

Local Correspondence

LIVONIA CENTER.

Miss Grace Smith and Ed. Bassard were very quiet about their trip to the city last Wednesday when they came home man and wife but their friends were not so quiet Saturday eve when they turned out about fifty strong and gave them a grand serenade. Well, best wishes be theirs through life.

About thirty children, grandchildren and relatives of Mrs. Dora Baze gave her surprise last Sunday, it being her 64th birth. A fine dinner was served and a general good time had by all. She also received a goodly number of postcards from friends.

G. P. Benton visited Center friends Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Peck was a Farmington caller Tuesday and in spite of her 81 years holds her own very good.

Mrs. Dora Baze visited her daughter in Plymouth from Thursday until Sunday.

John Mau Sr. received quite shock last Tuesday by the arrival of a goodly number of postcards to remind him of his 51 st birthday, and he wishes to thank you all for them.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

NEWBURG.

Old Santa Claus has decided to make his appearance at Newburg Hall on Saturday evening, Dec. 23, promptly at 7 o'clock, local time. A good program is being prepared. Every one invited to come and have a merry time with the children.

Beniah Ryder had an attack of shingles last week, but is better at this writing.

Mrs. Lucy Morton returned to her home in Detroit Sunday, after a two weeks' visit with her aunt, Mrs. William Farley.

Claude Farley is under the doctor's care.

Surveyors are at work on the Plymouth road. Looks as though we might have the good roads sometime.

Hoisington's are keeping quite a boarding house. Telephone men to the number of 12 have been there for over a week.

Wm. Coats of Stark has been quite sick recently.

School opened Monday with a good attendance.

Every one busy with Christmas shopping this fine weather.

PIKE'S PEAK.

Bertha Cady is visiting friends on Tyler street this week.

Lela Klatt is working in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Klatt of Wayne, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klatt and family Sunday.

Carl Theuer of Detroit Sundayed at the parental home.

Miss Lottie Holmes, who has been in Detroit the past two weeks, has returned home.

Leander Meldrum of Perrinville called on Luther Orsband of Pike's Peak Monday afternoon.

John Stephenson of Swift called on Charles Wright Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Houk of EastNaukin visited at H. Klatt's Wednesday.

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WEST PLYMOUTH.

Miss Nina Becker is spending a few days in Newburg with Mrs. Asa Jewell. Mrs. Gus. Gates and little Avery visited relatives in Detroit from Friday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Packard and little Cecil visited relatives in Wayne and Ypsilanti Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thompson of Penton are visiting at F. L. Becker's this week.

Warren Gorton and son George are doing some carpenter work F. L. Becker this week.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Chas. Shearer Sr. had a very severe attack of heart trouble, but is much better.

While working in the woods this week J. C. O'Bryan found his pocket-book, which had been lost since a year ago last September. It contained \$1.87 in silver and small change, and a bill so blackened and discolored that its value cannot be discovered. Mr. O'Bryan will send it to Washington to see if the government experts can determine its value and redeem it.

A little son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller Tuesday, Dec. 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Becker and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson visited Mrs. Roy Jewell in Plymouth Thursday.

The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less danger from pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall of Waverly, Va., says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by all dealers.

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MURRAY'S CORNERS.

Miss Grace Truesdell is spending a few days with her sister Mrs. R. J. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank King of Ypsilanti spent Tuesday at John Forshee's.

The party that was to have been held at Cherry Hill hall Friday evening, has been postponed.

Mr. and Mrs. Orson Westfall and Mr. and Mrs. John Forshee were entertained at Marion Jackson's last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hanford are attending the State Grange at Kalamazoo, as delegates from Plymouth grange.

Mrs. Forest Smith came home from the hospital Wednesday.

Bert Shuart drove up to Ammon Brown's Wednesday night about six o'clock and left his horse untied and went in the house and, as a result, the horse went home and a few minutes later, Bert went home too, but walked.

Next time, he says, he will tie the horse.

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In the matter of the estate of Olive Warren, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of Dr. S. E. Campbell in the village of Plymouth, in said county, on Tuesday, the 5th day of February, A. D. 1912, and on Saturday, the 8th day of April, A. D. 1912, at two o'clock P. M. of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that four months from the 5th day of December, A. D. 1911, were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated Dec. 8, 1911.
S. E. CAMPBELL,
CHARLES BRADNER,
Commissioners.

Commissioner's Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Henry S. Gale, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the probate court for the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of E. N. Passage, in the village of Plymouth, in said county, on Tuesday, the 5th day of February, A. D. 1912, and on Saturday, the 8th day of April, A. D. 1912, at two o'clock P. M. of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that four months from the 5th day of December, A. D. 1911, were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated, Dec. 8, 1911.
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Christmas in Washington

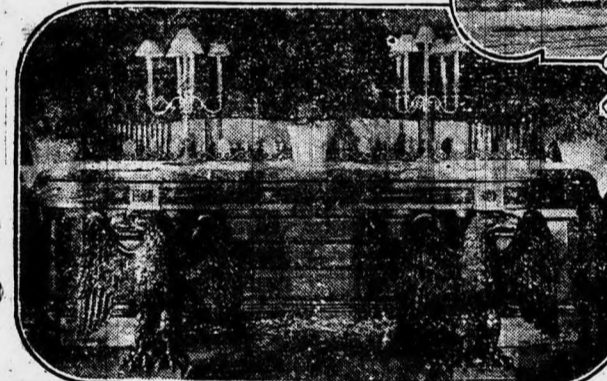
By Edward B. Clark

CHRISTMAS in Washington is not altogether like the northern holiday, even though there be snow on the Potomac hills and in the low lying valley of the river itself. Here on the sunny slope of the White House lawn dandelion and the heartsease are Christmas blossoms, while the hepatica not infrequently shows itself white and blue to the sun on the banks confining Rock Creek.

Christmas is a particularly genial season in Washington. There is enough of the southern atmosphere in the capital to make the holiday partake of the nature of the Christmas of the further south, for the natal day of Christ always has been given warm and exulting recognition in the country south of the Mason and Dixon line.

There are children in the White House at this holiday season as there were all through the administration of Mr. Taft's predecessor in office, Theodore Roosevelt. The president has three children at home with him to enjoy the holiday festivities in the House of State. It is true that of the three children one is just entering manhood and the other womanhood, while the third is just out of knickerbockers. Robert Taft, the president's oldest son, is home from college for the season's merrymaking, and his sister, Helen, is here also for the gayeties of the younger set. "Charlie" Taft has not outgrown the Christmas tree age and a Christmas tree he will have.

During the seven years of the Roosevelt administration, although there were five children in the White House, there was a Christmas tree only once. Mr. Roosevelt did not like the Christmas tree idea because he is a great believer in the conservation of the forests of the country, and he held that the Christmas tree trade worked havoc with the supply of evergreens. So it was that while Christmas in the White House during his term of office was all that the holiday otherwise should be, the children were not allowed a tree. The youngest Roosevelt boy, however, had Christmas tree views of his own and once he secured one, trimmed it in seclusion, and then hid it away in a closet where it was not discovered by his father, the president, until the Christmas season had pretty well waned.



