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HAPPY NEW YEAR



Aged Woman Beaten Christmas at and Robbed the Churches

Two Plymouth Men Are Now Under Arrest.

Exercises Appropriate to the Yuletide Season Were Given

John Harvey and Chas. Stevens, better known as "Nippy" Stevens, are under arrest and in jail charged with a very serious crime—breaking and entering a house, beating an old lady and robbing her of nearly \$600 in money. The lady referred to is Miss Barber, 83 years old, who lives alone on a farm about two miles southeast of the village. Miss Barber recently sold some land and kept the money in the house. Harvey and Stevens were familiar with the premises and it is said knew the old lady had the money. They planned to rob her and last Friday night went to the house and under the pretense that it was a neighbor who wanted to come in, sought to gain entrance that way. They were refused and going to the rear door, forced it open, and then by threats undertook to compel the old lady to tell where the money was hidden. She refused to give up the knowledge and they beat and pounded her face and hands so that she became partially unconscious. Then they ransacked the house and finally discovered the money sewed in an old skirt hanging in the kitchen. A considerable portion of the money was in gold.

Saturday morning Mrs. McIntosh, a near neighbor, finding no signs of life about the Barber home, went over to see the old lady, finding her in a serious state from the beating and shock of her experience during the night. Officer Springer was notified and he set out to discover the robbers. Suspecting local characters might be implicated, before Monday morning he had learned that Harvey, who never had but little money at a time, had been paying store bills with gold pieces and had been liberally buying the drinks at the saloons. He was taken in charge by the officer on Monday and marched before Justice Campbell, where upon being confronted with the evidence secured, he confessed the whole thing, implicating Charles Stevens, who he alleged, had instigated the robbery.

Stevens was arrested in Wayne Tuesday afternoon, rigged out in a new suit of clothes, overcoat, shoes and fur cap, by Officer Fitzgibbon, who notified Deputy Sheriff Springer, and the latter went over on the next car and brought him to Plymouth. On being arraigned before Justice Campbell, he pleaded not guilty and in default of \$2,000 bail, was remanded to jail to await examination Monday morning.

The robbery has been the talk of the town, no such occurrence having been experienced here for years, and it is the hope that the two men implicated will receive their full deserts if found guilty.

At last reports yesterday afternoon Dr. Campbell reported Miss Barber in a very precarious condition, with no probability of her recovery. Should she die the men under arrest will face a far different charge than robbery.

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At the Methodist church Monday evening instead of the usual Christmas tree and distribution of presents, an elegant supper was served the children of the Sunday-school and to the parents of the cradle roll members from 5 to 7 o'clock. A most tempting menu had been prepared by the ladies of the church, and it is needless to say that it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After the big supper had been disposed of an entertainment consisting of songs, recitations was given in the auditorium of the church by the members of the Sunday-school. A Christmas tree was used for decorative purposes, and the church was decorated in keeping with the Christmas spirit. There was a large attendance and all enjoyed the excellent program immensely.

At the Presbyterian church Monday evening Santa Claus appeared on the platform in a outter with jingling bells in all his old time glory, much to the delight of the children. The sleigh was well laden with gifts for the members of the Sunday-school. Three clothes baskets full of candy was also distributed. An excellent program consisting of songs, recitations, etc., was rendered. Each class in the school having a part. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience present. The decorations about the platform were suggestive of the Yuletide season. After the entertainment a Christmas party was held in chapel of the church, and ice cream and cake was served.

Christmas exercises were held in the Baptist church on Tuesday evening. The church was prettily decorated with appropriate Christmas decorations. A fine program consisting of songs, recitations, a tableaux, "The Birth of Christ" and a cantata, "The Orphan's Christmas," was given, the latter two numbers were the features of the entertainment. There was a large attendance and all were enthusiastic in complimenting the entire program. At the close of the program gifts were distributed to the members of the Sunday-school.

Last Saturday evening the members of St. John's Mission, gave a social evening and a Christmas tree in the church. About sixty sat down to supper in the basement of the church, after which they adjourned to the church where the members of the choir provided the singing, recitations, etc. Everyone received presents from "Santa Claus" and at the close of the evening a special presentation was made to Mr. H. Midworth, of St. Peter's Detroit, in the form of a gold cross and chain, from the men of the Mission, in recognition of his faithful services, and as a mark of love and regard which they all have for him. This was considered the most suitable gift, not only at this season of the year, but also on account of his approaching ordination into the church. Mr. James Barlow the organist was also presented with a gold fob and seal. Both these bore the inscription, "From St. John's Mission, Plymouth, Michigan."

The Farmington Enterprise is agitating the organization of a business men's association for this town.

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MEANT TO HAVE THAT DUCK

Old Man Made to Work Hard to Get It, but He "Sure Would Have Some Suppah."

Jimmy is an old colored man with a longing for duck that requires frequent attention. One day not long ago while he was working on a building under construction one of the men appeared with a fine white duck that instantly attracted the attention of Jimmy. He bought the bird and tying it together put it in a barrel as a safe place for keeping it until time to quit work for the day.

While Jimmy was working with visions of brown duck and gravy floating through his mind, one of the other employees removed the duck from the barrel and put it in a large box used to store lime. In the place of the duck he put a little brown dog. Then Jimmy returned to the scene. He was asked as to the welfare of his future supper.

"Ah ma duck am all right," he answered and then to reassure himself he took a peep in the barrel. When, instead of his beautiful white duck he saw only a dog, his eyes grew large in amazement.

"What am ma duck?" he gasped. After the old darkey had hunted for some time the men told him where to find the bird. The only opening in the lime box was a hole about a foot square, covered with a slide. Jimmy crawled to the opening, which was on the level of the street, and cautiously raised the slide. Nothing happened.

He inserted a long, black arm and felt for the prize, but still nothing happened. Finally in desperation he managed to squeeze in his head and one arm. His troubles were indicated by his waving feet. First one leg straightened out and he kicked back and then the other went through the same motions while he groped for the duck.

Finally he extricated himself, his black face white with lime, but with the coveted duck. Stroking its back in contemplation of the feast, he murmured, "Ah got ma duck and ah sure will have some suppah."

Not of Recent Origin.
"Let George do it," is a purely classical and historical phrase, according to Prof. Oliver R. Richardson of the department of history of the University of Washington.

Louis XII of France, who reigned at the beginning of the sixteenth century, had as his prime minister M. Georges, the archbishop of Amboise, an extraordinarily able and efficient gentleman devoted to the welfare of France. The king's attention was constantly directed toward Italian affairs, and it was his custom to refer all minor matters to the archbishop, with a "leave it to George."

This expression became a proverb among the peasants and was probably the source of inspiration to some present-day punster.

Roosevelt Classed as Singer.
One of the singers in a local moving picture theater was having trouble with her voice. She called up a well-known specialist in the city and asked for an engagement, so that he might examine her throat.

"Why, my young lady," the specialist remarked to her. "Of course I will examine your throat. But you should have it examined regularly and taken care of regularly. All singers do. Why, Roosevelt always carries a throat doctor with him wherever he goes!"

The young woman laughed loud and long and the specialist to this day probably does not know that she laughed because he classed the former president as a singer.

Peculiar Taste.
An Associated Charity worker, making a visit to a poor mountain woman in a southern town, observed that her three small children wore spectacles.

"It's a pity that they all have trouble with their eyes, isn't it?" she remarked, sympathetically, to the mother.

"There ain't nothing the matter with their eyes, m."

"Then why on earth do you disfigure them with glasses?" asked the visitor in wonderment.

The woman bridled. "Why, I thinks they look lovely," she said. "I likes them on little children. I thinks they're real dresy."—Harper's Bazar.

Appalling Mistake.
"At the prayer meeting the other night," confided Mrs. Godsole, wife of the pastor, "Brother Jollifer made the most awful blunder you ever heard of."

"What was it?" inquired Mrs. Hardesty.

"He started the hymn, 'Tell Me the Old Story' to the tune of 'Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly!'"

His Motive.
Walter Damrosch was talking about a composer who has of late been turning out his operas too fast.

"By the way," a critic asked, "what was the motive of that last work of his? Do you know?"

"Yes, of course I know," said Mr. Damrosch. "He needed the money."

Reason.
Mrs. Knicker—Did she exhibit at the horse show?

Knicker—No; she had no horse.

ASKS THREE SHIPS

SECRETARY OF NAVY IS THOUGHT TO BE TRYING MR. ROOSEVELT'S RUSE.

MAY GET TWO AS COMPROMISE

More Sailors and Marines Also Are Wanted—Tariff Board May Be Revived After the Democrats Have Revised the Schedules.

By GEORGE CLINTON.
Washington.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer has asked for three new battleships. Last year congress authorized only one battleship, and did not authorize that one until there had been a pretty warm controversy on the subject in the house of representatives. It is said that the Republican secretary of the navy has been prompted to ask for three battleships by the fact that the Democratic platform adopted at Baltimore pledged the party to care for the needs of the navy.

Last year, when the naval bill was before the house committee, it became known that the members of the majority party were divided as to the advisability of adding battleships to the navy. Most of the committee members were in favor of the increase, but the opposition was strong on the floor of the house, and particularly strong because some of the recognized party leaders were very much opposed to an enlarged building program. A compromise was effected and one battleship and several smaller ships were authorized for construction.

Trying Roosevelt's Method?
It is believed by many members of congress that Secretary Meyer has in mind just what Theodore Roosevelt had in mind some years ago. Mr. Roosevelt wanted two additional battleships built for the navy, but he knew that congress was opposed to any great increase in the naval strength at that time. So it was that Mr. Roosevelt, wanting two ships, asked for four, and the two were forthcoming in the nature of a compromise, a compromise which probably made the president chuckle, because he got just what he wanted and just what he was afraid he would not get. It is suggested that Mr. Meyer hopes, through the compromise plan, to get two ships, whereas if he only asked for two he might have to be content with one.

