expects to make a determined effort to secure the passage by the legislature of a law providing for the township unit school system. Clare.—The Clare county board of supervisors in session at Harrison unanimously voted to submit the prohibition question to the voters at the April election. There are 14 saloons in the county, but at the final hearing no fight was made. Millersburg.—H. Page of Onaway is charged with forging the name of A. J. Fortier, a cedar buyer of this place, to two checks, one for \$16 and the other for \$73, on the Onaway bank. John Bryan, a saloonkeeper, cashed the checks. Jackson.—For breaking several sewing machines in the prison, Jerry Brotton, a convict, will have to serve at least two more years after the expiration of his present term in November, 1910, which he is serving for larceny. Battle Creek.—Only the hardness of Burt Kaplan's skull saved Daniel Stall from a more serious charge than assault with intent to do great bodily harm. Kaplan was hit so hard with a hammer that the handle flew to pieces. Flint.—Officers here investigated a shooting which occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph White, when their son Floyd, 19 years old, a driver in the employ of the American Express Company, died from a revolver shot. Vandalia.—Levi J. Reynolds died at his home here. He was upwards of 70 years old. Reynolds was sheriff of Cass county from 1873 to 1874. Saginaw.—The first serious accident on the Flint & Saginaw Electric railroad occurred when Philip H. Evoy was fatally injured while working with the construction gang near Birch Run. Millersburg.—Apparently in good health and spirits when he left here some weeks ago, H. L. Heath, civil war veteran, died at the National Soldiers' home at Dayton, O. Carleton.—Joseph Walters, for 50 years a well-known resident of Monroe county, died at his home after a short illness from pneumonia, aged 71 years.



BIG SUM FOR ITALY

Victims of Earthquake Given \$800,000 by Congress.

UNANIMOUS IN BOTH HOUSES

Quick and Generous Response to President Roosevelt's Message Asking Appropriation for Sufferers—Relief Steamer Chartered by Grisco.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Bountiful provision for the earthquake sufferers of Italy was made by congress yesterday and that, too, by unanimous vote.

In the house there was vigorous handclapping as the bill carrying the appropriation was sent on its way. The munificent sum of \$800,000 was granted almost immediately after the reception in both houses of a message from the president calling attention to the calamity and the pressing need for aid for the stricken people of a sister nation.

Only the fact that the national legislature was adjourned for the holiday recess when the earthquake occurred prevented earlier action although with confidence of congressional approval supplies aboard the naval ships Celtic and Culgoa, intended for the battleship fleet, were diverted and ordered delivered as quickly as their speed capacity could take them to the scene of suffering and want.

Relief Steamer Chartered. Rome, Jan. 5.—Ambassador Grisco and the members of the American relief committee have signed a contract for the acquisition for two weeks of the Austrian Lloyd steamship Oceania. The steamer is of 6,000 tons and can accommodate 1,400 steerage and 100 first-class passengers. She is now being fitted out, and when ready 10,000 persons can be taken care of aboard for ten days. In addition, food supplies will be distributed ashore to several thousand people.

Ambassador Grisco yesterday delivered to Count Taverna, head of the Italian Red Cross, \$250,000 from the American Red Cross. Count Taverna was overwhelmed and said he would make an exception to the rule which forbids the distribution of money through any but Red Cross channels, and returned to the ambassador \$2,000 which he had contributed to the expenses of the relief ship.

King and Queen Return. Rome, Jan. 4.—Having done all that it was possible to do in the districts laid waste by the earthquake, the king and queen of Italy are returning to Rome. They have spent the last four days among the ruins of Sicily and Calabria, the king directing the work of rescue and relief and the queen ministering to the injured. There is a feeling of relief in Italy that their majesties are coming home.

Many Looters Are Shot. Both at Messina and Reggio the guards are having difficulty in protecting the survivors and the vast treasure in the ruined buildings from the hands of thieves that are swarming everywhere. It is reported that six Russian sailors have been shot by lookers at Messina and that 16 criminals have been killed at the same place within the last 24 hours. Six hundred persons engaged in pillaging have been arrested since Saturday. In an engagement at Reggio between the police and bandits, two of the police were killed.

Reports still reach here of the continuance of earthquakes, some of which are of sufficient force to do further great damage. According to these reports, new shocks Saturday at Felario precipitated the entire population into the sea, including both the dead and living victims of the first quake.

At Reggio the people are becoming more calm and aid to that city is now being systematically forwarded. Military zones have been established throughout Calabria.

Typhoid Fever at Messina. Rome, Jan. 5.—The report from Messina that typhoid fever has broken out there has filled the authorities

with alarm and apprehension. It is realized here that unless proper sanitary precautions are taken at once the disease may spread far outside the ruined districts.

Even though the present cases may prove to be dysentery, it is well known that this disease, under such conditions as prevail at Messina and Reggio, would be likely to prove just as fatal as typhoid itself.

Dysentery More to Be Feared. According to well-known medical authorities, it is the latter disease that has been responsible for the decimation of almost whole armies in time of war and the exciting cause is unwholesome drinking water and the ingestion of articles unfit for food.