WHITE HOUSE SIDEBOARD FROM WHICH CHRISTMAS DINNER IS SERVED

A Christmas tree hereafter probably will be in evidence at the White House at every holiday. Mr. Taft need have no scruples on account of "forest devastation," because Gifford Pinchot, formerly chief forester of the government, has said that Christmas trees enough can be cut to supply the market demand without threatening the future supply. Mr. Pinchot believes in saving the trees, and he would not have issued this statement without proper study of the situation. He did not give out his edict, however, until the Roosevelt family had left the executive mansion, and while the former chief forester is one of Colonel Roosevelt's intimate friends, it is probable that the Roosevelt children think that the verdict of Mr. Pinchot on the tree question ought not to have been so long delayed.

They play golf all winter in Washington, and if perchance there is snow on the ground they play the game with red balls instead of the ordinary white ones, and so when President Taft plays his holiday games he will not stand in any danger of forfeiting a stroke because of the loss of a golf ball. A red ball is a conspicuous mark against a white background.

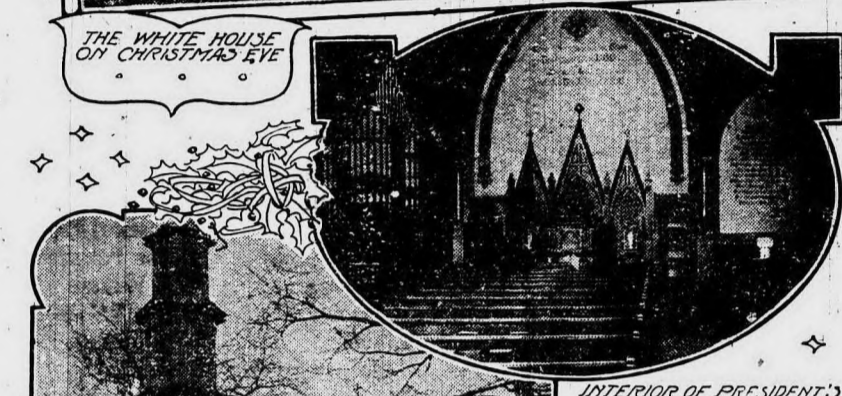
Every employe of the White House receives a big Christmas turkey as a gift from the president and his wife. Some of the White House household servants and some of the members of the office force have been in the employment of presidents through many administrations. Col. William H. Crook, who is the executive clerk, has been in the service ever since Grant's day and recently he has written his reminiscences of White House life under eight presidents. Since the early Civil War days there have been children in the White House under nearly every administration, but whether or not there were children of the president's own families to gather about the fire and the Christmas tree, young people always found their way into the White House circle to help their elders celebrate the holiday.

Christmas parties for young people are always the regular order of things in the White House during the holiday season. The children of the cabinet officials, of the army and navy officers, of senators and representatives and of the diplomats stationed here always are invited to a merry-making in the big east room.

Christmas is the great day in the household of the ambassadors and ministers from foreign countries and in the families of the juniors of the different embassies and legations. The representatives of southern European governments and of the countries of Central and South America make much of Christmas. Not an embassy or a legation in this town but keeps open house virtually during the entire holiday season. Gift giving among foreigners represented here is carried to an extreme at which even Americans, who give generously and are giving more generously and widely



THE WHITE HOUSE ON CHRISTMAS EVE



INTERIOR OF PRESIDENT'S CHURCH



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH WHERE MRS. TAFT ATTENDS CHRISTMAS SERVICES



SECTION OF WHITE HOUSE CONSERVATORY

each year, stand surprised. The Christmas receptions and parties given by the foreigners are not given as a rule on Christmas day. They recognize that the holiday proper is essentially a home day, the day when the family likes to "be a party unto itself." So it is that the affairs to which society and society's children are bidden usually take place between Christmas and New Year's, although in every particular they are Christmas gatherings.

For two weeks prior to the dawning of Christmas day the Washington markets are filled with holly and mistletoe. It is believed that before long the legislators of Maryland and Virginia will be forced to pass laws protecting the beautiful holly tree from the hands of the despoiler. The demand for Christmas greens yearly kills hundreds if not thousands of holly trees. The trouble is that the men who cut the branches for the market use little or no discretion in securing their spoils. Holly branches can be cut without injury to the tree if the simplest precautions are taken, but in their greed to secure quantities of the beautiful boughs with their shining green leaves and polished red berries, the gatherers hack great limbs from the tree, injuring it so that in many cases it cannot survive the wound.

The mistletoe, which is found in great quantities in the markets of Washington at the Christmas time, is a parasite which fastens itself upon the branches of many species of trees. Its removal does the tree good, provided the limbs from which it springs are not injured in the cutting. The mistletoe of the Potomac river country is very much like the mistletoe of England. It is supposed that this parasite growth was used by the ancient Druids in their religious ceremonies among the ancient Britons. All kinds of superstitions are connected with the mistletoe, and many of them are traced back to the days before the Saxon occupation of John Bull's island. These superstitions were brought across the water by the early English settlers, and they are found in some parts of America in the same form in which they have existed in England for century on century.

The White House in a holiday season literally is turned into a conservatory. Washington loves flowers and every man and woman who comes here to live finds that the flower affection speedily takes its hold. The White House is supplied with flowers from a great conservatory carefully tended by men trained to floriculture. There are probably more flower shops in the capital in proportion to the population than in any other city in the United States. Almost literally they are on every corner. The demand for flowers here at the Christmas season is such that notwithstanding

the fact the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia are flooded with conservatories, the Philadelphia and New York markets are called upon to help out in the work of supplying the enormous District trade.

The Central and South Americans who come to Washington in official capacities are accustomed to outdoor flowers every day in the year in their own lands, and they simply will not consent to get along without flowers in this northern climate. Their houses resemble conservatories all through the winter months, but at the Christmas season the Spanish-American literally banks himself and his family with blossoms.

President Taft attends Christmas service at All Souls Unitarian church. Mrs. Taft is an Episcopalian, and with her children she attends St. John's church on LaFayette square, known half humorously in Washington as the Church of State. It is so called because so many of the presidents of the United States have worshiped regularly within its walls. St. John's is a small church, but it has fine music, and the Christmas service and its environments are made as beautiful as it is possible to make them.

In the official foreign colony in Washington the Christmas holidays are an especially lively and joyous season. The managers of the American branch offices of the governments of the world are ever eager to show their patriotism and loyalty by observing all holidays or ceremonial occasions just as they would be observed if they were at home in their own countries. Consequently Christmas is the occasion for many diverse and picturesque celebrations in the homes of the official foreign colony. There is scarce a household in the cosmopolitan community that has not its quota of children. Many of the young people in these foreign households are, for the time being, attending American schools and have become imbued with some of the traditions of the Yankee Christmas. Thus the yuletide programs in many a diplomatic home at Washington presents an odd mixture of foreign customs and American innovations.

