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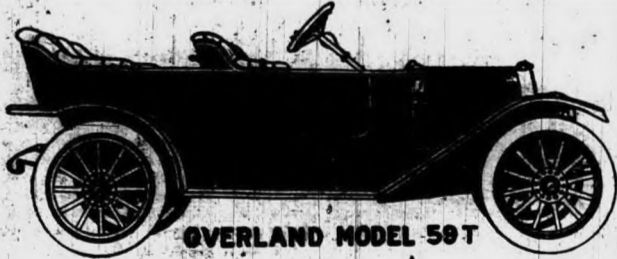
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Local Correspondence

MURRAY'S CORNERS.

J. A. Soper spent a few days this week with his daughter, Mrs. Eugene Legg in Detroit.

Mrs. McEwen and granddaughter, Miss Faye Palmer of Plymouth and Mrs. Wm. A. Warfield of Mason and Wm. Downs of Detroit, spent Sunday at Sam. Spicer's.

Philo Forshee spent the week's end with relatives at Dixboro and Ann Arbor.

John Laraway is spending the holidays with friends in Jackson.

Mrs. Helmuth visited her daughter at Northfield last week.

Olive Brown spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Farmington.

Mrs. O. Westfall and Mrs. C. E. McClumpha and daughter Dorothy spent Tuesday in Detroit.

LIVONIA CENTER.

Mrs. E. Stringer visited her sister, Mrs. Benton in Ann Arbor, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Smith were in the city Tuesday—a quick trip on the electric.

The new bridge just north of E. Peck's is all on the ground and now all that remains is to put it up.

Sympathy is with Mr. and Mrs. Matt Miller, who laid their infant child to rest last week. The little bud of promise only staid a few days with them.

Mr. McEnehan has his greenhouse nearly completed.

Mrs. Palmer Chilson and Mrs. Frank Peck are badly crippled up with rheumatism this week.

The many friends of Bertha Gildner are pretty sorry to learn of her poor health.

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.

PIKE'S PEAK.

Mrs. S. Cummings of Plymouth visited Mrs. Charles Wright Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Markey entertained company from Detroit Sunday.

Myrtle Chambers spent the fore part of the week with Lizzie Theuer.

Mrs. Holmes and daughter Lottie were Detroit shoppers Monday.

Carl Theuer, who has been working in the city the past four weeks, has returned home. "No place like home, Carl."

G. Fish of Plymouth called at Henry Klatt's Monday.

Week's vacation at the brick school next week.

\$100 Reward.

Any man who is tied up in a double knot with cramps in the bowels or crippled with the pains of rheumatism would sometimes pay that for a quick relief. Yet he can get what he wants for 25 cts. by sending to the druggist for a bottle of Renne's Pain-Killing Magic Oil. It is a powerful relieving remedy for all internal and external pain. Price 25c. Sold by Pinckney Pharmacy and Beyer Pharmacy.

WEST PLYMOUTH.

Miss Helen Smith's home from Ypsilanti for a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Carrie Merritt will hold Christmas exercises in District No. 7 this afternoon to which all the parents and people interested in the school, are invited.

Plymouth Grange held an all day meeting in Odd Fellows hall Thursday, with a picnic dinner.

Mrs. Will Smith, Ernest and Ruth went to Detroit Wednesday afternoon and will spend the remainder of the week there visiting her aunt, Mrs. Fannie Mott.

Notwithstanding the bad roads, Daniel Murray, Don and Dewitt Packard were able to take loads to the city this week, going in by way of Wayne.

Mrs. Durtce of Wayne is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Don Packard.

Mrs. J. J. Lucas visited her daughter, Mrs. Will Cole of Salem, Wednesday.

The Meanest Man in Town

Is the one who is always cross, disagreeable, short and sharp in his answers. In nine cases out of ten it is not the poor fellow's fault, his liver and digestion are out of order and he feels miserable. Are you getting into that condition? Then start at once taking Dr. Herrick's Sugar-Coated Pills for your liver. They will clean you out, vitalize your blood and put your digestion in good order. Price 35 cts. per box. Sold by Pinckney Pharmacy and Beyer Pharmacy.

NEWBURG.

There was a good attendance at the L. A. S. meeting Friday last at the hall. Christmas decorations were in evidence and the Christmas favors prepared by Mrs. Merrylees were decidedly pretty. Several Christmas selections were read, also a short talk was given by Rev. Warren, in which he stated he would be unable to fill the pulpit at Newburg, as he had been ordered by his physician to discontinue preaching three times a day for the present. Rev. Caster of Plymouth was asked to fill the vacancy and accepted.

All enjoyed the fine sermon Sunday by Rev. Caster; also the solo rendered with so much expression by Miss Youngs.

A good time was had at the Livonia Center L. A. S. last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Kingsley. A fine dinner was served at noon. The afternoon was passed with music, both vocal and instrumental.

Word was received Tuesday evening that Alfred Taft, who will be remembered as staying at the home of C. E. Ryder this fall, had passed away at Grace hospital. He had a number of relatives and friends in this community.

Remember the Christmas tree exercises at the hall Saturday evening.

A Christmas song service is being arranged for at the church service next Sabbath. Elder Caster will also preach along that line. Every one invited; also to remain to Sunday-school.

STARK.

Miss Hattie Hoisington is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Gunsolly, of Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Kingsley went to Clareville Friday to attend the funeral of a friend, Mrs. Durham of Salem, who was taken to that place for burial.

Miss Lula Heuber returned home Friday, after spending a week in Detroit.

Mrs. John Rattenbury spent Monday and Tuesday in Detroit.

Chas. Millard spent Tuesday in Detroit.

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.

School Notes, Dist. No. 3, Canton

School under the management of Miss Ruby Smith is progressing finely. Oley and Wirtley Drayton haven't missed a day during the fall term and tardy only once.

The class in drawing is doing exceptionally fine work.

The new Kalamazoo room heater is giving entire satisfaction.

The children are busy making Christmas presents to be given Friday when school closes for a week's vacation.

Miss Smith spent Thursday night of last week at the home of Mrs. Frank Palmer.

Some afternoon when time hangs heavy on your hands drop in at the school-house for a few minutes. Give the teacher a warm handshake and a smile and tell her that she is the best teacher that ever struck the district.

Show her you appreciate what she is trying to do for your boys and girls. Take an interest in her work and tell her how well the children are doing.

A bit of appreciation and a word of cheer helps wonderfully to smooth out life's pathway and if anybody's path needs smoothing it's the teacher's. Don't think she has it easy because she works only six hours a day. Those six hours are a nervous strain that would make a wreck of you in a week. And during the other eighteen she is thinking and planning on how she can make a better school for your boys and girls. It's hard to be cheerful all the time. Teachers get discouraged as well as any one.

Stop in at the school house some afternoon and give your teacher a word of cheer.

Attorney-General Kuhn has begun suit in Wayne county to compel the American Express Co. to comply with the law passed by the legislature of 1911, which requires express companies to carry packages not exceeding five pounds in weight and \$10 in value for twenty-five cents.

The express company has refused to grant the rate, claiming that it is confiscatory. An order was issued requiring the express company to show cause why a writ of mandamus should not be issued compelling it to obey the law.

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in beautifully decorated Boxes, come in and see ours. Prices range from
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Commissioner's Notice.
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 6th day of February, A. D. 1912, and on Saturday, the 6th 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 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.

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 6th day of February, A. D. 1912 and on Saturday, the 6th 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 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.

LOUIS HILLMER,
E. N. PASSAGE,
Commissioners.

Christmas in Foreign Lands

By John Foster Frazer

ATHER all, there is no place like home in which to celebrate Christmas. Even when the day does not come up to the old-fashioned pictorial representation of snow on the ground and red-breasted robins on the boughs, but is instead green and sunny, Christmas at home has an appropriateness and fits the scene in a way it cannot do in other lands.

It is rather hard to imagine appropriateness about Christmas under a blazing sky, and the eating of plum pudding when the thermometer is 90 degrees in the shade. How out of place the picturesque characters from Dickens' novels—muffled and cheery and full of boisterous mirth—would have been if they could have been conveyed on the magic carpet to gorgeous Cairo! Wealthy people, and, in these days of cheap travel, those who are not wealthy, now seek sunshine in the months which are considered dreary; so each Christmastide crowds of British people betake themselves to the City of the Caliphs, proceed up the Nile, and, even on Christmas night, toast the old folks at home in the magnificent hotel at Khartoum.

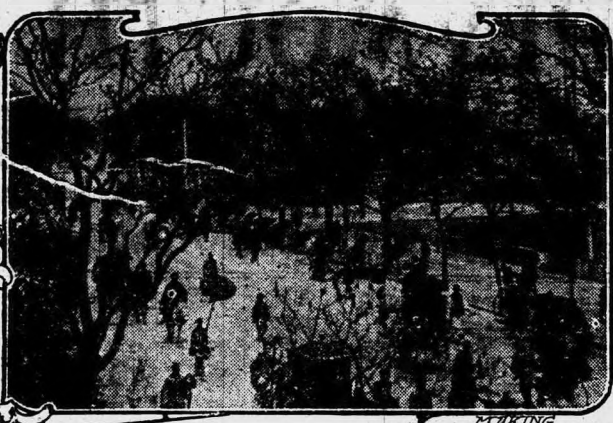
Our grandfathers and grandmothers, who regarded Christmas as a time of waits and holly berries and taking bas-



IN PERSIA



CHURCH OF NATIVITY BETHLEHEM CHRISTMAS MORNING



TRIPOLI—A CHARMING NATIVE TRIPOLITAN GIRL WEARING A SPECIAL FETE DRESS. SHE IS ONE OF THE DUSKY BEAUTIES OF THE COUNTRY NOW BEING FUGHT FOR BY ITALY AND TURKEY, AND THE NATURAL POSE AND GRACE OF THE SUBJECT LURED THE SNAPSHOTTER TO THE CREATION OF A WORK OF ART.

above the chair. When the dinner is over there follows the usual and appropriate speech making. Then comes the dance. That the company is in a distant foreign land is forgotten. Something of the flavor of Christmas tide at home is with the assembly. Laughter and merriment reign unbounded.

And is it not well at Christmastide to think of those of our own race and

land who are in far corners of the world? I do not only mean those who are in the great cities of Canada or Australia or South Africa or even in the semi-British towns in India. Rather I have in mind lands where a few British men and women, some traders, some missionaries, but all cut off by enormous distances from what is called the civilized world, whom it takes six weeks or two months for a letter to reach, and whose Christmas day is inclined to bring sad thoughts, not only because of the lonely lives they are leading, but by reason of the recollection of the other and more happy Christmas days they spent before they left the home-land.

Dotted about the world, in Africa, in lonely Indian stations, in the far northwest of Canada, out on the deserts of Australia, these people will be eating their Christmas dinners on the same day as ourselves. So, in the flush of happiness which comes to most of us, it is not a bad thing to let the thoughts wander to fellow Britons so far off that sometimes they are inclined to be forgotten.

Also there are others. I remember a Christmas day I spent on a tramp ship, a commodious, roomy old boat, but slow in pace, plowing her way through a storm in the Bay of Biscay. We ought to have been home before Christmas, but the weather had buffeted us and we were nearly a week behind our time. Christmas morning came drearily as the old vessel bumped her way over the angry waters. We had no Christmas cheer, no turkey, no plum pudding, no wine, but we had tinned rabbit and some bottles of stout on board. While the ship pitched and rolled the captain and his men and myself gulped our poor Christmas cheer and toasted each other in stout. Then the men went out to their work in the gale. I stood on the bridge together with the officer in charge while the wind howled and the sleet slashed and we pressed on slowly into the gloom. Not a very merry Christmas! But still the kind of Christmas that will be spent by many thousands of good British sailors in far seas.

For a contrast where better could you go to spend Christmas day than in Jerusalem and attend service at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Jerusalem is not quite the same as it was in Biblical times, though a good deal of it has not altered through many generations. It seems out of place to go to Jerusalem by railway and, outside the station, to be met by a horde of shrieking cab drivers seeking the job of conveying you to one of the big hotels.

Christmas day this year is on a Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, when thousands of Jews, conscious of what the day means to Christians, will lament that the Messiah they expect has not come.

Christians, Jews, Mohammedans, all jostle in the narrow streets of Jerusalem. On Christmas Eve the Mohammedans who, curiously enough, have charge of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, to prevent quarrelsome Christians doing injury to one another, will be keeping the Mohammedan Sabbath, and from the minarets of the mosques will sound the muzzelin of the Mullahs crying: "There is only one God, and Allah is his prophet; come all ye faithful and pray." Then, as the sun begins to drop on Christmas Eve, you may go to all that remains of the old walls of Jerusalem, and come across crowds of Jews, hooded women and men ringleted, many of them from distant shores, kissing the stones which once surrounded the city of their forefathers.