Physicians here are inclined to think that dysentery is more to be feared than any other disease in the devastated regions. It was very fatal in the Crimea in 1854; in the armies of the United States during the civil war, and again in the Franco-German war of 1870. Almost perfect conditions prevail for its propagation at Messina.

Another Cargo of Supplies Sent. New York, Jan. 6.—Laden with 25 tons of clothing and more than 13 tons of provisions, with which to clothe and feed the starving and half-naked survivors of the Calabria and Sicily earthquake, and carrying homeward over 300 Italians of all classes, most of whom are hurrying to the scene where their loved ones have been killed, maimed or left destitute, the steamship Hamburg of the Hamburg-American line sailed yesterday for Genoa and Naples.

Most of the provisions destined for the Italian sufferers were donated by Nathan Straus from the stock of a local firm of which he is a member. They included coffee, sugar, salt, biscuits, condensed milk, canned soups, rice, hominy, beans and peas. The clothing, which was collected by the Progresso Italo Americano, a local Italian newspaper, comprises every conceivable sort of wearing apparel for men, women and children.

Red Cross Fund Over \$400,000. Washington, Jan. 6.—In order to inform the public exactly what Americans have thus far done through the Red Cross society, Miss Mabel Boardman, the secretary, yesterday issued an official statement announcing that the total amount of subscriptions for Italian relief so far credited and received through the American National Red Cross is over \$400,000. This includes yesterday's contributions of \$136,779.

Earth Shock at Tenerife. Tenerife, Canary Islands, Jan. 6.—An earth shock lasting 12 seconds was felt here yesterday. It overturned furniture and set bells ringing in the houses. The people rushed into the streets in a state of alarm, but no damage was done.

DETROIT BANKER A SUICIDE. Henry C. Potter, Jr., Kills Himself Because of Ill Health.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 5.—Henry C. Potter, Jr., vice-president of the People's State bank of this city, former secretary and treasurer of the Pere Marquette railroad and a prominent figure in financial circles of Michigan, committed suicide yesterday in the bathroom of his residence at 666 Jefferson avenue by shooting himself through the head. He had been suffering from nervous depression for a number of weeks following upon a heart trouble which had bothered him for months, and his family and associates at the People's State bank unite in declaring that it was his illness alone which was responsible for his action.

Doctor and Chauffeur Killed. Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—Dr. Edward R. Snider, a prominent physician of this city, and his negro chauffeur, John A. Bailey, lost their lives yesterday afternoon when an automobile in which they were riding plunged over a 40-foot embankment in Fairmont park.

Guests Flee Hotel Fire. Bay City, Mich., Jan. 6.—Guests of the Central Hotel at Grayling, Crawford county, 100 miles north from here, had a narrow escape from death yesterday when the hotel was destroyed by fire.

Cold Wave in Middle West. Chicago, Jan. 6.—The coldest wave of the season to-day enveloped the middle west, according to reports received from throughout the region. A blizzard raged in the north.

BIG STICK FALLS

Message to Lower Branch on Secret Service.

HOT SLAP AT "LIMITATIONS."

Roosevelt Asks That This Session Repeal Proposition Which Narrowed Scope of Secret Service—Other Pleas in Special Document.

Washington, Jan. 5.—President Roosevelt's big stick yesterday crashed down upon the heads of Representatives Tawney of Minnesota, Smith of Iowa, Sherley of Kentucky and Fitzgerald of New York when the executive sent a special message to the house of representatives, bearing these solons for being champions of the successful move to place limitations upon the scope of the secret service.

The president also declared that the interpretation of the house of the secret service clause in his last message was misunderstood, and had there been any evidence which would point to the necessity of an investigation of members, such evidence would long ago have been turned over to the proper authorities.

The message was in answer to the resolution transmitted from the house in which the representatives asked for evidence upon which Mr. Roosevelt based his statements that the "chief argument in favor of the provision was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men."

Ananias Club Candidates? The president says: "The resolution statements are not, I think, in accordance with the facts. This allegation in the resolution, therefore, must certainly be due to an entire failure to understand my message."

"The resolution continues: 'That the president be requested to transmit to the house any evidence upon which he based his statements that the "chief argument in favor of the provision was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men.'" This statement, which was an attack upon me, one, still less upon the congress, is sustained by the facts."

"If you will turn to the Congressional Record for May 1 last, pages 5,553 to 5,560, inclusive, you will find the debate on this subject. Mr. Tawney of Minnesota, Mr. Smith of Iowa, Mr. Sherley of Kentucky and Mr. Fitzgerald of New York appear in this debate as the special champions of the provision referred to."

Secret Service is Defended. After soundly remonstrating with Representative Tawney, Smith, Sherley and Fitzgerald for their stand at the last session in favor of placing limitations upon the duties of secret service operatives, the president set about to defend the operations of that branch of the federal government and declared that the scope of the department should be extremely wide in order that all criminals might be brought to justice and that there might be no unjust discriminations. He also pointed out numerous instances where the powers of the department had brought justice upon the heads of criminals and cited cases within the memory of the present administration.