Especially is this the case in the homes of many of the diplomats from South and Central America, where there are many young people. These Pan-American juveniles exchange presents as do their American playmates and await with keen anticipation the proverbial Christmas dinner, but they also show allegiance to the customs of their native lands by attending mass at midnight on Christmas Eve, and afterward paying homage at a miniature representation of the city of Bethlehem, the most conspicuous place in which is occupied by a grotto in which are tiny figures of the infant Jesus, and Joseph, together with the three wise men. In the homes of the Mexican diplomats there is followed a novel plan for the distribution of the Christmas presents. All the gifts are placed in a huge earthenware jar which is suspended from the ceiling and is then attacked by all the young people armed with canes. When the jar is broken the Christmas presents are precipitated to the floor and there is a mad scramble for the mysterious packages.

The handsome new home of the French Embassy at Washington will this year afford a spacious setting for a Christmas frolic that has become one of the important events of holiday week at the capital. At the German Embassy likewise there is a Christmas tree with tokens for all the young people in the Embassy circle, while the British Ambassador entertains all the members of his official staff and their families at an old-fashioned English Christmas dinner.

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Husband Was Willing.

The Scot has no monopoly of domestic felicity, as many a piquant paragraph bears witness. The other day an old farmer and his wife were "do-in" the sights of a provincial town, and, among other places they visited a panorama of South Africa.

The views were extremely interesting, and the couple were enjoying themselves to the full. As scene after scene passed, the woman's enthusiasm increased, and at length, turning to her husband, she exclaimed: "Oh, Sandy, this is really splendid. I could just sit here all my days."

"Ah, weel, Jennie, woman," replied Sandy, to the mirth of those sitting near, "just sit you still there; I'll not grudge the saxpence."

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1911

The Maine Mystery

After all the research in the hope of discovering the cause of the Maine disaster the world has nothing more definite than a theory of common agreement among those who were appointed to conduct the investigation. It is acknowledged that the principal damage to the Maine was caused by the explosion of one of her magazines. As to the cause of that explosion there is no positive proof, but the opinion of the bottom of the ship leads to the theory that the cause of the disaster was the explosion of a mine which breached the hull and caused a second explosion of the magazine. Not the slightest fragment of a mine casing could be found at either the first or second investigation. Had either a mine casing or a fragment of wire cable been discovered it might have been regarded as proof positive that either a contact mine or an electric mine had caused the destruction.

The investigation has therefore failed to establish anything more substantial than a theory. As to the responsibility, in case there was a mine, the case is still more vague. As far as the Spanish government is concerned such an act would have been the very height of folly, for it was apparent to all the world that, in case Spain were to offer provocation for war, she had not the slightest chance to gain any benefit, and she must lose her West Indian colonies and probably the Philippines, if she would not invite a destructive visitation to her own coasts. To those who accept this official theory of the destruction it must appear rather as the act of some malignant individuals or small band of individuals who were interested in forcing a crisis of war. Governments are not addicted to acts of assassination in these modern days. They are licensed to practice wholesale murder under the guise of war. A curt note accomplished with a few strokes of a pen can precipitate a war quite as surely as the mysterious explosion in a battleship, an arsenal or a government building.—Detroit News.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The sixth and seventh grades are using the Poinsettias as board decorations this month.

The sixth grade drawing class are making original designs for Christmas calendars.

The German II class are beginning to read Gerstacker's "Germelshausen."

The H. S. visitors this week were Milton Adams and Camilla Ladd.

The first grade children are making Christmas presents.

Katherine Warner of the first grade has moved to Detroit.

Christmas music is being studied in all departments.

Kindergarten children are studying the Christmas story.

The Domestic Science class made boiled custard this week.

Don't forget the play entitled "The Country Fair" to be given by the H. S. Friday evening January 12.

As a result of the Boys' conference held in Detroit a few weeks ago, a club has been formed among the boys of the high school, and the following officers elected: Ralph Brown, pres.; Fletcher DesAutels, first vice pres.; Will Sly, second vice pres.; James Spencer 3rd vice pres.; Daryl Downs, secretary; Austin Whipple, treasurer.

At the first meeting of the Club, the boys who attended the conference gave interesting reports of the speeches and athletic contests which they enjoyed in the Y. M. C. A. In this contest various events were held as follows—swim 25 yards; high jump, 4 feet; broad jump 7 feet. 75 yard run in 12 seconds. The winners were each presented with a card neatly written in gilt. The only Plymouth delegates who received this honor was Herbert Warner.

The following motto has been adopted by the boys: "Clean life, clean athletics and clean speech."

The second meeting of the club is to be held at the home of Herbert Warner on Friday evening. Will Sly is to furnish the means of conveyance.

A letter has been received by Supt. Isbell from Commissioner Yost regarding the sale of Red Cross stamps by the school children, to help the anti-tuberculosis movement. Mr. Yost approves of this method of support and asks the co-operation of the schools of Plymouth.

The girls of the high school very delightfully entertained the members of the high school, last Friday evening, in honor of the members of the football team. Various contests were held based on different kinds of punts. The Glee Club also entertained with various selections. After this partners were chosen for the grand march and supper.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers.

CHURCH NEWS

METHODIST
Rev. E. J. Warren, Pastor.
Services Sunday, December 17, as follows: Morning worship 10 o'clock, Subject, "Our Immortal Best." Sunday-school 11:30 a. m.
Evening worship, Epworth League, 6 o'clock. Subject, "A Well Spent Life and Its Close." Preaching service at 7 o'clock. Subject, "An Immortal Triumvirate."
The mid-week service will be held on Thursday evening at the usual hour.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, holds services at church edifice, corner Main and Dodge streets, Sunday morning at 10:10. Subject, "Is the Universe Including Man Evolved by Atomic Force?" Sunday-school at 11 a. m. Wednesday evening testimonial service 7:10. Every one is welcome.
Free reading-room in rear of church. Entrance on Dodge street. Open daily except Sundays from 1 to 3 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. B. F. Farber, Pastor.
Services will be held in the First Presbyterian church on Sunday, December 17th, as follows: Morning worship at 10 o'clock. The pastor will preach on this theme: "No Room in the Inn." Sunday-school at 11:15 o'clock. Presbyterian Guild at 6 o'clock. Subject, "A Missionary Journey Around the World. Missions in the West Indies." Leader, Mr. Jesse Fitzgerald. Evening service at 7 o'clock. Preaching by the pastor. Subject, "The Candle of the Lord."
Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. "A Review of the past twelve lessons."
A cordial welcome is assured to all those who attend these services.

BAPTIST
Rev. W. W. DesAutels, Pastor.
Services on Sunday Dec. 17th will be as usual. The pastor will preach at 10 in the morning. Sunday-school meets at 11:15. The B. Y. P. U. holds its meeting at 6:00 in the evening. Miss Carrie Baker is the leader. At the service at 7:00, the pastor concludes the series upon "Ships of Own Making." This will be another poem sermon, the best of the entire series. Its subject will be "The Chart and Compass." Our ship will be fully decorated and used as illustrating the entire course. You are invited to hear this sermon and to inspect the ship after the service.
The pastor preaches at Livonia Center every Sunday at 2:00 o'clock until further notice.