On Christmas morning, with the slouching Turkish soldiers at the door of the church, many Christians will enter to attend service, crouch through the low and narrow doorway, and have the privilege of kissing the stone on which tradition says the body of Christ was laid after the Crucifixion. See that group of tourists mounted on shaggy and ill-fed ponies! They are full of light-heartedness as they scamper along the rugged paths beyond the gates of Jerusalem. They are off to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity—dark and solemn and rather eerie with many subdued lights.

Christmas day brings many and varied recollections to the man who has wandered much about this old world.

Too True,
"Why is the race not always to the swift, my boy?"
"Because their gasoline gives out first."

BEAUTY OF TRIPOLI

Snapshot Taken of Belle in Fete Dress.

The Picture Portrays a Charming Native Tripolitan Girl, Who is One of the Country's Dusky Beauties.

Tripoli.—In the picture is portrayed a charming native Tripolitan girl wearing a special fete dress. She is one of the dusky beauties of the country now being fought for by Italy and Turkey, and the natural pose and grace of the subject lured the snapshotter to the creation of a work of art.

In Tripoli, peopled by almost every race under the sun, the women and children are possessed of a high degree of beauty, and the place has been called a city of romance. Pirates and corsairs, doomed by gunboats and modern progress to refrain from their nefarious exploits, thronged the cafes until the recent inroad of Italian troops. In blue zouaves and loose, baggy trousers, faced with brilliant touches of gold and red embroidery, they remain at heart untamed. The streets of the city are described as a riotous fantasy of architecture, with high whitewashed buildings, quaint projections and perforated windows, whence the harem ladies, themselves unseen, viewed the passing throng. The shops and bazaars were numerous, and sometimes had overhead a latticed roof, densely overgrown with vines. In the moving mass in the streets were Jews, Armenians, Suijanese, Arabs, Turks and Bedouins. Donkeys nosed their way through the clattering crowd, and beggars in picturesque attire appealed silently for alms.

But the most remarkable scene was to be witnessed every Tuesday in what was known as the Halfa market. There caravans used to arrive from the south and east, and camels bearing various products were formed into



Tripolitan Belle in Fete Dress.

miniature camps. The bargaining and the bartering during the early hours of the morning were wonderful to see, for from 5,000 to 10,000 persons usually attended the sales. Vendors could be seen squatted behind strips of matting, on which were little piles of oranges, lemons, figs, vegetables, grain, nuts, fish, dried locusts and other edibles, while cooks fried fritters in oil over basins of glowing charcoal. But all this is now changed. Bullet, saber and shell have scattered the peaceful inhabitants, and war's horrors reign where but a few weeks ago an Oriental and languorous people pursued the even tenor of a way to which they had been accustomed for centuries.

In the very center of Tripoli one was reminded that Rome, the universal, had been there. Here stands a solid and ornate triumphal arch, built of marble, once white, now darkened and defaced by time, and recently scarred by the gaping marks of war missiles. An inscription, still legible, records that the arch was erected by a quaestor under the joint reign of Lucius Aelius Verus and Marcus Auerlius. It stands low, for it is half buried in the accumulated soil, and one of its portals is debased to the purposes of a native cooper's shop. But its carvings still preserve something of their ancient beauty, and the structure, standing there in the heart of an alien city and civilization during all these centuries, speaks of the power and prestige of the days of the Caesars.

This Fellow Some Eater.

Lakeview, Ore.—Friends of Charles Winkelman are anxious to back him against any man in the United States in a heavyweight eating contest, following Winkelman's performance when he consumed nine pounds of solid food, one glass of beer and three of water in 58 minutes. The meal consisted of 32 large beef and ham sandwiches, 16 large pickles and 16 huge pieces of fruit cake. Winkelman is sixty years old. He says he has eaten 16 pounds of food at one sitting.

Forgets He Hid Away \$4,500.

Lexington, Neb.—Willow Island, Neb., has a champion absent-minded man. While tearing down his old store building after building a new one, Nell McMullen, for 35 years the principal merchant of Willow Island found \$4,500 in gold and silver that he had hidden at various times and forgotten. McMullen is eighty years old, but still active in business. He is a bachelor.

A FEDERAL HEALTH BOARD.

It is gratifying to note that the bill for the creation of a federal health board will not be allowed to pass without a protest. Reports of organized resistance come from all parts of the country, and it may be that the opposition will soon be sufficiently solidified to defeat a project that promises infinite mischief for the community, and suffering and injustice for the individual.

The proposal is based upon those specious claims that are notoriously hard to controvert. If a federal health board were to confine its activities to the promulgation of salutary advice upon hygienic matters, to the abatement of quackery, and to the purity of drugs, it might be possible to say much in its favor, although it would still be difficult to say that such an organization is needed. But we know that it will attempt to do far more than this, seeing that its adherents have loudly proclaimed their intentions. Indeed, there is no secrecy about them. It is confidently expected that the board will consist of advocates of one school of medicine only and that the methods of that school will be not only recommended, but enforced upon the nation. Indeed a board that was in any way representative of the medical profession as a whole would be stultified by its own disagreements. Outside the domain of simple hygiene, for which we need no federal board at all, there is no single point of medical practice upon which allopaths, homeopaths, eclectics and osteopaths could be in unison. Any board that could be devised by the wit of man must be composed of representatives of one school only, and this means that all other schools are branded as of an inferior caste, even though nothing worse happened to them. And something worse would happen to them. If we are to establish a school of medicine, if we are to assert that the government of the United States favors one variety of practice more than others, why not establish also a sect of religion and bestow special authorities upon Baptists, Methodists and Episcopallians? An established school of religious confecture seems somewhat less objectionable than an established sect of pseudo-scientific confecture.

Those who suppose that a federal board of health would have no concern with individual rights are likely to find themselves undeceived. It is for the purpose of interfering with individual rights that the proposal has been made. We need no special knowledge of conditions to be aware that what may be called unorthodox methods of healing have made sad inroads into the orthodox. Homeopathy claims a vast number of adherents who are just as well educated and just as intelligent as those who adhere to the older school. Osteopathy, eclecticism, and half a dozen other methods of practice are certainly not losing ground. Beyond them is the vast and increasing army of those who may be classed under the general and vague name of mental healers. Those who are addicted to any of these forms of unorthodoxy need have no doubt as to the purposes of the federal health board. Those purposes are to make it difficult for them to follow their particular fads and fancies, to lead them, and if necessary to drive them, from medical unorthodoxy to medical orthodoxy.

Now the Argonaut holds no brief for any of the excesses and the superstitions connected with the care of the body in which this age is so rife. But it does feel concerned for the preservation of human liberty and for the rights of the individual to doctor himself in any way he pleases so long as he does not indubitably threaten the health of the community. He may take large doses or small ones, or no doses at all; he may be massaged, anointed with oil, or prayed over, just as the whim of the moment may dictate, and probably it makes no particle of difference which he does. But he has the right to choose, just as he chooses the color of his necktie or the character of his underclothing. It is not a matter in which any wise government will seek to interfere. This is precisely the liberty that the health board intends to take from him. Orthodox medicine, conscious of its losses, is trying to buttress itself by federal statute, to exalt allopathy to the status of a privileged caste, and to create an established school of medicine just as some other countries have allowed themselves to create an established school of religion. It is for the common sense of the community to rebuke that effort and to repel an unwarranted invasion upon elementary human rights.—San Francisco Argonaut.

A Drain of the Company.

On his way home from the theater, where he had seen a performance of "Othello," Bobby was unusually quiet. "Didn't you enjoy the play," his grandfather asked at last. "Oh, yes, very much," replied Bobby. "But, grandpapa, there's one thing I don't quite understand. Does the black man kill a lady every night?"—Youth's Companion.

Natural Deduction.

"Papa, are lawyers always bad-tempered?"
"No, daughter; why do you ask that?"
"Because I read so much in the papers about their cross-examinations."

Kindred Spirits.

"Lady," said Plooding Peto, "I ain't had a square meal in two days."
"Well," said the resolve woman, as she turned the dog loose, "rather say, Towser, so I know you'll excuse him."



CHRISTMAS PARTIES AT THE PYRAMIDS



CHRISTMAS PARTIES IN THE ALPS

kets of provisions to poor folks, then attending the festooned and decorated church for morning service, and afterwards, with lights up and curtains drawn, proceeded to consume stabs of turkey and roast beef, chunks of plum pudding and innumerable mince pies, with the object of bringing happy months, would twirl in their graves if they could see the manner in which thousands of their descendants celebrate the day in Cairo.

I have known snow in Cairo, but the occasions are as rare as blue moons. As a rule, the morning comes with blazing sunshine, with not a cloud in the sky, and the atmosphere not only warm but sultry. It is not the occasion for topcoats or mufflers or fur capes. The men are in flannels and the women are in white finery. Possibly some attend the English church, with the hope of being reminded what day it is; but the majority go off upon excursions, wandering through the quaint, bedizened and scented bazars, where the Mohammedan salesmen, with little concern about the Christian festival, ply their trade of selling antiques, radiant robes and hand-made Oriental carpets. The majority, on pleasure bent, go off to the Pyramids, and, under the sweltering sun, climb to the summit of the great burial pile of the Cheops, and then, likely enough, mounted on donkeys, scamper across the hot sands to the Sphinx, in the shadow of which they proceed to picnic.

It is late afternoon, and the big sun is setting over the Libyan desert, and the bells in the mosques are tinkling for the faithful Mohammedans to come and pray; when most of our fellow country people return to their hotels. There is no old-style Christmas dinner. The fare is French; the music is probably Austrian. Somehow, the occasion, delicious and happy though it be, does not fit the picture. The moon rises and the evening is fragrant, whilst parties sit out upon the balconies before the dancing begins. And then thoughts inevitably wander to what the folks at home are doing.

Even with ourselves, particularly in London, a great change is coming over the celebration of Christmas. People with families, especially those with young children, do keep up something of the tradition. But amongst those who are grown up the tendency is to spend Christmas night at one of the great caravansaries of pleasure—a fashionable West End restaurant or a hotel, where in the entrance hall there is generally a magnificent Christmas tree, and the dinner is lavish, the music ravishing, and everything is bright and noisy, and the air is rippled with the laughter of pretty women.

The old-time Christmas is voted dull; besides, taking one's Christmas dinner at a hotel is reckoned much cheaper than having it at home. Within short memory a great change has come over our manner of spending Christmas. Thousands of people go to the big hotels on the south coast. The hydropathic establishments in the provinces are invariably crowded. Thousands upon thousands of men and women—chiefly those who are still in blithe manhood and womanhood—take themselves to Switzerland. For a week before Christmas the London stations which are jumping-off places for the continent are as busy as in summer holiday time dispatching Britons to the Alps.

Christmas in Switzerland! Why, a dozen years ago the majority of British people would have shuddered at the idea. Switzerland in dead winter, with heaped-up snow and storms and bitter cold, was not to be thought of. Great has been the alteration. Though there is plenty of snow the atmosphere is dry and the sun shines brightly. The air is invigorating. There is sufficient of skiing to be obtained, exciting races

on toboggans to be secured, and, for those bent on adventure, there is the most exciting pastime of skiing.

Many of the high-placed villages in the mountains of Switzerland become colonies of British people. These do the proper thing by going to the little church on Christmas morning. But they come back in a hurry, and are soon in their sweaters and have donned their heavy boots, or have affixed their skates and are off for pleasure long before luncheon time. The dining rooms are decorated for the great event of the evening—the Christmas dinner. Curious it is to think that these bunches of happy folk, who a week ago were scattered in all parts of the British Isles, now congregate in the well-lighted rooms of a Swiss hotel, and are eating their Christmas dinner 600 or 700 miles away from home. Maybe there is a carnival on the ice at night. The air is dead still. The moon is like a great lantern in the heavens. Fancy dresses are the proper thing. Every one carries a multi-colored Chinese lantern swinging at the end of a cane. The local Swiss band plays popular airs. There is the swish and rumble of innumerable skates over the crisp and well-swept ice.

Think of the manner in which the day is spent in the distant treaty ports of the Far East. There comes back to my memory a Christmas day I once spent in Shanghai. In that great commercial Chinese city is a considerable gathering of British people, chiefly engaged in trade, kindly, hospitable, giving the hand of friendship to the traveler and seeing that he has a good time with the rest. There are Christmas morning calls to be made. Callers travel from house to house in jinrickshaws hauled by bronze-skinned Chinese coolies. Maybe there are steepchase races on the outskirts of the town, and the entire British colony go off to see their countrymen, adepts in horsemanship, scamper for the prizes. Then come luncheon parties, to be followed at night by the customary Christmas gathering. One might almost forget that one was thousands of miles away from home, except maybe for the fact that the servants are silt-eyed Chinamen.