Mr. Roosevelt also declared that none of the members of the house had ever been investigated as set forth in various allegations. He also asked that the action taken by the house last year be reversed.

Real Issue as He Sees It. The president says, while he makes no sweeping charge against the members of the house, the committee on appropriations, headed by Mr. Tawney, is to be blamed for the amendment to the law as passed.

Getting down to a discussion of the issues involved, the president says: "This issue is simply: Does congress desire that the government shall have at its disposal the most efficient instrument for the detection and prevention and punishment of crime, or does it not? This action of the house last May was emphatically an action against the interest of justice and in effect of benefit only to lawbreakers. Is the house now willing to remedy the wrong?"

The president then gave a list of cases where frauds against the government were unearthed and punished by the aid of the secret service. These included the Nebraska and Oregon land frauds, the Gaynor & Greene contract swindle, the Honduras lottery, the ink scandal in the bureau of printing, and other similar delinquencies. A letter by Secretary Cortelyou to Chairman Tawney last May which accompanies the document gives further data on these cases.

INCUBATOR MEN COMBINE. Manufacturers Organize to Control Industry in America.

Burlington, Ia., Jan. 6.—Incubator manufacturers of Nebraska, Iowa and eastern states gathered yesterday and formed an organization, which it is said will control the industry in the United States. Delegates deny the formation of a trust, but are silent as to the purposes of the organization. The manufacturers represented do \$4,000,000 worth of business a year, it is said.

Cold Wave in Middle West. Chicago, Jan. 6.—The coldest wave of the season to-day enveloped the middle west, according to reports received from throughout the region. A blizzard raged in the north.

HURT IN A WRECK.

Kidneys Badly Injured and Health Seriously Impaired.

William White, R. R. man, 24 1/2 Constance Street, Three Rivers, Mich., says: "In a railroad collision my kidneys must have been hurt, as I passed bloody urine with pain for a long time after, was weak and thin and so I could not work. Two years after I went to the hospital and remained almost six months, but my case seemed hopeless. The urine passed involuntarily. Two months ago I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills and the improvement has been wonderful. Four boxes have done me more good than all the doctoring of seven years. I gained so much that my friends wonder at it."

Sold by all dealers. 50c a box. Foster-McMillan Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Prepared for the West. Gov. John A. Johnson of Minnesota, who had many supporters for the Democratic nomination for president, was asked what his attitude on the matter was.

"Why," he said, "I can best explain my attitude by telling you about a man I knew out west who went to town one night and imbibed very freely at the various bars."

"He was weaving an uncertain way homeward along the road when he almost ran into a large rattlesnake that was coiled in the road and rattled ominously. He looked at the snake for a moment and then drew himself up as well as he could. 'If you are going to strike, strike, drat ye,' he said. 'You will never find me better prepared.'"

—Saturday Evening Post.

He Wanted to Get a Fair Start. An old citizen, who had been henpecked all his life, was about to die. His wife felt it her duty to offer him such consolation as she might, and said: "John, you are about to go, but I will follow you."

"I suppose so, Manda," said the old man, weakly, "but so far as I am concerned, you don't need to be in any blamed hurry about it."—Argonaut.

Pleasure First. "Bebby, did you give a piece of your cake to little Sam Green?" "Yessum, but I punched his face, first."

COUGHS AND COLDS.

I Took Per-u-na.



Peruna Drug Co., Columbus, Ohio. Gentlemen:—I can cheerfully recommend Peruna as an effective cure for coughs and colds.

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Could Not Sneez Nor Hear.

Mrs. A. J. Wetzel, 1023 Ohio St., Terre Haute, Ind., writes:

"When I began to take your medicine I could not smell, nor hear a church bell ring. Now I can both smell and hear."

"When I began your treatment my head was terrible. I had buzzing and chirping noises in my head."

"I followed your advice faithfully and took Peruna as you told me. Now might say I am well."

"I want to go and visit my mother and see the doctor who said I was not long for this world. I will tell him it was Peruna that cured me."

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PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM

THE GOVERNOR TO THE LAW MAKERS

THE GOVERNOR EXPLAINS SOME THINGS TO THE LAW MAKERS.

URGES NEW PRIMARY LAW

The Glazier Matter Touched On and Various Matters That Should Receive Consideration.

The governor delivered his third annual message to the legislature on Wednesday, a brief sketch of which follows:

He says the conditions which brought the treasury balance below the necessities of the state as the year was closing arose from a custom followed for thirteen years in the auditor general's office of reporting to the superintendent of public instruction the amount remaining in the primary school interest fund on November 1st of each year.

"The balance in the state treasury is always at its lowest ebb at the close of the calendar year before the payment of state taxes by the counties of the state. With the exception of two years only a nominal amount of primary school interest money has been included in these balances."

"When the legislative committees came to make up the general budget in 1907, they called for information as to the balance in the state treasury at the close of the year 1906, and were informed that it was approximately \$2,300,000.00."