EPISCOPAL.
The Episcopal church services are being held every Sunday and at a meeting last Sunday after the service—progress was reported. The Mission at present is in the hands of the Church society of the Diocese of Michigan and during the month or so that the services have been held, the congregation and members have increased. The Mission started with about four or five members, and has now reached twenty to twenty-five. The Rev. Allen said that this was most encouraging. Dr. W. J. Burrows said he would like to see the Church furniture in the Church and after some discussion he said he would see that this was done.
Mr. Torre thought that a choir should be formed and so help render the beautiful church service something like it should be, especially as Mr. Barlow had kindly come forward and offered to undertake the organ and the practicing of the choir. It is therefore hoped that those who are willing to assist in the formation of a choir will give in their names.
On Sunday there will be service in the morning at 11 o'clock, with Holy Communion. The Rev. Dr. Stonex of Dearborn will preach.

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And many other things too numerous to mention. Don't fail to make a thorough inspection of the big stock before purchasing your Christmas Gifts, as we have the largest line we have ever shown, at surprisingly low prices.
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Notice of Receiver's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the eighth day of January, A. D. 1912, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the plant of the Plymouth Motor Company, located on Mill street, in the village of Plymouth, State of Michigan, I will offer for sale at public auction the entire personal property of said Company, consisting of gasoline engines, finished and unfinished, and all parts of the same, also all patterns, jigs, tools, machinery, shafting, belting, pulleys, and all other personal property as used in and about the business formerly conducted by said company and contained in the factory building aforesaid.

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Dated December 15th, 1911.

HENRY J. FISHER, Receiver

TRY PLYMOUTH MAIL LINERS—IT PAYS

Local News

F. C. Rickard of Saginaw called in town Wednesday.

William Hisano is visiting relatives in Chicago this week.

Mrs. Z. Blakely of Toledo called on friends in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Henry Eddy of Bay City visited at O. C. Wingard's last week.

Mrs. I. H. Baird of Howell visited her sister Mrs. Fred Dibble this week.

Mrs. Ernest Kohler and son of Northville visited at C. G. Draper's yesterday.

Little Marion Henderson, daughter of J. B. Henderson, was in Detroit Sunday.

Miss Phoebe Wenberg of Detroit spent Tuesday with Miss Grace Campbell.

Harmon Travis of Milford spent the last of the week with his brother, Dr. J. J. Travis.

Fred Gates attended an inspectors meeting at Grand Rapids Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Roe attended the funeral of Fred Smith at Wayne Wednesday.

Henry Wilbur was called to Lansing Wednesday on account of the illness of his daughter.

Advertising matter covers most of our columns this week—the holiday trade demands it—won't last long.

Miss Dorothy Henderson visited her teacher, Miss Brinkerhauf, at her home in Detroit the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Stanley Wallace of Saginaw visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hayes, Tuesday.

I am closing out my entire stock of hats at half price. Come early and get a new hat for Xmas. Mrs. F. J. Tousey.

Mrs. Willard Roe entertained 50 ladies at a thimble party Tuesday afternoon. Light refreshments were served.

Archie Collins was the only circuit court juror drawn for the January term from Plymouth. Five names were drawn from the box from Livonia township.

One Panches, father of Fred Panches, and was a former Plymouth resident, died at his home in Toledo last Thanksgiving night. He leaves six children.

Will Stewart has secured a position as substitute letter carrier in Detroit and left Wednesday to assume his duties there. He expects to move to the city in the near future.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Orton on Mill street, when their daughter, Miss Blanche, was united in marriage to Mr. Guy Roys, Rev. DesAutels officiating.

If the boys who deliberately broke the window on Monday night in the M. E. church will go to P. W. Voorhies and pay for the same it will be all right if not they may be arrested, for they were seen.

Anyone wishing to pay the mortgage tax can make their affidavit at my office and send same in. It is not necessary to go to Detroit to pay the tax. E. N. Passage.

Mrs. Sophia Cassaday died Sunday night at 10:30. Services were held at the house at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Burial at Saginaw. She leaves a husband and sister and three boys, Roderick, Will and Kenneth.

Mrs. Ida M. Dodd, 54 years old, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Willard, on Oak street, Sunday morning at 5 o'clock of apoplexy. Services at the house Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Burial at Riverside. She leaves a daughter and one son.

John Hart telegraphed from Lansing Monday to Marshal Springer to look out for a fellow who had held him up there. He reached here about 3 A. M. that night and Marshal Springer caught him. He was sent to the house of correction for thirty days, unable to pay the fine.

The following officers were elected at the meeting of the K. O. T. M. held last Monday evening:

Commander—J. B. Pettingill.

Lieut. Com.—Wm. Felt.

Record Keeper—Myron M. Willett.

Finance Keeper—Henry E. Wright.

Chaplain—A. N. Kinyon.

Physician—Dr. A. E. Paterson.

Sergeant—Frank Dix.

M. of A.—Edward Willett.

1st M. of G.—E. E. Rocker.

2nd M. of G.—Frank Wilson.

Sentinel—Wm. Rohrbacher.

Picket—Ed. Bolten.

Last Thursday night the L. O. T. M. initiated five candidates and had election of officers, as follows:

Past Com.—Mrs. Emma Passage.

Com.—Mrs. Resta Smith.

Lieut.—Miss Etta Crawford.

Record Keeper—Mrs. Anna Wright.

Finance Keeper—Mrs. Lillie Brown.

Chaplain—Mrs. Ella Hood.

Master-at-Arms—Mrs. Anna McKeever.

Serjeant—Mrs. Ella Peck.

Sentinel—Miss Irma Bockie.

Picket—Mrs. Ella Arthur.

At the close of the business meeting, Mrs. Edna Murray presented Mrs. Resta Smith, in behalf of the Lodge, a set of solid silver teaspoons, as a token of appreciation of the faithful manner in which she has performed her duties as Commander of the Lodge. Refreshments were afterwards served.

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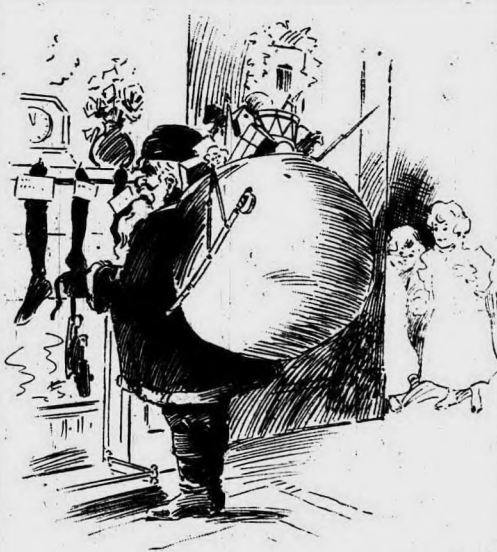
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Nuts—Almonds, Brazils, Filberts and Pecans, lb. 20c
California Soft Shell Budded Walnuts, extra fancy, per lb. 25c
Mixed Nuts, new stock, as long as they last 18c
Broken Taffy Mixed Candy, per lb 10c
Peanut Crisp or Brittle, per lb 15c
Figs, fancy Imported and California, per lb. 20c
Fancy Fard Dates, Diamond A brand, per lb. 15c
Malaga Grapes, per lb 15c
Siscoes, per lb 15c
Extra heavy Halibut 2c
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SAVING THE BIRDS.

