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Died Suddenly

Wm. Pfeiffer died very suddenly last Sunday afternoon while sitting in a chair at his home on the north side of the village, heart disease being the cause of his death. Mr. Pfeiffer was apparently in the best of health, and his sudden death was a great shock to his relatives and friends. He has lived in Plymouth for the past 34 years and was a man highly respected by all who knew him. Deceased was born in Germany, October 12th, 1842. He is survived by a wife, two sons and a daughter. The funeral was held from the house Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. W. Des Autels officiating. Interment in Riverside cemetery.

New Officers Elected

At the annual meeting of the Ladies of the Maccabees held last week Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Past Com.—Emma Passage
 Commander—Ketta Smith
 Lieut. Com.—Lena Willet
 Record Keeper—Anna Wright
 Finance Keeper—Helen Willett
 Chaplain—Elsie Boyce
 Sargent—Ella Peck
 M. at A.—Anna McKeever
 Sentinel—Hattie Holloway
 Picket—Ella Arthur

The K. O. T. M. held their annual meeting last Monday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Commander—J. B. Pettingill
 Lieut. Com.—Wm. Felt
 Record Keeper—Myron Willett
 Finance Keeper—Henry Wright
 Chaplain—Louis Schaal
 Physician—Dr. Patterson
 Sargent—Frank Dicks
 M. at A.—Ed. Willet
 1st. Guard—Ernest Rocker
 2nd. Guard—Augustus Kinyon
 Sentinel—Carl Pulsifer
 Picket—Thomas Bissell

Senior Class Will Repeat Play

The Senior class of the Plymouth High School will repeat the successful entertainment which they gave recently at the opera house, this Friday evening, December 13th. The entertainment consists of a very entertaining comedy, a fine one-act drama and a roaring one-act farce. Music will be furnished by Penney's orchestra. Those who saw the entertainment on its first presentation were greatly pleased with it and there is no doubt, but that there will be a large attendance this evening. Admission 15c. for children, 25c. for adults.

Labor Conference Called by Powers.

Perry F. Powers, state labor commissioner, has called a conference of all persons interested in labor for the purpose of going over certain labor legislation which will be presented during the coming legislative session. The conference will be held on the afternoon of Dec. 13 in the office of the labor commissioner in Lansing.

The compilation of casualties due to the 1912 hunting season in the country shows 88 men killed and 52 seriously injured. Michigan leads the list with 24 killed and 18 injured. Any law or institution which would require this annual sacrifice would create a revolution, but where custom leads men continue willingly to follow.

The more you spend at home the more attractive will your town be to the coming generation, and the more pleasant to yourself in your old age. If you have friends, here is where they are. When you make a rover of your money you make rovers of your children and of yourself. You make your town a poorer place in which to live instead of a better one.

APPLES FOR THE HOLIDAYS:
 Fancy Snows, Steel Reds or Baldwins. Also cheap cooking apples. Call up and give us your orders.
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 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 Rempe's Pain-killing Magic Oil. It is a powerful relieving remedy for an internal and external pain. Price 25cts. Sold by Jones, The Druggist and Beyer's Pharmacy.—Adv.

New Canning Co. Being Organized

Efforts are being made to organize a fruit and vegetable canning company and present prospects are that it will meet with success. G. C. Raviler, an individual grower and canner, is canvassing the situation and other growers are enthusiastic over the matter, Mr. Raviler having made his own business a very paying one, packing only selected vegetables and selling them at better prices. The new company will be capitalized at \$25,000, of which \$15,000 will be common stock and \$10,000 seven per cent cumulative preferred. The agreement states that the company shall transact a general fruit, berry and vegetable business, preserving the same and selling to the market, either fresh or canned. The company further agrees to take over the business of the Clover Leaf Farm, owned by Mr. Raviler, who has built up a nice business. The Warner cheese factory building will also be taken over, Mr. Warner taking stock to the amount of \$2,000. Only growers can become stockholders, thus assuring a supply of fruit and vegetables. It is proposed to use only sanitary cans in putting up the product, and thereby securing the best trade. There is a market in Detroit alone for all the goods the company can produce.

Golding Wanted in Ohio City

Wednesday Deputy Sheriff Geo. Springer received a letter from the chief of police at Sandusky, Ohio, saying that Wm. Golding the young man arrested here several weeks ago for attempting to pass a worthless check on the Plymouth Lumber & Coal Co., was wanted in that city on a similar charge, and asked that he be returned there. The letter stated that Golding escaped from the city prison in the Ohio city by means of an air shaft on the night of Nov. 9th, he having been arrested two days previously. It will be remembered that Golding pleaded guilty when arraigned before Justice Campbell for the offense committed here and was bound over to the circuit court. Monday December 2nd, he pleaded guilty before Judge Van Zile in the circuit court and is now awaiting sentence.

Local and Personal News

Wm. Hetsler has been called to Detroit as extra mail carrier.
 Fred Warner was in Flint over Sunday and the first of the week.
 Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jolliffe of Bozeman, Mont., are visiting their parents here.
 Allie Warner has gone to Detroit, where he has a position in the Studebaker factory.
 Mrs. Ella Perrin, matron of the Wayne Co. Home at Eloise, was a Plymouth visitor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burch entertained the Northville Five Hundred club at their pleasant home on Union street last Monday evening.

Miss Czarina Penny entertained about thirty young people at her home last Friday evening in honor of her eighteenth birthday. Music and games were the entertainment of the evening and light refreshments were served.

About thirty-five friends of the "Bachelor boys" gave them a very pleasant surprise at their rooms last week Thursday evening, taking refreshments with them. Cards and music made the evening very enjoyable.

The committee who went to Alma last week Friday to investigate the merits of an auto fire truck manufactured there were very favorably impressed with the machine. The committee will make its report to the council at the next meeting of that body.

Mrs. Ernest Hix died at her home in Nankin township, Thursday, December 5th, at the age of 27 years. Pneumonia was the cause of her death. Deceased leaves a husband and three small children to mourn their loss. The funeral was held from the house last Sunday morning at ten o'clock, Rev. E. E. Caster officiating. Interment in Livonia Center cemetery.

Miss B. M. Russell of Detroit will give a musical at the home of Mrs. John Patterson Saturday, Dec. 14, at 2:30. Mr. Jefferson Brooks Walters, concert violinist, composer and instructor, will play some of his own compositions and from well known composers. Mrs. Barbara Stoll, solo pianist and teacher, will furnish the instrumental selections. Mrs. Amy Wagner, contralto, pupil of Miss B. M. Russell, will sing, accompanied by Mr. Wm. Merecki, professional accompanist.

Christmas Gifts For Everyone

We wish to announce that we have in our store a very complete line of Christmas Gifts. We would be pleased to have you come in and inspect our line of

- Xmas Boxes of Stationery
- Xmas Boxes of Perfume
- Xmas Boxes Lowney's Candies
- Xmas. Boxes of Cigars
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PLYMOUTH MAIL

L. B. SAMSEN, Mgr.

PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Figures published by the federal bureau of education give evidence that the rewards of genius engaged in the educational field are considerably below those attainable in other of the learned professions and in many industrial vocations. The highest paid head of a state-aided institution of learning is the president of the University of California, who receives \$12,000 a year and house. The president of Cornell university and the University of Illinois, each receive \$10,000 a year and house, and the president of the University of Minnesota, \$10,000 a year without house. Other presidents' salaries run down as low as \$2,400. The best paid full professor enjoys an income of \$6,000 a year; and the least paid tutor struggles along on an allowance of \$50. When it is considered that there are lawyers in the country earning from \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year, that some medical men command almost as large earnings, and that many engineers, presidents of manufacturing concerns and others engaged in industrial pursuits are equally well rewarded, one may well marvel that so many men of superlative intelligence devote their lives to pedagogy.

There are almost two sides to the simple little facts of life. There is this matter of drinking water at one's meals. It has been regarded as a miserable habit. The school textbooks teach it that way, and they give very impressive reasons for it. It used to be taught—drink at your meals, if you feel like it; drink all you want; it is good for you; helps digestion. Then came the opposite doctrine, never drink at your meals, and not for an hour afterward, and that idea has prevailed and is a part of our wise school knowledge these days. Now comes Professor Hawk of the University of Illinois who has been studying the subject for seven years, and his conclusion is that water-drinking at meals helps digestion, principally by utilizing the protein food, which is regarded as the most important function of digestion, says the Ohio Journal. Then, fluids help digest the fats and throttle the bacteria that range along the alimentary canal and keep stirring up all sorts of tumults. So the latest information is not to let anybody scare you about drinking water at your meals. Just drink what you want and forget about it.

Scientists say that the average man eats 60 per cent, more food than he uses. This is a violation of economic law. Hence dyspepsia and kindred ills. The best digestive tonic in the world is hunger, actual, gnawing hunger. Let the average dyspeptic try it for a while and see how it works. The only animal in the world that eats when he is not hungry is a hog—of one kind or another.

A Japanese steamship company issues with each ticket sold a coupon representing a certain seat in a lifeboat and requests the passenger to acquaint himself with the location of the particular boat to which he is allotted. Is there any harm in accepting a suggestion from the Orient?

A new benefactor of mankind has arisen in California. He has discovered a concoction which robs roosters of their ability to crow. A sharp ax administered with vigor just where the tail feathers meet into the comb is also effective.

The supreme court of Iowa has decided that tips belong to the person who receives them, not to any boss or syndicate that grabs the privileges. It would have been a better decision to brand them as bribery and illegal.

A Brooklyn motor cyclist dying from cancer has been pronounced a victim of the jouncing of the machine. But why blame the cycle for Brooklyn's uneven pavements?

Baldy, a New York monkey, examines his food to see whether it is inhabited by germs. Science has robbed the monkey of his gastronomical pleasures.

Japanese school children are taught to write with both hands. Just think what journalists they'd have made before typewriters were invented.

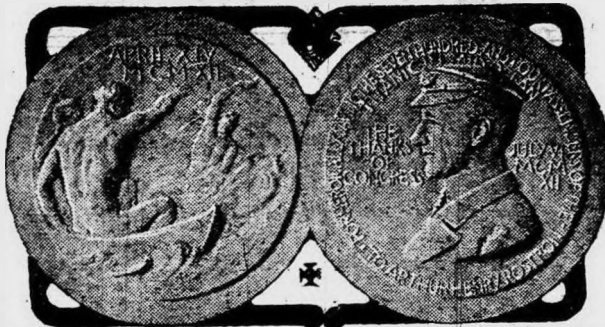
A railroad company is asked to pay \$300,000 for the death of a chimpanzee. Must have been the missing link the biologists are looking for.

A machine has been invented by which the blind can hear light. Now, if they only fix up another so that the deaf can see sound, all will be happy.

A pitcher for champagne has been invented by an Englishman. But few of us drink champagne by the pitcher.

A Belgian bank official is accused of being short about \$4,000,000. It must be he is an American in disguise.

MEDAL FOR CAPTAIN ROSTRON



This is the medal to be presented by congress to Captain Arthur Roston of the Carpathia for the rescue of the survivors of the Titanic. It was designed by John Flanagan of New York, and will be made of pure gold.

Favors Consolidation of M. N. G.

Michigan's attitude toward the proposition to throw the national guard of the country into 12 divisions with Michigan and Ohio comprising one of them, has at last been made clear to the war department. Adjutant General R. C. Vandercook and Major Earl Stewart, of Grand Rapids, have placed Michigan on record as favorable to the proposed change.

But they do not want any Ohio militia officer designated as major general in command of the proposed division. Nor a Michigan officer. They say such a command ought to be in the hands of a man, who has had regular army training. Therefore they are for the innovation with the proviso that a regular army officer be placed in command.

Board Wants Convict Farm.

Turn the prisoners of the state of Michigan into successful, happy farmers; install within the walls of the penal institutions a technical school in the science of farming; give the convicts a chance to try out the technical knowledge obtained in the prison agricultural school on a good prison farm, and when their sentences are served send them forth equipped for a life of usefulness.

This, in brief, the most recent step in penology in the state of Michigan, is the plan to which the board of control of Jackson prison committed itself at its meeting.

Resigns at Request of Gov. Osborn.

James E. Wright, justice of the peace and one of the Muskegon county poor superintendents whose resignation was demanded by Gov. Osborn, has complied with the demands made by the state executive. He thus loses both offices.

Wright's own confession in the Myrtle O'Neil case, following his arrest in Detroit last month, convicted him. It was he who was chosen by Sheriff Brown and Prosecutor Milner, also removed by Gov. Osborn, to accompany the O'Neil girl out of the state into Canada.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The state bank commissioner has authorized the City bank of Battle Creek to increase its capital from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

There is considerable agitation all over Gratiot county over the recent raise in rates of the two competing telephone companies, the Bell and Union systems.

An urgent invitation to visit Battle Creek was given Col. Theodore Roosevelt by the Battle Creek delegates who are in Chicago for the Bull Moose conference.

At a meeting of the Saginaw council the voting machines and election boards were found not guilty of trouble caused on election day by failure of the progressive lever to work.

Andrew W. Youngs, 24, of Flint, has been placed on trial charged with manslaughter. Youngs is held for the death of Rose Alberta, the young woman killed about four months ago while riding on a motorcycle, which Youngs operated.