Another Christmas day comes to memory as I write. It was in Teheran, the capital of Persia. There, of course, is the British legation; but most of the British residents, fifty or sixty in number, are engaged in connection with the telegraph service. Teheran is a great transmission station on the telegraph route between England and India. On Christmas morning there is generally a football match on the Miadan, a big open space where most of the Persian military displays take place. In the afternoon there is polo. The Persians stand round with wide-eyed wonder, quite incapable of understanding why it is that English people are putting themselves to such exertions in the search of what they consider pleasure. The Persian does not appreciate the western habit of violent exercise. He regards those who take part in it as rather mad.

It is the practice of most British ministers to give a dinner party on Christmas night to the leading British and American residents in the fine legation dining room. The two flags, the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, are hung

FIRE BLIGHT

By G. P. COONS
Michigan Agricultural College

Judging from the inquiries and specimens sent to the department of botany this past summer, no disease of apple or pear is more common than fire blight. Every pear or apple orchard visited showed cankers caused by this disease. It is too often the case that fruit growers do not recognize symptoms of this disease and it is notorious that many make no attempt to combat it.

The Signs.

The first thing necessary in fighting this disease is to know its symptoms or signs.

Fire blight on either apple or pear usually starts in the blossoms. It can also start in growing twigs—water shoots ("suckers") especially, and it has been shown that the fruit bark borer is very active in spreading the blight. Once inside the twig, the advance of the disease is rapid. The twig is killed, the bark becomes water-soaked and finally black. The leaves, dead and curled, cling to the tips. In the apple, this twig blight is the most common form, but in the



Controlling Agents and Tools.

pear, in addition to the killing of the twigs, limb and trunk blight occurs.

The canker of fire blight is nothing more nor less than the dead spot or strip. These cankers usually can be traced to the dead twig or an insect puncture—the entrance point.

As soon as the bark and growing layers are killed, the dead parts dry out and take on a sunken appearance. If one digs into one of these spots, he finds the tissue dry and brown while healthy tissue is full of sap and green. The surrounding bark grows and pulls away from these canker areas. Thus the canker becomes marked out by a sharp line.

Were these canker areas small and if they did not increase in size, the logs would not be so great, but many times these cankers increase in size,

sometimes extending down the limb several feet. The great majority of these cankers, in the end, completely girdle the limb. This limb may be one of the largest on the tree and at once the bearing power of the tree is cut in two.

From the larger limbs and from the water shoots ("suckers") the blight cankers on the trunk may start—commonly called body blight. This body blight frequently kills the whole tree.

The Cause.

Fire blight is caused by bacteria. It is therefore a disease comparable to tuberculosis, the one being a disease of plants and the other a disease of animals, but each caused by a definite organism or germ, belonging to the group called bacteria.

The bacteria which cause fire blight lives over in many of the old cankers. In the spring, from these old cankers, the germs ooze out in gummy, sticky drops and each drop contains millions of the organisms. Bees and other insects visit these drops and thus carry the germs to the flowers. In the nectar of the flowers the germs multiply enormously and bees passing from flower to flower, dipping into the nectar, spread the germs throughout the trees in the orchard.

The Cure.

Success in controlling fire blight depends on three things. First, recognition of the symptoms of the disease; second, constant vigilance; third, frequent inspection of the apple and pear orchard. The work necessary can be done most quickly and profitably with the tools and solutions shown in the cut. The plan is as follows: With a carpenter's gouge, clean out all cankered spots on limbs and trunk, cutting out the diseased



Limb Cankers.

tissue and exposing the healthy wood. Disinfect the cut surface with corrosive sublimate, one tablet to a pint of water. Carry this solution in a pail and soak a sponge with it and swab the wound out. This wounded surface should be painted over with a good lead paint or tar. It will then heal in the course of a few years. Do this in the fall or winter. In the spring, when the blossoms begin to fall, inspect the orchard frequently. Clip out all cases of twig blight. A sponge attached to the pruner should be wet with the disinfectant, and the twig which is cut off should be touched with the wet sponge. Break off all water sprouts from the roots and trunk, thus getting rid of the chief source of limb and trunk cankers.

A twig with black leaves clinging to it should be a banner of the enemy, inviting attack.

Each canker on the tree is a menace to the rest of the tree.

The control of fire blight is a business proposition. Each large limb of the tree will bear a certain amount of fruit—a bushel, two bushels—not for one year alone but for many years. To save a limb will take ten or fifteen minutes' time—twenty to fifty bushels of pears for ten minutes' work is good pay.

The department of botany will examine specimens of diseased plants free of charge, and give such advice as is necessary for the control of these diseases. Address the Department of Botany, East Lansing, Mich.

installed the force of gravity carries the dirt up the drain pipe and relieves us of that disagreeable job every season.

Should Have Droppings Platform.

In order to facilitate cleanliness in the poultry house and to greatly reduce the amount of filth, droppings boards should by all means be used. By using a little precaution in placing the droppings boards so as not to obstruct the light the entire floor space beneath can be utilized for a scratching floor. At least six inches should be allowed between the droppings boards and the roosts, the distance depending entirely upon the arrangement in sections it can be handled much more easily, as it is frequently found desirable to remove them in cleaning. Smooth flooring is the most desirable material to use; when expense is not considered, the cleaning is greatly facilitated if this is covered with tin or sheet iron. The platforms can be cleaned easily with a wide hooped scraper. The droppings can be scraped off the boards into barrels, in which they can be conveniently removed to the land.

Dicking Alfalfa Fields.

After alfalfa fields are a year old, and if weeds or grasses have come in, they might be harrowed with a spring-tooth harrow after cutting, and smoothed down with a spike-tooth drag. After the plants become older and tough the field might be gone over in early spring with the disk harrow, taking care not to set it too great an angle, and then this should be followed by the spike-tooth drag.

Pigeon Raising.

One of the most successful pigeon raisers we know feeds his birds nothing but whole corn.

French pigeon fanciers feed millet with a slight mixture of hemp seed, and also very small peas soaked in water. The feeding is done by hand in many cases.

Although flying about and apparently of mature age, birds may be distinguished as squabs by the squealing noise they make, which is always the call of the squab.

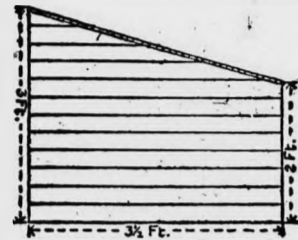
POULTRY



COLONY HOUSES PROVE BEST

Have Many Advantages Because They Can Be Moved From Place to Place With Little Trouble.

I like colony houses because they can be moved easily from place to place and thus insure clean surroundings for the chicks. They also enable one to take the broods from an undesirable place such as the dooryard or



Side Elevation.

the garden and keep them in a field where there is plenty of insect food or scattered grain left by the binder or the reaper, writes W. J. Judson in the orange Judd Farmer. In such surroundings the chicks can save considerable outlay for food by converting into flesh what would otherwise go to waste. Young chickens can be removed from the house or the brooders when about six weeks old. If taken from hens, they should be dusted thoroughly for lice at that time and if not already marked should be marked with a poultry punch.

At first they should be confined to a temporary yard by wire netting not less than two feet high. A convenient size for this yard is one rod each way. Of course, the larger the inclosure, the more grass there will be for the chicks. It is best to keep them here for three or four days, or a week, depending upon their age and the distance they are removed from their former location. When they become accustomed to the place, the fence may be removed by using hoppers which contain one-half to one bushel of feed, but considerable



Front of Colony House.

time may be saved in feeding, it being necessary to fill the hoppers only once or twice a week.

A very convenient sized house for 50 to 70 chicks is shown in the accompanying illustration. It is six by three and one-half feet on the ground, three feet high in front and two feet behind. Iron roofing or building paper may be used, both on the top and on the sides. For floors, one-inch matched stuff is best. The bottom may be made of rough boards, the upper side planned. In the summer the chicks need an opening about ten inches wide, running the entire length of the front. This may be covered on the inside with one-inch mesh poultry wire. Where the door is full high, three feet, it is much handier to have a screened opening on the top, ten inches in width, as shown in the drawing. Two men can carry such houses from place to place or one person can shift them by moving one end at a time. By using colony houses, I believe the farmer can produce healthier chicks with less expense and better than by the ordinary methods practiced on most farms.

MUSCOVY DUCK IS PECULIAR

They Are Very Tame and Easier to Raise Than Chickens—Make Excellent Fowl for the Table.

To appreciate the beauty of Muscovy ducks it is necessary to see them. There are two varieties, the colored and the white. The colored may be either blue, black, green or fawn, but whichever shade they chance to be they are lustrous and shiny, and the dark coloring is relieved by underwings and sides of snowy white, says the Prairie Farmer. They have scarlet faces all around their eyes down to their bills; on their heads is a crescent of feathers that lays flat until the bird is excited or angry, then those short, soft feathers stand up straight, forming a cap. The hen duck is about the size of a Pekin, dainty and very beautiful. The drake is extremely large, weighing when mature between ten and twelve pounds. The white Muscovies are the same as the colored excepting that they are entirely white. The peculiarities of the Muscovies are numerous and interesting. They never quack, but make a queer husky, hissing sound. Both ducks and drakes fly like pigeons, but the ducks being of lighter weight, can fly a greater distance. They will rise from the barnyard, circle a forty-acre field and finally alight in almost the same spot from which they started. They roost on barns and other high places. The ducks are splendid layers. They usually build their nests in lofts and in the high boxes in the henhouse.

JUDGED BY THEIR CLOTHES

Smart Clear Store Clerk Ready With Apology That by No Means Mended Situation.

Herman Fellner tells this story on himself, according to the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times Star. He was in Washington on business recently and met three or four friends on the street. After a moment's chat he beckoned them to come with him. "I'm off the stump," said he, "but I want to buy you each a cigar."

They happened to be in front of a combination cigar and news stand at the moment. Led by Mr. Fellner they all trooped in. The clerk hurried to the cigar case to wait upon them. Before Mr. Fellner could indicate his wishes the clerk had slapped a box on the glass case. "Here y' are," said he. "Best dime smoker in town."

Mr. Fellner is sort of fussy about his smokes. He looked at the cigar then shoved the box away. "Have you no other price?" he asked.

The clerk shoved the box in the case. "Sure thing," said he. "My mistake and your treat."

Having pulled off this time-worn witticism, he addressed Mr. Fellner confidentially. "Your clothes sort of fooled me," said he. "You fellows are a pretty well-dressed lot, you know." Then he put another box on the counter. "Here," said he, "is the best nickel smoker in the village."

ECZEMA DISFIGURED BABY

"Our little boy Gilbert was troubled with eczema when but a few weeks old. His little face was covered with sores even to back of his ears. The poor little fellow suffered very much. The sores began as pimples, his little face was disfigured very much. We hardly knew what he looked like. The face looked like raw meat. We tied little bags of cloth over his hands to prevent him from scratching. He was very restless at night, his little face itched.

"We consulted two doctors at Chicago, where we resided at that time. After trying all the medicine of the two doctors without any result, we read of the Cuticura Remedies, and at once bought Cuticura Soap and Ointment. Following the directions carefully and promptly we saw the result, and after four weeks, the dear child's face was as fine and clean as any little baby's face. Every one who saw Gilbert after using the Cuticura Remedies was surprised. He has a head of hair which is a pride for any boy of his age, three years. We can only recommend the Cuticura Remedies to everybody." (Signed) Mrs. H. Albrecht, Box 883, West Point, Neb., Oct. 25, 1910. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 14, Boston.

What Happened.

"Did he have any assistance in writing that successful play?"
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A girl can get more by putting during courtship than she can by shouting after marriage.



Housework Drudgery

Housework is drudgery for the weak woman. She brushes, dusts and scrubs, or is on her feet all day attending to the many details of the household, her back aching, her temples throbbing, nerves quivering under the stress of pain, possibly dizzy feelings. Sometimes rest in bed is not refreshing, because the poor tired nerves do not permit of refreshing sleep. The real need of weak, nervous women is satisfied by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

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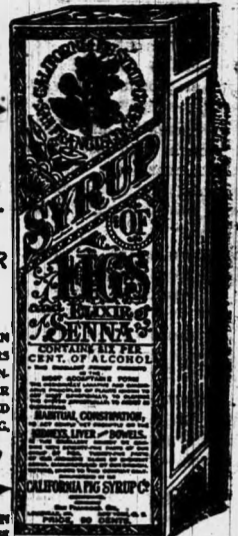
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THE PLYMOUTH MAIL

—BY—
F. W. SAMSEN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1911

The village of Redford is quarantined on account of small-pox. No cars stop there and no freight is received. Schools are closed. There is also a case of small-pox reported at Dearborn.