The Audubon societies of the country have just been holding their annual meeting in New York. As a result of a campaign extending over the last decade, they report that bird-life is each year becoming safer and public co-operation more effective. The association is responsible for the New York plumage law which prohibits the sale of the feathers of many native birds, as well as those of related species abroad, and which has proved an important check on dealers engaged in the feather traffic. The association has also been active in guarding the many colonies of albatross-bearing birds along the east and south Atlantic coast. During the past year the associated societies have spent, in the course of their beneficent work, some \$36,000—money well laid out, as it gives a countercheck to the thoughtlessness of fashion, the greed of business and the cruelty of both.

If every man and woman of fair understanding and open mind would read every Sunday morning the fifth chapter of Matthew, which is the sermon on the mount, containing the beatitudes, this world would be happier than it is. One need not stop to discuss the doctrine of it, but just let the sweet spirit of it get into his life, as he lets the view of a fine landscape, or a glorious sunset, or the heavens filled with stars, get into his soul, and it will put him in harmony with the all-pervading truth that ruleth all things, and will spread a vision before him that he never saw before. There is the best truth in the universe; better than one will find in the sciences, the arts, the philosophies, the histories, and a truth that one does not have to struggle to get, but which comes to him as freely as the light goes into his eyes. All he has to do is to open his eyes, and there it is.

Nothing indicates more surely the general commercialism of literature than the interviews with authors and descriptions of their "methods" of work, as they call them, that frequently find their way into print. The author of a recently published novel tells with glee how she "pounded it out on a typewriter" at the rate of a thousand words a day, and plumes herself on her achievement as "pretty good for a beginner." As a matter of fact it would be difficult to imagine a worse beginning than this thousand-word-a-day effort, says the New York Herald. The fact that she reckoned her daily output in words rather than in ideas shows only too plainly her attitude toward the profession of writing.

Automobiles racing at a speed of a mile a minute, and incidentally climbing telegraph poles are among some of the curiosities of this rapid age. But as an engine of modern improvements, the automobile is rather to be commended for trying to abolish the disfiguring street electric pole.

Edison claims that he has completed a new invention which will revolutionize things generally, but he won't tell what it is. Our hope is that it may be something which will cause people who pick their teeth in public to quit.

Since women have begun to serve on juries in the state of Washington they have demanded that the men serving with them shall not smoke in the jury room. Perhaps the men will now insist that the women shall not take their powder puffs, smelling salts and pocket mirrors into the jury room. This is a period of progress and general uplift.

Los Angeles' first jury of women debated for more than half an hour where it should go for lunch, and probably would be debating, yet had not the balliff settled the matter. The jury also disagreed on the guilt of a motorcycle rider charged with speeding and was discharged.

Mr. Hitchcock's attention has been called to the fact that the people of God's Valley, Ore., want a post office. If he has a proper sense of the fitness of things he will hasten to put that locality on an equal footing, at least with Devil's Lake.

The dove is an ornament, according to a prominent actress, but there is nothing ornamental about it when one has hay fever.

The proposed change from the hobble skirt to the hockypart might be called a jump from the ridiculous to the ridiculous.

Appropriate enough, these whirlwind babies in baseball come in the period of equinoctial storms.

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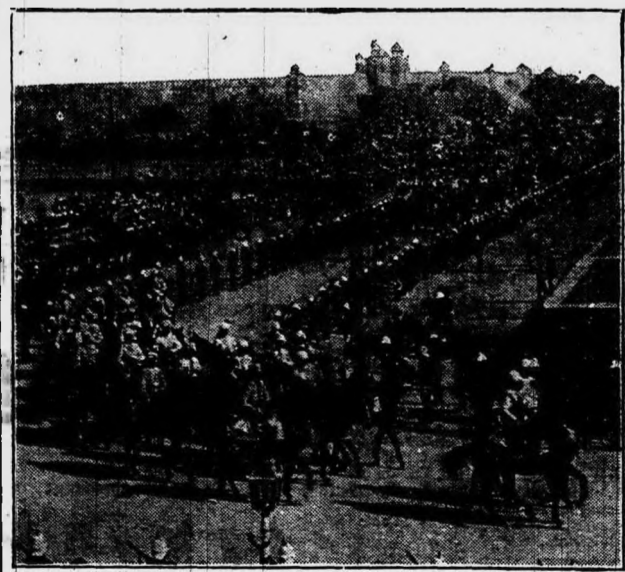
The Great Durbar Procession.

king and queen of Great Britain, were recognized today as emperor and empress of India. Up to their thrones marched the proudest chiefs of Hindustan and there did homage. The ceremony was without precedent, for never before has a British emperor of India come to Delhi, the ancient seat of the kings of India, to assume his title. The Durbar, for which elaborate preparations had been under way for months, took place in a great camp to the north of the city, some five miles square. The temporary population of this camp is about a quarter of a million, and it is furnished with all the conveniences of modern life, including 31 post offices, ten telegraph offices and even electric light, railways, motor cars and taxi-cabs. There the people gathered

and the magnificent jewels for which they have long been famous. Indeed such a display of precious stones never before was seen in modern times. The rajahs, after making their obeisances, grouped themselves about the throne, where also stood the governors of the Asiatic colonies of the crown, other distinguished government officials and invited guests. Queen wears the Kohinoor.

The king was crowned king-emperor at Westminster, so he took his throne already wearing a crown that had been made especially for this occasion, garbed in the royal robes of state, wearing the state jewels and carrying the scepter. By his side sat Queen Mary, on her brow the crown that was made for her coronation and in the front of which blazed the great Kohinoor, the Indian diamond supposed to bring good fortune if worn by a woman. Her jewels were even more magnificent than those she wore at the coronation at Westminster, among her new ornaments being a

beautiful lotus flower of diamonds. She was garbed in the white and gold embroidered robe worn at the coronation. Close beside the imperial thrones when the twenty-four state trumpeters with their silver trumpets heralded the durbar were, of course Lord Hardinge, viceroy of India, and Lady Hardinge. Most spectacular was the grand review of troops, about 90,000 in number. Most of these were native troops, and they were garbed in the most gorgeous uniforms in the world. The rajahs and other native princes present brought their own elephants, the size of the animal depending on the rank of its owner, and the huge brutes with their magnificent howdahs and other trappings added



Native Princes on Black Chargers.

much to the oriental splendor of the scene. Presents for Indian Subjects. The king and queen brought from England a vast number of presents for their Indian subjects, including a thousand plum puddings made in the Buckingham palace kitchens, and a great number of rich cakes, York hams and Stilton cheeses. Then there are rolls of English linen, piles of Buckinghamshire, honiton and point laces, illustrated books, fancy leather goods, silverware of all kinds, British silks and velvets, pictures and photographs and a great variety of other articles.