"No member of the committee and no one connected with either the legislature or the executive office had any reason to suspect that more than a nominal amount of primary school money, as shown by the average of less than \$42,000.00 for the previous thirteen years, was included in this balance. They rightly supposed that as in previous years, the primary school interest money had been apportioned and distributed to the counties as required by law. The members of the committees could properly assume that they were dealing with a general fund balance, and they proceeded as was entirely business-like in view of such understanding, to take this large balance into account in preparing the general budget. Had they been apprised of the fact that one million two hundred and twenty-two thousand four hundred and eighty-six dollars and fifty cents, or over one-half of the balance, belonged to the primary school interest fund they would, without doubt, have added that amount to the total to be raised by tax for the general purposes of the state government. In November, 1907, the auditor general withheld \$1,667,494.00 from the November apportionments, an even greater sum than was withheld the previous year, while in November last practically every dollar in the primary school interest fund was apportioned as it should have been under the law in each and every year."

"It is my firm belief that every fair-minded person will concede that the legislature of 1907 acted in the utmost good faith in levying a tax for the general purposes of the state government, having no reason to suspect that the balance on hand at the close of 1906 was not available for general fund purposes, as in previous years."

State Treasurer. The matter of the resignation of State Treasurer Glazier is taken up with particulars that led up to the retirement of that official. The governor says:

"The state has thus far been paid by the receiver of the Chelsea Savings bank two dividends aggregating \$276,625.11. To secure the deposit of state money made by the state treasurer the bank had furnished surety bonds to the amount of \$200,000. Upon the bank becoming insolvent and its neglect to repay the state funds deposited with it, demand was made upon the surety companies for payment to the amount of their several bonds. The American Surety company of New York immediately responded by paying the amount for which it was obligated, with interest. The other surety companies refusing to pay, suits were instituted by the attorney general in the circuit court for the county of Ingham against the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company, the Bankers' Surety company, the Title, Guaranty and Surety company and the Federal Surety company to enforce the payment of their obligations. To the declaration filed by the state the surety companies interposed a demurrer which was struck December 11 last, but which is still undecided. The amount involved in these five cases is \$150,000."

"In addition to this there is the liability of the surety on the bond of Frank P. Glazier, state treasurer, in the sum of \$150,000."

"The balance due the state from the Chelsea Savings bank is \$258,962.63. It is gratifying to note that the framers of the new constitution sought to safeguard the funds of the state by providing that no deposit of state funds should be made in excess of fifty per cent of the capital and surplus of the depository."

State Institutions. "In legislating for the needs of these institutions and in the consideration of all other propositions which involve the expenditure of public money, I earnestly urge you to exercise the greatest possible economy consistent with a proper regard for the actual needs of the several objects and the duty of the state with reference thereto."

Regulation of Private Banks. "During the legislative session of 1905 and again in 1907 I urged the enactment of a law providing for the regulation of private banks."

"In order to fully advise and reasonably protect the public you should at least prohibit the use by private bankers of any name or title which will in the slightest degree suggest an incor-

porated institution or require that to any such title appearing on signs, advertisements, literature or stationery there be prefixed the word "private" and that such title be followed by the words "not under state supervision" conspicuously printed. Either plan would inform the public as to the character of the concerns.

Conserve the Reserves.

"I desire to direct your attention to the desirability of taking active measures to lessen the fire waste of general property which is steadily increasing and which, during the past five years, in this country, has aggregated a billion and a quarter of dollars. Michigan's contribution to this enormous total was in excess of twenty-six million dollars. An annual loss by fire of two hundred and fifty million dollars is a most appalling record. This means the permanent elimination of this vast value from the resources of the country, for while the property destroyed by fire, may, to some extent, be replaced, it can never be restored. It is gone forever."

Dairy Interests.

"The dairy interests of Michigan have been greatly extended and developed during the past few years; the value of the products of this industry for the past year having increased several millions of dollars during this period. Not a little of this increase is directly traceable to the intelligent activities of the department having to do with these interests. This department has also been active in guarding the health of the people of Michigan by constantly warring against the dissemination of impure food products and in protecting the people from imposition through the sale of adulterated products which although not injurious to health are not what they purport to be."

Good Roads.

Since the establishment of the State Highway Department a total of 326 miles of road have been built under the supervision of the state highway commissioner. Twenty-six counties are now under the county road system and in April next more than forty additional counties will vote on the adoption of the system. It is the opinion of the commissioner that at least thirty of these forty counties will vote favorably on the proposition.

"The total amount of rewards thus far applied for is \$408,643. Rejections and cancellations have aggregated \$30,642. There have been paid \$288,215, leaving \$149,786 still pending. The legislative appropriations for the work have aggregated \$360,000, of which \$40,000 was for the current expenses of the department."

"It will be observed that the appropriations thus far made will not be sufficient to pay the rewards applied for in aid of work that is reasonably sure to be completed."

"The increase in road building during the four years that state reward has been constitutionally and legally made has been marked—twenty miles of road having been constructed in 1905, forty miles in 1906, eighty miles in 1907, and one hundred and sixty miles in 1908. The commissioner is of the opinion that a great deal more will be built in 1910 than has been constructed in any previous year."