Following Sunday saloon closing in Menominee, enforced two weeks ago, and the demand of 13 Marinette ministers to close saloons in Marinette, Wis., Mayor Fisher, of Marinette, has ordered the enforcement of the curfew law and the regulation of pool rooms.

Tuberculosis has caused 1,870 deaths in Michigan in ten months. Typhoid fever 463, the lowest in several years. Diphtheria and croup 346. Scarlet fever 136. Measles 79. Whooping cough 217. Pneumonia 2,164, which is very high for the state. Diarrhoea enteritis, under two years of age, 1,177, which is low compared with other years. Cancer 1,796. Secretary Dixon says the state board of health spends annually one cent per capita, while Pennsylvania spends 4 cents per capita.

Auditor General Fuller appointed B. M. Holcomb, of Kalamazoo, state inheritance tax examiner to succeed T. B. White resigned, to become state tax commissioner. Mr. Holcomb has been abstract clerk in the department.

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TEST PARCELS POST

Apportionment Made Postmasters to Work Out System of Delivery.

Test as to the conduct of the new parcels post law have been authorized by the postoffice department in Washington, during the first 15 days of January, a certain apportionment being given to each of the 1,600 free delivery offices, to be spent at the discretion of the postmaster in working out delivery and ascertaining the extent to which the parcels post is being used through his office and the receipts derived from it.

From these reports the department expects to base its estimate of money needed for carrying on the business the balance of the year, for which an appropriation will be asked of congress.

Postmasters are limited only by the amount of money given them. They are authorized to work out their own delivery system, whether by mail carriers on foot, horseback or in automobiles. Upon reports from the several postoffices the department expects to choose a plan for delivery in all the cities of the country.

New Job for Pierce.

The appointment of Charles S. Pierce to be secretary of the public domain commission when A. C. Carton, the present incumbent, becomes state land commissioner, Jan. 1, was announced in Lansing.

Inasmuch as Pierce had been considered to have a cinch on the position of clerk of the house of representatives the coming session, this appointment will let down the bars for a flock of candidates for the clerkship of the house, which pays \$70 a week during the session of the legislature.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

More than 200 laborers on the Kalamazoo city pay rolls will receive a turkey for their Christmas dinner from the city.

Warren Shepard, of Belding, Mich., will get \$1,200 in a lump from Uncle Sam as back pension. He will also receive \$12 a month.

The East Side Improvement association, of Kalamazoo, has appointed a committee which will try to secure a Carnegie library.

Nearly 1,000 children will be presented with shoes at Christmas through the beneficence of the Grand Rapids lodge of Elks. The order will spend \$1,000.

Plans are being made to hold the ninth annual Michigan corn show of the State Corn Improvement association at the Kalamazoo Western normal, Jan. 10 and 11.

Senator-elect Woodworth, of the Huron-Sanilac district was in Lansing and stated he was preparing bills to introduce at the coming session, for the initiative and referendum.

West Side Business association of Saginaw adopted a resolution urging the state legislature to take action to insure Michigan being represented at the Pan-American exposition in San Francisco in 1915.

The Michigan crop report just issued shows that the condition of wheat is good. The condition as compared with an average per cent is 90 in the southern counties; 88 in the central counties and 97 in the upper peninsula.

Judge Lamb has taken under advisement the mandamus proceedings of Thomas Kelly, defeated progressive candidate for representative. He brought suit against the Lake county board of canvassers to have H. Clay McNitt's election declared void. Kelly's name was left off the Lake county ballot.

Mrs. Fred Kemp, of St. Louis, was awarded a \$1,600 verdict in the Ithaca circuit court against the Michigan Bonding & Surety Co., bondsmen for two Merrill saloonists, charged by Mrs. Kemp for her husband's death, which occurred in 1910. Kemp was killed when he drove into a ditch on his way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Buschke, of Saginaw, are the parents of twin daughters, who will celebrate their birthdays on different dates. One daughter was born shortly before midnight Friday and the other early Saturday morning.

Mrs. M. B. Ferry, secretary of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical society, announces that the mid-winter meeting of the society will be held at Grand Rapids, Jan. 30 and 31. Governor Ferris and Lieut. Governor Ross will be asked to participate.

MOOSE MEET IN CHICAGO

Progressives Plan to Push Program Before State and National Assemblies.

Frankly bidding for the confidence of the nation in its moral and intellectual leadership, the progressive party will put forth a legislative, constructive program from its conference in Chicago this week that will be pressed on congress and the legislatures of the several states with all the force that the new party can organize behind it.

Experts are now at work framing a series of eight bills that will constitute the minimum demand of the progressives in the Illinois legislature. There are a short ballot measure, initiative and referendum, and a constitutional amendment permitting initiation of amendments to the constitution; a complete new popular primary law; corrupt practices act; minimum wage legislation; public utilities legislation; a measure for the protection of railroad employes, and adoption of the famous Kansas "blue sky law" to control the sale of securities and insure that they shall have value behind them before they may be marketed.

These measures, adapted to the requirements of each state, will be presented and pushed wherever there is a legislature in session. They constitute the backbone of the people's rule program of the party. The leaders are confident that the many legislatures under the spur of the public demand which the progressive campaign has aroused, will move for these things the present winter.

Kalamazoo will be the gathering place in 1914 of all the civil war veterans in America, if a movement set on foot at the meeting of Orcutt Post to ask the G. A. R. to hold its national encampment there, succeeds.

At a special meeting of Lansing's city council it was decided to submit the Sunday opening of theaters question at a special election, Jan. 9.

THE MARKETS.

DETROIT—Cattle—Extra dry-fed steers, \$7.50@8; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,000, \$5.50@6; steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 700, \$4.50@5; choice fat cows, \$5.50@6; good fat cows, \$4.50@5; common cows, \$3.75@4.25; canners, \$3.50@3.75; choice heifers, \$5.50@6; fat to good hogs, \$4.75@5; stock steers, \$2.75@3.50; choice feeding steers, 1,000 to 1,000, \$5.50@6.25; fair feeding steers, 500 to 1,000, \$5.25@5.50; choice stockers, 500 to 700, \$5.25@5.50; fair stockers, 500 to 700, \$4.50@4.75; stock heifers, \$3.50@4.25; milkers, large, young, medium age, \$4.50@5; common milkers, \$3.00@4.

Veal—Market strong and 50c higher than last week; best, \$9.50@11; others, \$4@8.50. Milch cows and springers steady. Sheep and lambs—Lambs, 25c@40c higher and sheep steady; best lambs, \$7@7.25; fair to good lambs, \$6.50@6.75; light to common lambs, \$5@6; fair to good sheep, \$3@3.75; culls and common, \$1.75@2.75.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, \$7.40; pigs, \$6.70@6.90; light yorkers, \$7.25@7.50; stags, 1-3 off.

GRAIN, ETC.

DETROIT—Wheat—Cash and December No. 2 red, \$1.05 3-4; May opened at \$1.10 1-2; gained 1-4c and declined to \$1.08 1-2; July opened at 95c, touched 93 1-2c and declined to 92c; No. 1 white, \$1.04 3-4.

Corn—Cash No. 3, 49 1-2; No. 3 yellow, 50 1-2; No. 4 yellow, 49 1-2c.

Oats—Standard, 37c; No. 3 white, 36c; No. 4 white, 1 car at 35c.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 64c.

Beans—Immediate shipment, \$2.20; prompt shipments, \$2.15; December, \$2.15; January, \$2.15.

Clover seed—Prime spot \$11; sample, 12 bags at \$9.50; prime alsike, \$13; sample alsike, 3 bags at \$12, 5 at \$9.50.

GENERAL MARKETS

There is little change in produce prices and the market is quiet in all directions. Strictly fresh eggs are in much better demand than supply and the market is firm. Butter of the best grade is firm and in moderate supply. Poultry rules steady, with no oversupply and a good demand. Potatoes are steady and quiet. Most of the trade in all lines is direct from the farmers. Fruits are dull and apples very slow.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35c; creamery firsts, 33c; dairy, 22c; packing, 21c per lb.

APPLES—Baldwin, \$2.25@2.50; greenings, \$2.50@2.75; any, \$2.75@3; steel red, \$3@3.50; No. 2, 75c@1.50 per bbl; fancy, \$2.50@3 per bbl; common, \$1.50@2 per bbl.

CRANBERRIES—Late Howes, per bbl, \$9; in bushel lots, \$3.25.

PEARS—Oregon, \$2.50@2.75 per box. CABBAGES—\$1@1.25 per bbl. DRESSED CALVES—Ordinary, 10@11c; fancy, 12@13c per lb.

ONIONS—25c per bu. DRESSED HOGS—\$9.50@10 per cwt, for shipment to medium.

DRESSED POULTRY—Spring chickens, 12 1-2@13c per lb; hens, 12@14c; old roosters, 10@11c; turkeys, 17@18c; ducks, 17@20c; geese, 15@16c per lb.

POTATOES—Michigan, sacks, 5c; bulk, 4c; in car lots, and 65@60c for store.

HONEY—Choice fancy white comb, 15@17c per lb; amber, 14@15c.

LIVE POULTRY—Spring chickens, 12 1-2@13c per lb; hens, 11@11 1-2c; No. 2 hens, 9c; old roosters, 9@10c; ducks, 15@16c; geese, 13@14c; turkeys, 17@18c per lb.

VEGETABLES—Beets, 40c per bu; carrots, 45c per bu; turnips, 50c per bu; spinach, 15c per bu; hot-house cucumbers, \$1.25@1.50 per bu; green onions, 10c per doz; watercress, 25c per doz; head lettuce, \$1.25@1.50 per hamper; home-grown celery, 25c per doz; green peppers, 40c per basket; rutabagas, 45c per bu.

PROVISIONS—Meat pork, \$19; family pork, \$23@24; clear backs, \$22@23; hams, 18@20c; shoulders, 14 1-2c; picnic hams, 14c; pure lard in tins, 13 3-4c; kettle rendered lard, 13 3-4c per lb.

WILL TALK PEACE IN KING'S PALACE

BALKAN PEACE CONFERENCE TO BEGIN FRIDAY, THE THIRTEENTH, IN ST. JAMES PALACE, LONDON.

WILL BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS IN DEFIANCE OF ALL SUPERSTITIONS.

The Outlook for Lasting Peace Throughout Europe is Considered Promising.

The Balkan war situation is practically unchanged. There is no confirmation of the Constantinople dispatches that Greece has affixed a belated signature to the Baghche protocol for an armistice. As far as can be learned, Greece still refused to join the truce agreement.

The other Balkan states and Turkey are continuing their preparations for the peace conference, which, in apparent defiance of all superstition, will begin in London on Friday, Dec. 13. Athens dispatches give assurance that Greece will participate in the negotiations.

With peace of some kind, no matter how costly, assured by the protocol, it is agreed that Turkey has turned her attention to a policy of diplomacy that will sow the seeds of dissension among the Balkan allies, in order that Turkey might conclude as favorable a bargain as possible.

Diplomats and war experts credit to Turkish mendacity all of the little disquieting rumors from eastern Europe, reports for which no foundation in fact can be discovered.

The report that the Greeks had signed a separate and more advantageous armistice with Turkey; that Roumania would insist on representation in the London conference, and a part in the division in the spoils; that the Greeks would hold aloof from the negotiations; that Servia would persist in her defiance of Austria-Hungary, and various other rumors of the same kind were attributed to the port's crafty efforts to stir up trouble.

With all of the Balkan belligerents appointing their peace plenipotentiaries and all of the six powers accepting the proposal for the ambassadorial conference, the outlook for lasting peace throughout Europe is considered promising.

500 Die of Cholera.

Cholera is causing great havoc in the native quarters of the Turkish capital. It is officially admitted that over 1,000 cases have occurred during the past 20 days and that half of them have been fatal. This total, however, is believed to be much below the real figures.

The prefect in a proclamation issued refers to the great proportions of the epidemic and warns the public that failure on their part to notify cases of cholera to the authorities will be punished by fine and imprisonment.

WILL RESIST DEMANDS.

Turks Prepare to Wage Diplomatic Controversies to Save Territory.

Hoping to offset on the field of diplomacy what they lost on the field of battle, the Turks are preparing to resist with the most aggressive diplomacy any one excessive demand by the allies in the peace conference which opens in London on Friday.

Each of the five governments involved will be allowed three envoys. It is expected the course of the negotiations will be marked by social affairs for the envoys. King George may give a dinner for the plenipotentiaries if they settle all the issues amicably and without discord. Of the Turkish delegates only the name of Osman Nizami Pasha has been officially handed in to the foreign office. The Ottoman government has been puzzled to select the best men.

To Buy Birthplace of Lincoln.

Rep. Johnson, of Kentucky, introduced a bill in the house for the acquisition by the government of the farm and the log cabin in Kentucky in which Abraham Lincoln was born. Johnson proposes the homestead be kept as a park.

The executive committee of the Western Michigan Development Bureau will make an exhibit of fruit in Pittsburg the middle of January.

The public domain commission has received 75 applications for the post of secretary, which is to be vacated when Secretary Carton becomes land commissioner, Jan. 1.

Men who signed the local option petition in Calhoun county for a resubmission of the question next spring will receive a strong appeal from the liquor interests to vote "wet." Three clerks are copying the names of those who signed the petition.