Mencimnee council has voted to maintain a municipal skating rink this winter. Taking advantage of an act passed by the last legislature, Lewiston's (Maine) city government will this winter establish a municipal ice plant. The greatest religious demonstration that Saginaw has ever known was held in the Masonic temple when 500 business men sat down to a banquet which started the four days Men and Religion Forward Movement. These men were gathered from all of the churches of the city

of the brave seamen who had been killed in their hammocks, was a belief that the explosion was the result of treachery on the part of Spain. This feeling was so acute that it was with the greatest difficulty that President McKinley and other high officers of the government, prevented immediate demonstrations which would have inevitably led to war.

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U. S. Tells Shuster to Stand Ground. With 2,000 Russian Cossacks advancing to occupy Teheran, proclaim martial law and elect him at the point of the bayonet, W. Mervah Shuster, financial agent of the Persian government, is advised by the American state department to stand on his constitutional rights and defy the czar.

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FORMAL REPORT SHEDS NO LIGHT ON WHO CAUSED DISASTER; FACTS WITHHELD.

SHIP'S FORWARD TURRET CANNOT BE FOUND.

Low Form of Explosive Used, Wherein Report Differs From Findings of the Samson Board.

The United States battleship Maine, which sank beneath the waters of Havana harbor in February, 1898, as the result of an explosion, was blown up from the outside. This was announced late yesterday by the naval board which has been examining the wreck. The finding confirms the report of the original investigators, who made a careful examination of the wreck shortly after the disaster.

The statement given out by the navy department is brief, Secretary Meyer does not believe it necessary to issue any extended explanation of the board's conclusion, beyond the flat statement that an exterior explosion was responsible for the loss of the warship and the lives of many men. The statement follows:

Statement on Finding.
"The injuries to the bottom of the Maine were caused by the explosion of a charge of a low form of explosive exterior to the ship between frames 23 and 31, strake B, port side. This resulted in igniting and exploding the contents of the six-inch reserve magazine, A-14-M, said contents including a large quantity of black powder. The more or less complete explosion of the contents of the remaining forward magazine followed. The magazine explosion resulted in the destruction of the vessel."

The shock was felt throughout the country, when, on the morning of Feb. 15, 1898, the news was flashed that the battleship Maine had been blown up and sunk in the harbor of Havana. Other great tragedies have stirred the country, but none possessed so many dramatic elements and possibilities of tremendous consequences as did this.

The first sensation of the nation felt even before horror over the loss of the brave seamen who had been killed in their hammocks, was a belief that the explosion was the result of treachery on the part of Spain. This feeling was so acute that it was with the greatest difficulty that President McKinley and other high officers of the government, prevented immediate demonstrations which would have inevitably led to war.

U. S. Tells Shuster to Stand Ground. With 2,000 Russian Cossacks advancing to occupy Teheran, proclaim martial law and elect him at the point of the bayonet, W. Mervah Shuster, financial agent of the Persian government, is advised by the American state department to stand on his constitutional rights and defy the czar.

Charles W. Russell, United States minister at Teheran, today was instructed to advise Shuster to stand his ground. So bitterly does Persia resent the belligerent attitude of Russia in sending her famed though hated Cossacks that fear is expressed that she will pounce on them and precipitate a war. Nothing would delight Russia more than such an attack, as it would give her the excuse so long and so vigorously sought to occupy and hold for all time the northern half of Persia.

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Michigan Land Values Double. Census Gives State Increase of 57.7 in Ten Years.

The thirteenth census of the United States shows in its statistics of agriculture in Michigan that the state ranks twenty-first in land area and eighth in population, for which the value of farm property is \$1,088,858,379 (April 15, 1910), as against \$690,355,734 in 1900, or an increase of 57.7 per cent. There are in all 206,690 farms for a total of 18,940,614 acres out of the total area of the state of 36,787,200 acres. The total population is 2,810,173. The statistics also show that the average value of land per acre in the state is \$32.48, an increase in value for 10 years of 34.7 per cent. The average value of all property per farm is \$5,261. More than one-half the state's land surface is included in farms.

In the upper peninsula no county, except Menominee, has as much as 20 per cent of its land in farms, and five counties grouped in the northern part of the lower peninsula fall in the same class. This group is surrounded by counties that have one-fifth to three-fifths of their land in farms. Farther south is a belt in which over four-fifths of the land is in farms, and south of this is a group of counties in which the proportion exceeds nine-tenths.

THE MARKETS

Detroit—Cattle. Receipts, 1,242; market, steady at last week's prices. Choice best steers and heifers, \$6.75 to \$7.50; steers and heifers, \$6.00 to \$6.75; cows, \$5.00 to \$6.00; calves, \$4.00 to \$5.00; sheep, \$4.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.00; pigs, \$4.00 to \$5.00; chickens, \$4.00 to \$5.00; turkeys, \$4.00 to \$5.00; ducks, \$4.00 to \$5.00; geese, \$4.00 to \$5.00; eggs, \$4.00 to \$5.00; butter, \$4.00 to \$5.00; cheese, \$4.00 to \$5.00; milk, \$4.00 to \$5.00; cream, \$4.00 to \$5.00; lard, \$4.00 to \$5.00; tallow, \$4.00 to \$5.00; soap, \$4.00 to \$5.00; candles, \$4.00 to \$5.00; kerosene, \$4.00 to \$5.00; oil, \$4.00 to \$5.00; gas, \$4.00 to \$5.00; coal, \$4.00 to \$5.00; wood, \$4.00 to \$5.00; hay, \$4.00 to \$5.00; straw, \$4.00 to \$5.00; grain, \$4.00 to \$5.00; flour, \$4.00 to \$5.00; sugar, \$4.00 to \$5.00; coffee, \$4.00 to \$5.00; tea, \$4.00 to \$5.00; spices, \$4.00 to \$5.00; fruits, \$4.00 to \$5.00; vegetables, \$4.00 to \$5.00; nuts, \$4.00 to \$5.00; seeds, \$4.00 to \$5.00; beans, \$4.00 to \$5.00; peas, \$4.00 to \$5.00; 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SYNOPSIS.

Dan Blair, the 22-year-old son of the fifty-million-dollar copper king of Blairtown, Mont., is a guest at the English home of Lady Galorey. Dan's father had been courteous to Lord Galorey during his visit to the United States and the courtesy is now being returned to the young man. The youth has an ideal girl in his mind. He meets Lily, Duchess of Breakwater, a beautiful widow, who is attracted by his immense fortune and takes a liking to her. When Dan was a boy, a girl sang a solo at a church, and he had never forgotten her. The Galoreys, Lily and Dan attend a London theater where one Letty Lane is the star. Dan recognizes her as the girl from his town, and going behind the scenes introduces himself and she remembers him. He learns that Prince Poniotoski is a suitor and escort to Letty.

CHAPTER V.—Continued.

Galorey nodded. "That is just why I toddled in to see you."