The remains of Mrs. Alvin Taylor were brought here last Monday on the D. U. R. funeral car. The burial took place in the Kinyon cemetery. Deceased was formerly a resident of Waterford.

It is given out that a strict look-out is to be kept for parties who violate the law in regard to selling tobacco to minors. The law expressly forbids selling cigarettes or tobacco in any form to any person under 21 years of age.

About forty-two friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stewart walked in upon them Saturday night and completely surprised them as they were soon to leave the neighborhood for their new home on Ann Arbor street. All report a good time.

The bad roads—said to be the worst ever—have done much to curtail the Christmas trade. The whole month has been remarkable from a weather standpoint and both farmers and dealers have had much to contend against. Let's hope January will be better.

State Oil Inspector Neal of Northville filed his report Tuesday with the state. It shows that \$16,900 has been paid to the state treasurer, with all expenses paid. About \$4,000 has been collected in fees so far this month, making the total amount for the year about \$20,900.

So many accidents are being reported as the results of carelessness in using liquid stove polish, which contained naphtha, that the state oil inspector's department has commenced a canvass of the state to compel the branding of such polish with a caution label and the word "naphtha" printed in goodly size letters on each package.

Mrs. Mary Brown received a message Saturday, announcing the death of her aunt, Mrs. Louisa Kinyon. The deceased was the daughter of the late Benjamin Moreland of this place. She was born and grew to womanhood in this locality and will be remembered by many of the older residents. She died at her home in Caro, Mich., Friday, Dec. 15th, aged 78 years and 22 days.

A free lecture, "The Wise and Foolish Virgins," will be given Friday evening, Jan. 5, at 7:30 o'clock, in Plymouth village hall, by Mr. J. A. Bohnet, V. D. M., of Brooklyn, N. Y., in connection with that difficult fifth chapter of Songs of Solomon which this noted Bible exegete will elucidate and make as plain as any chapter in the Scriptures. Mr. Bohnet has given this lecture in every state of the Union and handles the subject from an entirely new standpoint. Honest skeptics as well as bible students are cordially invited to attend. Admission free. No collection.

Alford R. Taft died at Grace Hospital, Detroit, Tuesday evening last. The remains were brought here yesterday afternoon on the 2 o'clock train, and the funeral was held from the Presbyterian church. Mr. Taft was born in Plymouth 50 years ago and about 12 years ago removed to Detroit.

On July 10, 1910, Mr. Taft was overcome by the hot weather, from the effect of which he did not fully recover. He continued to feel badly until May 7th 1911, since which time he had been a great sufferer. On Dec. 5 he was taken to Grace hospital in hopes of receiving some relief, and for a time seemed to be getting better. On Tuesday he was taken with a chill and his demise followed soon after. He leaves a widow and brother, A. A. Taft, to mourn his loss.

W. C. T. U.

The meeting last week was well attended and the leaders made it very interesting. The readings were interspersed with songs which were a great addition to the program.

The leaders for the meeting next week Thursday, Dec. 28, are Mrs. F. H. Shattuck and Mrs. Roy Lane. The subject is "The Art of Christmas Giving, 'Living in the Present' and 'Thoughts for the New Year'."

This will be our last meeting in 1911. Christmas work will be over so let us be there and cheer the leaders by our presence.

The new Governor of Mississippi, Hon. Earl Brewer, who was elected Nov. 2, and will be inaugurated in January, is the man who has stated with much emphasis that he has been all his life and expects to die a red-hot, uncompromising prohibitionist, in favor of statutory prohibition, state-wide prohibition and every species and form of state prohibition and national prohibition, and that if the W. C. T. U. can make it any stronger than that, he is willing to subordinate his name to it. We would that the Governor of every state and the Hon.—Supt. Press.

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CHURCH NEWS

EPISCOPAL.

Service will be held on Sunday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. All are invited to attend.

LUTHERAN.

Rev. O. Peters, Pastor. Sunday, Dec. 24th, at 7 o'clock standard, the Sunday-school will have their Christmas exercises. A program in English and German has been arranged. There will be a Christmas tree and pleasure for young and old. A special invitation is extended to all.

Monday, Dec. 25, services in the morning at 9:30 standard time. Holy communion will be observed at the service. All are invited.

METHODIST

Rev. E. J. Warren, Pastor. Next Sunday, December 24, will be another special day with us. In the morning at 10 o'clock, there will be a special Christmas sermon by the pastor. Sunday-school promptly at 11:30 a. m. In the evening there will be no Epworth League service, nor preaching service. Instead, however, there will be given a sacred Christmas concert. This concert will begin at 8:30 p. m. Mid-week service on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock instead of 7 o'clock as heretofore.

BAPTIST

Rev. W. W. DesAutels, Pastor. Next Sunday our services will partake of the looks of Christmas and be in the spirit of this Christian Holiday. In the morning the subject of the sermon will be "Message of Christmas." In the evening, it will be "The Spirit of Christmas." A small token as a remembrance of the day will be given to all who attend. Our Sunday-school will meet at 11:15. The B. Y. P. U. holds its meeting at 6:00 o'clock in the parlors of the church.

The annual Christmas entertainment by our school will be held on Monday evening, Christmas night, and will consist of a cantata, rendered by members of the school.

The pastor will preach at Livonia Center next Sunday afternoon at 1:30 standard time. This is a half hour earlier than on former Sundays, but it is thought that this hour will suit the people in the community better than 2:00. We are having special music at these services.

PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. B. F. Farber, Pastor. Christmas exercises will be held in this church on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. There will be a tree and a program.

Services will be held on Sunday, Dec. 25th, as follows: Morning worship at 10 o'clock. The pastor will preach. Theme: "The Great Birthday." Special music by the quartette. Sunday-school at 11:15 o'clock. Presbyterian Guild at 6 o'clock. Subject, "The Gift That Transforms the World." Leader,

Mrs. B. F. Farber. In the evening at 7 o'clock there will be a sacred concert. The program may be found below.

There will be no prayer meeting next Thursday evening.

We invite you to join with us in these services.

SACRED CONCERT PROGRAM.

Organ Solo—"Adoration" (from Holy City) Miss Beals
Tenor Solo—"The Christmas Star" Price
Duet—"Book of Ages" Mr. C. Whipple Dibble
Contraalto Solo—"The Christmas Star" Miss Conner and Mr. Farber
Anthem—"But thou, Bethlehem" Selected
Soprano Solo—"The New Born King" L. Espoir Quartette
Violin Solo—"Il Trovatore" Verdi
Soprano Solo—"Birth of Christ" Tipton
Male Quartette—"O Holy Night" Ashford
Duet—"The Angel of Light" Coombs
Quartette—"The Birthday of a King" Weidinger
Organ Solo—"Joy to the World" Handel-Ashford
Miss Beals

SCHOOL NOTES.

High school visitors last week were Clifford Jackson, Orson Polly and Norma Baker.

The kindergarten children are to have a Christmas tree Friday morning and their mothers are to be invited.

A regular meeting of the P. H. S. Literary society was held Friday afternoon. A parliamentary drill was enjoyed by the students. After that Clifford Jackson gave a talk to the high school.

The first grade are to give a Christmas program Friday morning.

English III. is studying Shakespear's "The Tempest."

The members of the boys club recently formed in the high school had a fine time at Herbert Warner's home last Friday.

Keep Friday, Jan. 12, an open date so that you can attend the "County Fair," the play to be given by the high school on that date.

No more studying until next year.

"You make 365 mistakes a year as an aviator. And yet people say you can't live on air."—Fliegende Blatter.

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Terms of Sale, cash on day of sale, subject to confirmation by the Circuit Court in Chancery for Wayne county, Michigan. Dated December 19th, 1923.

HENRY J. FISHER, Receiver

TRY PLYMOUTH MAIL LINERS—IT PAYS

Local News

Let Shingleton be your tailor.

Draper's store will be open all day Monday.

William Bettis and wife have moved to Detroit.

Clifton Jackson of Detroit was in town last Friday.

Glenn Brown of Saginaw called on Russell Wingard Sunday.

Mrs. R. Marshall has gone to Grand Rapids to spend the winter.

The Mail wishes all its readers and friends a "Merry Christmas."

Mrs. Jno. Mathews of Detroit was a Plymouth visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald of Detroit visited at Robt. Warner's Sunday.

Suits sponged and pressed, 50c. Shingleton.

Miss Jessie Carpenter of Ionia spent at E. R. Daggett's last week Friday.

The New Idea Club were entertained by Mrs. Nelson Cole Tuesday afternoon.

A Box of Lowneys Candy is just what she wants. For sale at Pinckney's Pharmacy.

Miss Mabel Spider is home from Youngstown, Ohio, for a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Elizabeth Terry has returned home from a two or three weeks' visit in Saginaw.

Miss Grace Campbell spent Saturday and Sunday in Ann Arbor visiting her brother Eugene.

John Stewart and family are moving into their new home on Ann Arbor street this week.

Pierre Bennett has a position in the gent's furnishing department in Hudson's store, Detroit.

A. W. Strong of Ionia, owner of the Eastern Telephone Co., visited at H. Spicer's Wednesday.

Misses Madeline Bennett and Athalie Hough are home from the Monroe Academy for the holidays.

Rev. E. E. Caster has been appointed pastor of the Newburg church. Services will be held as usual.

Mrs. Lucy Warder and Miss Blanche (Daisy) of Rushon are visiting their sister, Mrs. R. G. Samsen.

Mrs. H. A. Warden of Fenton visited from Friday to Monday with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Kershaw.

The funeral of Fred M. Simmons, a brother of Mrs. C. H. Burch of this village was held at Farmington Sunday.

The Sextette Club dancing party was quite well attended, considering the bad roads, over fifty couple being present.

Gayde Bros. have a large stock of Xmas novelties. William Gayde is helping out in the rush of holiday trade.

Charles Caruthers has purchased the house owned by Charles Olds on Mill street. He is expecting his goods every day.

Mrs. Ben Chamberlain went to Benton Harbor this week to visit her husband, who is general yardmaster at that place.

Irving Daggett of Ypsilanti made a flying trip to Plymouth Wednesday. Ernest Robinson returns the visit tomorrow.

D. M. Leitch, who has been visiting friends here for two or three weeks, returned to his home Monday at Thamesville, Ont.

A year's subscription to The Mail makes a good present for some absent friend or relative who likes to hear from Plymouth.

The Express Co is located down near the depot. Anyone wishing to send express mail No. 25-4r, and it will be picked up.

Our station agent, Mr. Phelps, received a new gold watch through the Express Co. for a Xmas present, Wednesday.

Mrs. Hall, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Henderson the past two weeks, has returned to her home in Wyandotte.

Four prizes are offered for the masquerade dance in Penniman hall next Thursday evening. Go and see the merry masqueraders.

W. O. Hudd entertained his Sunday-school class last Monday evening. An elegant luncheon was served and an enjoyable time had.

John Ross of Milford was down here after a load of telephone poles to be used along the railroad track for the Mich. State Telephone Co.

Mr. A. Junker of Indianapolis, Ind., comes here as general foreman for the P. M. vice F. M. Price transferred as general foreman to Detroit.

Will Hawthorne was urgently invited over to Wayne last Monday. Adrian Anderson was the cause of Will's journey, the latter paying the costs.

President Hillier has sold his farm (known as the Shastock farm) to Ed. Chase. Mr. Chase expects to use it as a stock farm and will move on it in the near future.

When your feet are wet and cold and your body chilled through and through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by all dealers.

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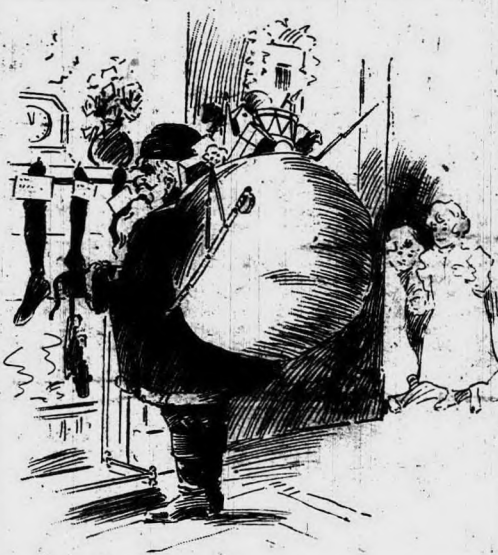
GALE'S

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In Books,

We have Boys' Books, Girls' Books, A B C Books, Linen Books, Christmas Books, at 5c, 10c, 25c and 50c.