The United States navy is today third in strength among the naval powers of the world. Great Britain and Germany lead this country, and France follows it as the possessor of fourth place, although the French navy is nearly as strong, on paper at any rate, as the navy of Uncle Sam. The navy department wants more sailors, and it has asked congress, through Senator Perkins of California, who has introduced a bill to that effect, to increase the enlisted strength of the navy by one thousand, bringing the total strength up to 53,500 sailors. An increase is asked for the marine corps of 20 per cent., and if it is granted there will within the next year be ten thousand five hundred marines in the service of the country.

May Revive Tariff Board.
The tariff board, which went out of existence because of a refusal on the part of congress to renew an appropriation for its support, may possibly come back into being again after the tariff has been revised by the next congress.

There is a strong organization, known as the National Tariff Commission association, which is working hard to arouse public sentiment in favor of a permanent commission, which shall study business conditions at home and abroad and make specific reports on the schedules to congress, with the view of having them adjusted, so that from time to time the tariff on certain articles may be changed without disturbing the whole tariff list.

Already congress is being memorialized by associations and by individuals to give force and effect to a real national tariff commission. It has just been announced that there will be a convention of the advocates of the tariff commission, to be held in Washington, probably simultaneously with the opening of the extra session of the new congress.

Only One Minority Party?
There have been happenings within a few days in congress which point to the injection of trouble for the Republicans and Progressives in the next house. It is now currently reported and believed, from what the Democratic leaders have said privately, that it is the intention of their party in the house and senate, when congress meets in extra session, to recognize only one minority party, namely, the Republican.

On the face of it, it would not seem that this would create any particular amount of trouble, but when the matter of the committee is taken into consideration and the present method of appointing members to them: is thought on, trouble looms large. Under the present system of committee appointments in the house, the majority party and the minority party separately hold caucuses and agree on committee membership. The Democrats, being in control, can do just as they choose in pretty nearly all matters, and so if they recognize only one minority party, thus leaving the Progressives entirely out of consideration, the latter will be wholly at the mercy of the Republicans in committee matters. It has been announced some-

ly that owing to the large increase in the Democratic membership in the next house, that party's representation on the committees largely will be increased. This means that instead of having a majority on each committee of two or three members, the Democrats in the next house will have a majority in some instances reaching as high as seven or eight. It is within the range of possibilities, perhaps probabilities, that the Progressive party members of the house, of whom there will be nineteen or twenty, will be given no committee representation.

Gloomy for the Progressives.

The Republicans of the house will meet in caucus and will decide on the members who are to represent their party in the committee. If the Democrats, as it is said they are to do, recognize only one minority party, the fate of the Progressives so far as committee representation is concerned, will be entirely in the hands of the Republicans.

The Progressive members intend to hold a caucus of their own and to demand committee representation, but being so greatly in the minority and also being under the handicap of the determination of the Democrats not to recognize them as a party, they perhaps will be able to do nothing more than merely to demand committee representation, for it is seemingly inconceivable that the Progressives will ask the Republicans to do anything for them in the matter of assignments to the subsidiary bodies of the house.

It is virtually certain that the Republicans will have something to say to the Progressives about this committee membership matter, but as there is a stronger partisanship feeling between the Republicans and the Progressives than there is between either of them and the Democrats, the chances are that the Progressives will refuse to accept any favors at the hands of the Republicans. If the Republicans make up their minds to offer committee representation to the Progressives it seems likely, human nature being what it is, that they will offer them only inconspicuous committees, and the lowest ranking membership places on each.

Planning for Inauguration.

Washington already is making preparations for its "greatest show on earth." Every fourth year the capital for two months and a half is in the proverbial, and perhaps bromidic, "rush of preparation." It is the intention of the Democrats to make Woodrow Wilson's inauguration a record-breaking event and neither money nor pains will be spared to accomplish the end in view.

Prior to every presidential inaugural ceremony two committees are appointed "to put the thing through." There is the congressional committee which this year already has been authorized and the local Washington committee, much larger in membership than the other and which really does a greater amount of work. Congress has provided for the appointment of three members of the senate and three members of the house of representatives to make the necessary arrangements from the law makers' point of view for the inducing into office of the Democratic president-elect.

All Kinds of Clubs Expected.

Already it is known in Washington that it is the intention of the local committee acting through leading Democrats in all parts of the country to have every state in the Union represented by political organizations, by marching clubs of any proper kind which can make a good parade showing, and by any business bodies which can be represented properly without giving the impression that their endeavors are partisan. It is held to be possible for almost any kind of an organization to do honor to a president of the United States without being subjects to the charge that it is acting for political purposes.

The Roosevelt inauguration of 1905 was one of the greatest affairs from a purely picturesque and perhaps spectacular point of view that ever had the capital city at its setting. Of course the "Rough Riders" and the cowboy contingent from the west gave particular interest to the event.

It is said to be the determination of the men who are to be in charge of Mr. Wilson's inauguration to make the celebration of March 4 next every whit as interesting and as picturesque as that witnessed in March, 1905.

There will be a big military display at Mr. Wilson's inauguration although some of the members of his party are opposed to such use of the military, holding that it is un-Democratic. Already it has been arranged to have the regulars from Fort Myer, Fortress Monroe, and from the forts farther up the Chesapeake, in Washington on March 4, and with these regulars will be the cadets from West Point and Annapolis. National Guard regiments from all the states will be invited to participate and if the rule of former years is followed it is virtually certain that at least a dozen state organizations will be represented by crack regiments of the guard.

At the present time there is the usual controversy over the use of the pension building for the inaugural ball. Every four years the pension office officials say that the hall must not be used because it upsets business to make the changes necessary, but every four years the officials are overruled and there the ball is held. It has been suggested again this year that the capitol itself be used for the great inaugural promenade and dance, but there is strong opposition to this from the leaders of the Democratic party, an opposition which is not likely to be overcome.

NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

CIVIL SERVICE LAW THOUGHT TO BE COMING AND IS IN EFFECT IN SOME DEPARTMENTS.

SOME IMPORTANT PLACES TO BE FILLED BY GOVERNOR FERRIS AND WHO GETS THEM.

The Abolition of the Land Commission and Some of the Appointments to Be Made Are of Special Interest.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

There is every reason to believe that the next legislature will enact a civil service law for all state departments and that an effort will be made to eliminate politics to a large extent in determining the class of men and women who will transact the business of the commonwealth.

Ever since he came into office two years ago Governor Osborn has stood for a civil service law for all state employees, in recognition of meritorious service. "Every employe in the state should be under civil service rules that are honestly made and honestly enforced," said the governor. "However, I am not speaking of a political service that works solely to the advantage of the parties. There is no reason why competent help in the employ of the state, after their duties have been learned well, should be replaced for merely political reasons, than there is that business firms should engage men for a short period, to turn them loose after that time has been served."

In his ex-augural message the retiring chief executive will advocate the passage of a civil service law, and the newly elected governor, Woodbridge N. Ferris says that he is heartily in favor of such a measure, and many members of the legislature are already pledged to support such a bill.

Some of the departments have already inaugurated a civil service system. State Treasurer-elect John W. Haarer, has already announced that he will appoint the present cashier in the treasury department to the deputyship the first of the year, while the chief clerk will be advanced to cashier and so on. Auditor General O. B. Fuller has paid more attention to efficiency than political pull, while Secretary of State Frederick C. Martindale has many employes in his department whose political activities ceased years ago. Martindale says that a civil service law would not cause him to make a single change in his office, as he declares he would discharge a state employe found to be incompetent as quickly as he would turn a poor worker out of a private enterprise.

For a man to run for office on a platform that he is to abolish that office once he has been elected to it, is somewhat of an innovation in Michigan politics, but that is what Augustus C. Carton, secretary of the public domain commission, and land commissioner-elect, promised the people of the state, and he proposes to make good his pre-election pledge if the legislature will assist him in the proposition.

Abolish Land Commission.

When the public domain commission was created two years ago A. C. Carton, then deputy land commissioner, was elected its first secretary. Under the statute creating the public domain commission, its members are composed of five board of state auditors, including the secretary of state, state treasurer and commissioner of the land office, together with one regent of the University, one member of the state agricultural board and one member of the board of control of the Michigan College of Mines.

Secretary Carton is an enthusiastic adherent of the "back to the soil" movement and has done much, during the two years that he has been connected with the public domain commission, to encourage immigration and induce farmers from other states to take up tracts of land in the northern counties of the state. To preserve the natural resources of the state, to assist in the development of the agricultural lands of Michigan and to encourage immigration, are among the few things that the commission has endeavored to accomplish.

Carton believes that the time has arrived when very little state land will be sold in Michigan and believes that the work of the land commission is practically finished. Therefore he consented to be a candidate for the place with the understanding that the land commission would be abolished and the work should be turned over to the public domain commission. A bill for the purpose is now being framed and will be introduced at the next session.

Wants \$100,000.

Superintendent Clarence El-Holmes, of the Michigan School for the Blind has recommended to Gov. Osborn that the chief executive ask the legislature for appropriate approximately \$100,000 for that institution next year. At the present time the school is taxed to its utmost capacity and there are hun-

drreds of blind children in the state who are unable to gain admission owing to the limited facilities of the institution.

At a recent session of the legislature a law was enacted requiring compulsory education for all blind children in the state, and Superintendent Holmes points to this as a sufficient reason why sufficient money should be appropriated to care for those who are being neglected at present. It is pointed out that in many cases the parents of these children are unable, because of adverse financial conditions, to educate them in private schools, and as a result they grow up and become objects of charity, where they might be developed into self supporting citizens had they received the advantages afforded at the Michigan School for the Blind.