Ruggles' caller had been shown to the sitting room, where he and Dan bobbed and smoked during the Westerner's visit. There was a pile of papers on the table, in one corner a typewriter covered by a black cloth. Galorey took a chair and, refusing a cigarette, lit his pipe.

"I didn't have the pleasure of meeting you in the West when I was out there with Blair. I knew Dan's father rather well."

Ruggles responded: "I knew him rather well, too, for thirty years. If," he went on, "Blair hadn't known you pretty well he wouldn't have sent the boy out to you as he has done. He was keen on every trail. I might say that he had been over every one of 'em like a hound before he set the boy loose."

Galorey answered, "Quite so," gravely. "I know it. I knew it when Dan turned up at Osdene—" Holding his pipe bowl in the palm of his slender hand, he smoked meditatively. He hadn't thought about things, as he had been doing lately, for many years. His sense of honor was the strongest thing in Gordon Galorey, the only thing in him, perhaps, that had been left unsmirched by the touch of the world. He was unquestionably a gentleman.

"Blair, however," he said, "wasn't as keen on this scent as you'd expect. His intuition was wrong."

Ruggles raised his eyebrows slightly. "I mean to say," Lord Galorey went on, "that he knew me in the West when I had cut loose for a few blessed months from just these things into which he has sent his boy—from what, if I had a son, God knows I'd throw him as far as I could."

"Blair wanted Dan to see the world."

"Of course, that is right enough. We all have to see it, I fancy, but this boy isn't ready to look at it."

"He is twenty-two," Ruggles returned. "When I was his age I was supporting four people."

Galorey went on: "Osdene Park at present isn't the widow for Blair's boy to see life through, and that is what I have come up to London to talk to you about, Mr. Ruggles. I should like to have you take him away."

"What's Dan been up to down there?"

"Nothing as yet, but he is in the

that! It is pure good nature on his part—mere prodigality. Edith appealed to him, that's all."

Relief crossed Ruggles' face. He understood in a flash the worldly appeal to the rich young man and believed the story the husband told him.

"Have you spoken to the boy?"

"My dear chap, I have spoken to him about nothing. I preferred to come to you."

"You said," Ruggles continued, "there were two ladies down to your place."

Galorey had refilled his pipe and held it as before in the palm of his hand. "I can look after the affairs of my wife, and this shan't happen again, I promise you—not at Osdene, but I'm afraid I can not do much in the other case. The Duchess of Breakwater has been at Osdene for nearly three weeks, and Dan is in love with her."

Ruggles put the four checks one on top of the other. "Is the lady a widow?"

"Unfortunately, yes."

"So that's the nest Dan has got into at Osdene," the Westerner said. And Galorey answered: "That is the nest."

"And he has gone out there today—got a wire this morning."

"The duchess has been in an awful funk," said Galorey, "because Dan's been stopping in London so long. She sent him a message, and as soon as Dan wired back that he was coming to the Park, I decided to come here and see you."

Ruggles ruminated: "Has the duchess complications financially?"

"Rather!" the other answered.

"And there's turned his broad, honest face full on Galorey: "Do you think she could be bought off?"

Galorey took his pipe out of his mouth.

"It depends on how far Dan has gone on with her. To be frank with you, Mr. Ruggles, it is a case of emotion on the part of the woman. She is really in love with Dan. God!" exclaimed the nobleman. "I have been on the point of turning the whole brood out of doors these last days. It was like imprisoning a mountain breeze in a charnel house—a woman with her fears and her experience and

tween his great fingers. He was a slow thinker. He had none of old Blair's keenness, but he had other qualities. Galorey saw that he had not been quite understood, and he waited and then said:

"Lady Galorey is like the rest of modern wives, and I am like a lot of modern husbands. We each go our own way. My way is a worthless one. God knows I don't stand up for it, but it is not my wife's way in any sense of the word."

"Does she want Dan to go along on her road?" Ruggles asked. "And how far?"

"We are financially strapped just now," said Galorey calmly, "and she has got money from the boy." He didn't remove his pipe from his mouth; still holding it between his teeth he put his hand in his pocket, took out his wallet, drew forth four checks and laid them down before Ruggles. "It is quite a sum," Galorey noted, "sufficient to do a lot of Osdene Park in the way of needed repairs."

Ruggles had never seen a smile such as curved his companion's lips. "But Osdene Park will have to be repaired by money from some other source."

Ruggles wondered how the husband had got hold of the checks, but he didn't ask and he did not look at the papers.

"When Dan came to the Park," said Galorey, "I stopped bridge playing, but this more than takes its place!"

Ruggles' big hand went slowly toward the checks; he touched them with his fingers and said: "Is Dan in love with your wife?"

And Lord Galorey laughed and said: "Lord no, my dear man, not even

that boy—I don't know where you've kept him or how you kept him as he is, but he is as clear as water. I have talked to him and I know."

Nothing in Ruggles' expression had changed until now. His eyes glowed. "Dan's all right," he said softly.

"Don't you worry! He's all right. I guess his father knew what he was doing, and I'll bet the whole thing was just what he sent him over here for! Old Dan Blair wasn't worth a copper when the boy was born, and yet he had ideas about everything and he seemed to know more in that old gray head of his than a whole library of books. Dan's all right."

"My dear man," said the nobleman, "that is just where you Americans are wrong. You comfort yourself with your eternal 'Dan's all right,' and you won't see the truth. You won't breathe the word 'scandal' and yet you are thick enough in them, God knows. You won't admit them, but they are there. Now be honest and look at the truth, will you? You are a man of common sense. Dan Blair is not all right. He is in an infernally dangerous position. The Duchess of Breakwater will marry him. It is what she has wanted to do for years, but she has not found a man rich enough, and she will marry this boy offhand."

"Well," said the Westerner slowly, "if he loves her and if he marries her—"

"Marries her!" exclaimed the nobleman. "There you are again! Do you think marriage makes it any better? Why, if she went off to the Continent with him for six weeks and then set him free, that would be preferable to marrying her. My dear man," he

said, leaning over the table where Ruggles sat, "if I had a boy I would rather have him marry Letty Lane of the Galey. Now you know what I mean."

Ruggles' face, which had hardened, relaxed. "I have seen that lady," he exclaimed with satisfaction; "I have seen her several times."

Galorey sank back into his chair and neither man spoke for a few seconds. Turning it all over in his slow mind, Ruggles remembered Dan's absorption in the last few days. "So there are three women in the nest," he concluded thoughtfully, and Gordon Galorey repeated:

"No, not three. What do you mean?"

"Your wife"—Ruggles held up one finger and Galorey interrupted him to murmur:

"I'll take care of Edith."

"The Duchess of Breakwater you think won't talk of money?"

"No, don't count on it. She is aiming at ten million pounds."

Ruggles was holding up his second finger.

"Well, I guess Dan has gone out to take care of her today."

Dan and Ruggles had seen "Mandalay" from a box, from the pit and from the stalls. On the table lay a book of the opera. While talking with Galorey, Ruggles had unconsciously arranged the checks on top of the libretto of "Mandalay."

"I'll take care of Miss Lane," Ruggles said at length.