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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
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THE PLYMOUTH MAIL

F. W. SAMSEN, Publisher. PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Butter and eggs are high again, but nothing always is.

The right place to censor postcards is in the manufactories.

Winter is acting as if it had found the right place to settle down.

It is suspected that somebody at Medicine Hat has left the door open.

Military experts have devised a gun for killing aviators. But what's the use?

This is the time for the cold weather prophets to shout that they told us so.

California's first woman jury acquitted an editor. He must be a good-looking fellow.

Another aeronaut threatens to fly across the Atlantic. He is said to be a good swimmer.

Sometimes a man goes through life as a dictator and sometimes he marries his stenographer.

A York, Pa., man ate a live mouse, there being no accounting for tastes, as we have said before.

It must be a great experience to be engaged to a girl who can say "I love you" in 54 languages.

Dr. Wiley says that American cooking is the worst in the world. Eating must be an awful chore to Dr. Wiley.

Once more tailors and coal dealers are taking some interest in life. Also trade in thermometers is brisk again.

A Chicago man who has been hairless for 50 years now has a full beard, says a pork millionaire acquiring culture.

Sea captain in love with a Maryland maid eloped by mistake with her twin sister. However, it's all in the family.

A college professor advises all men to wear whiskers. Evidently he has been cut up by a barber and wants to get even.

We see by the papers that an Indiana girl was hurt playing football. Evidently she was training to be a suffragette.

A Philadelphia clergyman says that no business man can be honest. All his gospel that is dealt out from some pulpits.

A New Hampshire manufacturer of seventy-seven has married a girl bookkeeper, so his estate will be straightened up properly.

If the boxing game continues to lose its popularity it will soon be necessary for our boxers to join their brethren in China.

The man who rocks the boat, having had a chance to rest up a bit, is now engaged in dragging the gun through the bushes.

An Andover professor complains because Harvard men sit up when they pray, but how he would complain if they sat up to play cards!

A college professor announces that the earth will cease revolving in 5321. Now then some game sport ought to bet him a million that it won't!

Chicago proposes to give all its streets names easy to pronounce. But that won't make any difference with the conductors who call them off.

The Chinese emperor is only a little taller, but judging from the way he writes, he will some day make a fortune out of the six best seller business.

Connecticut grave digger, eighty-five years old, celebrated his birthday by digging his own grave. Some people have queer ideas of amusement.

The Chinese emperor keeps his thoughts to himself, but we have a hunch that he is sighing for an aeroplane, or some other means of rapid locomotion.

The young fellow in Massachusetts who has reached the age of 21 without having kissed a girl may be a virtuous youth, but it strikes us that his early education has been neglected.

The earth, we are told, will be habitable for the next 10,000,000 years. This announcement will cause a feeling of relief among those who have been thinking of leasing apartments on Mars.

A burglar entered a house in New York the other day and stole five volumes of poetry. Perhaps they were wanted for Mona Lisa to help her while away the days of her retirement.

A writer in the Lowell Courier-Citizen has deservedly got into trouble by saying that Germans traveling in Europe are "too often unaccompanied."

Considering the behavior of the many Americans abroad, no wonder should there be stones at any number of any other nationality.

BAKER WINS IN STATE GRANGE

RE-ELECTED MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPITE OF "REGULARS."

BAKER IS NOW AFTER PRESIDENT HULL'S CHAIR.

Hot Resolution Passed Calls on President Taft to Dismiss Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

The insurgents in the state grange meeting at Kalamazoo have won what they are calling a glorious victory. Speaker Baker of the legislature, who, with Deputy Dairy and Food Commissioner Helme, are the directing geniuses of the insurgents, was re-elected a member of the executive committee, after an intensely bitter contest, the like of which the grange has not before known.

One of the last acts of the convention before the final adjournment was to adopt a resolution calling on President Taft to insist on the resignation of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, because the latter presided at the Brewer's International Convention in Chicago, Oct. 10.

Religion Crusade Wins In State. Great success is attending the work of the Men and Religious Forward Movement in the campaigns being waged in upstate cities and towns.

The four-day campaign closed in Flint Sunday evening. It has been one of the most successful conducted in Michigan.

Perce Nabs Two Yeggmen. Following a revolver fight in the railroad yards at Durand with three alleged cracksmen, a posse headed by Durand police succeeded in capturing two men, who are lodged in jail.

The alleged "knights of the mask" are Frank Howard, 30, and James Callahan, 35, of Toledo. The third man, who is believed to have been wounded in the gun fight, got away.

The Michigan Beekeepers' association closed its annual convention in Saginaw by awarding prizes and listening to a number of papers of a technical nature.

Officers were elected: President, E. D. Townsend, Remus; vice president, L. S. Griggs, Flint; secretary-treasurer, E. B. Tyrrell, Detroit.

George H. Sweet Is Under Arrest. Geo. H. Sweet, head of the wrecked banks at Menth and Whitmore Lake, which were conducted by S. Francis Walsh & Co., and which failed some time ago, was arrested in Jackson and taken to the county jail.

Says 35 Per Cent of Cattle Are Diseased. Dr. Charles E. Marshall, professor of bacteriology at the M. A. C. in a talk before the Holstein Cattle Breeders' association in Lansing, declared that 35 per cent of the cattle would not stand the tuberculin tests.

President Taft announced he would reappoint Daniel A. Campbell postmaster at Chicago. Mr. Campbell's term expired December 12 and his nomination for the reappointment probably will be sent to the senate within a few days.

Mrs. John Howard, a widow, has been appointed juvenile officer in Bay City.

The first hanging that ever occurred in an opera house took place in Jackson, Ga., when William Turner, a negro preacher, was executed for having incited a race riot in which Jesse Singler, a prominent planter, was shot to death.

After Judge Baldwin had directed a verdict for the defendants in a \$5,000 alienation damage suit of Mrs. Viola Cook against Charles and Clara Cook, of Bowling Green, O., the hearts of the jurors were touched by the hopeless condition of the plaintiff, who is a cripple, that they went to her aid, a body and save her their fees in the case.

KING LEAVES DELHI

Indian Authorities Breathe Easier as Monarch Departs.

Bringing to a close the most magnificent durbar that has ever proclaimed the vassalage of India to Great Britain, King George and Queen Mary, new emperor and empress of India, took their departure from the new Indian capital. The Indian authorities who have charge of the safeguarding of the royal pair during their stay breathed a sigh of relief as the new emperor and empress departed.

Before leaving King George expressed his warm appreciation of the loyal sentiment of the Delhi people. Simultaneously with the departure of the king and queen, the thousands of visitors who had come to witness the scenes of the investiture also began leaving.

Farmers Reject Woman's Suffrage. That the farmers of Michigan may take a hand in demanding woman suffrage in this state was turned down when a resolution to that effect was introduced to the Michigan Association of Farmers' clubs, which convened for the annual meeting.

Other resolutions ask that the governor shall permit the farmers' organizations in this state to assist him in the appointment of a commission of agriculture. A demand is also made for an investigation into the high cost of farm machinery.

Eighty-four Bodies Taken From Mine. Twenty-one more bodies were found in the Cross Mountain mine, Briceville, Tenn., in which an explosion occurred a week ago Saturday morning. This brings the death list to 84, and President Stephenson of the Knoxville Iron company, owner of the mine, stated he believed this accounted for every man entombed. Five were rescued.

Russia and Persia Reach Agreement. A dispatch from Paris to the Exchange Telegraph company, London, it is stated unofficially that as a result of the efforts of the Persian minister to France an accord has been arrived at between Russia and Persia.

LATE WIRE BULLETINS. F. August Stohmann, the oldest surgical instrument manufacturer in the United States, is dead at his home in Brooklyn in his ninety-fifth year.

John B. Littlepage, one of the few surviving participants in the great marine battle between the Monitor and the Merrimack, died at his home in Washington. He was 70.

Judge Prescott has closed the estate of Albert Hilton, of Muskegon, who died two years ago, leaving \$25,000. The court has succeeded in locating six brothers and five sisters of the deceased.

The contract for the new Melbourne park, between Saginaw and Bay City, has been let to a Bay City contractor. The site was recently purchased by a Detroit, who has planned to build a large summer resort there.

More than \$100,000 worth of contraband opium was poured into a manhole in the rear of the custom house in San Francisco. As the drug in smoking form is prohibited in this country, all seizures must be destroyed. Since the last destruction 2,385 lbs., weighing 1,300 pounds, have accumulated.

Diamonds valued at \$700 and a package of \$1,500 in new, unsigned \$20 notes of the First National bank of Fitzgerald were among the booty of safelockers who blew the safe in the postoffice at Fitzgerald, Ga. Several valuable registered letters and the postal savings bank deposits were taken. There is no clue.

Pupils graduates and working boys and girls flocked to four public schools in Chicago where the school board inaugurated its plan for social amusements. It is hoped thus to overcome the evils of the public dance hall. At three of the schools the young people danced. At all the plan was declared a success.

Many lawyers from various parts of the country to the supreme court chambers in Washington to attend a memorial meeting in honor of the late Associate Justice John M. Harlan. Augustus E. Wilson, the retiring governor of Kentucky, the jurist's native state, presided. Solicitor-General Lehmann and Senator Bailey were among the speakers.

To an audience that filled Convention hall, Kansas City, Col. Henry Watterston, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, delivered an address in support of the general arbitration treaties with England and France. Col. Watterston predicted that the recognition of the principle of arbitration by the United States, England and France, would mark the beginning of a world movement toward peace.

William J. Cummins, who was recently convicted of grand larceny in the manipulation of the trust funds of the defunct Carnegie Trust company of New York, which he controlled, was admitted to bail. His bond was fixed at \$50,000.

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SULZER RESOLUTION INSULT TO RUSSIA

RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR CALLS ON PRESIDENT TAFT AND SO INFORMS HIM.

SENATE MAY MODIFY WORDING OF RESOLUTION.

Will Put an End to the Treaty, But Cut Out Accusation That Has Been Violated by Russian Government.

The Russian government has formally informed this government that the Sulzer resolution proposing to terminate the treaty of 1832 with Russia is offensive to the czar's government. This is the resolution that the house passed a few days ago by a vote of 300 to 1.

Russia has not lodged any formal protest with the state department. The new ambassador from St. Petersburg, George Bakhtietoff, has, however, made it clear to both President Taft and Secretary Knox what the views of the Russian government are in regard to the document introduced by the New York state representative.

Russia is incensed at the wording of the measure, not at the proposed termination of the treaty. Russia does not question the right of the United States to denounce the treaty, but considers the Sulzer resolution as unnecessarily offensive and will regard the termination of the treaty under this resolution as an unfriendly act on the part of the United States.

The resolution plainly states that the treaty is to be terminated because Russia has violated it. The views of the Russian government were apparently communicated to Secretary Knox and President Taft by the Russian ambassador.

It is practically certain that the senate committee will refuse to accept the Sulzer resolution in its present form. The committee probably will recommend a resolution merely proposing a termination of the convention with Russia, diplomatically omitting any reference to the why and wherefore.

Abrogation of Treaty Ratified. The senate, unanimously, ratified President Taft's action in giving notice to Russia of the termination of the treaty of 1832. The house of representatives will follow the senate's lead and then the procedure of termination will be fully completed.

Taft Agrees to Ask End of War. At the suggestion of Dr. Lyman Abbott and Dr. Mary Eddy, an American woman who has spent many years in Turkey, President Taft took under advisement the tendering of the good offices of the United States as mediator in the Turko-Italian war.

Dis. Abbott and Eddy spent more than an hour with the president urging him to take some action in the matter. When Dr. Abbott departed all he cared to say was that the president had the matter under consideration.

Under The Hague agreement any nation may tender its services as mediator to settle an international dispute.

To U. S. Belongs the Credit. To the United States belongs the credit of bringing about a concert of action in China by the six great powers of the world.

The Washington government initiated the movement which now has taken definite form at Shanghai. What is regarded in Washington as the most unusual and most satisfactory feature of the situation is the fact that, contrary to past experience, the six powers now practically are united in their aims and desire regarding China.

The United States has been the agent to bring the powers into a common agreement based upon a recognition of the necessity of preserving the integrity and autonomy of China.

John Bigelow Dead. John Bigelow, noted author, diplomat and historian, died in New York. Mr. Bigelow died in the ninety-fifth year of his age in the old-fashioned house on "Gramercy Park" that had long been his residence.

At the bedside were two of his four children: Maj. Bigelow, and Miss Grace Bigelow, and his granddaughter, Miss Charlotte Harding.

Jury-Fress Show Girls. Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad were acquitted of the charge of attempting to kill W. E. D. Stokes. The jury that freed the chorus girls believed their story that they shot Stokes in self-defense. It was not impressed by Stokes' account of the gun-play and the circumstances that led up to the shooting.