The educational course at the Michigan School for the Blind compares favorably with the advantages afforded in regular grammar and high schools of the state, and in addition, each pupil is taught some trade.

Superintendent Holmes wants to add 40 acres to the school property in order that a course in agriculture may be added to the curriculum. From observation in other states he has learned that agriculture is a pursuit that may be followed to considerable advantage by blind persons, and he says that poultry raising is another industry favorable to those who have lost their sight. The legislature has always dealt generously with the School for the Blind and there is every reason to believe that the arguments of Superintendent Holmes will carry considerable weight at the coming session.

A Warm Election.

There is sure to be a warm contest over the election of a secretary of the senate to succeed E. V. Chilson, who has announced his retirement after serving in that capacity for a number of sessions past. Chilson says that his business demands all his time and he is forced to drop out of politics temporarily. The secretaryship of the senate is worth \$10 per day and carries with it considerable political prestige. Consequently it is much sought after and friends of the respective candidates are already soliciting the support of the various members of the upper house.

Dennis E. Alward, of Clare, for a number of years secretary of the republican state central committee is being prominently mentioned for the position. Alward was secretary of the senate for a great many years previous to Chilson's election and it is thought that his experience will militate in his favor. During the last primary campaign Alward was defeated for the republican nomination for congress in the eleventh district.

Sidney Hall, of Detroit, who has been journal clerk in the house during the past two sessions, announces that he is in the race for secretary of the senate and calls to have the solid support of the Wayne delegation. The election of a secretary will be one of the first duties that the senate will be called upon to perform and much wire pulling is expected before any of the candidates secure the desired number of votes.

New Man in Office.

Governor-elect Ferris has announced that he will send the name of John T. Winship, of Saginaw, to the senate for confirmation as insurance commissioner to succeed C. A. Palmer. This position pays \$3,500 annually and is one of the best plums that the democratic chief executive will have at his disposal. Winship has for years been one of the democratic stalwarts and was the democratic candidate for United States senator against Charles E. Townsend two years ago.

It has also been definitely decided that James Helme, of Adrian, will be appointed dairy and food commissioner the first of the year. Helme was appointed deputy dairy and food commissioner under Gilman Dame. Owing to the fact that Helme was a democrat, his appointment as deputy by Gov. Osborn was entirely non-political. Helme was picked because of his fitness for the position and his expert knowledge of the dairy business.

Ferris has officially decided upon James Scully, of Ionia, as the successor to George W. Dickinson, of Pontiac, as a member of the state railroad commission. This is another of the choice pieces of patronage at the disposal of the new governor, as Scully's term will be for six years, and the salary is \$3,000. When the railroad commission was created four years ago, Scully was appointed one of the commissioners by ex-Governor Fred M. Warner.

Going Abroad.

When Governor Osborn retires from the executive office the first of the year, it may be some time before he steps foot on Michigan soil again, as he says that he intends to spend much of his time in travel and will probably start for some foreign climate at once.

The chief executive was a newspaper publisher for a great many years and has worked as a reporter on some of the largest papers in the country. Consequently, if he desires to enter the journalistic field again he will not be out of a "job" as some of the largest newspapers and magazines in the United States have made him attractive offers to act as war correspondent during the trouble in the Balkan States.

CANADA WEEK IN CHICAGO

CANADIAN EXHIBITS AT LIVE STOCK AND LAND SHOWS CENTER OF ATTRACTION.

The birds were doled to Canada during the two weeks of the Land Show and the week of the Live Stock Show at Chicago. Willing to display its goods, anxious to let the people of the central states know what could be produced on Canadian farm lands, and the quality of the article, Hon. Dr. Roche, minister of the Interior of Canada, directed that sufficient space be secured at the United States Land Show, recently held, to give some adequate idea of the field resources of western Canada. Those in charge had splendid location, and installed one of the most attractive grain and grass exhibits ever seen anywhere. Thousands, anxious to get "back to the land," saw the exhibit, saw wheat that weighed 65 pounds to the measured bushel, oats that went 48 and barley that tipped the scales at 55 pounds. The clover, the alfalfa, the wild pea vine and vetch, the ryegrass, the red-top and many other succulent and nutritious varieties of wild grasses demanded and deserved from their prominence and quality the attention they received. The grain in the straw, bright in color, and carrying heads that gave evidence of the truth of the statements of Mr. W. J. White of Ottawa, and his attendants, that the wheat would average 28 to 35 bushels and over per acre, the oats 55 to 105 bushels, the flax 12 to 28 bushels, were strongly in evidence, and arranged with artistic taste on the walls. The vegetable exhibit was a surprise to the visitors. Potatoes, turnips, cabbage—in fact, all of it proved that not only in grains was western Canada prominent, but in vegetables it could successfully compete with the world.

One of the unique and successful features of the exhibit was the successful and systematic daily distribution of bread made from Canadian flour. It was a treat to those who got it. Canadian butter, Canadian cheese and Canadian honey helped to complete an exhibit that revealed in a splendid way the great resources of a country in which so many Americans have made their home.

A feature of the exhibit was the placards, announcing the several recent successes of Canadian farm produce and live stock in strong competition with exhibits from other countries. There was posted the Leager Wheeler championship prize for Marquis wheat grown at Rosthern in 1911, beating the world. Then I. Holmes of Cardston entered the competitive field at Lethbridge Dry Farming Congress, and won the wheat championship of 1912, beating Mr. Wheeler with the same variety of wheat. Hill & Sons of Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, in 1911, won the Colorado silver trophy for best oats grown, competed for in a big competition at Columbus, Ohio, in 1911. The produce of British Columbia at the New York Land Show in 1911 carried off the world's championship for potatoes, and incidentally won a \$1,000 silver trophy, and then, but a few days ago, the same province carried off the world's prize for apples at the Horticultural Show in London, England.

But that was not all. These Canadians, who had the temerity to state that corn was not the only feed for finishing high-grade beef cattle, entered for the fat steer championship at the Live Stock Show in Chicago a polled Angus—"Glencarnock Victor." Nearly 300 entries were in the field. "Glencarnock Victor" didn't know a kernel of corn from a Brazilian walnut. There were Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin and their corn-fed article, determined to win, bound to beat this black animal from the north, and his "nothing but prairie grass, oats and barley feed," as his owner proudly stated, but they didn't. Canada and McGregor & Sons, with their "Glencarnock Victor," won, and today the swiftness of America is eating of his steaks and roasts—the champion steer of the world.

But once more the herd of cattle that won the Sweepstakes at the same show was bred and owned by the owners of "Glencarnock Victor," fed only on prairie grass, oats and barley, near Brandon, Manitoba. The royal reception given to Mr. McGregor on his return to his home town was well deserved.

Omission must not be made of the wonderful and beautiful display of apples made by British Columbia, occupying a full half section of the great Land Show. This was in personal charge of Mr. W. E. Scott, deputy minister of agriculture for that province, who was not only a host to those who visited the exhibit, but was also an encyclopedia of information regarding the resources of that country. With 200,000 Americans going to western Canada this year, it is pleasing to know that so many from this side of the line can participate in the honors coming to that new country.—Advertisement.

French Arithmetic.

Three-year-old Amy, who has a very lively little brother, was being put through a lesson in arithmetic by her uncle. She had successfully added one and one, but stuck at two and one. "Your mamma," said her uncle, "has two children. If she had one more, what would that make?" "O," cried Amy, "that would make my mamma crazy!"—Woman's Home Companion.

SERIAL STORY

The Women's Candidate

By BYRON WILLIAMS

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SYNOPSIS.

In a spirit of fun Mayor Bedight, a summer visitor, is chased through the woods by ten laughing girls, one of whom he catches and kisses.

CHAPTER II.—Continued.

The court hesitated. Finally, turning to the witness, Judge Vining asked:

"What were the sounds like?" a name of color lighting up her face.

"The mayor made a mental note of the color."

"Well," began the witness soberly, "it sounded like—the old password of the Elks—'Jolly corks!'"

"Pulled!" demanded the judge, regarding herself to sacrifice.

"Yes'm, your honor—and smothered in honey!"

"That will do!" determined the judge, hiding her eyes behind her handkerchief. "Harriet Brooks," ignoring the state's attorney, "will you take the stand?"

The prisoner arose from his soap box.

"Your honor," he said gallantly, "in deference to Miss Host, from whose culinary department there wafts to me the uncanny call of fried eggs and waffles, and because of the delicate situation the victim of my assault may find herself in should the case proceed, I have determined to plead guilty and throw myself upon the mercy of the court. I—I am guilty as charged. Guilty, I say—and proud of it!"

He sat down soberly, but his eyes were fastened on the face of the judge. She turned upon him fiercely.

"For this unseemly conduct, I, the judge, fine you ten days at Squirrel Inn. Beginning tomorrow morning, you will be the servile slave of the ten young women whose feelings you have outraged. Tomorrow you will start alphabetically down the list and for a day you will do the bidding of the girl who falls to your lot. Whatever she instructs you to do, you will do. Should you again transgress you will be—be fined for life!" savagely.

"If, at the end of the ten days, you have acquitted yourself honorably, you may go your way in peace. Have you anything to say for yourself?"

His honor arose submissively.

"I accept the terms," he said, eagerly. "I protest—but I accept."

"And should you desert," continued the judge, "I shall not hesitate to use this evidence against you," pulling from the front of her shirtwaist a bulky document. "Possibly you may recognize it!" tauntingly.

The prisoner gasped.

"My bill!"