"Under the law as it now exists no limitation is put upon the applications for state reward that may be accepted, thus placing upon succeeding legislatures at least a moral obligation to appropriate money to pay rewards attaching to all work covered by accepted applications."

"It is my judgment that the law should be amended so as to limit the excess applications that may be accepted to the amount of the last annual legislative appropriation."

Michigan Railroad Commission.

"The State Railroad Commission created by act of the last legislature has made a most satisfactory record and there is no doubt that the department from the one-man commission which so long obtained in Michigan and the enlargement of the scope of the laws and the powers of the commission were wise and timely. While the new law is not perfect and needs some improvement, its enactment was decidedly a forward step."

"Inasmuch as there has been raised a grave question as to the right of the legislature, under the old constitution, to delegate certain powers conferred upon the commission, it may be wise, in view of the right conferred upon the legislature by the new constitution, for this legislature to reenact the law and thus place its constitutionality beyond question."

"The law should be amended so as to give the commission jurisdiction over water transportation lines which are operated wholly between Michigan points."

Anti-Lobby Legislation.

"Two years ago I took occasion to say to the legislature which then convened that 'The professional lobbyist has no proper place in legislation and the sooner he is eliminated therefrom the better not only for the public but for the special interests by which he is employed.'"

"This sentiment was again expressed in special messages addressed to the same body of lawmakers, but without influencing it to abolish the evil which is condemned by every right-minded citizen of the state."

"The professional lobbyist who stands ready at all times to serve whatever interest is willing to pay him his price should be banished utterly from the halls of legislation, and those representatives of legitimate interests who are concerned properly with pending legislation should be required to register and disclose the source of their employment and the measures which they either favor or oppose."

"The proper discharge of your duty to your constituents demands that this needed legislation be supplied at an early date. The right of petition and of every person, corporation or interest concerned in pending legislation to be heard should be carefully preserved."

Should Pay Ad Valorem Tax.

"There is a universal and just demand on the part of the people of the state that telegraph and telephone companies be required to pay an ad valorem tax and at the same rate as are all other property owners and tax-

payers who share the burdens of government. . . . It should be one of your first duties, gentlemen, to place all the property of the state on the same basis for the purpose of taxation."

Primary Election Law.

"The enactment of a good, common-sense, easily workable primary election law, the provisions of which can be carried into effect at the least possible cost to the people, is a task to which you should give early and conscientious attention. There is already on the statute books of Michigan the nucleus of such a law. The present law is the best that could possibly be obtained at the time of its enactment. It is, however, far from being perfect and should be amended so as to more nearly and thoroughly meet the demands of the people. Michigan should be in line with the best thought and methods in this matter."

"The scope of the law should be enlarged and provision made for making all nominations, state, congressional, county and legislative, that are made by direct vote on the same day, all local acts being made to conform to the state law in this respect. This will tend to secure an expression from the greatest number of voters. The greater the number of offices involved in the primary, the greater will be the interest of the voters therein."

Mouse Stopped Golf Match.

On Killarney golf course, near Glasgow, Scotland, a field mouse settled a match which had been carried to the nineteenth green by getting in the way of the putt. The player at first thought his ball had struck a dead leaf, but the mouse, which had been partially stunned, was captured, exhibited as evidence of the veracity of the players and dismissed."

Women's Varying Tastes.

"What sort of a heroine does a woman like best in her books?" is a conundrum propounded by the London Book Monthly. In answer it has been said that a woman in a theater is always more interested in the hero of a play than in the heroine, while her chief sympathy when she is reading a book goes out to the heroine rather than to the hero."

Tribute to American Skill.

Observes the London Chronicle: "In London the man who demands respect has his clothes made for him. But no New York man who is not a millionaire or near it buys anything but store clothes. And the ready-made clothes are so standardized that you have but to confess your inches and you are clothed in America."

The Last Thing.

"Now, my dear rector, I want a little spiritual advice. You see, Mrs. Delancey goes in for Scientific Pantheism, Mrs. Van Giltner goes in for Swamism, and Mrs. Simpkins for New Thought. Now, can't you tell me what is the very latest thing in religion?"—Harper's Weekly.

Philosopher Overreached.

"Once," says the Philosopher of Folly, "I undertook to teach a diffident young man to have more confidence in himself. As a result of my careful training, he got so conceited that he wouldn't speak to me when he met me on the street."

The Proper Thing.

Fred—"I've only just heard of your marriage, old chap." Joe—"Yes, I was married nearly six months ago." Fred—"Well, it isn't too late to offer congratulations, of course?" Joe—"A little late for congratulations, my boy, but not for sympathy."

An Explanation Needed.

A late novel speaks of the heroine as "bounding with joy," and a mystified critic wants to know "what that means." Give it up, though we have an idea what it means to be "hopping mad."

Advice from an Expert.

"What maxim best exemplified the secret of financial success?" asked the youthful seeker after knowledge. "Two and two make five," replied the great financier, who had accumulated his.

Eternal Providence.