Deputy State Food Inspector Mel-selbach and City Inspector Friar obtained samples of oysters carried by meat markets and groceries. The oysters were sent to Lansing and will be analyzed and proceedings started immediately where the bivalves are found to be watered.



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SERIAL STORY

EXCUSE ME!

Novelized from the Comedy of the Same Name

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SYNOPSIS.

Lieut. Harry Mallory is ordered to the Philippines. He and Marjorie Newton decide to elope, but wreck of taxi-cab prevents their seeing minister on way to the train. Transcontinental train is taking on passengers. Porter has a lively time with an Englishman and Ira Lathrop, a Yankee business man. The elopers have an exciting time getting to the train. "Little Jimmie" Wellington, bound for Reno to get a divorce, boards train in maiden condition. Later Mrs. Jimmie appears. She is also bound for Reno with same object. Likewise Mrs. Sammy Whitcomb. Latter blames Mrs. Jimmie for her marital troubles. Classmates of Mallory decorate bride Rev. and Mrs. Temple start on a vacation. They decide to cut loose and Temple removes evidence of his calling. Marjorie decides to let Mallory proceed alone, but train starting while they are in farewell. Passengers join Mallory's classmates in giving couple wedding hazing. Marjorie is distracted. Ira Lathrop, a woman-hating bachelor, meets an old sweetheart, Annie Gattie, a fellow-passenger. Mallory vainly hunts for a preacher among the passengers. Mrs. Wellington hectoring Little Jimmie's wife. Later she meets Mrs. Whitcomb. Mallory reports to Marjorie his failure to find a preacher. They decide to pretend a quarrel and Mallory finds a vacant berth. Mrs. Jimmie discovers Wellington on the train. Mallory again makes an unsuccessful hunt for a preacher. Dr. Temple poses as a physician. Mrs. Temple is induced by Mrs. Wellington to smoke a cigar. Sight of preacher on a station. Marjorie and Mallory get a cinder in his eye and Mrs. Jimmie gives first aid. Coolness is then resumed. Still no clergyman. More borrowing. Temple puzzled by behavior of different characters. Marjorie, jealous aroused by Mallory's baseball largon. Marjorie suggests wrecking the train in an accident. Marjorie produces a preacher. Also tries to induce Mallory to hold the train so she can haul Marjorie's dog in mishap. She pulls the cord and Mallory's conductor restores dog and lovers quarrel. Lathrop wires for a preacher to marry him and Miss Gattie. The minister drops of his preacher. Marjorie and Mallory borrow the preacher. Kitty Lewellyn, former sweetheart of Mallory's, appears and accuses Marjorie's jealousy. Preacher bids to marry Marjorie and Miss Gattie. The preacher escapes Mallory by leaping from moving train. The passengers are moved Marjorie to reconciliation. Last day on the train brings Mallory the fear of missing his transport. Mallory gets a Nevada marriage license. Marjorie refuses to marry. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie make up. Kitty Lewellyn refuses to return Mallory's bracelet. Robbers hold up the train. The passengers are relieved of their valuables. Dr. Temple admits he is a preacher.

CHAPTER XXXIX—Continued.

But the robbers kept glancing this way and that, and one motion would mean death. They themselves were so overwrought with their own ordeal and its immediate conclusion, that they would have killed anybody. Mallory shifted his foot cautiously, and instantly a gun was jabbed into his stomach, with a snarl: "Don't you move!"

"Who's moving?" Mallory answered, with a poor imitation of a careless laugh.

And now the man called Bill had reached Marjorie's right hand. He chuckled: "Golly, look at the shiners."

But Jake, who had chosen Marjorie's left hand, roared:

"Say, you cheated. All I get is this measly plain gold band."

"Oh, don't take that!" Marjorie gasped, clenching her hand.

Mallory's heart ached at the thought of this final sacrifice. He had the license, and the minister at last—and now the fiends were going to carry off the wedding ring. He controlled himself with a desperate effort, and stooped to plead: "Say, old man, don't take that. That's not fair."

"Shut up, both of you," Jake growled, and jabbed him again with the gun.

He gave the ring a jerk, but Marjorie, in the very face of the weapon, would not let go. She struggled and tugged, weeping and imploring: "Oh, don't, don't take that! It's my wedding ring."

"Agh, what do I care!" the ruffian snarled, and wrenched her finger so viciously that she gave a little cry of pain.

That broke Mallory's heart. With a wild, howling, "Damn you!" he buried himself at the man, with only his bare hands for weapons.

CHAPTER XL.

A Hero in Spite of Himself.

Passion sent Mallory into the unequal fight with two armed and desperate outlaws. But reason had planned the way. He had been studying the robber all the time, as if the villain were a war-movie, studying his gestures, his way of turning, and how he held the revolver. He had noted that the man, as he tripped the passengers, did not keep his finger on the trigger, but on the guard.

Marjorie's little battle threw the desperado off his balance a trifle; as he recovered, Mallory struck him, and swept him on over against the back of a seat. At the same instant, Mallory's right hand went like lightning to the trigger guard, and gripped the finger in a vice of steel, while he

drove the man's elbow back against his side. Mallory's left hand meanwhile flung around his enemy's neck, and gave him a spinning fall that sent his left hand out for balance. It fell across the back of the seat, and Mallory plonked it with elbow and knee before it could escape.

All in the same crowded moment, his left knuckles joined the man's chin in the air, and so bewildered him that his muscles relaxed enough for Mallory's right fingers to squirm their way to the trigger, and aim the gun at the other robber, and finally to get entire control of it.

The thing had happened in such a flash that the second outlaw could hardly believe his eyes. The shriek of the astounded passengers, and the grunt of Mallory's prisoner, as he crashed backward, woke him to the need for action. He caught his other gun from its holster, and made for a double volley, but there was nothing to aim at. Mallory was crouched in the seat, and almost perfectly covered by a human shield.

Still, from force of habit and foolhardy pluck, Bill aimed at Mallory's right eyebrow, just about Jake's right ear, and shouted his old motto: "Hands up! you!"

"Hands up yourself!" answered Mallory, and his victim, shuddering at the fierce look in his comrade's eyes, gasped: "For God's sake, don't shoot, Bill!"

Even then the fellow stood his ground, and debated the issue, till Mallory threw such ringing determination into one last: "Hands up, or by God, I'll fire!" that he caved in, lifted his fingers from the triggers, turned the guns up, and slowly raised both hands above his head.

A profound "Ahi!" of relief sighed through the car, and Mallory, still keeping his eye on Bill, got down cautiously from the seat. The moment he released Jake's left hand, it darted to the holster where his second gun was waiting. But before he could clutch the butt of it, Mallory jabbed the muzzle of his own revolver in the man's back, and growled: "Put 'em up!" And the robber's left hand joined the right in air, while Mallory's left hand lifted the revolver.

Mallory stood for a moment, breathing hard and a little incredulous at his own swift, sweet triumph. Then he made an effort to speak as if this sort of thing were quite common with him, as if he overpowered a pair of outlaws every morning before breakfast, but his voice cracked as he said, in a drawing-room tone:

"Dr. Temple, would you mind relieving that man of those guns?"

Dr. Temple was so set up by this distinction that he answered: "Not by a—"

"Waiter!" Mrs. Temple checked him, before he could utter the beautiful word, and Dr. Temple looked at her almost reproachfully, as he sighed: "Golly, I should like to swear just once more."

Then he reached up and disarmed the man who had taken his wallet and his wife's keepsakes.

American children breathe in this desperado romance with their earliest traditions, and Dr. Temple felt all his boyhood zest surge back with a boy's tremendous rapture in a deed of derring-do. And now nothing could check his swagger, as he said to Mallory:

"What shall we do with these damned sinners?"

He felt like apologizing for the clerical relapse into a pulpitation, but Mallory answered briskly: "We'd better take them into the smoking room. They scare the ladies. But first, will the conductor take those bags and distribute the contents to their rightful owners?"

The conductor was proud to act as lieutenant to this lieutenant, and he quickly relieved the robbers of their loot-kits.

Mallory smiled. "Don't give anybody my things," and then he jabbed his robber with one of the revolvers, and commanded: "Forward, march!"

The little triumphal procession moved off, with Bill in the lead, followed by Dr. Temple, looking like a whole field battery, followed by Jake, followed by Mallory, followed by the porter and as many of the other passengers as could crowd into the smoking room.

The rest went after those opulent feed-bags.

CHAPTER XLI.

Clickety-Clickety-Clickety.

Marjorie, as the supposed wife of the rescuing angel, was permitted first search, and the first thing she hunted for was a certain gold bracelet that was none of hers. She found it and seized it with a prayer of thanks, and concealed it among her own things.

Mrs. Temple gave her a guilty start, by speaking across a barrier: "Mrs. Mallory, your husband is the bravest man on earth."

"Oh, I know he is," Marjorie beamed, and added with a spasm of conscience: "but he isn't my husband!"

Mrs. Temple gasped in horror, but Marjorie dragged her close, and poured out the whole story, while the other passengers recovered their properties with as much joy as if they were all new gifts found on a bush.

Meanwhile, under Mallory's guidance, the porter fastened the outlaws, together back to back with the straps of their own feed-bags. The porter was rejoicing that his harvest of tips was not blighted after all.

Mallory completed his bias, by giving him Dr. Temple's brace of guns, and establishing him as jester, with a warning: "Now, porter, don't take your eye off 'em."

"Lordy, I won't bat an eyelid," "If either of those lads coughs, put a hole through both of 'em."

The porter chuckled: "My fingers is just a-titchin' fer them lovin' triggers."

Mallory pocketed two of the captured revolvers, lest a need might arise suddenly again. As he hurried down the aisle, he was received with cheers. The passengers gave him an ovation, but he only smiled timidly, and made haste to Marjorie's side.

She regarded him with such idolatry that he almost regretted his deed. But this mood soon passed in her excitement, and in a moment she was surreptitiously showing him the bracelet. He became an accessory after the fact, and shared her guilt, for when she groaned with a sudden droop: "She'll get it back!" he grimly answered, "Oh, no she won't!" hoisted the window, and flung the bracelet into a little pool by the side of the track, with a farewell: "Good-bye, trouble!"

As he drew his head in, a side glance showed him that up near the engine a third train-robber held the miserably weary train crew in line.

He found the conductor just about to pull the bell-rope, to proceed. The conductor had forgotten all about the rest of the staff. Mallory took him aside, and told him the situation, then turned to Marjorie, said: "Excuse me a minute," and hurried forward. The conductor followed Mallory through the train into the baggage coach.

The first news the third outlaw had of the counter-revolution occurring in the sleeping car was a mysterious bullet that flicked the dust near his heel, and a sonorous shout of "Hands up!" As he whirled in amaze, he saw two revolvers aimed point blank at him from behind a trunk. He hoisted his guns without parley, and the train crew trusted him up in short order.

Mallory ran back to Marjorie, and the conductor followed more slowly, reassuring the passengers in the other cars, and making certain that the train was ready to move on its way.

Mallory went straight to Dr. Temple, with a burning demand: "You dear old fraud, will you marry me?"

Dr. Temple laughed and nodded. Marjorie and Mrs. Temple had been telling him the story of the prolonged elopement, and he was eager to atone for his own deception, by putting an end to their misery.

"Just wait one moment," he said, and as a final proof of affection, he unbuttoned his collar and put it on backwards. Mrs. Temple brought out the discarded bib, and he donned it meekly. The transformation explained many a mystery the old man had enmeshed himself in.

Even at he made ready for the ceremony, the conductor appeared, looked him over, grinned, and reached for the bell-cord, with a cheerful: "All aboard!"

Mallory had a sort of superstitious dread, not entirely unfounded on experience, that if the train got under way again, it would run into some new obstacle to his marriage. He turned to the conductor:

"Say, old man, just hold the train till after my wedding, won't you?"

It was not much to ask in return for his services, but the conductor was tired of being second in command. He growled:

"Not a minute. We're way behind time."

"You might wait till I'm married," Mallory pleaded.

"Not on your life!" the conductor answered, and he pulled the bell-rope twice; in the distance, the whistle answered twice.

Mallory's temper flared again. He cried: "This train doesn't go another step till I'm married!" He reached up and pulled the bell-rope once; in the distance the whistle sounded once.

This was high treason, and the conductor advanced on him threateningly, as he seized the cord once more. "You touch that rope again, and I'll—"

"Oh, no, you won't," said Mallory, as he whisked a revolver from his right pocket and jammed it into the conductor's watch-pocket. The conductor came to attention.

Then Mallory, standing with his right hand on military duty, put out his left hand, and gave the word: "Now, parson."

He smiled still more as he heard Kathleen's voice wailing: "But I can't find my bracelet! Where's my bracelet?"

"Silence! Silence!" Dr. Temple commanded, and then: "Join hands, my children!"

Marjorie shifted Snoozleums to her left arm, put her right hand into Mallory's, and Dr. Temple, standing between them, began to drone the ritual.

When the old clergyman had done his work, the young husband-at-last graciously rescinded military law, recalled the artillery from the conductor's very midst, and remembering Manila, smiled:

"You may fire when ready, conductor."