"Yes!" replied the judge, piercing him with a cold look of scorn, "you may well say, 'My bill!'"

He bowed his head.

"Court's adjourned!" snapped the judge. "Breakfast is served."

CHAPTER III.

A jest is a jest, but the following letter, received by "His Honor, the Mayor" next morning, suggested a straw too much for the Asiatic ruminant's back. Tensely, it said:

"Squirrel Inn, Sunday Morning.

"Mr. Walter Bedight,

"Mayor of Oostan:

"Dear Sir: The levity of your demeanor at yesterday's trial and the ostensibly nonchalant attitude you chose to take of the sentence inflicted, leads me to believe that you are considering this very serious matter altogether too lightly. Under ordinary circumstances a handsome trifter might ride into a woman's camp like Lochinvar, boldly grasp a pretty girl in his arms and kiss her, without paying a more severe penalty than the scorn of the camp and a few surface scratches. And even you, evidently a gentleman as well as a politician, might have escaped with a fitting rebuke had you been luckier. Unencumbered by baggage and feeling unbound by our court to remain, you could have drifted away into the evening shadows and laughed at our efforts to restrain you.

"But, Mr Bedight, as a candidate for representative at the coming election, for which you are evidently recouping your vital forces in this tranquil spot, you will scarcely desert while we have in our possession a document so incriminating as that found by us yesterday in your wake through the dogwood swamp.

"The document itself is evidence enough. If given publicly, to lose you the votes of almost every woman in the district. Such treachery as you have in mind—the drafting of a bill against woman's suffrage—will not be

countenanced by the fair voters of this land, once the facts are in their possession!

"I trust you realize the enormity of your crime and the hold we have on you. Should you be unwise enough to violate the sentence of this court, the news of your duplicity will be sent to the women's clubs of your district, to be followed by unimpeachable evidence in your own handwriting—the bill itself. I am satisfied that your better judgment will prevail and that you will serve your sentence as becomes a gentleman and a candidate. This being Sunday, you will be allowed your liberty to go and come as you please and fortify your mind against the ordeal you are about to experience. On Monday morning you will inaugurate your sentence by beginning with Mae Andrews, whose name appears first on the alphabetical list. Mae is a stunning blonde with hair like spun flax and cheeks like the down of an Alberta peach. She is city broke and a high stepper, has a dozen Beau Brummels infatuated and loves to see enamored men turn somersaults in the service of the queenly sex. You will do what she tells you—even to jumping through a hoop, should she demand it.

"For purposes of assignment, I give you herewith the list of your owners and the days of your servitude, as follows:

"Monday, Mae Andrews.

"Tuesday, Mabel Arney

"Wednesday, Harriet Brooks

"Thursday, Margaret Farnsworth

"Friday, Alice Mason

"Saturday, Molly McConnell

"Sunday—open date for repentance

"Monday, Cleo Summers

"Tuesday, Lucille Walters

"Wednesday, Bess Winters

"Thursday, 'Jack' Vining

"It comes to our knowledge that you are very desirous of reaching your district on the Saturday night following, where you are to open your campaign. Should you prove yourself a perfect gentleman during the interim and serve your sentence with due humility, we will return to you the incriminating bill and permit you to depart in peace.

"But for every indiscretion on your part, you will be given a ten days' sentence under the same conditions now governing. The court has endeavored to impress you with the seriousness of your situation and shall feel no regret should you, in your heedlessness, fail to grasp its import.

"Given this day and date under my letter seal at Squirrel Inn, Dingledale, Wisconsin.

"'JACK' VINING, Judge."

Walter Bedight, mayor and candidate for the legislature, frowned. Plainly, here was a predicament. The humor of the situation had fled. The plucked attitude of the "Judge" toward him was plain. It was more than this, it was "catty." She ran after him and he kissed her, a perfectly natural thing for a handsome bachelor to do if the pursuer were pretty—and goodness knows Jackie Vining was enough of that to give almost any inquisitive young man palpitation of the heart! But even male judges have a way of their own, absolute and unrelenting, while a woman judge, pretty, vivacious, enticing, captured in a dogwood swamp and kissed against her will—she shuddered at his possible

The lips of a woman osculated as frequently as accentuated as the anger of a woman scorned! And he was the man!

Up in a quandary of ways and means, the luckless politician, mentally berating the fatal day of woman suffrage, wandered into the cool, umbrageous wood.

It was midsummer and the forest was a sylvan retreat where monk and man might lose his troubles in the rippling of the rills and receive divine unction from the nature god rilling with soothing zephyrs and elixirs of efflorescence.

Bedight penetrated far into the heart of the wood, where dryads romp along the unshamed way through interstices in the trees, where mother brown thrushes peep from



"Jackie" Vining.

sheltered nests and frisking squirrels chatter of the hickory nuts a-ripening upon the scraggly trees.

And then he saw her!

Like Psyche, she stooped beside a quiet pool, above her the spreading branches of a water elm. Beside her on the brink the harebell grew and to her ear there came from down below the rhythmic cadence of a brooklet's song, the same song that, in crescendo or diminuendo, it had sung for centuries, the ever chanted, perpetual song of the brook!

head. The rich outline of her figure thrilled him and on her golden hair the sheen of the morning radiated like a halo on the head of a Titan masterpiece. Step by step he drew near, cautiously. Little by little he crept forward until he stood with his hand upon the trunk of a tree. And then, quietly, fearlessly, he stepped behind her, his shadow falling over her shoulder upon the placid waters of the pool.

With a cry of alarm she sprang to her feet and faced him. He stood his ground boldly, but in his eyes there was an appeal.

"Forgive me," he said evenly. "I—you needed the shadow of a man to complete the picture."

"You flatter yourself," she replied coldly.

He started to speak, impulsively, to plead for forgiveness, but she held up her hand mandatorily.

"I hold no conversation with prisoners outside of court," she said, austere.

Turning from the pool, she stood before him as one in authority.

"I am going. Wait here. Do not follow me," she admonished.

He sat down beside the pool. As he did so, for a fleeting moment the form of a lithe and graceful woman fell over his shoulders upon the drowsy waters—but the face was turned toward the backward trail.

"Everything—even mythology—is twisted," he growled. "In these parlous days of woman suffrage."

He turned his head to catch a glimpse of her, flitting through the trees, but unlike Lot's wife, she did not look back.

The mayor sighed.

"What an awful mess a man can get into," he sorrowed, "through the perfectly harmless diversion of kissing!"

CHAPTER IV.

Monday morning dawned with a purple glow that melted into molten



"Guilty, I Say, and Proud of It."

glory as the sun came up and painted the hills and valleys with delight. Flute notes of harmony thrilled from flitting birds and the incense of fragrant flowers gave joy to the olfactory nerves as his honor, the mayor and Mae Andrews tripped down the front steps of Squirrel Inn and made for the boat landing, the girl in the lead, the man behind, carrying a lunch basket and fishing tackle.

"Do you really and truly believe, Mr. Bedight," babbled the girl over her shoulder, "that there are just as good fish in the sea as have ever been caught?"

The mayor laid down his burden on the dock and smiled confidently into the pretty face of his interrogator.

"An unmarried man," he began, carefully, "would answer yes; a married man, most assuredly, would deny the allegation and say no."

The young woman, with a glance of mischief in her eyes, asked innocently:

"And you?"

"I would say, if a prisoner might express himself without implication," questioningly, "that it depends upon the bait!"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Ghost Gave the Tip.

An extraordinary story of a gambling "tip" from the regions of spirits is that of Signor Crotta, the stationmaster at Cicignano, near Naples. Signor Crotta speculated one franc at a weekly lottery, and now finds himself in consequence the lucky winner of \$120,000. On learning the good tidings Crotta's first task was to telegraph to the directorate of the State Railways his resignation. He is a married man, and has a daughter who is a local schoolmistress. The stationmaster is also setting apart a sum for masses on behalf of his dead aunt, whose ghost, he avows, appeared to him in the early hours of the fateful morning bidding him gamble on four numbers which she revealed to him, all of which eventually proved lucky ones.

Seaweed Made Valuable.

It is estimated that those engaged in the industry of gathering seaweed and reducing it to gelatinous food in Japan alone number 600,000 persons. Within recent years seaweeds have been introduced into the English kitchen. The edible species, served with roast meats, have been found to be very palatable. Devonshire and Japanese seaweeds are employed largely in the London industry.

MEETING OF STATE G. O. P. IN DETROIT

RESOLUTIONS PASSED URGING SOLONS TO CONSIDER PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATION.

WILL CAUCUS ON EVERY BIG MEASURE PROPOSED.

Initiative, Referendum and Resubmission of Suffrage Are Recommended by Party Leaders.

"Stick together, make it a solid front from start to finish," was the battle cry of a majority of the republican members of the new legislature, 18 members of the state central committee, most of the state officers, including Gov. Osborn, and a host of leading republicans from the state and Detroit when they gathered in Detroit, to discuss plans for a legislative program that shall give the people of the state cause to remember the republican legislature of 1913.

Not a false note was sounded throughout the long session; every man pledged himself to harmony and unity of action.

Forty of the 72 republican members of the legislature—14 senators and 26 representatives—attended the meeting and at a brief session held following the general meeting, presided over by Senator Frank D. Scott, of Alpena, they went on record at 8 o'clock of the evening of Dec. 31, to formally decide upon a number of measures and bills that will be offered.

Unanimously the general gathering recommended to the incoming legislature that bills be passed covering the following subjects:

Initiative and referendum.

Simplification and perfection of primary and election laws.

Resubmission of women's suffrage.

Corrupt practices act.

Giving state canvassing board power to recount votes on constitutional amendments and other subjects now not provided for.