What is me is dark illumine; what is low, raise and support; that to the height of this great argument I may assert eternal Providence, and justify the ways of God to men.—John Milton.

Stars Seen by Naked Eyes.

The total number of stars exceeding the seventh magnitude is 5,300. Therefore the naked eye can never see from any one spot of the earth's surface more than 3,000 stars.

It Surely Do.

"Speakin' of de law of compensation," said Uncle Eben, "an automobile goes faster than a mule, but at de same time it hits harder and balks longer."

Cultivate Decision.

It is a sign of weakness not to know your own mind. Pull yourself up and determine to decide quickly in whatever you have to do. It is all a matter of habit.

Daily Thought.

Efforts to be permanently useful must be uniformly joyous—a spirit all sunshine—graceful from every gladness, because bright.—Caryle.

No Soul Diet There.

That French scientist who says that souls after death live on sunshine makes us sorry for the souls of those poor, fog-enveloped Londoners.

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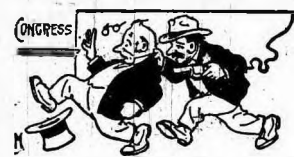
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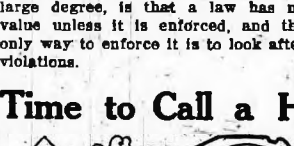
Federal Sleuths Kept on the Jump



Originally the secret service of the United States had two functions and two only. Those were the detection of counterfeiters and the hunting down of illicit distillers. A good many years ago, however, long before Mr. Roosevelt entered public life, one of the presidents detailed secret service men to serve at the White House. There was not the slightest authority in law for such a procedure, but congress had a good deal of consideration for the executive and this violation of law went on year after year. Finally congress, seeing that the practice had become permanent and not wishing to engage in a dispute with the executive branch, conferred the legal authority necessary to enable presidents to make such a detail.

Gradually the presidents enlarged the practice of detailing secret service men and sent them either and yonder on all sorts of errands. Then other administration officers—cabinet chiefs and even bureau heads—without the remotest authority in law, called upon the secret service branch for agents to send out on confidential missions. Chief Wilkie of the secret service was up a tree, figuratively speaking. He did not have men enough to go around. Congress allowed him a blanket appropriation, but it was not large enough to hire all of the detectives demanded.

Time to Call a Halt on the Practice



THE origin of the paragraph in the last sundry civil bill, restricting the activities of the secret service, which provoked the hot denunciation of the president, is decidedly interesting. While a subcommittee was framing the sundry civil bill it was brought to the attention of the members that a secret service man had been assigned to keep watch over the conduct of a certain naval officer. The application for the detail was made to the navy department by the wife of the officer, who was not entirely satisfied as to the faithfulness of her spouse. The officer was not even on duty at the time, but was away on leave of absence.

It occurred to members of the appropriations committee that this was the limit of governmental espionage and that the time had come to call a halt. President Roosevelt, of course, had a secret service sleuth detailed for such a purpose and when the subcommittee wrote and inserted a pro-

vision limiting the functions of the secret service, it was not striking at the president, but at a custom. At least that is the solemn assertion of all the members who had anything to do with it. Representative Walter L. Smith of Iowa, drafted the provision and it was put in with the approval of Chairman Tawney and all the members of the appropriations committee. Gradually congress itself has enlarged the inspection, or espionage, system of the government, but for the most part, it has done so under executive pressure. Naturally, the fact that the congressmen helped to create so many "eyes" would be expected to stop their criticism, but it is fashionable now to blame a good many things on the president. The army of government detectives numbers all told about 5,000. Nearly all of these men are engaged in traveling about the country and mingling with the 80,000,000 people outside of Washington. The list includes secret service men, postoffice inspectors, special agents of the land service, pure food inspectors, meat inspectors and others. The talk that in some instances secret service agents have been used to work up damaging information about congressmen who are objectionable to the administration, seems to be without the slightest foundation.

THE RING AND THE GIRL

By ZELLA ARMSTRONG

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Close to zero the mercury plunged, as though to show the dwellers in Dixie by glorious contrast what an agreeable brand of weather is the gunny South variety. The girl shivered, and reflected whimsically that she was no better equipped for the cold than were the managers of the road over which she was being jerked through sleet and snow toward Chattanooga. The chill of the outer air was only slightly tempered within the coach; the wind whistled and the snow drifted through the rickety casements, while her pretty tailor-made suit seemed the least possible protection from such bitter draughts.

Marston saw the involuntary shiver, and, leaving his seat, he spoke to her in a winning, apologetic way.

"Won't you let me help you into my coat?" he asked, as he held out the garment of which he had divested himself. "I can go into the smoker where there is a red-hot stove. No you can't. There are too many men, and there is too much smoke." He shook his head at her suggestion, as he still held the coat in an authoritative manner.

Her thanks were scarcely audible, but she obeyed him meekly; and as she slipped shivering into the grateful warmth, a glance from the dusky of blue eyes spoke her gratitude. As virtue is sometimes its own reward, so that glance unexpectedly warmed his blood, and made him regret his voluntary exile to the smoker and the stove.