The conductor's rage had cooled, and he stepped the bridegroom on the back with one hand, as he pulled the cord with the other. The train began to creak and tug and shift. The clanging of the bell floated merrily back as from a lofty steeple, and the clickety-click, clickety-click quickened and softened into a pleasant gossip, as the speed grew, and the way was so smooth for the wheels that they seemed to be spinning on rails of velvet.

THE END.

The Real Issue.

Husband—And, Mary, a woman came into our office today and told me something that will blight our whole married life.

Wife—Oh, John, what did she have on?—Harper's Bazar.

PRESIDENT SENDS ANOTHER MESSAGE

Tells Congress About the Fiscal, Military, Insular and Judicial Affairs of the Nation, Including Panama Canal and Tolls Established.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Congress today received from President Taft the second of his messages to the short session. It deals with fiscal, military, insular and judicial affairs, and is as follows: "The condition of the country with reference to business could hardly be better. While the four years of the administration now drawing to a close have not developed great speculative expansion or a wide field of new investment, the recovery of progress made from the depressing conditions following the panic of 1907 have been steady and the improvement has been clear and easily traced in the statistics. The business of the country is now on a solid basis. Credits are not unduly extended and every phase of the situation seems to partake of the brightness for a period of unexampled prosperity. Manufacturing concerns are running at their full capacity and the demand for labor was never so constant and growing. The foreign trade of the country for this year will exceed \$4,000,000,000, while the balance of exports over imports will exceed \$500,000,000. More than half our exports are manufactures or partly manufactured material, while our exports of farm products do not show the same increase of domestic consumption. It is a year of progress in the agricultural industry. The condition of the treasury is very satisfactory. The total interest-bearing debt is \$652,777,770, of which \$124,631,980 constitute the Panama canal loan. The non-interest-bearing debt is \$378,301,244.30, including \$146,671,016 of greenbacks. We have in the treasury \$150,000,000 in gold coin as a reserve against the outstanding greenbacks; and in addition we have a cash balance in the treasury as a general fund of \$167,152,478.39, or an increase of \$26,975,652 over the general fund last year.

Receipts and Expenditures.

For three years the expenditures of the government have decreased under the influence of an effort to economize. This year presents an apparent exception. The estimate by the secretary of the treasury of the ordinary receipts, exclusive of postal revenues, for the year ending June 30, 1914, indicates that they will amount to \$170,000,000. The sum of the estimates for the ordinary receipts, exclusive of postal revenues and postal disbursements payable from postal revenues is \$732,000,000, indicating a deficit of \$2,000,000. For the year ending June 30, 1913, similarly estimated receipts were \$67,000,000, while the total estimated ordinary expenditures for that year, submitted through the secretary of the treasury to congress, amounted to \$655,000,000. This shows an increase of \$75,000,000 in the estimates for 1914 over the total estimates of 1913. This is due to an increase of \$25,000,000 in the estimates for the next year on projects and surveys authorized by congress; to an increase under the new pension bill of \$32,500,000; and to an increase in the estimates for expenses of the navy department of \$17,500,000. The estimate for the navy department for the year 1914 included two battleships under construction. In addition to the natural increase in the expenditures for the uncompleted ships, and the additional battleship estimated for, the other increases are due to the pay required for 4,000 or more additional enlisted men in the navy and to the additional cost of construction imposed by the change in the eight-hour law which makes it applicable to ships built in private shipyards.

The president then explained at some length the reasons for the association of the navy with the monetary commission and urged congress to examine the plan impartially from all standpoints and then to adopt some plan which will secure the benefits desired.

Concerning the tariff he had little to say in view of the fact that a new congress has been elected on a platform of tariff for revenue only.

Army Reorganization.

Our small army now consists of 83,000 men, excluding the 5,000 Philippine scouts. Leaving out of consideration the coast artillery force, whose position is fixed in our various seacoast defenses, and the present garrisons of our various insular possessions, we have today within the continental United States a mobile army of only about 35,000 men. This little force must be still further drawn upon to supply the new garrisons for the great naval base which is being established at Pearl Harbor, in the Hawaiian Islands, and to protect the locks now rapidly approaching completion at Panama. The maining in the United States are now scattered in nearly fifty posts, situated for a variety of historical reasons in twenty-four states. These posts contain only fractions of regiments, averaging about 1,000 men each. In time of peace it has been our historical policy to administer these units separately by a geographical organization. In other words, our army in time of peace has never been a united organization but merely scattered groups of companies, battalions and regiments. It is in time of war has been to create out of these scattered units an army fit for effective teamwork and co-operation.

To the task of meeting these patent defects, the war department has been addressing itself during the past year. A comprehensive plan of reorganization was prepared by the war college division of the general staff. This plan was thoroughly discussed last summer at a series of open conferences held by the secretary of war and attended by representatives from all branches of the army and from congress. In printed form it has been distributed to members of congress and throughout the army and the national guard, and widely through institutions of learning and elsewhere in the United States. In it, for the first time, we have a tentative chart for future progress.

The National Guard.

Under existing law the national guard constitutes, after the regular army, the first line of national defense. Its organization, discipline, training, and equipment, under recent legislation, have been assimilated, as far as possible, to those of the regular army, and its practical efficiency, under the effect of this training, has very greatly increased. Our citizen soldiers under present conditions have reached a stage of development beyond which they cannot reasonably be asked to go without further direct assistance in the form of pay from the federal government. On the other hand, such pay from the national treasury would not be justified unless it produced a proper equivalent in additional efficiency on the

part of the national guard. The organized militia today cannot be ordered outside of the limits of the United States, and thus cannot lawfully be used for general military purposes. The officers and men are thus available and to become an efficient national reserve of citizen soldiery. They are the only force of trained men, other than the regular army, upon which we can rely. The so-called military pay bill, in the form agreed on between the authorities of the war department and the representatives of the national guard, in my opinion adequately meets these conditions and offers a proper return for the pay which it is proposed to give to the national guard. I believe that its enactment into law would be a very long step toward realizing the advantages of a reserve of citizen soldiery, upon which its main reliance must depend in case of any national emergency. Plans for the organization of the national guard into tactical divisions, on the same lines as those adopted for the regular army, are being formulated by the war college division of the general staff.

Porto Rico. Mr. Taft says, continues to show notable progress and he urges the senate to pass the bill granting the Porto Ricans American citizenship.

Philippines.

A bill is pending in congress, continuing the message, which revolutionizes the carefully worked out scheme of government under which the Philippine islands are now governed and which proposes to render them virtually autonomous at once and absolutely independent in eight years. Such a proposal can only be founded on the assumption that we have no discharge of our trusteeship to the Filipino people and our responsibility for them to the world, and that they are now prepared for self-government as well as national sovereignty. A thorough and unbiased knowledge of our facts clearly shows that these assumptions are absolutely without justification. As to this, I believe that there is no substantial difference of opinion among any of those who have had the responsibility of facing Philippine problems in the administration of the islands, and I believe that one to whom the future of this people is a responsible concern can countenance a policy fraught with the direst consequences to those on whose behalf it is ostensibly urged.

Our true course is to pursue steadily and courageously the path we have thus far followed; to guide the Filipinos into self-sustaining pursuits; to continue the cultivation of sound political habits through education and political practice; to encourage the diversification of industries, and to realize the advantages of their industrial education by conservatively approved co-operative methods, at once checking the dangers of concentrated wealth and building up a sturdy, independent citizenship.

Regulation of Water Power.

There are pending before congress a large number of bills proposing to grant privileges of erecting dams for the purpose of creating water power in our navigable rivers. The tendency of these bills has brought out an important defect in the existing general dam act. That act does not, in my opinion, grant sufficient power to the federal government in dealing with the construction of such dams to exact protective conditions in the interest of navigation. It does not permit the federal government, as a condition of its permit, to require that a part of the value thus created shall be applied to the further general improvement and protection of the stream. I believe this to be one of the most important matters of national importance now pending before the government. Most of the navigable rivers of this country are comparatively long and shallow. In order that they may be made fully useful for navigation there has come into vogue a method of improvement known as canalization, or lock-watering the river, which consists in building a series of dams and locks, each of which will create a long pool of deep navigable water. At each of these dams there is usually created a long pool of deep navigable water. At each of these dams there is usually created also water power of considerable value. If the water power thus created can be made available for the further improvement of navigation in the stream, it is manifest that the improvement will be much more quickly effected on the one hand, and on the other, that the burden on the general taxpayer of the country will be very much reduced. Private interests, however, are inclined to building waterpower dams in navigable streams usually urge that they thus improve navigation, and that if they do not impair navigation they should be allowed to take for themselves the entire profits of the water-power development. Whether they may do so by relieving the government of the expense of improving navigation should be given due consideration, but it must be apparent that there may be a profit beyond a reasonable liberal return upon the private investment which is a potential asset of the government in carrying out its comprehensive policy of waterway development. It is no objection to the retention and use of such an asset by the government that a comprehensive waterway policy will include the protection and development of the other public uses of water which cannot and should not be ignored in making and executing plans for the protection and development of navigation. It is also equally clear that inasmuch as the water power thus created is or may be an incident of a general scheme of waterway improvement within the constitutional jurisdiction of the federal government, the regulation of such water power is also within that jurisdiction. In my opinion constructive statesmanship requires that legislation should be enacted which will permit the development of navigation in the rivers to go hand in hand with the utilization of this by-product of water power, created in the course of the same improvement, and that the general dam act should be so amended as to make this possible. I deem it highly important that the nation should adopt a consistent and harmonious treatment of these waterpower projects, which will preserve for this purpose their value to the government, whose right it is to grant the permit. Any other policy is equivalent to throwing away a most valuable national asset.

The Panama Canal.

During the past year the work of construction upon the canal has progressed most satisfactorily. About 87 per cent of the excavation work has been completed, and more than 82 per cent of the concrete for all the locks is in place. In view of the great interest which has been manifested as to some extent in the Culebra Cut, I am glad to state that the report of Col. Goethals should allay any apprehension on this point. It is gratifying to note that none of the slides which occurred during this year would have interfered with the passage of the ships had the canal, in fact, been in operation, and when the slide processes will have

been finally adjusted and the growth of vegetation will minimize any trouble on the banks of the cut, the slide problem will be practically solved and an ample stability assured for the Culebra Cut.

Although the official date of the opening has been set for January 1, 1915, the canal will, in fact, from present indications, be opened for shipping during the latter half of 1914. No definite date can yet be set, but shipping interests will be advised as soon as assurances can be given that vessels can pass through without unnecessary delay.

Recognizing the administrative problem in the management of the canal, congress in the act of August 24, 1912, has made admirable provision for executive responsibility in the control of the canal and the government of the Canal Zone. The problem of most efficient organization is receiving careful consideration, so that a scheme of organization and control best adapted to the needs of the canal may be formulated and put in operation as expeditiously as possible. Acting under the authority conferred on me by congress, I have, by executive proclamation, promulgated the following schedule of tolls for ships passing through the canal, based upon the report of the special commissioner of Emory R. Johnson, special commissioner on traffic and tolls:

1. On merchant vessels carrying passengers or cargo, \$1.20 per net vessel ton—each 100 cubic feet of actual capacity.

2. On vessels in ballast without passengers or cargo, 60 per cent less than the rate of tolls for vessels with passengers or cargo.

3. Upon naval vessels, other than transports, colliers, hospital ships, and supply ships, 50 cents per displacement ton.

4. Upon army and navy transports, colliers, hospital ships, and supply ships, \$1.20 per net ton, the vessels to be measured by the same rules as are employed in determining the net tonnage of merchant vessels.

Tolls for the determination of the tonnage upon which toll charges are based are now in course of preparation and will be promulgated in due season.

Panama Canal Treaty.

The proclamation which I have issued in respect to the Panama Canal tolls is in accord with the Panama Canal act passed by this congress August 24, 1912. We have been told that the British government has prepared a protest against the act and its enforcement in so far as it relates from the payment of tolls American ships engaged in the American coastwise trade on the ground that it violates British rights and interests. Paucity of time prevents me from presenting the Panama Canal. When the report is presented, it will be promptly considered and an effort made to reach a satisfactory adjustment of any differences there may be between the two governments.

Promotion for Col. Goethals.

As the completion of the canal grows nearer, and as the great engineering work of Col. Goethals becomes more conspicuous in the eyes of the country and of the world, it seems to me wise and proper to make provision by law for such reward to him as may be commensurate with the service that he has rendered to his country. It is my pleasure to make take the form of an appointment of Col. Goethals as a major general in the army of the United States, and that the law authorizing such appointment be accompanied with a provision permitting his designation as chief of engineering of the retirement of the present incumbent of that office.

Navy Department.

The navy of the United States is in a greater state of efficiency and is more powerful than it has been before, but in the emulation which exists between different countries in respect to the increase of naval and military armaments, this condition is not a permanent one. In view of the many improvements and increases by foreign governments the slightest halt on our part in respect to new construction throws us back and reduces us from a naval power of the first rank and places us among the nations of the second rank.