Prohibition of sale of worthless stocks and bonds and regulating stock and bond issues.

The members of the legislature decided:

To work individually on all bills, resolutions, requests for appropriations, etc., from now until the opening of the legislature so as to familiarize themselves with the work and be prepared to save time always heretofore lost.

To ask the legislature to send committees to all state institutions for inspections and investigations of appropriation requests not later than January, taking a 10-day recess if necessary, in order to avoid holding up other work as has always been the case in the past.

To recommend to the republican legislators that a committee of five in the house and three in the senate be constituted a "steering" committee to pass on all matters and decide whether they are of sufficient importance to warrant a caucus.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Kalamazoo has extended an invitation to the Michigan Retail Lumber Dealers' association to meet in Kalamazoo in 1913.

Before the Saginaw Board of Trade, Congressman Fordney urged engaging an agricultural expert, promising the support of the government.

Game Warden Oates is sending the form blanks and licenses for trappers who intend to hunt beaver to all county clerks of upper peninsula counties.

Several weeks ago infantile paralysis seized six children of George M. Askell, of Lucas, and killed one of them. Now the other five are practically well.

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

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.

On Jan. 1 the Grand Trunk railroad will provide modern vestibuled equipment and improved train service on C. S. & M. branch, between Bay City, Saginaw and Durand.

Gov. Osborn has received word that the Chicago law and order league has inaugurated a campaign against gambling and asks the governor to take steps towards the suppression of gambling in this state.

"The liquor forces stole the ballot from the women of the state in the same way they kept prohibition out of the state in 1887," says Mrs. E. L. Calkins, state W. C. T. U. president. The Ingham County Progressive club endorsed Charles C. De Camp, of Lansing, for messenger to carry the result of Michigan's presidential election to Washington.

Henry Bush, of Capac, was awarded \$5,000 damages against the Grand Trunk railroad for injuries received when his horse became frightened at a train and ran away.

GOV. ELECT FERRIS' MESSAGE.

Primary Reform Issue to Receive Large Measure of Attention.

Gov.-elect Ferris has completed his inaugural message—a document that for brevity, straight-arm jabs, and incandescence will rank with the strongest documents of similar nature filed in the capitol, it is declared.

Gov. Ferris has left the democratic state platform to speak for itself, according to close friends, and in his message he does scarcely more than mention most of the measures formally advocated by the party. One of the exceptions will be the primary election laws, it is announced, as Gov. Ferris has always made the alleged lack of worth in those laws a hobby.

CONGRESS WILL BE BUSY

Seven Important Hearings Scheduled for Session After Holidays.

An investigation possibly unprecedented in the history of the house will be ushered in when congress reassembles in January.

Members of the house will divide their attention among seven distinct investigations scheduled to begin immediately after the holidays. They are:

Inquiry into the so-called money trust; hearings before the ways and means committee preliminary to tariff revision by the next congress; the probe into the New Haven-Grand Trunk railroad situation in New England; the judiciary committee's hearings on general trust legislation; the inquiry into the ramifications of the so-called foreign and domestic shipping trust by the merchant marine committee; the Glass sub-committee's investigation incident to the framing of a currency bill, and the inquiry into the affairs of the office of superintendent of insurance in the District of Columbia. The insurance inquiry will begin Dec. 26, with the District of Columbia commissioners on the witness stand.

These committees will endeavor to complete their work by the end of the session. It is estimated that the investigations will cost more than \$100,000.

Osborn Rewards Convicts.

Because they gave information to Warden Simpson regarding the plot to blow up the prison with nitro-glycerin two years ago, Gov. Osborn has paroled Harry Boyer, sent up for from 12 to 25 years for dynamiting a store at Dansville, Ingham county, in 1908, and Charles Thompson, sent up from Mecosta county for bank robbery in 1908 for from 12 to 25 years. Boyer's parole will take effect June 23, 1918 and Thompson's Oct. 26, 1916.

To Provide Central State Workhouse.

Representative Ashmon H. Catlin, of Webberville, Ingham county, has announced two bills which he is framing to be presented to the next legislature.

One provides for the erection of a workhouse in Lansing similar to the one in Detroit, to be used to house prisoners from counties of central Michigan. Such a structure is in great demand owing to the fact that Detroit will no longer contract with counties.

Catlin's proposed second measure would cause the present mortgage tax law to be repealed, substituting the law on the statute books of 1891, which provides mortgages to be deducted from estates.

Ionia Prisoners Cost State \$17.50 a Year.

According to the biennial report of the Michigan reformatory at Ionia, which was presented to the executive office in Lansing, it costs less to maintain a prisoner at present, despite the high cost of living, than it cost the state 20 years ago. The cost per capita for each prisoner at Ionia during the past two years was \$35, or \$17.50 a year; from 1890 to 1894 the records show that each man cost the state an average of \$212, or \$53 a year.

By direction of the board Warden Fuller has secured options upon 292 acres of land joining the reformatory grounds, and the legislature is urged to appropriate enough money for the purchase of this property.

Osborn to Take Trip Over the World.

For the first few months after he retires from the executive office, Jan. 1, Chase S. Osborn will travel through Europe. He has visited practically every section of the globe, and the wanderlust has seized him again. He announces that he will enjoy a long vacation in foreign climates.

Gov. Osborn has given his two motor cars and riding horses to friends and says hereafter he will walk and enjoy the beauties of nature.

Attorney General Wykes, in the case of a vacancy in the office of sheriff of Jackson, holds that the present sheriff holds over until his successor is elected.

Mrs. James H. Wellington, of Saginaw, state treasurer of the W. R. C. in 1910, prominent worker in hospitals, died in Minneapolis. She was born in Flint 59 years ago.

POWERS URGE TURKS TO ACCEPT TERMS

JOIN IN ASKING OTTOMAN DELEGATES TO GIVE UP TO BALKAN ALLIES.

PEACE CONFERENCE ADJOURNED OVER CHRISTMAS.

Diplomats Admit the Situation is a Critical One as the Young Turks Are Advocating Breaking Off All Negotiations.

The six powers are urging Turkey to abandon Adrianople and to accept in principle the terms proposed by the Balkan allies at the last session of the peace conference.

It was learned from a semi-official source that Great Britain, France and Russia, the triple entente, and Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy, of the triple alliance through secret diplomacy, are advising the porte to accept the proposal of the allies, because the Balkan war to be resumed, and resumption of hostilities might endanger the peace of the rest of Europe, always admittedly precarious.

Diplomats admitted that the situation was a most delicate and difficult one, because the militarists of Constantinople and the Young Turks are advocating the breaking off of negotiations renewal of hostilities.

YAMAGATA STABBED.

Attempt Made by Fanatic to Kill Japan's Military Councilor.

An attempt was made in Tokio to assassinate Prince Aritoma Yamagata, the president of the Japanese privy council and supreme military councilor of Japan. His assailant ended his own life.

Prince Yamagata was attacked in his home in Sekiguchi, Koishikawa, by the assassin and was stabbed in two places, but not seriously injured. The prince is 74 years old but has a powerful physique and he overpowered his assailant before he called his attendants to remove him to prison. The would-be assassin was a young man, apparently not over 22 years old. He refused to give his name and when asked why he had attempted to kill the prince said: "For my country's good."

The prince was born in 1838 and has won practically every honor that is possible for a Japanese to gain.

Average Immigrant Undesirable.

Immigrants are not wanted in Michigan unless under unusual conditions to settle the wild lands of the state according to Secretary A. C. Carton of the public domain commission, who will become commissioner Jan. 1. Secretary Carton takes the stand that the average immigrant is not in a financial position to cope with the undeveloped land situation.

Porter Kills Lone Train Bandit.

To Walter Daniels, a negro porter of Kansas City, should go the credit for saving the valuable consignments in the "through safe" of the express car of St. Louis & San Francisco train No. 112, Oklahoma City to Kansas City, which was held up near Chandler, Okla., according to passengers on the train. Daniels shot and killed the negro bandit while the latter was in the act of robbing the express car.

20 Convicts Freed by Gov. Blease.

All records in South Carolina for the number of pardons granted in one day were broken when by order of Gov. Blease, 80 convicts confined in the state penitentiary and serving on chain gangs throughout the state were liberated, their pardons being granted as Christmas presents.

Included in the list are prisoners convicted of offenses ranging from first degree murder to minor infractions of the law.

Sentence Senator to Three Years.

Three years in the penitentiary was the sentence passed upon State Senator George K. Cetone, of Dayton, by Judge Evans in common pleas court in Columbus, O.

Senator Cetone was convicted recently of having accepted a bribe of \$200 during the last session of the legislature. His attorneys probably will appeal the case.

Practically the entire population of Big Rapids, with the exception of infants in arms, the ill, the feeble and the aged, will attend the inauguration of Gov.-elect Ferris, Jan. 1.

Wendall Klaus, of Owosso, believed to be the oldest barber, in point of service, in Michigan, celebrated his seventieth birthday by entertaining the barbers of the city. He's been calling "Next!" for 61 years.

Rumors regarding the absorption of the Marquette County Telephone Co. by the Michigan State Telephone Co. are beginning to take definite shape.

While trying their new Christmas skates, E. Hillman, aged 7, and Uno Berg, 10, of Gladstone, fell through thin ice and were drowned.