His destination, Dalton, was only a few miles away, and night was almost down when he left the smoke-thick atmosphere to find the other coach deserted, save for the blue-eyed one, who was fast asleep, close-wrapped in his overcoat. Her long lashes curled on cheeks pale with cold despite the relief he had conferred. A moment he stood in contemplation of her beauty, more and more resenting the



"All!" Echoed the Girl.

thought of awakening her to claim his property.

"I can't do it!" he said under his breath. "Poor little thing," watching the long lashes on the smooth cheek, "at least she is not suffering now. I can get my heavy coat from my trunk at Dalton—I'll leave this one with her."

A hastily scribbled note on his card explained that he was off at Dalton, but that a few days later would find him in Chattanooga, at the Read house, where she could leave or send the coat. Edging the card into a conveniently gaping pocket, he gathered his belongings reluctantly from his own seat and swung from the platform just as the conductor yelled "All Aboard," and the long train began to rumble past the station.

Throughout his transactions in Dalton Marston felt an impulse of impatient haste toward Chattanooga and his meeting with her. More than once he wished frankly that he had gone on with her.

But after all, what awaited him at the Read was merely a bulky package, the chat. Searching the pocket post office vainly for a note, he suffered what he told himself was an absurdly bitter disappointment. On the heels of his defeat he found a consolation prize—a ring set with a single pearl, which had evidently slipped from her chilled finger that cold afternoon. He gleaned a further grain of comfort from the fact that the ring was in the right-hand pocket, and "therefore not an engagement ring," as he reasoned. The trinket complicated matters; for in the mail came an envelope, white and square, addressed in an unfamiliar feminine hand, and without doubt from her.

"Thank you so much," were the words on the sheet within. No form of salutation, and no signature!

"Well, I like that!" said Marston, roguishly. "Nice impression I must have made, if she couldn't trust me with her name and whereabouts. If she were not so haughty—or so shy—she could have her ring," he grumbled. "Survive her right," and thereupon he made formal arrangements with himself to immediately dismiss the mat-

ter once for all from his mind, and in the same breath fell to wondering whether hauteur or timidity prompted the brevity of the communication and caused her to withhold her name. In memory he studied her face, analyzing the delicate features, recalling the clear, direct, yet half-shy glance of those deep blue eyes, the long childish lashes, and all the tender contours—timidity, of course. He admitted now that he had accredited the little circlet as a possible ambassador, and laughed mirthlessly as he twisted the ring on his own smallest digit, but he decided to carry it always.

Perhaps, in possession of her name, he might, after the manner of men, have forgotten all about her. As it was, he remembered. At first he was always expecting to meet her. Again and again he thought he had a glimpse of her on some crowded street; but just as often the tailor-clad figure eluded him. Once he followed into a florist's shop, determined to bribe the saleswoman, should the shy quarry vanish again; but the tall, maidenly with the well-set shoulders chose a shaggy chrysanthemum and fastened it in her furs as she turned a velvety brown glance inquiringly upon his eager gaze. He hastily purchased the violets for an amazed debutante who did not expect them, and threw the gushing note of thanks, when it came, into the fire with an unnecessary scowl, for he remembered suddenly with a pang the simple little "Thank you so much." A girl whose name he did not know was despotically ruling his ideals.

Another winter and a summer had come and passed. Marston still carried the little pearl. When he thought of it all it was with a feeling half sad half resentful. Somewhere this girl with the wonderful blue eyes was living her life without him, loving and being loved. If he found her it would be too late.

But he was possessed of a married sister, who dragged him out on all possible occasions, and on some which Marston pronounced impossible.

"A tea—a tea!" he fumed. "I'd rather—"

"Yes, I know," she cut in, promptly. "But you must come to this one. I simply will not accept any excuse. It's for Miss Stacy, you know. She is going to marry Jack, and you must meet her."

"Oh," said Marston, plaintively. "I've met Jack—won't that do?"

"Paul, you are a good boy, after all," said little Mrs. Hollister, when he found her in the midst of the crush. "As a reward of merit I'll introduce you to Miss Stacy—oh, you know each other already? Why didn't you tell me?"

The question was reproachful; but other people demanded attention from her husband, and Paul was gazing into the blue, bluest eyes in the world—eyes that had haunted his dreams for a year. And she was going to marry Jack! Had he not said it would be too late? He never knew quite what words he uttered, or whether he managed a decent appearance as he took her hand. He noted the long uncurling lashes on the cheek, rosy now—Jack's fiancée!

Later, when the crowd was thinning, he found himself moving with the girl toward the open fireplace. At the comparative isolation he turned, and, taking the little, girlish circlet from his pocket, let it rest for a moment regretfully in his palm.

"This is all I have had of you for a year," he said, almost without his own volition.

"All!" echoed the girl, laughing, but a little startled. "It was enough, wasn't it? Why, it's my pearl ring! Where did you get it?" she questioned, the deep blue eyes opening on him in amazement.

"In the right-hand pocket of my coat. You might have given me a chance—to return it. You can wear it now, with your wedding ring and Jack's diamond," he ended, with a touch of bitterness.