A year ago congress refused to appropriate for more than one battleship. In this I think a great mistake of policy was made, and I earnestly recommend that this congress make up for the mistake of the last session by appropriating for the construction of three battleships in addition to destroyers, fuel ships, and the other auxiliary vessels as shown in the building program of the general board. We are confronted by a condition in respect to the navy which would maintain our navy as an insurance of peace, to augment our naval force by at least two battleships a year and by battle cruisers, gunboats, torpedo destroyers, and submarine boats in a number proportionate to the destroyers or warships. We are as far as any nation in the world to avoid war but we are a world power. Our population, our wealth, our definite policies, our responsibilities in the Pacific and the Atlantic, our defense of the Panama Canal, our trade and our missionary outposts on the frontiers of civilization, require us to recognize our position as one of the foremost in the family of nations, and to clothe ourselves with sufficient naval power to give force to our voice in the world and to give weight to our influence in those directions of progress that a powerful Christian nation should advocate.

Department of Justice.

This department has been very active in the enforcement of the law. It has been better organized and with a larger force than in the past. The prosecutions which have been successfully concluded and which are now pending testify to the effectiveness of the department work.

The prosecution of trusts under the Sherman anti-trust law has gone on without restraint or diminution, and decrees similar to those entered in the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases have been entered in other suits. Like the suits against the powder trust and the brick trust, I am very personally convinced that a steady, consistent course in this regard with a continuing of Supreme court decisions upon the new phases of the trust question not already finally decided, is going to offer a solution of this much-discussed and troublesome issue in a quiet, calm, and judicial way, without any radical legislation changing the governmental policy in regard to combinations now denounced by the Sherman anti-trust law. I have already recommended as an aid in this matter legislation which would declare unlawful certain well-known phases of unfair competition in interstate trade, and I have also advocated voluntary national incorporation for the larger industrial enterprises, with provision for a closer supervision by the bureau of corporations, or a board appointed for the purpose, so as to make certain compliance with the anti-trust law on the one hand and to give greater security to the stockholders against possible prosecutions on the other. I believe, however, that the orderly course of litigation in the courts and the regular prosecution of trusts charged with the violation of the anti-trust law is producing among business men a clearer and clearer perception of the line of distinction between business that is to be encouraged and business that is to be condemned, and that in this quiet way the question of trusts can be settled and competition retained as an economic force to secure reasonableness in prices and freedom and independence in trade.

WILLIAM H. TAFT.

These Frosty Mornings Demand Warm Overcoats

HERMANWILE
Guaranteed Clothing

Offers a wide and comprehensive showing of stylish and refined overcoats, Full Box Chesterfield's button through models in single or double breasted styles, convertible collar overcoats and great roomy Raglans.

No matter which model pleases your fancy, you may take it with full assurance that no other store could give you better value or finer quality at like price.

WE HAVE A REPUTATION FOR MAKING GOOD. WE GOT THE REPUTATION BY DELIVERING THE GOODS.

PRICES

\$7.50 to \$20.00

Holiday Furnishings

We have just received a new stock of Gents' Furnishings for the Christmas trade. All the latest styles and novelties to select from in

Gloves, Neckwear, Plain and Fancy Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders in boxes, Silk and Knitted Mufflers, Sweater Coats, Fancy Shirts, Shoes, Slippers, Etc. We have a complete stock of Men's and Boy's Suits in all the latest styles and fabrics.

DO CHRISTMAS SHOPPING HERE.

E. L. RIGGS

Plymouth Cash Outfitter.

Grant Barrett of Orchard Lake attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. E. Hix, Sunday.

Mrs. Alford Bell and daughter spent the fore part of the week in Detroit visiting her son, John.

Visitors at Rose Lawn this week were Mrs. W. H. Coats, Mrs. Sweeney and son and Mrs. W. R. LeVan.

People in this neighborhood received quite a scare last Tuesday, when it was thought Mr. Sweeney's house was on fire. They turned out in case of need, but found it was only his garden on fire.

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of \$150.00 or more. He sought for a quicker and cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of this liniment he was well. For sale by dealers.—Advertisement.

WEST PLYMOUTH.

The helping hand society was very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Albert Ebersole Wednesday. The meeting was well attended and a number of visitors were present. The business meeting was followed by a literary program. The recitation of Mrs. Albert VanVoorhies was greatly appreciated. The next meeting will be held some time in January.

Miss Nina Becker, who has been staying with Mrs. Melburn Partridge, returned home Wednesday night.

Mrs. Dewitt Packard and Miss Vergie Thompson were in Detroit Wednesday.

John Streit of Carleton visited at F. L. Becker's Monday night.

Mrs. Don Packard was in Wayne last week helping care for her mother, Mrs. Gideon Durfee, who has been seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton I. Moore are attending the sessions of the Michigan State Grange at the Soo.

Allan Brown of Detroit is doing some carpenter work for F. L. Becker.

Dewitt Packard is in Elkhart, Ind., with a car load of apples. While there he will visit Charles Dunn and family. Mr. Dunn was a former West Plymouth boy.

If you are troubled with chronic constipation, the mild and gentle effect of Chamberlain's Tablets makes them especially suited to your case. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

NEWBURG.

Owing to the weather, also to a funeral south of Newburg, there were very few in attendance at church last Sabbath. Every one interested in a Xmas tree should be out next Sunday, as the arrangements will be completed at that time.

The W. R. C. will hold a special meeting on Friday afternoon, Dec. 20th. All members are urged to be present. Election of officers occurs at that time.

An 8-pound baby girl came to gladden the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stevens Wednesday, Dec. 4. Mother and babe doing well, also the grandparents.

Miss Ruth Ross, who is attending school in Ypsilanti, spent the week end at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. R. Barnes.

Frankie Grow, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Grow, died at the home of his parents, 445 Wilder ave., Detroit, Saturday, Dec. 7, at the age of 14. A year ago last May he was stricken with inflammatory rheumatism, from which he had since been a great sufferer. He was born near Newburg, living here until about five years ago, when he moved to Detroit with his parents. The funeral services were conducted by their pastor at Newburg church Tuesday afternoon. He was a bright boy and greatly loved by all who knew him. He leaves a father, mother and two sisters to mourn his untimely death. They have the sympathy of a host of friends.

Each Woodruff has made the church people an offer of leasing a half acre of ground for 99 years if they will move the church up to the burg. He also states that if they do not accept of his offer that a church of another denomination will be built there. It surely would be a fine thing for the church as well as for Newburg.

Faye Ryder is convalescing from an attack of German measles.

Mrs. James LeVan wishes to thank the Newburg ladies for their kindly remembrance of her on her recent birthday.

A CARD—We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all who assisted us in any way during our sad bereavement and for the beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Wm. Pfeiffer, Henry Pfeiffer, W. C. Pfeiffer, Mrs. Elizabeth Micol.

The Conner Hdw. Co. has a change of ad. in which they give a list of suitable Xmas gifts.

E. W. Chase gave a dinner party to a few lady friends last week Thursday. Bridge was the pleasure of the afternoon.

The Dairy Man Says: He has more milk and better cream since he began using Harvell's Condition Powder. It keeps his cows in strictly prime shape. It is a strictly medicinal powder, not a food, and is a general conditioning powder for cows, horses, work cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry. Price 25c. Sold by Jones, The Druggist and Beyer's Pharmacy.

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Select - Your - Christmas Gifts Now..

Make the gift a useful one, something everyone appreciates. Any article selected now will be laid aside for you and delivered any time you wish.

No better gift for Man or Boy could be made than a fine overcoat. We show a complete assortment of all the newest models at from \$7.50 to \$18.00 for Men and Young Men and from \$3.50 to \$8.00 for Boys.

Christmas Neckwear A gift every man or boy is sure to appreciate. Hundreds of patterns to select from. 25c. 50c. 75c.	Holiday Umbrellas Each in a Handsome Box. An ideal gift for anyone. \$1.00 to \$3.50
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Buy Her a Pair of Handsome Slippers
Fine Soft Felt, either Fur or Ribbon Trimmed—Gray, Black or Brown
90c. to \$1.75

Slippers for Men Black, Tan and Embroidered 90c. to \$1.50	Misses and Children's Slippers Red Felt, Fur Trimmed 65c. to 85c.
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Fancy Vests.....\$1.00 to \$3.50 Fur caps.....\$2.50 to \$5.00 Plush and Cloth Caps.....25c to \$1.50 Knit Caps and Toques.....25c to 50c Fancy Shirts.....50c. to \$1.50 Mufflers.....25c. to \$2.00 Handkerchiefs.....5c. to 50c. Suspenders.....25c. to 50c. Plain and Fancy Hose.....10c. to 50c Suede, Kid and Golf Gloves 25c. to \$1.50 Hose Supporters and Arm Band Sets.....50c	Christmas Combination Sets Handkerchief, Hose and Tie.....\$1.00 Silk Hose and Tie.....\$1.00 Lisle Hose and Tie.....50c Handkerchief and Tie.....50c Sweater Coats for Men and Boys Gray, Blue, Red, Brown and White 50c to \$1.00 A complete line of Queen Quality, Ralston Health and Douglas Shoes and High Cut Shoes for Children.
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A. H. DIBBLE & SON

BEAUTIFUL XMAS GIFTS FOR ALL

A special feature of our stock is the opportunity for selection. In all grades we are showing the newest and best of the season. We offer you the happy combination of a superior stock, a large assortment and the fairest price.

Some Timely Suggestions for Gifts

For the Men A New line of Neckwear in Fancy Boxes Suspenders in Fancy Boxes Plain and Fancy Hosiery in Fancy Boxes Gloves, all kinds Mufflers	For the Ladies Sweater Coats Umbrellas Suit Cases Aprons of all kinds Fancy Kimonas	Gloves, all the best styles and leathers Hand Bags Back Combs Fancy Collars Mufflers Umbrellas Belts
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Christmas Handkerchiefs

We bought our Handkerchiefs for the holiday trade long ago. Had to, to get those exquisite, dainty embroidered styles and the many others which we are now showing in Ladies' Handkerchiefs from 5c. to \$1.50. Gents' Handkerchiefs in sealed packages, sanitary clean and never handled, 10c, 3 for 25c., 2 for 25c, 3 pure Irish linen ready for use. Don't overlook our big line before buying.

A Beautiful Display of

Stamped Linens, Dresser Scarfs, Center Pieces Towels, Etc.

We have just received a nice line of New and Up-to-date Dress Goods

Our Biggest Bargain Offer



1 Pillow Top— stamped, and tinted-on Pure Linen Russian Crash.....	Worth 25c
1 Lesson Sheet— giving full instructions for embroidering.....	Worth 5c
6 skeins of Richardson's Grand Prize Grecian Silk Floss.....	Worth 24c
Total Value.....	54c
Special To-day for 25c Six Very Attractive Designs	

We have a nice line of Gloves and Mittens for the children.

We are Closing Out our stock of Boy's 50c. Negligee Shirts At 25 Cents

J. R. RAUCH & SON

THE PLYMOUTH MAIL

BY
F. W. SAMSEN
L. B. SAMSEN, Editor and Manager
SUBSCRIPTION RATES.
One Year, payable in advance.....\$1.00
Six months......50
Three months......25
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1912

MORE LOCAL.

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Beyer's Pharmacy ad. has something to say about victrolas and phonographs. Look it over.

O. T. Beyer visited friends in Detroit last Sunday.

The central grocery have an interesting ad. this week.

J. B. Henderson moved his family to Saginaw this week.

D. A. Jolliffe & Son advertise another special sale for Saturday.

Harry Bartlett of Detroit visited, relatives in town over Sunday.

The L. L. C. met with Mrs. Ernest Passage last week Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Hayes of Saginaw, was the guest of Mrs. T. Heminway last Wednesday.

Mrs. Sarah Bartlett visited friends in Ypsilanti the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Wealthy Chaffee of Wayne, has been visiting relatives in town this week.

Pinckney's Pharmacy have something to say in their ad. about holiday goods. Read it.

Mrs. Laurence of Northville, has been the guest of Mrs. Wm. Blunkenburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Chaffee entertained the five hundred club last Friday evening.

Mrs. Peter Gayde fell last Sunday night and injured her right arm quite seriously.

Mrs. Geo. Starkweather is visiting her daughter Mrs. Edward Tighe, in Detroit this week.

Miss Blanche Gents visited relatives in Detroit over Sunday. Clifford Wood returned home with her.

J. R. Rauch & Son are now advertising this week. They make some good suggestions for Xmas gifts to be found at their store.

LIVONIA CENTER.

A load of cemetery society ladies went up to Wm. Smith's at Waterford 1st Wednesday and several outsiders dropped in to dinner. The society added a little bit more to their fund to keep the cemetery going. It was a beautiful day and all enjoyed themselves very much. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Orrie Hemple on the base line, near Northville, January 18. Everybody come.

Who is the dog-killer around here? that's the question just now. Well, so long as they are useless curs, no one seems to care.

Mr. Maunl has moved from the Moore house to the W. O. Minkley house and now there is a vacant house in the burg.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Ash, Jr., visited at H. C. Peck's last Wednesday and Thursday.

Wingert, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Chilson, was brought here for burial Wednesday from Willow. His late home was in Buffalo, but he has been here the most of the summer. He has been a great sufferer for about two years.

You will find that druggists everywhere speak well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. They know from long experience in the sale of it that incases of coughs and colds it can always be depended upon, and that it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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There is Economy in buying quality products and not alone the fact that there is more satisfaction in the better product, but also the better value. We specialize on

Quantity Food Products

OF ALL KINDS

Tea

Our Golden Sun Tea is quality, we have it in uncolored and Black and Green mixed. Our White Ribbon Tea is imported direct from Japan, and can not be equaled.