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Parcels That May Be Mailed

According to the regulations governing the parcels post system, promulgated by Postmaster General Hitchcock, perishable articles may be sent through the mails only under specific restriction as to their containers and the distance they are to be sent. Butter, lard, fish, fresh meats, dressed fowls, vegetables, fruit, berries and similar articles likely to decay may be sent for short distance when securely packed. Eggs will be accepted for local delivery when packed properly in a container, and for any distance when each egg is separately packed in a perfectly secure manner. No restriction is placed on the mailing of salted, dried, smoked or cured meats, but fresh meat will be transported only within the first zone. Fragile articles, including millinery, toys, musical instruments and articles of glass in whole or in part, must be securely packed and marked "fragile." Articles that may not be sent by parcel post include intoxicating liquors of all kinds, poisons, poisonous animals, insects or reptiles, explosives of every kind, inflammable articles, including matches, infernal machines, pistols or revolvers, disease germs, any obscene, defamatory or scurrilous matter now prohibited by law; live or dead animals, or birds or live poultry, raw hides or pelts; or anything having a bad odor. Books and printed matter may not be forwarded at parcel post rates, but only as third-class matter.

Chaffers Family Concert.

The Chaffers Family Concert Co. of Inkster will give another of its excellent concerts in the opera house Thursday evening, Jan. 2nd, under the auspices of the ladies of the third division of the M. E. church. This remarkable family needs no introduction to the people of Plymouth as they have appeared here before and our people were delighted with their entertainment. The program rendered at the coming entertainment will be entirely different than those given before. It will be a rare musical treat which no one can afford to miss. The general admission has been placed at 15 and 25 cents, with no extra charge for reserved seats, which can be secured at Jones' drug store, beginning Tuesday, Dec. 31st.

The Rise of the Auto

Automobiles, the luxury of yesterday are clearly following the usual rule. The statistics of their manufacture and sale shows clearly enough that they are today's necessity. This is indicated, not alone by the number of motor trucks nor by the decisions of cities to abandon horse drawn fire apparatus altogether. It is shown in the fact though last year was one of slack trade, there was no diminution in the number of cars marketed. A pure luxury could have made no such showing. This infant industry, hardly yet in its teens, is now already the fourth industry of the United States in volume. Already it has overflowed into foreign markets to the tune of about \$20,000,000. Ex

Literary Club Entertained

About forty-five members of the Woman's Literary club met with Mrs. C. H. Bennett last Friday afternoon. The program of the meeting was in charge of the sixth division, with Mrs. J. J. Travis as leader. An excellent paper "Christmas Customs in Different Countries," was given by Mrs. J. J. Travis and a "Christmas Reading," which was much enjoyed, was read by Mrs. F. A. Dibble. The program concluded with a pronunciation drill, after which the members were invited to remain as Mrs. Bennett's guests. Refreshments were served and a social time was enjoyed. All returned home declaring the afternoon one of the pleasantest of the season.

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 doctors.—Advertisement.

CHURCH NEWS

LUTHERAN.

Rev. O. Peters, Pastor.
 English services Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Sunday-school at 11 o'clock. Services New Years evening at seven o'clock. All are welcome to the above services.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL MISSION.

There will be special Christmas services in the above church next Sunday morning and afternoon. In the morning the service will be at 10:15, and in the afternoon the choir will render a song service at 2:15. Everyone is invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST.

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

BAPTIST

Rev. W. W. Daulton, Pastor.
 The services next Sunday will be as usual, the pastor preaching sermons appropriate to the last of the year. We expect special music at both services. The Sunday-school will meet at 11:15. Preaching at Livonia Center at two. Sunday-school at one.

METHODIST

Rev. Joseph Dutton, Pastor.
 Public worship at 10 a. m. A New Years theme. Sunday-school at 11:15. Epworth League at 6 p. m. Evening worship at 7 p. m. Sermon subject, "The Parting of the Way." Strangers and visitors cordially invited.

PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. B. F. Farber, Pastor.
 Services will be held in this church Sunday as follows: Morning worship at 10 o'clock. Mr. John C. Farber Jr. will sing. The pastor preaches. Theme, "A New Life in a New Year." Sunday school at 11:15 o'clock. Presbyterian Guild at 6 o'clock. Subject, "Missionary Needs and how we may Help Meet Them." Leader, Mrs. Louis Hillmer. Evening service at 7 o'clock. Special music. Preaching by the pastor. Theme, "A Motto for the New Year." Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at seven o'clock.

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

Lodge Elections

Plymouth Rock Lodge F. and A. M. held their annual meeting last Friday evening and elected the following officers for the coming year:
 W. M.—M. H. Ladd.
 S. W.—Myron Willett.
 J. W.—Isaac Gunsolly.
 Treas.—Geo. Richwine.
 Sec'y.—E. C. Lauffer.
 S. D.—Karl Hillmer.
 J. D.—S. E. Campbell.
 Tyler—Ambrose Roe.

The Pythian sisters held their annual meeting last Tuesday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:
 E. C.—Clara Hood.
 P. C.—Gertrude Smith.
 Manager—Grace Ray.
 Junior—Effie Wood.
 Senior—Nellie Passage.
 M. of P.—Mary Gates.
 Guard—Ella Arthur.
 Protector—Hattie Holloway.

The new officers will be installed at the first meeting in January.

New Store Opening at Newburg

A. J. Geer opened his new store at Newburg, to the public last Saturday. The building which is a new one is very conveniently arranged for store purposes and Mr. Geer has it stocked with a nice clean, up-to-date line of general merchandise. As a souvenir of the opening day, Mr. Geer handed out some handsome calendars. We bespeak for Mr. Geer a liberal patronage from the people of Newburg and vicinity.

Frank Oliver Passes Away

Frank Oliver passed away at his home south of the village Wednesday morning, Dec. 25th, after a long and lingering illness at the age of 39 years. Mr. Oliver was a man highly respected by all who knew him and his death is sincerely regretted by many friends and acquaintances. He is survived by his wife. The funeral will be held from the Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. B. F. Farber conducting services.

Household Goods for Sale.

There will be household goods for sale at the residence of P. W. Voorhies for the next five days. They consist of pieces for every room in a house. Any one wishing to buy good things cheap should improve this opportunity.

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



The Chaffers Family Concert Co. at the Plymouth Opera House, Thursday Evening, January 2nd.



Farm House Burned Local News

Last Thursday afternoon the farm house in Canton owned by C. B. Truesdell and occupied by his son Frank and family, was burned to the ground. The family was absent when the fire started, and were returning home when they saw the smoke issuing from the windows. They reached there in time to save a part of their household goods. It is thought that the fire originated in the basement from an overheated furnace. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burch were guests of the Northville Five Hundred club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Cameron last Monday evening. A Christmas tree was the entertainment of the evening.

Miss Grace Sears, who has been visiting her parents here, surprised her friends by announcing her marriage to Dr. D. N. Sanders of Diamondville, N. Y. Mrs. Sanders returned to Diamondville last week.

The sacred concert given in the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening was well attended. These concerts are becoming more popular each year and the chorus is worthy of praise for the splendid work they are doing.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wakely and daughter Lucille, and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Doer and son of Detroit, Miss Mabel Spicer of Youngstown, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Spicer and daughters were guests at the parental home, H. A. Spicer's, Christmas day.

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.

He Should Remember It. Scientists should remember that a grasshopper can jump 200 times its own length. This fact should be remembered by the collegian who thinks he is going to be needed in the world because he has broken the jumping record.—Chicago Record-Herald

Plymouth Cash Store
TODD BROTHERS
 We desire to thank our friends and patrons for the favors extended during the past year, and wish all a
HAPPY NEW YEAR.
 Both 'Phones and Free Delivery.

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 (KI-RO-PRAK-TIK)
 The New Road to Health

You who are sick and discouraged and have tried everything, try the Chiropractic way to health. Thousands have been restored to health by having their spines or (back bones) adjusted. The vertebra composing the spinal column must be in perfect alignment, as any deviation will cause pressure on the nerves and you cannot enjoy good health.

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 95 Main street, opposite school house, Plymouth, 'Phone 170

HEALTH IS HAPPINESS
 Graduate of Palmer School of Chiropractic (original school) at Davenport, Iowa.
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Special Sale

—OF—
Ladies', Men's, Boy's and Infants Sweaters and Sweater Coats

Look at these Prices

\$8.00 Sweaters or Sweater Coats.....	\$6.00
\$6.00	\$4.79
\$5.00	\$3.99
\$4.00	\$3.25
\$3.00	\$2.00
\$2.50	\$1.99
\$2.00	\$1.59
\$1.50	\$1.00
\$1.00	79c
50c	39c

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

Now is the time to buy a Sweater or Sweater Coat—don't wait, they wont last long at these prices.

We wish our patrons and friends a most Prosperous and Happy New Year.

J. R. Rauch & Son

ICE ICE ICE

I have enough ice to supply you all. Enquire of
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 Home 'Phone 919-4R Bell 'Phone 55J-2R

TIES - WANTED

Big prices will be paid for all RED and WHITE OAK, BEECH, TAMARACK, BIRCH, HARD MAPLE and CEDAR Ties, also WHITE OAK Switch Ties and Car Timber, produced and piled in Pere Marquette Yards.

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	FACE	THICK	LONG
No. 1 Pole Ties,	6 to 12 in.,	6 to 7 in.,	8 ft.
No. 2 Pole Ties,	5 to 12 in.,	5 1/2 to 7 in.,	8 ft.
No. 1 Sqrd. Ties,	8 to 12 in.,	6 to 7 in.,	8 ft.
No. 2 Sqrd. Ties,	7 to 12 in.,	5 1/4 to 7 in.,	8 ft.

Bark must be removed from All Ties.

For further information call on or write
S. F. McCANDLESS
 ROOM 305 EDDY BUILDING
 SAGINAW, MICH.

NEW MEAT MARKET

Streng Bros. will open a new meat market in North Village

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30th

We will carry a full line of
Fresh and Salt Meats

And will be prepared to give you the best cuts of meat obtainable together with prompt service at all times.

PHONE US YOUR ORDERS.