The snow is five feet deep in the limestone country, So. Dakota. Deer are being driven by the snow into the foothills.

The annual report of South Dakota's State Mine Inspector Daugherty, which has been filed with the governor, shows the total output of Black Hills gold for the year ending Nov. 1, was \$7,625,506.28.

The harvest order for steel pipe ever placed in the world, it is believed, has been let by a Calgary, Alberta, firm, which has orders from the United States Steel corporation for 300 miles of pipe at a cost of about \$2,000,000, to carry natural gas from Row Island to Calgary. Shipments which will require 1,500 cars, will begin January 1, 1912, and will be completed within six months.

NEWS OF MICHIGAN

Three Rivers.—The celebration by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franklin of Hoffman street of their thirtieth wedding anniversary was unique in the annals of this section, because all of the wedding party are alive.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Silliman of St. Joseph street, who celebrated their thirtieth anniversary November 18, acted as best man and as a bridesmaid, respectively, at the Franklin wedding. Mr. and Mrs. John Kline, who were at the Franklin wedding, are looking forward to New Year's day, when they will have been married sixty years. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bobb, also members of the Franklin wedding party, have already celebrated their thirtieth anniversary. Despite the fact that he has reached nearly four score and ten, Samuel Bobb works every day that he can procure employment as a laborer.

Holland.—The tongues of Zeeland people have been set wagging over the erroneous report sent to the state press that during the past year 200 barrels of whisky had been sold by three druggists for medicinal purposes, an average of three gallons for every man, woman and child of that enterprising city.

Bay City.—John E. Early, a detective, and Tustin E. Hatch, sanitary officer on the local police force, formerly court officer, were arrested on a capias issued at the instance of William Hall, who has brought suit for \$10,000, charging false imprisonment. Early is here working on the Linus F. Keith case of disappearance and suspected murder.

Battle Creek.—While driving his cattle from the barnyard to his barn, Charles Holmes, a farmer living three miles southeast of August, was gored to death by an angry bull. The beast set upon him without warning and literally tore his life out. Hearing his cries for help, the plucky wife of the farmer rushed to his side and finally succeeded in scaring away the frenzied animal.

Lansing.—The monthly mortality report compiled by Secretary of State Martindale shows that 2,800 deaths were returned to the department as having occurred during November. This corresponds to the annual death rate of 12 per 1,000 estimated population. There were 4,513 births returned to the department as having occurred last month, corresponding to the annual birth rate of 19.3 per 1,000 estimated population.

Muskegon.—Clinging to a spile in Muskegon lake after his boat had been overturned, John Swenson, a river man, shouted through the mouth of a sewer-pipe. His cries were heard through a manhole on an uptown street, a quarter of a mile away. Napoleon Belfy, chief of the fire department, rescued the man with a rope.

Three Rivers.—William Underwood, alias A. G. Stevens, wanted for passing bogus checks at Mendon, Burr Oak and various other places, was captured near Durand by Sheriff Watkins of St. Joseph county and brought to Centerville. Underwood posed as a representative of the Chicago Hassock company.

Saginaw.—Lewis Petre, sixty years old, a farm hand employed in Indiantown, was found dead in the ditch of water in front of his home. It is thought that when he tried to cross an icy plank which spans the ditch he fell and was stunned and before he recovered, drowned.

Kalamazoo.—Rejected by his sweetheart, Miss Bertha Pierce, Vern Bowman left the Methodist church at Sturgis and went to his home and sent a bullet through his heart.

Saginaw.—Nine sections compose the program for the five-year campaign for the split of Saginaw, which is the sequence of the four-day campaign of the Men and Religion forward movement, which came to a close in Saginaw a week ago. The program was drafted by Dr. Myron E. Adams of Detroit and it deals with every phase of the city life.

The subjects touched are: Association of charities, education, recreation, industrial, public health, good housing, good government, public morals and conservation.

AGAINST PARCELS POST

Statement Made by Secretary of National Retail Grocers' Association.

John R. Green, of Cleveland, Ohio, secretary of the National Association of Retail Grocers, in an address before the Credit Men's association of Detroit, declared the parcels post is against sound business principles.

"When speaking of the mail order houses we are apt to think of one or two large ones, but I predict that if you ever get parcels posts, you will see them springing up everywhere. That has been the fruit of the parcels post in England, with the result that they have no flourishing towns and villages there now, only small shops, and once prosperous country merchants are now soliciting orders for the great mail order house at four cents per order.

"A bill for a rural parcels post is a delusion and a snare. I question the government's right to legislate for one class of citizens or for one part of the country and not another. The rural post, if it can be established, would be but an entering wedge.

President Taft accepted an invitation to be present at the dedication of the new government building in Columbus, O., January 30. January 29 he is to be a guest of the Tippecanoe club in Cleveland, and will return to Washington by way of Columbus, where he will attend a luncheon of the chamber of commerce.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK. DETROIT.—Cattle—Good cattle and weaners steady; bulls and other grades of cow stuff 15@25c lower; best steers and heifers, 26@30c; good to choice butcher steers and heifers, 20 to 24 lbs. 26@27.5c; light to good butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 lbs., 23@25; mixed butchers, fat cows, 18@22; canners, 12@25; common, 10@12; 6@8.50; good shipper, 23.75@24; common feeders, 13.00@14; good well-bred calves, 4.25@4.50; stockers, 43@44; Veal calves—light to good, 10@11; steady; best grades 10@11.50; others 9@10.50; Milch cows and springers, 25@30; sharp and comb, Market stock; best lambs, 3.75@3.90; fair to good lambs, 3.50@3.60; light to common lambs, 3.25@3.50; fair to good butcher sheep, 2.75@2.90; culls and common, 1.50@2.50. Hogs—Market steady; light to good butchers, 6.05@6.15; pigs, 5.50@5.75; light Yorkers, 5.60@6.00; stags, one-third on.

EAST BUFFALO.—Cattle—Market slow and steady; prime steers, 17.50@18.50; butcher grades, 15@17; Calves—Market active, 25c higher; culls to choice, 16@18.50; yearling steers, 12@13.50; lambs active, 15c higher; choice lambs, 16.25@16.50; culls to fair, 10@11; yearlings, 4.50@5; sheep, 3.25@3.50. Hogs—Market active; light to good butchers, 5.25@5.50; mixed, 4.75@5.00; heavy, 4.50@4.75; roughs, 3.50@3.75; stags, 3.25@3.50.

GRAIN, ETC. Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, 91 1/2c; December, 90c; without change at 91 1/2c and declined to 91 3/4c; May opened at 91 1/2c, last 1/2c advanced to 91 3/4c and closed at 91 3/4c; July opened at 91 3/4c and declined to 91 1/4c; No. 1 white, 92 1/2c; No. 2 yellow, 2 cars at 92c, closing at 92c asked; No. 4 yellow, 1 car at 90c, 1 car at 89 1/2c; sample, 1 car at 87c.

Oats—Standard 1 car at 50 1/2c; No. 3 white, 3c; No. 4 white, 1 car at 49 1/2c; 1 at 49c. Hay—Cash No. 2, 5 1/2c; No. 1 market shipment, 2 1/2c; January, 2 2/2c; May, 2 3/2c. Corn—No. 2, 30c; No. 3, 28c; No. 4, 26c; No. 5, 24c; No. 6, 22c; No. 7, 20c; No. 8, 18c; No. 9, 16c; No. 10, 14c; No. 11, 12c; No. 12, 10c; No. 13, 8c; No. 14, 6c; No. 15, 4c; No. 16, 2c.

Butter—Receipts, 149 packages; market firm; extra creamery, 35c; first factory, 25c; dairy, 21c; packing, 20c per lb. Eggs—Receipts, 106 cases; market firm; current receipts, cases included, 32c per doz. Apples—Bulk, 2 1/2c@3c; Greening, 2 1/2c@3c; Snow, 3 1/2c@5c; Ben Davis, 2 1/2c@3c per bushel. Potatoes—Car lots, bulk, 80c; sacks, 85c per bushel. Onions—5c@1c per bushel; Spanish, 11 1/2c per crate. Hickory Nuts—Shellbark, 21-22c per pound.

Dressed Poultry—Chickens, 11@12c; hens, 10@11c; ducks, 14@17c; geese, 12@13c; turkeys, 15@16c per lb. Dressed calves, 10c ordinary, 8@9c; fancy, 10@11c per lb. Dressed Hogs—Light, 17 1/2c; medium, 17.50c; heavy, 17 per cwt. Honey—Polka to fancy comb, 15@16c per lb; amber, 14@15c.

Live Poultry—Spring chickens, 11@11 1/2c; No. 2, 8c; hens, 9@9 1/2c; No. 2 hens, 8c; ducks, 14c; young ducks, 15c; geese, 11@12c; turkeys, 15@16c. Cabbage—12@22c per bushel. Vegetables—Beets, 6c per bushel; carrots, 6c per bushel; cucumbers, 10c per bushel; green onions, 12 1/2c per doz; green peppers, 60c per bushel; head lettuce, 25@30c per bushel; romaine, 25c per bushel; watercress, 25@30c per doz; green beans, 32@35c; wax beans, 34@35c per bushel; rutabagas, 4c per bushel. Provisions—Family pork, 17.50@20.50; mess pork, 18.50c; medium clear, 14 1/2c; smoked hams, 14c; picnic hams, 16c; shoulders, 11c; bacon, 12@14 1/2c; briskets, 10 1/2-10 3/4c; lard in tierces, 9 1/2c; kettle rendered lard, 10 1/4c per lb.

Hay—Car lot prices track, Detroit: No. 1 timothy, 21.50@22; No. 2 timothy, 19.50@20; light mixed, 19@20; No. 1 mixed, 18.50@19; dry straw, 13.50@14; wheat and oat straw, 13 per ton.

Former Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, chairman of the monetary commission, told President Taft the report of the commission will be ready Jan. 3, the date set by congress. "I'll not be sorry when it's done," he said. "Then I'll retire from public life forever."

Only about 35 per cent of Boston school children are physically normal, according to Dr. William J. Gallivan, of the board of health. Out of 101,000 children in the public schools, 43,000 have been examined and 23,000 of these found defective.

SERIAL STORY

THE GIRL from HIS TOWN

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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 Poniolowsky is suitor and escort to Letty. Lord Galorey and a friend named Ruggles determine to protect the westerner from Lily and other fortune hunters.

CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

A page boy knocked at the door and came in holding out on a salver a card for Mr. Ruggles, and at the interruption Galorey rose and invited Ruggles to go out with him that night to Osdene. "Lady Galorey will be delighted."

But Ruggles shook his head. "The boy is coming back here tonight," and Galorey laughed.

"Don't you believe it! You don't know how deep in he is. You don't know the Duchess of Breakwater. Once he is with her—"

At the same time that the page boy handed Mr. Ruggles the card of the caller, he gave him as well a small envelope, which contained box tickets for the Gaiety. Ruggles examined it. "I have got some writing to do," he said Galorey, "and I'm going to see a show tonight, and I think I'll just stay here and watch my hole."

As soon as Galorey had left the Carlton, Mr. Ruggles despatched his letters and his visitor, made a very careful toilet, and after waiting until past eight o'clock for Dan to return to dinner, dined alone on roast beef and a tart, and with perfect digestion, if somewhat thoughtful mind, left the hotel and walked down the dim street to the brilliant Strand, and on foot to the Gaiety.

CHAPTER VII.

At the Stage Entrance. Ruggles, from his stall, for the fourth time saw the curtain go up on "Mandalay" and heard the temple bells ring. One of the stage boxes was not occupied until after the first act and then the son of his friend came in alone and sat far back out of sight of any eyes but the keenest, and those eyes were Ruggles'. Letty Lane, delicious, fantastic, languishing, sang to Dan; that was evident to Ruggles. He was a large man and filled his stall comfortably. He sat through the performance peacefully, his hands in his pockets, his big face thoughtful, his shirt front ruffled. To look at him, one must have wondered why he had come to "Mandalay." He scarcely lost any of the threads of his own reflections, though when Miss Lane in response to a call from the house, sang her cradle song three times, he seemed moved. The tones of her pure voice, the cradling in her arms of an imaginary child, her apparent dove-like purity, her grace and sweetness, and her cooing, gentle tone, to judge by the softening of the Westerner's face, touched very much the big fellow who listened like a child. At the end he drew his handkerchief slowly across his eyes, but the tears, or rather moisture, that rose there was not all due to Miss Lane's song, for Ruggles was extremely warm.