Coffee

Our Golden Sun Coffee is our pride. A cup of our coffee is convincing. White House Coffee is another of our Big Sellers. Kar-A-Van is one of our good numbers.

Shiell Wrapped Cakes

Shiell's Wrapped Cakes made in Detroit are made from the very best of everything—Pure Country Butter, Strictly Fresh Eggs. Just like you use at home.

Call us, and let us send you a cake on trial—Satisfaction Guaranteed.

CENTRAL GROCERY,

R. G. SAMSEN

Phone 13, 2r

Free Delivery

That Christmas Dinner

will be incomplete unless you come in and see what we have to appeal to the hungry. Santa Claus and his host of "goodies" will make our place his headquarters. We will be fortified against starvation and can fill your desires to the letter. Look 'em over.

Oranges Cranberries Apples Nuts Bananas Prunes
Sweet Potatoes Candies Grape Fruit Raisins Mar. Cherries
Figs Grapes Currants Squash Dates

Preserves in the following flavors: Cherry, Raspberry, Strawberry, Fig, Peach, Black Berry, Plum

TANGERINES TANGERINES

That nice sweet flavored thin skin exceedingly choice Tangerine at only 20c. per dozen.

Soap Again Soap

Because of the tremendous sale of Soap last Saturday, we will again call your attention to the fact that there will be

Another Soap Bargain

This Saturday Only. Acme Soap This Time.

9 Bars 25c. single orders
10 Bars 25c. with order of \$1.50

D. A. JOLLIFFE & SON

BOTH PHONES

Banking Service

This bank offers a safe depository for your funds, paying them on demand.

Sells exchange on all principal cities of the world.

Pays Four Per Cent interest on savings and time deposits.

Issues Letters of Credit and Travelers checks for foreign travel.

Makes collections everywhere.

Gives counsel when sought by patrons concerning financial matters.

Make this your bank and use its service.

Ypsilanti Savings Bank,

YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN

Central Meat Market

Call Central Meat Market,
'phone 23, for

Choice Meats,

Smoked Meats of all Kinds,

Home Made Bologna and Sausages,

Try them and you won't eat any other.

FRANK RAMBO, Manager

BOTH PHONES

FREE DELIVERY

Local News

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bogert, a girl, Sunday.

Born, Dec. 5th, a girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stevens.

Regular meeting of the O. E. S. next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Helen Miller is having her house wired for electric lights.

Geo. Delker of Detroit, visited his brother Peter last Sunday.

Brown & Pettingill's ad. will prove interesting to holiday shoppers.

Mrs. Wm. Downs of Detroit, was a Plymouth visitor last Saturday.

Burton Galpin of Dixbo, visited at Anson Hearn's last week Thursday.

Orrie Chaffee and little son of Detroit, visited relatives in town Sunday.

John Sherwood, a pioneer resident of Milford is dead at the age of 94 years.

Adna Burnett and daughter Alva of Chelsea, have been visiting at F. J. Tousey's.

Mr. Arthur Wright and family have moved into the Hix house on E. Ann Arbor street.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Jager of Wyandotte, were over Sunday guests at W. E. Harris'.

Maynard Riley and sister Leda of Chicago, visited friends in town the first of the week.

The Woman's Baptist Mission Circle will meet with Mrs. Hodge next Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. John Webb and Mrs. Frank Glenan of South Lyon, visited at Mrs. Wyman Bartlett's last Monday.

E. H. Langworthy, the Wayne farm implement dealer has change of ad. this week. Be sure to look it over.

A. H. Dibble & Son have an ad. this week in which they make some timely suggestions for holiday shoppers.

A year's subscription to the Mail would make a most acceptable Xmas gift to send to some friend who formerly lived here.

Miss Grace Sears returned home Saturday from a several months stay with her sister, Mrs. Ed. Fisher, at Diamondville, Wyoming.

Miss Grace Campbell, who has been working in Detroit for the past few months is at home taking a vacation until the first of the year.

Frank Tousey and Robert Walker have been drawn as jurors from Plymouth township for the January and February term of circuit court.

Do your Christmas buying early and avoid the rush. The stocks of merchandise are complete now and you will have a better opportunity to make your selection.

The ladies auxiliary of the Presbyterian church gave a six o'clock dinner for the chorus choir and ushers last Tuesday evening at the church. There were about thirty-five present and after the dinner a social time was enjoyed.

One of the cases to be disposed of when Judge Smith opened circuit court at Pontiac last week Monday was that of J. W. Phillips of Walled Lake, charged with furnishing liquor to minors. Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs of \$10 and was given 30 hours in which to secure the money.

A mile of one of the Holly rural routes, on the town line between Rose and Highland has been cut out, owing, it is stated, to the road not being in good condition. Warning had been sent by the department but nothing was done to better the road. However, only two houses are affected, and one of these is served by the Davisburg route.

Many of our local stores are beginning to take on a holiday appearance in readiness for the fast approaching holiday season. Our merchants are prepared to take care of the trade with a large and varied assortment of goods suitable for Christmas gifts. You can find almost anything you wish right here in Plymouth. Keep watch of the advertisements in the Mail for further details.

After Jan. 31 all pensioners in the United States will receive their pensions from Washington instead of from the pension district in which they reside, as after that time all pension agencies will be eliminated. The next payment due Dec. 4, will be paid by check from the various pension headquarters as usual, except that the check will not be accompanied by the voucher as heretofore.

Notwithstanding the bad weather which the Fowlerville fair encountered this fall, the reports of the officers at the annual meeting just held, shows that the receipts were \$2,569.86. It is stated that this amount furnished a net profit for the fair over expenses of \$412.12. The association spent \$909.76 for improvements on the fair grounds last year and now has \$1,308.73 in the treasury.

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. Herring's Sugar-Coated Pills for your liver. They will clean your out, rid you of your blood and put your digestion in good order. Price 25c. per box. Sold by Jones, The Druggist, and Boyer's Pharmacy.—Adv.

Mrs. Osborn Westfall visited relatives in Detroit this week.

Robert Warner and family are visitors in Flint this week.

Mrs. Theron Smith of South Lyon, was a Plymouth visitor Thursday.

Mr. A. T. Moon, who has been ill for several weeks, continues very poorly.

Miss Grace Campbell pleasantly entertained several friends last Friday evening.

Mrs. Maude Harper of Detroit, visited her sister Mrs. Fred Williams last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George McLaren of Olivet, visited relatives in town over Sunday.

Mrs. Wilfred Brandfield of Wixom, visited her sister Mrs. Ed. Ward, last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Claude Williams of Detroit, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams.

Jones, the druggist, has an ad. this week that will be of special interest to Christmas shoppers. Be sure to read it.

The chicken-pie dinner given at the M. E. church last Tuesday evening was fairly well attended and netted the ladies about twenty dollars.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Please remember there will be no deliveries by the city delivery wagons on Christmas or New Year's day.

Oranges 15 cents a dozen on Friday Saturday at Central Grocery.

Place your orders for Christmas trees, holly wreaths, green pine, green moss and cut flowers early. C. Heide.

Dr. W. Fred Dodsley, having assumed the practice of Dr. W. R. Knight, will be pleased to meet former patients of this office at the same location during the days of Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week and at other times by appointment.

Little Sweet Oranges, Friday and Saturday at 15 cents a dozen, at Central Grocery.

Go to C. Heide's green house for Christmas trees, holly wreaths, green moss and cut flowers.

Mrs. Merrylees will take orders for home-made candies by phone. Cream fondants 30c. per pound.

Again we have a few of those Little Sweet Oranges for 15 cents a dozen, at Central Grocery.

We have a limited amount of calendars. Only one to a family. Call at Brown & Pettingill's.

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FOR A NEAT XMAS PRESENT

To anyone, get a pennant, pillow covers or wall banner from Daryl Downs, or leave your order at Jones' drug store. If you have a friend or relative in school or college one of these is just the thing to give him or her. Souvenir pennants from Plymouth High School and University pennants, Plymouth and college pillow covers, and wall banners a specialty. Anything in felt made to order at lowest prices. See the display at Jones.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that most diseases such as whooping cough, diphtheria and scarlet fever are contracted when the child has a cold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will quickly cure a cold and greatly lessen the danger of contracting these diseases. This remedy is famous for its cures of colds. It contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given to a child with implicit confidence. Sold by all dealers.—Advertisement.

Dressmaking and plain sewing, children's costumes. Moderate charges.
Mrs. Osmand, 69 church street.

Wants, For Sale, To Rent, etc.

5c. per Line, One Insertion

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Enquire of Miss Alice Safford.

FOR RENT—A good barn.
Mrs. O. A. Fraser

FOR SALE—At a bargain if taken inside of two weeks, a comfortable home in good location, seven rooms, electric lights, cellar, etc. Also a number of places in good location at reasonable prices, several small farms and a few large ones. For particulars inquire of Mrs. E. L. Riggs, Plymouth, Mich.

THE MARKETS

Wheat, red, \$.95; white, \$.95
Hay, \$11.00 to \$12.00 No. 1 Timothy,
Oats, 27c.
Rye, 50c.
Beans, basis \$1.75
Potatoes, \$.40
Butter, 34c.
Eggs, 32c.

MISS BERTHA BEALS,

Piano Teacher

Studio, No. 8 Mill Street.

NOTICE!

Baker Has Moved His Photograph Gallery

north of the Presbyterian Church, back of the old Methodist parsonage, No. 24 Church street, on Adams street. Good cement walk all the way.

With a good north light, expect to make Better Pictures Than Ever

Will try hard to keep up with the times and do good work and please everybody. Come in and see me in my new place.

E. P. BAKER

Plymouth, Mich.

GALE'S.

Just Opened Up A Large Stock Of

NEW CHRISTMAS GOODS

Dolls from 1 cent to \$2.00 each. China Dolls, Bisque Dolls, Character Dolls, Rubber Dolls, Dolls with hair and Dolls without hair.

Drums, Wagons, Doll Buggies, Express Wagons, Rocking Horses, Shoo Flies, Wooden Toys, Iron Toys, Mechanical Toys, etc. Games from 5c. to 50c. Boys and Girls Books, Children's Books in linen and stiff covers.

We have a very large stock of Christmas and New Year's Post Cards, Booklets, Stickers, Marking Tags, etc.

We have a very large stock of China and Glassware Salads from 25c. to \$2.00 each. Cake Plates and Cake Sets, Fruit Sets, Bread and Butter Sets, Baby Plates, Smoking Sets, Water Sets, Cups and Saucers for Children, Men, and Women, all styles and sizes.

A fine stock of Pocket Books, Perfumes, Box Paper.

We are headquarters for Groceries, Fruits, Candies, Vegetables, etc.

Phone 16

JOHN L. GALE

THE HOME of Quality Groceries

THE TOP NOTCH IN GROCERIES

We strive to attain. As we succeed our patrons gain! When it comes to selling things to eat,

In Quality and Price, We'll Not Be Beat!



TRY THESE—THEY'LL PLEASE.

A full and complete line of Christmas Candies, Nuts and Fruits. Don't fail to get our prices on Candy before buying.

A Pure Sugar Cream	10c. lb.
Broken Taffy	10c. lb.
Peanut Brittle or Crisp	15c. lb.
Chocolates, from	20c. to 40c. lb.
Mixed nuts	20c. lb.
Fancy Paper Shell Almonds	20c. lb.
Fancy Budded Walnuts	25c. lb.
No. 1 Soft Shell Walnuts	20c. lb.
Filberts, Pecans, and Brazils	20c. lb.

Both Imported and Domestic Figs, Dates, Tangerines, oranges, Bananas Grape Fruits and all kinds of Fruit and vegetables in season.

Brown & Pettingill,

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CHRISTMAS TREE IN MYTH, TRADITION AND TODAY



FATHER CHRISTMAS IN THE FLESH



A CHRISTMAS TREE MARKET

FROM THE HOLLY!

MYRIAD are the myths and legends that cluster around the Christmas tree. Its origin takes us far back into prehistoric times when our skin-clad savage ancestors were tree worshippers and believed that a god or goddess dwelt in the evergreen. Long prior to the Christian era, the fir tree was used in Rome in the December holiday festivities of the Saturnalia and its branches were decked with little yellow jeweled images of pagan divinities, especially of Bacchus.

In the Yuletide celebrations of the Druids of ancient Britain, the evergreen had a distinctive place with ivy, holly and mistletoe. The Druids believed that the evergreens sheltered the good spirits of the air who fled to them at the approach of cold weather.

There is a Scandinavian myth that tells of the tree that sprang from the blood-soaked ground where two lovers met a violent death, and of mysterious lights that hovered about the tree at Christmas time. At the period of the winter solstice, the ancient Egyptians decorated their houses with palm leaves which symbolized immortality and the starry sky. At this period of the year the ancient Persians decorated the plane tree with ornaments and jewels.

An old German tradition gives Saint Wilfred the credit of transforming the tree worship of the savage Teutons to a Christian ceremony. It was about the year 725 that he led a party of priests into central Germany for the conversion of the worshippers of god Thor. Prince Gregor, the grandson of a king, was with him, having been entrusted to his care by the abbot of the cloister Phalzel. On Christmas eve they were fighting their way through the snow of the forest when they came upon the heathen tribe of Geismar. They were assembled under the thunder oak, symbolic of the power of Thor, and were prepared to offer up sacrifice. The white-haired priest of the heathens had chosen the young son of the chief as the fairest possession of the tribe, and he was to be offered, for the god was very hungry and needed the utmost atonement.