STRENG BROS.

Local 'Phone Free Delivery

Best Wishes for a Happy
and Prosperous
New Year.

Watch this Space every
Week through the
Year 1913.

CENTRAL GROCERY,
R. G. SAMSEN
Phone 13, 2r Free Delivery

1912

Thanking all of our friends for
their patronage during the
past year, we wish
you one and all

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

1913

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 de-
posits.
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

Mrs. Joel Kellogg is seriously ill.
Fred Wagonschultz is sick with pneu-
monia.

Mrs. Albert Gayde has been quite ill
with appendicitis.

Eli Nowland and wife were Detroit
visitors Christmas.

May Wolgast of Detroit is visiting
her sister, Mrs. Albert Stever.

The Plymouth merchants report a
most satisfactory holiday trade.

Rev. E. E. Caster and family were
guests of the former's son in Detroit
Xmas.

Mrs. Lottie Passage expects to soon
move into her new house on Church
street.

Mrs. S. O. Hudd entertained her Sun-
day-school class at a six o'clock dinner
Thursday evening.

The Mail wishes all of its readers,
advertisers, and correspondents a happy
and prosperous New Year.

George Bourne, one of the oldest re-
maining pioneers of Milford township,
is dead at the age of 91 years.

Dr. Warren left Monday afternoon
for Denver, Colo., where he was called
on account of the serious illness of his
sister.

Mrs. Bertha Bartolomew and Miss
Elizabeth Giles left Monday to spend
the holidays at the home of the former
at Adrian, Mich.

Maurice Campbell has resigned his
position at the Pera Marquette freight
office here and will go to Detroit, where
he has accepted a position.

Will Nicol and Miss Ethel Brown of
this place, were quietly married in De-
troit last Monday, Dec. 23d. They have
the best wishes of their friends for a
prosperous wedded life.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Voorhies are ar-
ranging to move to Detroit after the
first of January, Mrs. Bodmer also go-
ing with them. Mr. Voorhies has sold
his house to Evered Jolliffe.

Miss Nymphia Peters, the twenty-
year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.
D. Peters was operated on for appendi-
citis at her home near Newburg last
Monday and is in a very critical con-
dition.

I. N. Starkweather, one of North-
ville's oldest and best known citizens
died at his home in that village last
week Wednesday morning, aged 74
years. Mr. Starkweather was well
known to Plymouth citizens.

Rev. E. King of Durand and former
pastor of the M. E. church here, will
soon remove to Detroit, where he will
become assistant manager of the Michi-
gan Christian Advocate. Mr. King's
many Plymouth friends wish him un-
bounded success in his new position.

Mrs. L. Lyon gave a family dinner
Christmas. There were 22 present, the
out of town guests being Mrs. George
Lane and family of Indianapolis, Mr.
and Mrs. Frank Lyon, Mr. and Mrs.
Guy Lyon and children and Mr. and
Mrs. Ed. Lyon and children of Detroit.

One of the busiest places in town the
first of the week was at the postoffice.
Postmaster ~~and~~ and his assistants
handled more incoming and outgoing
mail Monday than for any one day
since ~~has~~ has been in the office.
There were eleven sacks of mail brought
in on the early morning trains.

Much satisfaction is felt by the many
friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kohler
at their return to this vicinity from
New Boston, where they went last spring.
Mr. and Mrs. Kohler are to be the ten-
ants of Mrs. Kate Yerkes' farm north
of town, which is near enough to make
them Northvillians again.—Northville
Record.

Mrs. Bert Brink gave a family dinner
at her home on South Main street
Xmas day. The out of town guests
were Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Van Hove
and little son of Detroit; Mr. Will
Gyde and family and Mr. Jones and
family of South Lyon; Mr. and Mrs.
Geo. Carpenter of Inkster, and Will Ely
and family of Northville.

Many of the teachers have gone to
their respective homes for the holiday
vacation. Miss Helen Ward has gone
to Mason; Miss Anne VanDeusen,
Allegan; Miss Grace Wise, Reed City;
Miss Pearl Launstein, Elsi; Miss
Maxine Kent, Benton Harbor; Miss
Emma Saunders, Pittsburg, Pa.; Miss
Margaret Woodworth, Ovid; Miss
Ethel Conner left for her home in Ionia
last Saturday on account of sickness.

The A. J. Phillips factory, for many
years Fenton's leading industry and
with a \$1600 weekly pay roll, closed
down sometime ago and the owners an-
nounced that the plant and equipment
were for sale. Fenton people were loth
to believe that they were really to lose
the factory but conclusive evidence
now is given in the fact that three car-
loads of its machinery has been sold
and shipped to a Canadian firm.—Mil-
ford Times.

The Dairy Man Says
He has more milk and better cream
since he began using Harvell's Con-
dition Powder. It keeps his cows in
strictly prime shape. It is strictly
medical powder, not a food, and is a
general conditioning powder for cows
barnes, work cattle, sheep, hog and
poultry. Price 25c. Sold by Jones,
the druggist and Beyer's Pharmacy.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gust, a
boy, December 25th.

Mrs. Nancy Bradner is spending the
holidays in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Plato Haugh visited
friends at Howell Xmas.

Roy Fisher is home from Saginaw
for the holiday vacation.

Eugene Campbell is home from the
U. of M. for the holidays.

Mrs. C. H. Bennett visited friends in
Toledo a few days last week.

Wm. Weckerle of Detroit, visited
friends in town over Sunday.

Miss Etta Reichelt of Detroit was a
Xmas visitor at Louis Reber's.

Mrs. M. Schmidt of Wayne, visited at
J. B. Pettengill's last Sunday.

Miss Margery Travis is home from
Hanover for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Loretta Nichols of Detroit,
visited at H. H. Passage's last Sunday.

Orville Tousey of Cleveland is visiting
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tousey.

Miss Vera Hengsterfer of Ann Arbor
is visiting her mother, Mrs. Carl Heide.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon of Wixom
were Christmas guests at A. W. Varden.

Herbert Pelham and daughter Ora of
Iron Mountain, are visiting at Dr. Pel-
ham's.

Mrs. Elizabeth Terry has gone to
Detroit for a two weeks' visit with re-
latives.

Miss Mabel Spicer is home from
Youngstown, Ohio, for the holiday
vacation.

Max Hillmer of Lansing visited his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hillmer,
this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tousey and family
were guests of friends in Northville
Christmas.

Mon'e Wood and family and Ernest
Gentz and family were Xmas guests at
Fred Gentz's.

Ray Stewart of Peru, Ind., is visit-
ing his cousin, Harvey Springer, and
other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jarvis of Laps-
ing are visiting the latter's parents, Mr.
and Mrs. John Nash.

Mrs. F. H. Tillapaugh and little
daughter of Oswego, N. Y., are visit-
ing at J. E. Wilcox's.

J. R. Rauch & Son announce a spe-
cial sale on novelties and sweater coats.
It will pay you to read it.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Everett of Stand-
ish are spending their Christmas vaca-
tion with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mimmack enter-
tained several friends at a six o'clock
dinner last week Wednesday evening.

Mrs. ~~and daughter~~ Margaret
returned the first of the week from a
few days' stay with friends in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Hearn and daugh-
ter and Mr. and Mrs. Linus Galpin
and daughter visited relatives in Dix-
boro Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. James Downey of De-
troit and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McLaren
of Olivet were out of town guests at
James McKeever's last Wednesday.

Chas. Manning of Stark fell while at-
tempting to get into his wagon at Sand
Hill last Monday night and broke his
hip. Dr. Patterson was called to attend
him.

The Central meat market purchased
this week of C. E. Merritt a Champion
Pole Durham calf ten months old that
weighed 548 pounds dressed. Who can
beat it?

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Universa-
list Society will be held at the home of
Mary Penney, January 6, 1913, at 1:30
p. m.—Clerk.

Household Goods for Sale.

There will be household goods for sale
at the residence of P. W. Voorhies for
the next five days. They consist of
things for every room in a house. Any
one wishing to buy good things cheap
should improve this opportunity.

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 dur-
ing the days of Thursday, Friday and
Saturday of each week and at other
times by appointment.

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

Wants, For Sale, To Rent, etc.

5c. per Line, One Insertion

FOR RENT—House to rent. Inquire
at E. L. Riggs store.

Three Chester White brood sows for
sale at \$16 each. One male Poland
China for sale or service. J. J. Shearer

FOR RENT.—House on E. Ann Ar-
bor st. Enquire of J. O. Eddy.

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, \$ 96; white, \$ 96
Hay, \$11.00 to \$12.00 No. 1 Timothy.
Oats, 27c.
Rye, 50c.
Beans, basis \$1.75
Potatoes, \$.40
Butter, 32c.
Eggs, 28c.

GALE'S.

We will sell all Toys
at Cost

All Dolls Now at 1-4 Off

We sell pure ground Corn and Oats at
\$1.60 per 100.

We wish to extend to our friends and
patrons our best wishes for a Happy and
Prosperous New Year.

Phone 16

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WE WISH YOU A
Happy and Prosperous

New Year!

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Place Your First Grocery
Order for 1913

With the Home of Quality Groceries

AND STICK TO ALL YOUR
GOOD RESOLUTIONS!

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Telephone No. 40.

Free Delivery

We desire to thank
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rons for the favors
extended during the
past year, and wish
you all A Happy and
Prosperous NEW
YEAR!

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A Happy New
...Year...