He could see that in his box the boy sat transfixed and absorbed. Dan went out in the second act and was absent when the curtain went down. Ruggles, as well, left before the performance was over, to make his way outside the theater to the stage exit, where there was already gathered a little group, looked after by a couple of policemen. Close to the curb a gleaming motor waited, the footman at its door. Ruggles buttoned his coat up to his chin and took his place close to the door, over which the electric light showed the words "Stage Entrance." A poor woman elbowed him, her shabby hat adorned by a scraggy plume, a gray shawl wrapped round her shoulders. A girl or two, who might have been flower sellers, indicated in the daytime, a couple of laughs, a handful of other vagrants smelling of gin, a decent man in working clothes, a child in his arms, formed the human hedge Letty Lane was to pass between—a singular group of people to stand on a theater stage about the streets at the exit

of a theater well toward midnight. So the naive Ruggles thought, and better understood the appearance of the young fellows in evening clothes who hovered on the extreme edge of the little crowd. Dan, however, was not of these.

"Look sharp, Cissy," the workman spoke to his child, holding her well up. "When she comes out she'll pass close to yer, and you sing out, 'God bless yer.'"

"Yes, Dad, I will," shrilled the child. The woman in the gray shawl drew it close about her. "Aw sh's a true lidy, all right, ain't she? I expect you've had some kindness off her as well?"

The man nodded over the child's shoulder. "Used to be a scene shifter, and Miss Lane found out about my little girl last year—not this lass, not Cissy, Cissy's sister—and she sent 'er to a place where it costs the eyes out of yer head. She's gettin' well fast, and we, none of us, has seen her or spoken to Miss Lane. She doesn't know our names."

And the woman answered: "She does a lot like that. She's got a heart bigger'n her little body."

And a big boy in the front row said back to the others: "Well, she makes a mint of money."

And the woman who had spoken before said: "She gives it nearly all to the poor."

Ruggles was evidently on the poor side of the waiting crowd; the handful of riffraff around him with its stench of dirt and gin. A better looking set collected opposite and there was the gleam of white shirt fronts.

"Now, there she comes," the father saw her first. "Sing out, Cissy."

The door opened and a figure quickly floated from it, like a white rose blown out into the foggy darkness. It floated down the few steps to the street between the double row of spectators. A white cloak entirely covered the actress. Her head was hidden by a white scarf, and she almost ran the short ganit to her motor, between the cries of "God bless you!" "Three cheers for Letty Lane!" "God

"I only know the horrid things of business—debts, and loans, and bills, and fussing."

"Those things are not business," Dan answered wisely; "they are just common or garden carelessness."

She asked him why he had not brought Ruggles out to Osdene, and he told her he couldn't have done a stroke of work with the old boy down here at the Park.

Stirring his tea, he appreciated the duchess. The agreeable picture she made impressed him mightily.

"Do you know," he asked suddenly, "what you make me think of?"

And she responded softly: "No, dear."

"A box of candy. This room with its stuffed walls, and you in it are good enough."

"To eat?" she laughed aloud. "Oh, you perfectly killing creature, what an idea!"

And as he met her eyes with his clear ones, with a simplicity she could never hope to reach, he put his tea-cup down; and as he did so the duchess observed his strong hands, their vigor, well-kept and muscular, but not the dandified hands of the man who goes often to the manure.

"If it hadn't been for one thing," the boy went on, "I would have thought of nothing else but you, every minute I've been away."

"Mr. Ruggles?" suggested the duchess.

"No, the Gaiety girl, Letty Lane. You know I told you in the box that she was from my town."

The young man, who had flown back to Osdene Park in answer to a telegram, began to take his companion into his confidence.

"I knew that girl," Dan said, "when she wasn't more than fourteen. She sold me sodawater over the drug store counter. I always thought she was bully, bright as a button and pretty as a peach. Once, I remember, I took six chocolate sodas in one day just to go in and see her. I had an awful time. I most died of that jag, and yet," he said meditatively, "I



"Gosh! When I Saw Her There on the Stage, Why—"

bless you, lady!" She didn't speak or heed, however, or turn her head, but held her scarf against her face, and the man who slowly lounged behind her to the car, and put her in and got in after her, was not the man Joshua Ruggles had waited there to see. He hung about until the footman had sprung up and the car moved softly away, the stage entrance door shut, then he followed along with the crowd, with the few faithful who had waited an hour in the cold mist to cry out their applause, not to a singer in "Mandalay," but to a woman's heart.

CHAPTER VIII.

Dan's Simplicity. The Duchess of Breakwater was not sure how close Dan Blair's thoughts were to marriage, but the boy from Montana was the easiest prey that had come across the beautiful and unscrupulous woman's range. He had told her that he stayed on up in London to see a man from home, and when after four days he still lingered in town, she found his absence unbearable, and sent him a wire so worded that if he had a spark of interest in her he must immediately return to the Park. She had never been more lovely than when Dan found her waiting for him. She had ordered tea in her sitting-room. She told him that he looked frightfully seedy, asked him what he had been doing and why he had stopped so long away, and Blair told her that old Ruggles, his father's friend, had run over to see him with a lot of papers for Dan to read and sign and closed with "Gandie, telling her that he guessed she didn't know much about business."

don't think I ever spoke three words to her, just said 'sarasparilla' or 'chocolate' or whatever it might happen to be. Ever since that day, ever since that jag," he said with feeling. "I couldn't see a stick of chocolate and keep my head up! Well," went on the boy, "Sarah Towney sang in our church for a missionary meeting, and I was there. I can remember the song she sang." He spoke with unconscious ardor. He didn't refer to the hymn, however, but went on with his narrative. "She disappeared from Blairtown. I never had a peep at her again until the other night. Gosh!" he said fervently, "when I saw her there on the stage, why, I felt as though cold water was running up and down my spine.

The duchess, as a rule, was amused by his slang. It seemed vulgar to her now.

"Heaven," she drawled, "you are really too dreadful!"

He didn't seem to hear her. "She's turned out a perfect wonder hasn't she? A world-beater! Why, everybody tells me there isn't another like her in her specialty. Of course I have heard of Letty Lane, but I haven't been out to things since went in mourning, and I've never run up against her."

"Really," drawled the duchess again, "now that you have run up against her what are you going to do with her? Marry her?"

His honest stare was the greatest relief she had ever experienced. He repeated blankly: "Marry her? Why the dickens should I?"

"You seem absorbed in her."

"He agreed with her. 'I am, I think she's great, don't you?'"

"Hardy."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

Pension System for Widows a Success



KANSAS CITY, MO.—Kansas City's plan of pensioning widows is attracting wide attention. Requests for information come to the officers of the juvenile court every day from cities of the United States and Canada. There are more than 40 widows on the pension roll and the plan is working satisfactorily.

It was found soon after the establishment of the juvenile court that many children were kept from school to work, the money they earned being the sole support of the family. This was particularly the case where widows with several children were unable to work because of the necessity for remaining at home to care for the small children.

At the suggestion of Judge McCune, then presiding over the juvenile court, philanthropic persons formed a voluntary association and boys of school age compelled to work were paid a certain amount of money, according to the needs of the family, in place of

the money they were earning, on condition that they attended school regularly.

Many sensitive women hesitated to accept this form of charity, and at first there were few applications for such pensions. Last winter, however, a law was passed by the legislature providing that the county clerk establish a pension bureau, the pensions to be paid from county funds in such amount as the juvenile court found necessary.

The law provides that a widow may be paid not to exceed \$10 a month for one child to enable that child to attend school; if she has more than one child, not to exceed \$5 a month for each additional child. The yearly expenditure must not exceed \$12,000. The idea of the law is to keep the family together under home influence.

Each applicant must answer questions prepared by the juvenile court. The list is made out in the form of a petition to the court and is considered at a formal hearing, after a full investigation by a probation officer.

To be eligible to a pension, a woman must have been a resident of the county two years. The pension system is costing the county about \$500 a month.

Stowaway is in Ship's Hold 12 Days

BALTIMORE, Md.—To have lived twelve days in the icy, inky blackness of a ship's hold with nothing to eat save raw potatoes, with only rats for companions, and to have been rescued only because the foremast light of the ship on which he was a stowaway refused to work, was the soul-racking experience of Walter Purding, an American, who reached Baltimore on the Johnston line steamer Ulstermore, Captain Gowan.

According to his story, when the Ulstermore was about to leave Liverpool, he gained the consent of a stevedore to stow away in hatch No. 3. He said he chose the hatch because it contained potatoes, and he believed the ship's cook would release him the first day or two at sea. But Captain Gowan procured his "spuds" somewhere else, and the cook came out. Hour by hour, Purding said, his hunger and thirst became greater. He began to eat potatoes, but in two days these palled on him and he could eat no more. Thirst then attacked him. Seeking to relieve his agony he sucked the steel sides of the ship, which reeked with moisture, but with the drops of filthy water came the lead paint and added to his sufferings.

When hunger began to weaken him



the weather became rough. Purding says he was tossed about the hold like the potatoes until every fiber ached. The ship ran into the vicinity of ice bergs. Hail fell on the sides of the ship and converted the stowaway's quarters into a veritable refrigerator. The prisoner said that the rats in the hold nestled on his breast and he did not fight them because they kept him warm. They sought no blood or bone, but only the warmth of his body.

It was when the ship was 12 days out, when the foremast light refused to work and it was necessary to open hatch No. 3 to follow the wing. Third Engineer Potter entered the hatchway to be surprised by a figure's hurrying by him toward the side of the ship. Dropping his lantern he wrapped both arms around the man and brought him up. After he was released it was with difficulty he was kept from jumping into the sea to slake his fiery thirst. Purding was given a bath and food.

Killed Owl He Thought Was a Burglar



CINCINNATI.—The whack of a club resounding at the dead of night in the parlor of the residence of M. B. Herman, coupled with the piercing scream of a dying maltese owl, marked the climax of a three-cornered battle, waged in darkness, between the owl, Night Patrolman Joe Conlon of the Newport police force and the Herman household. And when the half-articulate and eerie cry of the dying bird of prey subsided and the lights were turned on, neighbors of the Hermans, who had heard the crash of bric-a-brac, the thumping of the policeman's mace on the floor of the Herman threshold and the hoop of the cause of the trouble, did not know whether to turn over in their beds or call out the fire department.

It was a bit of a brow night when Patrolman Conlon rounded the corner

and passed the Herman home. Mr. Herman, a neophyte of the fresh-air movement, had left the parlor window wide open. The owl, one of a nest which have been keeping Newport awake of nights for the past month, invaded the room and a fearsome noise ensued. After the owl, which was making wide circles of the room, had smashed an antique clock, a hall tree, several small pictures and a Louis XIV. chair of frail design, and had its claws entangled in a piano cover, on which were a Japanese vase and a rose jar, was taking charge of this portion of the home furniture, Herman was roused by Patrolman Conlon thumping on the door.

"There's burglars in the house!" exclaimed Conlon. "Who-o-o!" mournfully inquired the owl. "Burglars! Don't you hear 'em?" shouted Conlon.

Not knowing whether their quarry was human or ghostlike, the pair cautiously turned the doorknob. Before Herman could reach the light button there was a featherish swish past his head and he struck out with Conlon's club. The owl's cry of mortal anguish followed.

Bringing Together Jobless and Job

NEW YORK.—The National Employment exchange, a private organization in New York, in the first year and a half of its existence has learned many things about the task of bringing together the jobless man and the manless job. It was established with a fund of \$100,000 contributed by a number of wealthy men to relieve the deplorable conditions of unemployment in New York city. Two separate exchanges are maintained, one to supply manual laborers, skilled and unskilled, the other to supply mercantile employees. During 1910 the demand for men to do manual work greatly exceeded the supply. Work for more than 4,000 was found in the city, in New York and other states. Many more could have been placed had the men been available. It cost \$1.93 to get each man his job, over and above the small fee collected. Business depression this year has altered conditions, and not so many positions are open, but it has been estimated as generally true that the man who is willing to do manual work, skilled or



unskilled, can find work if he waits it. There is plenty of room for him. But not so in the mercantile bureau, for office help, salesmen and similar occupations. The number seeking work of this kind is many times larger than the number of possible places. Positions were found for only 537 out of 4,540 applicants and the cost of placing each one was \$16.40 more than the fee. Many of these successful applicants were forced to accept employment at five or six dollars a week. New York is flooded with a horde of young men and women who want to do only "gentle" work, and this drugging of the market has forced salaries which the average applicant must accept far below a fair living standard.

COSTS LESS THAN 55 CENTS A BUSHEL TO RAISE WHEAT IN CANADA.

A FREQUENT QUESTION ANSWERED.