As the venerable priest raised his stone hatchet on high and brought it down to kill the boy, who was ready, prepared for the stroke, Wilfred appeared and warded off the blow with his staff. The people were gratified at his saving of their favorite and allowed him speech and he gave them the Christian creed. Then, he and the Prince Gregor took their axes and cut down the Thunder Oak. As it was ready to fall the lightning came and split it in many parts and it fell asunder. The waiting tribe then beheld in its place a slender fir tree, green and sparkling and odoriferous. Wilfred bade the tribesmen bear this tree to the hall of Grundthar, the chieftain, to there assemble about it and make merry. About this first Christmas tree the wild men of the woods first heard the tale of the shepherd boy and the fields of Judah and it gripped their sturdy hearts. The tribes became Christian and ever after used the fir tree as a token of the day of Christ's birth.

The Christmas tree in its present style of

usage cannot be traced back farther than the sixteenth century. It then existed only in the Rhine valley, to which narrow limits it was restricted for more than 200 years. At the opening of the nineteenth century it spread to the rest of Germany, and fifty years later had reached Bohemia, Hungary, Paris and England. German immigrants had already brought the custom to our own country and here it has become so popular that the supply of trees in the city markets is never equal to the demand.

Linking the present with the dim past of unnumbered centuries, there will this Christmas be displayed in American homes 5,000,000 evergreen trees. There are about 20,000,000 families in the United States, and one in four of these will make the Christmas tree a part of the celebration that is at hand. This does not mean that only these will participate in the festivities of the season, for there is still the stocking method of dispensing gifts. But in this great number of homes it has become the custom to use the trees in accordance with the old-fashioned custom of sturdy, rural Germany.

New York, the metropolis of the nation, uses far more Christmas trees than any other city in the world. Yet the city is so admirably located from the standpoint of available forests that the supply is always abundant and prices low. A quarter of a million Christmas trees are each year brought to New York, and all of them are sold during the week before Christmas. Over on Riverside Drive, where are the homes of the wealthy, expensive trees are sold. These are elaborately prepared, often being specially grown for the purpose and bring prices as high as \$50. Yet the East Side gets its due proportion, and so abundant is the supply that good shrubs may be had for 25 cents and 50 cents. The little trees grow quickly and the farmers are often glad to have them cleared off their land. As a result the people who count the pennies closely find the Christmas greens within their reach.

Father Knickerbocker lives right in the midst of the most productive Christmas tree section. The state of New York yields them abundantly. Straight down from the Adirondacks they come in trainload lots. Northern Pennsylvania also produces them without stint, and so are all the nearby cities guaranteed an abundance. All through New England there is a general use of the Christmas tree.

For a month past there have been hundreds of men preparing the Christmas tree harvest for the youngsters who dwell in the towns and cities. In the smaller communities, provided the region produces the right sort of trees, the farmer himself cuts them down and brings them to market. He sells these trees to market men, to grocers, to florists and decorators. They are bought from him by the wagonload and cost little. Then they are properly prepared and set upon the sidewalk.

But preparation for the larger markets are different. In the hills around the greater cities making ready for Christmas is begun two months before the arrival of the day to be celebrated. In Maine, for instance, the men go out in gangs of four. They know their business, for they have gathered this self-same harvest for a generation. They have bought the trees as they stand in the field, paying the farmer five cents each for them. The butt of the tree is sawed off smoothly and painted over in order that the sap may be re-

tained. The limbs are bound down tight so as to save room in shipping. Then they are bound together in bunches of five, this being convenient for both shipment and sale. They go to market in open cars that they may be kept cool and possibly damp. Otherwise their tips might wilt and their attractiveness thus be lessened. They are sold direct from the cars to retailers and these make a point of keeping them always in the open air.

Throughout the southern states the supply of Christmas trees comes from the southern pine that overruns the region. Ordinarily the markets are supplied by the wagons of the farmers, but in the bigger cities they come in carload and trainload lots. The fir is abundant in Colorado, but it grows in high, inaccessible places, and therefore the Douglas spruce and the lodgepole pine largely take its place. This is largely true of all the Rocky Mountain states. In California and the other Pacific Coast states the incense cedar and the young coast redwoods are quite generally used as Christmas trees. The swamps of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota furnish the markets of Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Detroit.

When the time is ready for the indoor use of the tree it is dug up and pared down to a graceful piece of earth as a base. Then a piece of canvas or any other sort of stout cloth is bound about the base to prevent crumbling of the earth. The whole of this is then fitted into a box or tub and is ready to serve its purpose in the house. It is more solid and effective indoors than the ordinary tree and never wilts or droops. It is in reality a living tree.

When the festivities are over the tree is taken to the point where it is to be planted. A hole is dug to fit its base. This may be successfully accomplished even where the ground is frozen. The tree is lifted from its tub, the cloth is taken from around its base and it is fitted again into the earth from which it came. The protected roots again take hold and the tree goes on growing without even a knowledge of its holiday experience. It is in no way injured.

Nurserymen specially prepare trees for just this purpose. Individuals may do the same thing with no more explanation than that given above. Trees from the native woods around any village may have their roots pruned in advance or they may be dug up with no preparation whatever. There is a better chance of their flourishing when they have been prepared for the transplanting. But any evergreen dug up with a bit of earth about its roots should grow.

There is also a manner of permanently marking trees without injuring them or interfering with their growth. A tag fastened to a piece of wire will remain attached to a tree for a century. This tag may be of metal and on it may be stamped the date and whatever legend is desired. The home of a growing family may thus be left with a permanent monument of all the Christmases that have passed over the heads of the children that have dwelt within it. When these return to the ancestral hearth in their old age they can recall the planting of the trees and the events that hover about the occasion in question. Incidentally, the landscape will have been beautified, and aside from the sentimental phase of it, much valuable timber produced.

The Christmas tree industry of the United States has assumed great proportions and Uncle Sam is making plans to place the industry upon a permanently profitable basis through reforesting large areas. Incidentally the new industry has furnished an opportunity for hundreds of boys and girls to earn their Christmas money in a new way by harvesting the cones of evergreen trees.

Of the nation's forest land, 60,000,000 acres are today covered with mature timber, while 40,000,000 acres are well seeded with young growth. This leaves 100,000,000 acres that are either non-productive or only partly productive. It is for this 100,000,000 acres that seed are to be gathered, and it is upon this vast expanse that they are to be planted until the whole is developed into its greatest possible yielding capacity, making it one of the finest forests that the world has ever known.

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Hushed are the sounds of recent mirth
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Old winter breathes along the plain
Its chilling breath of snow;
The billows bounding o'er the main
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There Were Others.
"You," sighed the rejected lover, "would find your name written in imperishable characters on my heart could you but look."
"So," murmured the fair young thing who was aware of the fact that the swain had been playing Romeo at the seaside for something like 20 years. "So? Then you must have a heart like a local directory by this time."—Tit-Bits.

Two Guesses.
"Well," said the proud father as the doctor entered the room, "what is it—a boy or a girl?"
"I'll give you two guesses, and even then you won't guess right," said the doctor.
"Tush! nonsense!" said the proud father. "Boy?"
"Nope," said the doctor.
"Ah—girl, then?" said the proud father.
"Nope," said the doctor.
"Ah—I know," said the proud father, sadly.—Harper's Weekly

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 "Better try some stranger."

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Exception.
 "You can't put water colors in an oil painting."
 "You can, sea blue, can't you?"

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The pair were walking down Chestnut street and his companion stopped in amazement. "What! Doesn't it hurt your teeth and gums, too?" he exclaimed almost in horror.
 "No," came back the surprising reply. "You see they're the kind you buy at the dentist's."

Protecting Valuable Interests.
 "Why do you charge so much extra for putting in a load of coal?"
 "Well," replied the dealer, "you know coal is coal, and while it costs a little more, it is better to have anybody that handles it bonded."

Helping Bob Along.
 May—I've just been reading about a Boston physician who tells you what ails you by holding your hand.
 Jane—I must tell that to Bob tonight. He's thinking of studying medicine.

Very Much So.
 "When Mrs. Jibbetts was asked why she neglected her friends so, she gave a bald excuse."
 "What was it?"
 "The baby."

Hard to Go.
 "This case has some ugly features about it."
 "Then put a good face on it."

A small boy doesn't find it very amusing to do the things his parents are willing to let him do.

An old toper says that none are so blind as those who refuse an eye opener.

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COMING EVENTS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

THE INCOMING LEGISLATURE AND THE PLUMS THE NEW GOVERNOR WILL HAVE TO DISTRIBUTE.

THE ELECTION OF A UNITED STATES SENATOR WILL NOT BE JUGGLED.

Our Correspondent Has Been Looking Over the Situation and Conditions Upon Which He Ventures Some Very Clear Predictions.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

State officials, veteran legislators and many persons outside the magic realm of politics confidently predict that the coming assembly of the law makers will develop into the most sensational gathering in the history of Michigan. According to advance information which has drifted into the state house from various parts of Michigan, enough bills are being framed by embryo statesmen to hold the legislature in session until the middle of next July, but owing to the fact that the new constitution fixes the pay of the legislature of \$500 per session capitol habits are inclined to the belief that the enthusiasm of the new members will wane after they have been in Lansing about three months. As a general rule old members always welcome a short session so there are some reasons to believe that the pyrotechnics will be all over within twelve weeks after the initial roll is called.

United States Senator.

One of the important propositions that will confront the next legislature will be the election of a United States senator. If the republican majority in the house and senate ratify the result of the primary election United States Senator William Alden Smith will be elected on the joint ballot with several votes to spare. Recently rumors have reached the state house that some of the belligerent statesmen were holding out and have announced that it was not at all certain that they would vote for William Alden Smith, solely because he was the choice of the republican party in the primaries.

However, it is generally believed that all the differences that are supposed to exist at present will be ironed out before the solons arrive in Lansing. Governor-elect Ferris has announced that there will be no "Lorimerizing" the Michigan legislature. He says the republicans must support Senator Smith, the democrats Alfred Lucking, and the progressives, Theodore Joslin. Friends of William Alden Smith in the state house assert that he will have the required number of votes when the roll is called on the joint ballot, Jan. 14.

Economy the Watchword.

With Chase S. Osborn in the executive chair and Herbert F. Baker as speaker of the house, economy was the watchword during the session of 1911. The biennial junket, which for years had been little more than a two weeks' outing for a certain coterie of statesmen, was eliminated, and although most of the institutions were visited by the committees assigned for that purpose, the tours which had previously been a big item of expense to the state were entirely done away with and the same results were accomplished in a cheaper and more satisfactory manner. Appropriation bills were carefully pruned by the legislature and were more vigorously attacked by Gov. Osborn. Many clerks who had heretofore been appointed purely for political purposes, were dropped from the pay roll.

It is expected that the same program of economy will be followed out by the next legislature, and the newly elected chief executive, Woodbridge N. Ferris. Complications arising from the tangled political situation will require that the representatives of the three factions of the house and senate hew closely to the line and follow out the pledges of the party platforms as nearly as possible.

Listen to the Voters.

For the first time in many years the democrats are well represented in the legislature, and with a democratic governor sitting on the safety valve, it is expected that there will be some exceedingly lively times when the solons assemble in Lansing Jan. 1. Heretofore the republicans have boasted of a top heavy majority in both the house and senate and as a result they have been able to do about as they pleased without much regard for the future, but next year they will be more or less on the defensive, and it is claimed by the leaders that every effort will be made to enact a sane, conservative program, and more attention will be paid to the wishes of the voters "back home."

Prospective Legislation.

With 52 members in the house and 21 republicans in the senate, the most time majority leaders are pretty well fixed from a party standpoint, but in matters of important legislation it is not expected that party lines will be as closely drawn as in other years. Well knowing that the ball moves in

favor of the democrats, the republicans will endeavor to carry out a program that will endear them to the hearts of their constituents, the republicans and democrats will not be found napping.

Then, too, the republicans realize that although they have a comfortable majority in each house, they will be unable to enact any partisan measures, as the democratic governor would affix his veto to the bills and they would be unable to muster the required two-thirds vote to pass them over his head. On this account, it is pointed out that much desirable legislation will probably be placed upon the statute books at the coming session.

The Ex-augural.

Governor Osborn has not informed the public as to the measures he will advocate in his ex-augural, but members of his intimate political family declare that the retiring chief executive will be progressive enough to suit the most fastidious. It is known that Gov. Osborn is strongly in favor of a central purchasing board to do the buying for all state institutions and he will probably ask the legislature to pass a law creating such a board. When he assumed the reins of office two years ago he asked the legislature in his initial message to create a central board for all state institutions, but the law makers frowned on the proposition. Since that time Gov. Osborn has paid a personal visit to every institution in the state and he knows thoroughly the needs of each one. Only a few days ago he stated that he would have some interesting information to impart along these lines and it is expected that the 1913 legislature will get the benefit of the research work he has been doing during the last year.

Being strongly in favor of the initiative, referendum and recall, Gov. Osborn is sure to advocate these measures in his ex-augural. There is every reason to believe that the next legislature will give favorable consideration to these important propositions as the platforms of all three parties show that republicans, democrats and national progressives favor them.