His lordship echoed, "Miss Lane" and looked up in surprise. "What Miss Lane, for God's sake."

"Miss Letty Lane at the Galey," Ruggles answered.

"Why, she isn't in the question, my dear man."

"You put her there just now yourself."

"Bosh!" Galorey exclaimed impatiently, "I spoke of her as being the limit, the last thing on the line."

"No," corrected the other, "you put the Duchess of Breakwater as the limit."

Galorey smiled frankly. "You are right, my dear chap," he accepted, "and I stand by it."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

STATE HAPPENINGS

Grand Rapids.—Following—a debauch on alcohol supplied by a local drug store, James H. Bush, aged seventy-four, died. Arrests will be ordered by Coroner Leroy of druggists who sold Bush liquor during the last few months.

Marquette.—Canadians of the Michipicoten district think citizens of the United States are starving because of the rejection of the reciprocity agreement by Canada, according to H. E. Kellen, a timber dealer, who recently returned from that district.

Lansing.—Robert D., six-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Campbell, 412 Pearl street, died, death being the result, according to the attending physician, of an overdose of paregoric administered early that morning by his mother, who did not realize the strength of the drug.

Charlotte.—Passenger No. 107 on the Michigan Central railroad, west bound, and a local freight train crashed together in a head-on collision just inside the yards here. Traffic was delayed several hours, but no one was seriously injured. The crews saved themselves by jumping.

Cadillac.—Four men more or less injured and two locomotives disabled were the results of a head-on collision between a G. R. & I. local freight. The injured will recover. They all reside in Big Rapids. They are Engineer Guy Etell, Fireman E. J. Shannessy, George Rudd and R. H. Vantassel.

Detroit.—Frank E. Snow, one of Detroit's pioneer railroad men, died from a stroke of paralysis. He was the father of Muir B. Snow, assistant general superintendent of the Michigan Central railroad, and of Nell W. Snow, president and general manager of the Detroit Twist Drill company.

Jackson.—As the result of a raid made on a gambling den by the sheriff's department, five gamblers were brought into court. The place raided was located at 247 East Main street, and was conducted by Charles Staner. Staner paid a fine of \$50, while the others paid fines of \$10 each.

Petoskey.—In a severe windstorm, a big stack on Bear River Paper & Bag company's mill was blown down, barely missing a residence. Railroad gates were blown over and long-distance telephone lines in that vicinity were put out of commission for the time being. Many windows were broken about the city by objects thrown by the wind.

Port Huron.—As the result of carelessness in handling a loaded rifle, two boys residing in St. Clair were injured. The two boys, Joe Heller and John Blewer, Jr., were out hunting in the woods back of St. Clair. The gun was in the hands of the former boy when it was discharged and the bullet went through one of Heller's fingers, glanced off and struck the Blewer lad in the arm.

Halfway.—Some one entered the St. Peter's Lutheran church at Halfway and took the silver basin from the baptismal font, and four gilded candlesticks from the altar. Steps have been taken to recover the stolen articles, and at a special meeting the congregation passed a resolution to offer a reward of \$25 for the arrest and conviction of the offender.

Grand Rapids.—A baby's nursing bottle, a lost trunk and \$3,600 worth of woman's finery has caused the chief officials of the Illinois Central road and the chief of police and city engineer of Jackson, Mich., to come here and testify in the United States district court case brought by Mrs. Warren Penley, wife of the head of the American Cement Plaster company, against the road. She alleges she lost the bottle and clothing in a wreck near Jackson.

Chelsea.—Roy Meyers and Leon Mortlock were brought before Justice Witherell here, charged with having broken into the Ypsilanti ticket office and stealing \$350. They admitted their guilt and implicated Carl Koutheiner. All three are boys between fifteen and seventeen years of age. As yet their case has not been disposed of.

Detroit.—The Detroit river was dragged for the body of a woman said to have jumped from the Belle Isle bridge and the police are making an effort to learn the identity of a man, alleged to have looked from the railing of the bridge as the woman floated about 100 feet down stream before disappearing.

Vassar.—Mrs. Eitham Teetsel, an invalid woman of seventy-five, while sitting in a chair near the stove, was badly burned. A spark from the stove set fire to some newspapers on the floor near the old lady. She bent over to smother the blaze and her clothes caught fire. Her screams brought Alfred Stone, a carpenter who was working on the house, and he finally succeeded in putting out the fire, but not before she was so badly burned that the doctor thinks she can not recover. Her husband had just gone down town to do some trading.

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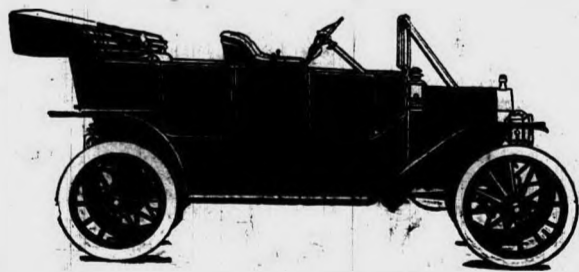
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RESOURCES:

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| Loans and Discounts, viz: | |
| Commercial Department..... | \$158,567 00 |
| Savings Department..... | 119,050 00 |
| Bonds, Mortgages and Securities, viz: | |
| Commercial Department..... | 22,084 75 |
| Savings Department..... | 2,225 00 |
| Premium account..... | 1,200 00 |
| Overdrafts..... | 356 00 |
| Banking house..... | 4,400 00 |
| Furniture and fixtures..... | 4,400 00 |
| Other real estate..... | 5,000 00 |
| Items in transit..... | 21,925 37 |

RESERVE:

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| Commercial: | |
| Due from banks in reserve cities..... | \$ 85,025 00 |
| U. S. and National bank currency..... | 8,565 00 |
| Gold coin..... | 1,241 00 |
| Silver coin..... | 945 31 |
| Nickels and cents..... | 58 70 |
| Savings: | |
| Due from banks in reserve cities..... | 47,086 78 |
| U. S. and National bank currency..... | 10,000 00 |
| Gold coin..... | 12,000 00 |
| Checks and other cash items..... | 627 94 |
| Total..... | \$133,115 56 |

LIABILITIES:

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| Capital stock paid in..... | \$ 75,000 00 |
| Surplus fund..... | 15,000 00 |
| Undivided profits, net..... | 28,583 87 |
| Dividends unpaid..... | 90 00 |
| Commercial deposits subject to check..... | \$118,519 00 |
| Certificates of deposit..... | 31,983 85 |
| Savings deposits..... | 371,904 99 |
| Savings certificates..... | 35,013 70 |
| Total..... | \$733,115 56 |

State of Michigan, County of Wayne, ss: I, E. E. Bennett, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of December, 1911.

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F. A. DIBBLE,
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Commissioner's Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Archibald S. Bronson, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of E. S. Passer, in the village of Plymouth, in said county, on Tuesday the 6th day of February, A. D. 1912, and on Saturday, the 10th day of April, A. D. 1912, at 2 o'clock P. M. of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that four months from the 6th day of December, A. D. 1911, were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated Dec. 4, 1911.

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