Western Canada probably suffered less from weather conditions during the year of 1911 than did almost any other portion of the country. Seeding was most successful and the growing conditions up to July were never better. Crops of all kinds showed wonderful growth at that time and were universally good, but there was not the usually excellent ripening weather in August and the effects of this were felt. Many fields that late in July promised 40 and 50 bushels yield of wheat were reduced to 25 and 30 bushels, while some of course gave the full expectancy and others somewhat less. The quality was also lowered. In face of these conditions, it is found that during the months of September and October, the total amount of contract wheat marketed and inspected was about 20 million bushels, which realized a total of 18 1/2 million dollars, the average price for this wheat being 97 1/2 cents; that below contract for the two months was a little over 15 million bushels, which at an average price of 89 1/2 cents per bushel realized a little over eleven million dollars, or a grand total for all wheat of 35 million bushels, which realized a total of a little over thirty-one million dollars.

On the first of November, there was in the hands of the farmers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta for sale and seed about 130 million bushels of wheat, from which fact some idea may be had of the value of the wheat crop of 1911.

A careful canvass made by the Winnipeg Free Press made of a number of men farming in a large way indicates that even with the extreme expense of harvesting the crop, which has been caused by the bad weather and difficulty in threshing, wheat has been produced and put on the market for less than 55 cts. a bushel. The average freight rate is not over 13 cts. per bushel. This would make the cost of production and freight 68 cts. and would leave the farmer an actual margin on his low-grade wheat of 17 1/2 cts. and for his high-grade wheat of 19 1/2 cts.; and though this is not as large a profit as the farmer has every right to expect, it is a profit not to be despised, and which should leave a very fair amount of money to his credit when all the expenses of the year have been paid, unless the value of low-grade wheat sinks very much below its present level.

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Pericles wore his hair pretty close to his eyes—but nobody ever called him a low-brow!

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Indigestion and Dyspepsia

Although indigestion and dyspepsia are so prevalent, most people do not thoroughly understand their cause and cure. There is the reason why most people should not eat anything they desire—it that will only chew it carefully and thoroughly. Many actually starve themselves into sickness through fear of eating every good-looking, good-tasting and good-tasting food, because it does not agree with them.

The best thing to do is to fit yourself to digest any good food. We believe we can relieve dyspepsia. We are so confident of this fact that we guarantee and promise to supply the medicine free of all cost to every one who will use; who is not perfectly satisfied with the results which it produces. We exact no promises, and put no one under any obligation whatever. Simply, nothing good be fairer. We are located right here and our reputation should be sufficient assurance of the genuineness of our offer.

We want every one troubled with indigestion or dyspepsia in any form to come to our store and buy a box of Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets. Take them home and give them a reasonable trial, according to directions. Then, if not satisfied, come to us and get your money back. They are very pleasant to take; they aid to soothe the irritable stomach, to strengthen and invigorate the digestive organs and to promote a healthy and natural bowel action, thus leading to perfect and healthy digestion and assimilation.

A 25c. package of Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets furnishes 15 days' treatment. In ordinary cases this is sufficient to produce a cure. In more chronic cases, a more longer treatment is necessary, and depends on the severity of the trouble. For such cases we have two larger sizes which sell for 50c. and \$1.00. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies in this community only at our store—The Rexall Store—Bayer Pharmacy.

No Cause to Doubt

A Guarantee of Facts Backed by a Strong Guarantee

We guarantee immediate and positive relief to all sufferers from constipation. In every case where our remedy fails to do this we will return the money paid us for it. That's a frank statement of facts, and we want you to sub-

scribing them to our side. Constipation is the cause of the trouble, and is particularly prevalent and prevalent in women, may be caused at any time, day or night, do not suffer diarrhoea, nausea, griping, excessive looseness, or other undesirable effects. They have a very mild but positive action upon the organs with which they come in contact, apparently acting as a regulative tonic upon the relaxed muscular coat of the bowel, thus overcoming sluggishness, and aiding to restore the bowels to more vigorous and healthy activity.

Rexall Remedies are unsurpassable and ideal for the use of children, old folks and delicate persons. We cannot too highly recommend them to all sufferers from any form of constipation and its attendant evils. That's why we back our faith in them with our promise of money back if they do not give entire satisfaction. Three sizes: 12 tablets 10 cents, 30-tablets 25 cents and 80 tablets 50 cents. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Plymouth only at our store.—The Rexall Store, Bayer's Pharmacy.

Two Sides to the Parcels Post

Detroit Journal.—Congressman Deussen's epigram: "The only two reasons why the parcels post bill has not been passed are the five express companies, his been quoted as a pointed sentence deserves to be quoted. It has been widely praised because it expresses a general popular prejudice in favor of the bill.

It is now clear, however, that there will be as heated arguments and as hot prejudices aroused against the bill as ever were ranged in its behalf.

The Journal Saturday printed statements from such commercial citizens as J. J. Crowley, Gaylord Gillis of the Edison-Moore firm and D. C. DeLamater. Mr. Crowley says the big mail order houses already are crippling trade in small towns, and the parcels post will chiefly aid these houses. Mr. Gillis pointedly says the express rates are not an issue, that they should be regulated as the law provides by the interstate commerce commission, not by trying to bring the postoffice department into competition. Mr. DeLamater fears the effect of destroying the independent business life of the small communities, of ruining the minor trading centers by concentrating retail trade in the big cities.

These remarks are typical of a movement against the parcels post which is stirring throughout the country. An organization of retailers repre-

sents the vast total of \$11,000 from small business. The bill would limit the parcels post. The bill would have seemed to be almost a fait accompli to the opponents of Mr. Deussen; that the bill would limit the parcels post were the Montgomery Ward and Sears-Robinson mail order houses. The parcels post bill is not aided by the report that these gigantic stores are controlled by J. P. Morgan and that the parcels post would only concentrate more of the national commerce of this country in Morgan's hands.

The point against the bill is particularly pungent because today the cry is all for the little business man as against the big, grasping corporation. It is strange that in this day a bill should be advocated which helps big mail-order houses at the expense of small retailers.

These arguments are now heard in Detroit for the first time. They must be considered, too, and they may effect an irresistible regulation against the bill. At any rate, the bill will not be passed in panic or in haste.

The people are supporters of any measure to facilitate commerce or aid general prosperity. They will support the parcels post if it is this kind of a measure.

The people are opposed unalterably to subsidies, grants or bonuses to prosperous corporations. If the parcels post bill is only a veiled subsidy to mail order houses, if it turns the postoffice department over to some mercantile corporations, it will be condemned as the ship subsidy bills were condemned. It will not be rejected unheard, but it will not be passed unread.

The Mail invites any person who may wish to do so, to give the opposite side of the parcels post argument.

Wouldn't a Lamp Post Do? A newspaper correspondent urges the need of an individual builder. Wonder if the man expects us to take 'em around in our pockets?—Columbian State.

Detroit United Lines

Plymouth This Table EAST BOUND.

For Detroit via Wayne: 5:30 a.m. and every hour to 7:30 p.m.; also 7:44 p.m. and 11:53 p.m. changing at Wayne.

NORTH BOUND.

Leave Plymouth for Northville 6:30 a.m. to 7:10 a.m. and every hour to 7:30 p.m. 7:10 p.m. 10:30 p.m. and 12:24 a.m.

Leave Detroit for Plymouth 5:30 a.m. (from Michigan car hotel); 5:45 a.m. and every hour to 7:30 p.m.; also 7:44 p.m. and 11:53 p.m. changing over at Wayne.

Leave Wayne for Plymouth 5:35 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. and every hour to 4:30 p.m. 4:35 p.m. also 12:15 p.m. and 12:24 a.m.

Cars connect at Wayne for Ypsilanti and points west to Jackson.



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Our Complete Lines Await Your Orders

SANTA CLAUS HEADQ'S

Look over our line of HOLIDAY GOODS. We are showing a large variety of Gift Items, including Electric Table Lamps and Irons, Water Sets, Berry Sets, Box Paper in Holiday Boxes, American and Imported Dinner Sets, 10 to 12 pc Toilet Sets, German, Austrian and Japan China in a variety of decorations, in Salads, Cake Plates,



Celery Trays, Sugar and Creamer Sets, Dresser sets Puff Boxes and Hair Receivers, Cups and Saucers.

We offer full size China Cups and Saucers, regular 25c values at 10c.

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Dolls, Go-carts, Books, Games, Banks, Horses, Air Ships, Wagons, Chairs, Engines, Xmas Tree Candles, Candle Holders and Ornaments.



A Quality Line of Xmas Groceries, Fruits & Candies

Navel Oranges at 30c, 40c and 50 cents per doz. Malaga Grapes at 15c per lb. Grape Fruit, Figs, Dates, Apples and Vegetables, Canned Pineapples, cherries, citron, orange and lemon peel. Dook over our line, before buying elsewhere, the more you examine our goods and prices the more enthusiastic you will become. We earnestly invite comparison of Price and quality. No test is too severe to suit us—DO IT NOW.

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THE FORE-DOOR FORD

See it at the Garage.

Fore-Door Touring Car, 3500 Fully Equipped.

The long asked for Fore-Door Touring Car is here and we will be pleased to have you call and SEE IT, or ask for demonstration at any time. This is the first of the car that must be placed in Plymouth and the surrounding territory during 1912.

LEAVE YOUR ORDER NOW!

See this car at the most up-to-date Garage in Michigan. We are just now installing a steam VULCANIZER, and will be prepared to vulcanize all sizes Casings and Tubes. Mr. Stanley Chambers has just completed a course in the vulcanizing department of the Diamond Rubber Co., at Akron, Ohio, and is an expert.

Yours for good work and satisfied customers.

BONFIDE MFG. CO.,

JOHN J. McLAREN, Mgr. PLYMOUTH, MICH.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PLYMOUTH UNITED SAVINGS BANK.

At Plymouth, Michigan, at the close of business Dec. 3, 1911, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts, viz:	
Commercial	\$158,567 91
Savings Department	119,660 40
Bonds, Mortgages and Securities, viz:	
Commercial Department	22,034 30
Savings Department	24,305 71
Premium account	1,300 00
Overdrafts	286 99
Banking house	4,400 00
Furniture and fixtures	2,400 00
Other real estate	5,000 00
Items in transit	21,922 37
RESERVE.	
Commercial:	
Due from banks in re-	
Commercial	\$ 3,024 00
U. S. and National bank	8,963 00
currency	1,241 00
Gold coin	845 30
Notes and cents	54 70
Savings:	
Due from banks in re-	
Commercial	47,036 78
U. S. and National bank	30,000 00
currency	12,600 00
Gold coin	60,000 78
Checks and other cash items	627 94
Total	\$731,115 56
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 75,000 00
Surplus funds	15,000 00
Undivided profits, net	28,588 47
Dividends unpaid	60 00
Com. to check	\$17,819 03
Certificates of deposit	31,288 95
Savings deposits	571,004 90
Savings certificates	20,015 70
Total	\$731,115 56

State of Michigan, County of Wayne, ss:
I, E. K. BENNETT, Cashier of the above named bank, do hereby certify 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.

E. K. BENNETT, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of December, 1911.

ALICE M. SAMPFORD, Notary Public
My commission expires January 18, 1913.
Correct—Attest:
F. A. DIBBLE,
O. A. FRASER,
D. D. ALLEN, Directors

Commissioner's Notice.
In the matter of the estate of Achard S. Brown, 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 City of Detroit, Michigan, in the office of F. A. Dibble, on the 5th day of February, A. D. 1912, upon Saturday, the 5th day of April, A. D. 1912, and on 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 law for the presentation and allowance of claims against said deceased.

Dated Dec. 3, 1911.
ALBERT GAYDE,
J. P. BEVY,
Commissioners.

R. E. COOPER, M.D.C.M.
Physician & Surgeon,
OFFICE OVER BLDG. CORNER
Bellefontaine, Locust.

Christmas Gift Store

Look over our line of Holiday Goods before going elsewhere. We would like to call your attention to a few of the many lines.

Handkerchiefs

EVERYBODY'S GIFTS

The kind that you are looking for. Ladies' 5c. pure linen, soft and nice. Also 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Gents' Handkerchiefs in sealed packages, sanitary, clean and never handled, 10c., 2 for 25c, 3 for 50c, 4 for 75c, and 25c pure linen ready for use.

We handle the
Bradley Mufflers and Auto Scarfs
for Ladies and Gents

Hosiery

for women and men in Christmas Boxes.

Gloves,

and they are the 'KAYSER' Gloves, in Mocha, Fashionette, Suede, Silk Lined and double silk—25c, 50c and \$1.00.

Fancy Aprons.

This line we are proud of and space will not allow us to say enough. It will cost you nothing—25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

Sweater Coats for Everybody.

Woolen Overshirts

in blue, tan and brown—\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.

Last, but not least is our line of
Neckwear and Suspenders
in separate Christmas Boxes.

We have many small fancy articles. We can only ask you to call and look the Christmas line over.

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