Four-Year Term.

There is also reason to believe that Osborn will recommend that the governor's term be extended to four years, and that he be prohibited from being a candidate a second time. A four-year term for governor was advocated by Osborn two years ago, but the legislature turned a deaf ear.

A uniform system of accounting, amendments to the primary election laws and important liquor legislation, will be among the propositions discussed by the retiring chief executive. Although it is expected that he will touch on taxation questions, there is no reason to believe that he will make any mention of the tonnage tax. However, this is sure to be brought up in the legislature in some form or other as the state grange and the farmers' clubs favor it and the tonnage tax bill is the cause of a hot legislative scrimmage every two years.

The Appointments.

One characteristic of Gov. Osborn that has been the cause of considerable comment during the past two years is his penchant for appointing to office members of the democratic party because of their fitness to fill the positions. When the legislature failed to pass a civil service bill he took matters into his own hands and proceeded to name men to important commissions regardless of their political affiliations. At the present time Osborn is strongly in favor of a civil service law and it is expected that both the retiring and the incoming chief executives will make a plea for such a bill in their messages to the legislature the first of the year.

Will Be Boss of the Job.

When Governor-elect Ferris was in the city a few days ago for a conference with Osborn he intimated that he would appoint men for their ability to fill the position rather than for their political prestige. "If there are three candidates for a place, I do not care whether one is a republican, another a democrat and a third a bull moose, I shall pick the man whom I consider to be the best fitted for the place," said Ferris. "Their qualifications being equal, I should name the democrat, but otherwise I would choose the republican or the progressive. I am going to give the people of Michigan an administration that is as much business and as little politics as possible, and I will be boss of the job myself."

The Patronage.

How to divide less than a dozen good jobs among many thousand democratic patriots who are willing nay anxious to serve the state, is a problem that will confront Woodbridge N. Ferris when he assumes the reins of office the first of the year. It has been 22 years since the democrats of Michigan have controlled the executive office and after the years of famine, there will be a lively scramble for the few choice plums that the governor will have at his disposal.

Had the democrats elected their entire state ticket, there would have been many minor clerkships at the disposal of the party leaders, but as things now stand there are only a few departments where there will be any patronage to distribute.

Seekers for Place.

Insurance Commissioner C. A. Palmer will be succeeded by a democrat, July 1, 1913, and there will be about 15 clerkships at the disposal of the new administration in that department. The salary of the insurance com-

missioner is \$3,500 per annum and the appointment dates for two years. The deputy insurance commissioner receives \$2,500 per year and this is a position that will be much sought for. Already there are a large number of candidates for Palmer's job, but the newly elected governor has given no intimation as to whom he will name for the place.

Railroad Commission.

The term of George Dickinson expires as a member of the state railroad commission and Ferris will be able to name one of his friends to a \$3,500 job on that important board. The law requires that one member of the railroad commission shall be a practical railroad man, and as that position has been filled by Dickinson during the past four years, Ferris will be required to pick some one with a thorough knowledge of railroading. The appointment will date for six years. Chairman C. L. Glasgow's term does not expire for two years, but should the democrats still be in control of the state government at that time, it will be necessary to reappoint Glasgow or pick some other republication in his place as the act requires that there shall not be more than two members of the dominant party on the commission. Lawton J. Hemans was named as the lawyer member of the commission by Gov. Osborn two years ago and his term will not expire until Jan. 1, 1916.

However, with Hemans and the other democrat that will be appointed Jan. 1, 1913, on the commission, the democrats will be in control and will be able to oust some of the clerks who have been holding their places by virtue of the republican party, may be due of the republican party. There are a number of minor places in the railroad commission that are being eagerly sought by ambitious democrats.

Helme's Chance.

The term of Labor Commissioner Parry F. Powers will terminate the first of next July and this will afford Ferris an opportunity to place one of his friends in a \$2,500 job. There are about ten clerical jobs in that department. At the same time Ferris will have an opportunity to pass out a \$2,500 plum in the office of state dairy and food commission. It is expected that James Helme, who was made deputy dairy and food commissioner under Gilman Dame, by Gov. Osborn, will have this place if he wants it. Helme was the democratic candidate for lieutenant governor this year and it is said that he will be rewarded for his work if he cares to continue on the state pay roll.

Clerical Jobs.

There are at least 20 minor places in the dairy and foods commission that will afford jobs for the democrats. The salaries range from \$800 to \$2,000. Under the graded salary law passed by the legislature a few years ago all clerks were started at \$800 per year. If they are proficient they may be advanced to \$900 when they have been in the employ of the state six months, and may receive \$1,000 at the end of the first year if they merit it. However, \$1,000 is the limit for a common clerk, and owing to the fact that it costs considerable more to live in the Capital City now than it did a few years ago, clerical jobs are not much sought after by men with families.

Marshon May Stay.

W. B. Marshon's term as a member of the state board of tax commissioners will expire Jan. 1, but it is thought that Marshon will be reappointed by Ferris, if he cares to accept the position again. Marshon is a wealthy lumberman from Saginaw and a democrat. He was placed on the board by Gov. Osborn because of his extensive knowledge of taxation matters, particularly those relating to mineral and timber lands. With the exception of his personal appointees in the executive office, this constitutes practically all the patronage that will be at the disposal of the democratic governor at present.

Place to Be Filled.

The position of private secretary to the governor pays a salary of \$1,800, while the executive clerk in the governor's office, who is also secretary of the state pardon board, draws a similar salary. At least three stenographers and a messenger are required in the executive office and each receives a salary of \$1,000.

During the term of a governor there are important vacancies to fill caused by resignations or death, so that Ferris will have plenty of opportunity to exercise his appointive power during the course of the next two years. There are hundreds of non-salaried appointments to be made, but these places are not generally considered of much importance.

The next legislature will be asked to create the office of state sanitary inspector and authorize him to hire assistants. The bill will provide that the inspector be a civil engineer.

Copies of resolutions passed by the Commercial club of Bessemer, protesting against excessive tax assessment in Bessemer, have been forwarded to Gov. Osborn and Gov.-elect Ferris. A co-operative store may be established in Cadillac, where groceries and a general line of foodstuffs will be sold at cost. At the head of this plan are local socialists.

According to statements made by dealers, there will be no shortage of coal in Port Huron, such as is being experienced in Detroit. Chestnut coal is quoted at \$2.25 per ton.



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For Detroit via Wayne: 6:30 a.m. and every hour to 7:30 p.m.; also 8:44 p.m. and 11:35 p.m. changing at Wayne.

NORTH BOUND

Leave Plymouth for Northville 6:06 a.m. 7:30 a.m. and every hour to 7:30 p.m.; also 9:30 a.m. and 10:44 p.m.

Leave Detroit for Plymouth 6:30 a.m. and every hour to 8:30 p.m.; 7:30 p.m.; also 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. changing cars at Wayne.

Leave Wayne for Plymouth 8:44 a.m. and every hour to 4:44 p.m. 8:44 p.m.; also 10:15 p.m. and 12 midnight.

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

TRY MAIL LINERS

CHURCH NEWS

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL MISSION.

There will be services in the above church as usual on Sunday next, December 15th, at 2:15 in the afternoon. Dr. Midworth of St. Peters, Detroit, will preach. All are invited to attend this service.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST.

First Church of Christ, Scientist holds services at church edifice, corner of Main and Dodge streets, Sunday morning at 10:10. Subject, "God the Preserver of Man" Sunday-school at 11 a. m. Wednesday evening testimonial service, 7:10. Everyone is welcome.

LUTHERAN.

Rev. O. Peters, Pastor.

There will be no services in this church next Sunday, as Rev. O. Peters will be ordained at Wayne that day. All are invited to attend the services there. Sunday school at eleven o'clock.

The children are now busy practicing for the Christmas exercises.

BAPTIST

Rev. W. W. DesAutels, Pastor.

Our services next Sunday will be at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. The pastor will preach at both. Our Sunday-school will be at 11:15. If you have not heard our choir sing their special pieces you have missed much. Two specials nearly every Sunday morning. Come out and hear them.

Preaching at Livonia Center at two o'clock. S. S. at one.

The young people of the Baptist church will give an apple social on Friday evening, Dec. 20th, at the home of Louis Schaal on Main street. A program will be given on the subject of apples. Admission 10c and an apple. Prizes will be awarded for the largest and the smallest apples. Everybody welcome. A good time assured.

METHODIST

Rev. Joseph Dutton, Pastor.

Public worship 10 a. m. Sermon subject, "The Preparation of the World for the Coming of Christ." Sunday-school 11:15. Epworth League 6 p. m. Evening worship 7 p. m. Sermon subject, "The Siege of Ai and the Sin of Achan." Strangers and visitors especially welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. B. F. Farber, Pastor.

Services will be held in this church on Sunday, Dec. 15th, as follows: Morning worship at 10 o'clock. The pastor preaches. Theme, "The Larger Selfishness." Sunday-school at 11:15 o'clock. Presbyterian Guild at 6 o'clock Subject, "Teachings of this year's Sunday-school Lessons that have Impressed Me." Leader, Mrs. Jones' Sunday-school class.

Evening service at 7 o'clock. Singing of familiar hymns by the congregation. Special music by the chorus choir. Preaching by the pastor. Subjects, "Hogs, Cattle and Men." Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at seven o'clock. Subject, "Christmas Lesson." Is. 9:17.

We extend a most cordial invitation to the public to attend these services.

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, county of Wayne. ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said county of Wayne, held at the Probate Court Room in the city of Detroit, on the twenty-second day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. Present, Henry S. Hulbert, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Isabel Dilline, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Emily Mulholland praying that administration of said estate be granted to Charles H. May or some other suitable person.

It is ordered, That the eighth day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said court room, be appointed for hearing said petition.

And it is further ordered, That a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said time of hearing in the Plymouth Mail, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Wayne.

HENRY S. HULBERT, Judge of Probate

[A true copy.] Chas. C. Chadwick, Probate Clerk.

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, county of Wayne. ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said county of Wayne, held at the Probate Court Room in the city of Detroit, on the 3rd day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. Present, Henry S. Hulbert, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Charles L. Church, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Warren E. Church praying that administration of said estate be granted to Paul W. Voorhis or some other suitable person.

It is ordered, That the eighth day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said court room, be appointed for hearing said petition.

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HENRY S. HULBERT, Judge of Probate

[A true copy.] E. W. PALMER, Deputy Register

Public Notice.

To all whom it may concern: It is the intention of the Village Council of the village of Plymouth, State of Michigan, to construct a sewer or drain along the following streets in the said village of Plymouth, to-wit: Beginning at a point in Union street about fifty feet south of Main street and extending thence south along said Union street to the intersection thereof with the creek crossing said Union street; also a branch thereof, extending from the corner of Union street and Dodge street westerly along Dodge street to a point one hundred feet east of Main street aforesaid.

That a wife for a part of said expense of said sewer or drain will be assessed on the lots or lands fronting on the streets above named in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance which each of the aforesaid streets and parcels of land will receive by reason of said public improvement; that maps, plans, specifications, drawings, estimates and estimates of the cost of said sewer or drain are now on file in the office of the Village Clerk, subject to public inspection, and the Council of the village of Plymouth with the consent of the Council of the Village of Wayne, on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1913, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of hearing objections in regard to the construction of said sewerage.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 1912.

C. A. HARRIS, Village Clerk

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE

Plymouth United Savings BANK,

At Plymouth, Michigan, at the close of business Nov. 30, 1912, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts, viz:		
Commercial Department	\$196,923 97	
Savings Department	101,500 00	\$298,423 97
Bonds, Mortgages and Securities		
Commercial Department	22,734 36	
Savings Department	22,287 93	305,022 29
Premium account	1,500 00	
Overdrafts	844 49	
Banking house	4,400 00	
Furniture and fixtures	2,300 00	
Other real estate	340 00	
Items in transit	31,056 87	

RESERVE.

Commercial:		
Due from banks in reserve cities	\$ 97,981 25	
U. S. and National bank currency	5,575 00	
Gold coin	1,720 00	
Silver coin	1,250 00	
Nickels and cents	23 25	47,549 30
Savings:		
Due from banks in reserve cities	49,845 00	
U. S. and National bank currency	10,000 00	
Gold coin	14,500 00	74,345 00
Checks and other cash items		419 79
Total		\$765,680 41

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$ 75,000 00
Surplus fund	15,841 49
Undivided profits net	33,069 68
Dividends unpaid	30 00
Commercial deposits sub:	
Certificates of deposit	\$148,403 28
Savings deposits	35,154 83
Other real estate	381,80 44
Savings certificates	64,023 18
Total	\$765,680 41

State of Michigan, County of Wayne, ss. I, E. K. Bennett, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief 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 5th day of December, 1912.

Alice M. Safford, Notary Public. My commission expires January 11, 1913.

Correct-Attest: F. A. DIBBLE, J. W. HENDERSON, D. D. ALLEN, Directors.

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, county of Wayne. ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said county of Wayne, held at the Probate Court Room in the city of Detroit, on the 2nd day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. Present, Henry S. Hulbert, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Emily Mulholland, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Emily Mulholland praying that administration of said estate be granted to Charles H. May or some other suitable person.

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