"Can—can wear it with—" she faltered, "when—"

"Good-by, Miss Stacy," chorused a group in the hall to a vanishing blue figure; and the girl with the ring in her open hand stirred not.

"Miss Stacy," he whispered, wonderingly. "Then—aren't they calling you?"

"I believe you did not meet my cousin," she answered. "She was summoned to the telephone just as you came in." And then she finished, with a bit of the old demure shyness: "She was the guest of honor."

"What!" he almost shouted. "Then she is engaged to Jack? Not you?"

"No, indeed; that is Constance Stacy. I am only Stacy," she paused, with the first little touch of coquetry; he had seen in her. "You do not know my name yet," she whispered.

"No," he answered, slowly; "no, I don't know what it is now,"—the color deepened on her cheek as his hand, unseen, closed over hers—"but I know what it is going to be."

Its Meaning.
"Every occupation affords opportunities of its own for the study of human nature," says a Boston man. "If only there be a little aptitude for putting two and two together."
"I was browsing in a bookshop at the Hub, which does a little business in stationery on the side, when a young woman was asked by the genial old proprietor:
"And when does the wedding take place, Miss Blank?"
"The wedding!" exclaimed the young woman, blushing. "Why, you don't think—"
"Ah, Miss Blank!" rejoined the old bookseller. "When a young lady buys a hundred sheets of paper and only 25 envelopes I know there's something in the wind!"—Harper's.

MEN GREAT.

to the Worth of Sinkers."

It is among the distinctions of the old Putnam house, now vanished before the advancing skyscraper, that it "made popular what afterward became nationally known as 'coffee and sinkers.'" This is speaking too much good of the dead. No landlord and no hotel made the popularity of the sinker with its coffee accompaniment. Coffee and sinkers are as old as New York, and presumably enabled the Dutch to conquer a wilderness. The Dutch succumbed to the English, but the sinkers went forward to new conquests.

On a diet of coffee and sinkers reporters have grown into managing editors, lawyers have developed into supreme court justices, budding politicians have blossomed into congressmen. Even the presidents of the United States knew them on their native heath.

They who have become great have not forgotten the days of their youth. So the sinkers become the levelers of ranks, the badge of democracy, the visible sign of encouragement to struggling ambition. The Putnam house obituarist meant well, but was carried away by his theme. Sinkers compelled popularity; it was not made for them.—New York World.

Rewarded!

The other day a boy received one dollar for restoring to the loser \$50,000 of gilt-edged bonds. Surely this is not a premium on honesty. A porter found \$80,000 of diamonds and pearls in a Pullman car, and got \$25 for returning the trinkets. A prominent man lost a letter that might embarrass him and advertised "Ample Reward!" That letter was not worth a cent to the finder; but when he gave it up he got \$300 in cash, much to his astonishment. "I'm a poor man, all right, all right," he said, "but this is too much. What? Just for picking up a letter in the street? Say, mister, here's your \$300. Give it to some other charity. I read it, of course, but I'll never peach on you. Gimme six dollars to buy my kid a suit of clothes, and we'll call the incident closed forever."—New York Press.

Good Boy, Naughty Servant.

She had become engaged for the first time on the previous evening and love's young dream wrapped itself around her soul with the thickness of an eiderdown quilt. But she was bashful, and blushed and started like a trembling fawn whenever the name of her lover was mentioned.

At last her little bother spoke. "I wanted so much to peep through the keyhole last night while you were in the parlor with Mr. Flipflop."

"But like a good little boy you didn't, did you?"

"No; the servant got there first!"—Home Chat.

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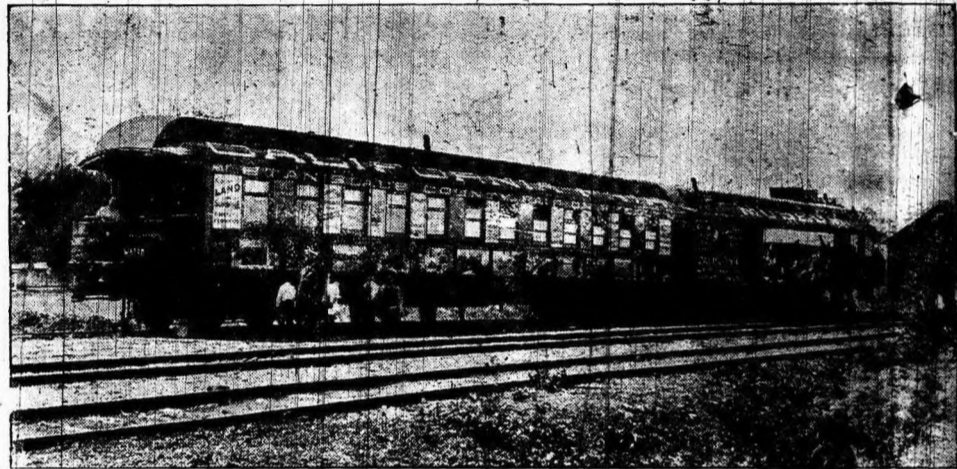
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