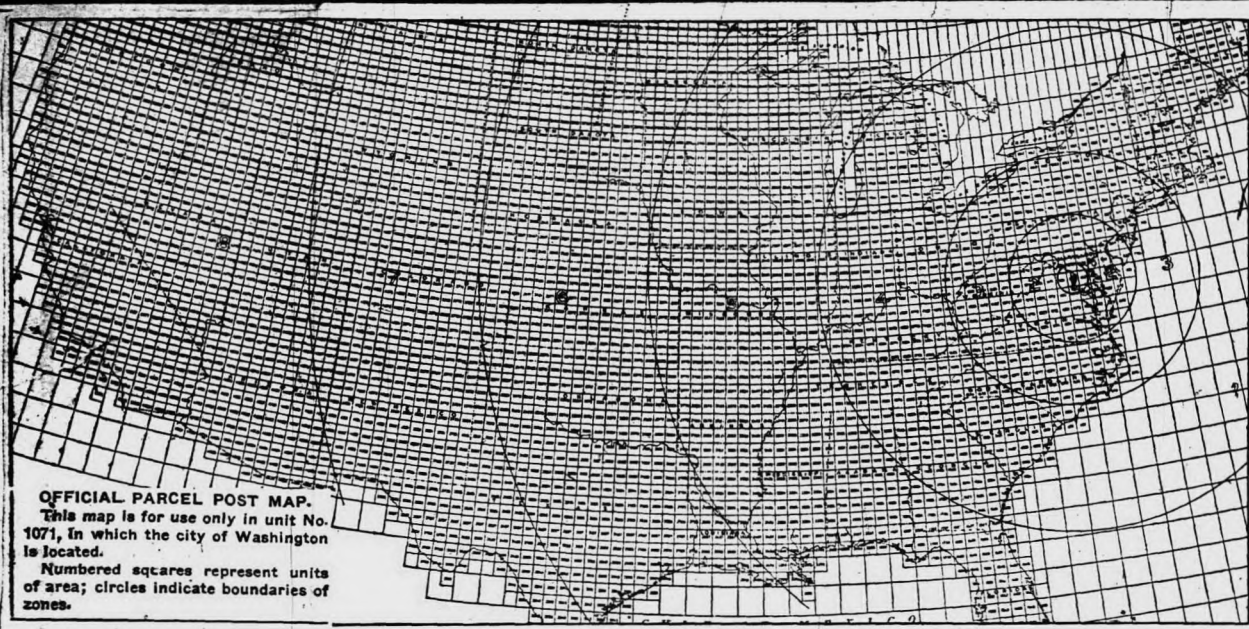
TO ALL OUR PATRONS AND
FRIENDS.

We desire at this time to thank our
friends and patrons for their patronage
for the past year, and hope to
merit a continuance of
the same during
1913.

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OFFICIAL PARCEL POST MAP.
This map is for use only in unit No. 1071, in which the city of Washington is located.
Numbered squares represent units of area; circles indicate boundaries of zones.

FIXING RATES UNDER PARCEL POST SYSTEM

Government Goes Into Business of Transmitting Merchandise Through the Mails.

NEW LAW FULLY EXPLAINED

Country Divided Into Zones and Units for Purpose of Fixing Charges for Carriage—No Package Weighing More Than Eleven Pounds is Mailable—Anything Properly Wrapped Which Will Not Injure Other Mail May Be Sent.

By EDWARD B. CLARK.

With the coming of the New Year the United States government will enter into a new field of enterprise—the transmittal of merchandise by what is known as the parcel post. For years there has been a demand for such a system of inexpensive transmittal of packages. The camps of favor and disfavor of the parcel post scheme have been about equally divided. Finally at the last session of congress a bill was passed which will put the plan into operation, but only if it must be said in little more than an experimental way.

It is the intention of Uncle Sam to move rather slowly in the parcel post matter. He wants to find how popular it will be, how much it will cost the government, and whether there is to be a profit or loss at the end of each year. If it is found that the plan is successful from the point of view of the people, which means the government also, the parcel post will be extended until finally it reaches the proportions which its proponents say they believe it is destined to assume.

Zone System Explained.

It is no exaggeration to say that thousands upon thousands of inquiries have been made of the postmaster general as to just what the parcel post will mean to the people. It was the law of congress establishing the system which made provision for a division of the country into zones and into 35,000 units which are to be used as centers in describing the circles which mark the boundaries of the zones. There has been no clear understanding, apparently, of this zone system, but really it is a very simple matter.

The accompanying map shows the country divided into zones from the unit in which Washington is situated, as the center. Accompanying the map is a table showing the rate of postage per pound for parcels from Washington to places within all the zones.

Each unit contains an area thirty miles square. Now each unit is a center from which the zones are drawn and so every unit in the country no matter where it is situated will have zones drawn from it just exactly as Washington has them drawn from it. For instance, take Keokuk, Ia., which is in a unit in the fifth zone. From that will be drawn circles exactly as they are drawn from Washington, and they will be numbered from Keokuk as number one, just as they are numbered from Washington as number one. Of course, however, Zone Six will have a different geographical position as related to Keokuk than it has as related to Washington, but as the radius of the circles drawn from Keokuk is the same length as the radius of the circles drawn from Washington, Keokuk's Zone Six will be just as far from its center as Washington's Zone Six is.

How Rates Are Fixed.

It can be seen from this readily enough that the postal rates from Washington to its particular zone will be the same as the postal rates from Keokuk to its particular zones. Each zone being about thirty miles square will of course contain in most cases a number of postoffices, but each office in the same unit is considered as being the center of the circles from

RATES OF POSTAGE

Parcels weighing four ounces or less are mailable at the rate of one cent for each ounce or fraction of an ounce, regardless of distance. Parcels weighing more than four ounces are mailable at the pound rate, as shown by the following table, and when mailed at this rate any fraction of a pound is considered a full pound.

Wt. Lbs.	1st zone	2d zone	3d zone	4th zone	5th zone	6th zone	7th zone	8th zone
1...	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.06	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.10	\$0.11
2...	.06	.08	.10	.12	.14	.16	.19	.21
3...	.07	.11	.14	.17	.20	.23	.28	.31
4...	.08	.14	.18	.22	.26	.30	.37	.41
5...	.09	.17	.22	.27	.32	.37	.46	.51
6...	.10	.20	.26	.32	.38	.44	.55	.61
7...	.11	.23	.30	.37	.44	.51	.64	.71
8...	.12	.26	.34	.42	.50	.58	.73	.81
9...	.13	.29	.38	.47	.56	.65	.82	.91
10...	.14	.32	.42	.52	.62	.72	.91	1.01
11...	.15	.35	.46	.57	.68	.79	1.00	1.12

*For a full explanation of the rates of postage in the First Zone see the Parcel Post Guide.

which the zones are drawn. The rates of postage are fixed from the unit in which the sending postoffice is situated, but the price to every place in any zone is just the same. To illustrate, it will cost exactly the same amount to send a parcel from Washington to Erie, Pa., that it costs to send it to Atlanta, Ga., because Erie and Atlanta with reference to Washington are situated in the fourth zone. The rates therefore are fixed from the unit in which the postoffice is located, but they are the same from that office to any point in any one zone.

It will be seen by reference to the table of rates of postage that it will cost more per pound to send a package a long distance than it does to send it a short distance. The rate increases for a package weighing one pound at the rate of one cent for each zone. No package weighing more than 11 pounds can be sent under the new parcel post law. It should be said right here that on the long hauls the parcel post may not be able to compete with the express companies, but that on shorter hauls it can so compete. It was the expressed desire of the legislators and of the postoffice officials that the parcel post system should be made of particular use to persons having farm and factory products to transmit to customers. It is probable that producers must study the rates of postage and the convenience of transmittal and compare them with the cost and convenience under present methods before individually a man can determine whether he is to profit or not by the change. Then there is another thing to be considered and which only can be known definitely when fuller regulations have been made to specify exactly what kind of things can be sent by parcel post. It can be said in a general way that anything can be sent which is properly wrapped and which will not injure other mail matter with which it may come in contact.

Copy Foreign Countries.

It is probable that the government will adopt a means of transportation for certain kinds of its merchandise much like those which have been adopted in parcel post countries abroad. What the English call hampers, basket-like arrangements, probably will be adopted, and as these can be kept separate from the ordinary mail matter it is believed that the regulations as finally adopted will allow the sending of eggs, butter, poultry, live poultry, hams, and other products of the country.

The 11-pound limit for a single package may work at first against any further extended use of the parcel post for some of the articles which have been named. Of course, more weight can be sent if it is sent in different parcels, but the cost in that case would be heavier because the increase per pound on a single package is not great up to 11 pounds, and probably it would increase at no greater rate if the government were to raise the limit of weight which is now fixed. To make it simpler, it will cost more to send two packages of 11 pounds than it would to send one package of 22 pounds if the government eventually should allow a heavier

single package to be carried and should charge in proportion just what it does now for one package of 11 pounds weight.

Every postmaster in the United States will have a parcel post map like the one which is here reproduced except that the zone lines will be shown with the unit of its postoffice as a center. All that a postmaster will have to do when a parcel is presented for transportation is to find out in what zone the destination of the package lies. His table will show him instantly the rate per pound from the unit in which his postoffice lies to the zone of the package's destination, the price as has been explained before, to every postoffice in any one zone being the same. The parcel post will take nothing but fourth-class matter. Printed matter is still in the third-class designation. Therefore books cannot be sent by the parcel post system. This the postoffice authorities seem to think is in a way unjust and may work a hardship. It may be that in the future the law will be changed so as to include all printed matter. It seems to be certain that an attempt will be made to bring about this change as speedily as possible.

Must Bear Stamp.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has ordered that postmasters be advised that parcel post packages cannot be accepted for mailing unless they bear a distinctive parcel post stamp and have attached to them the return card of the sender. A series of distinctive stamps is now in course of preparation for this class of mail as required by the law creating the parcel post system. Consignments of these stamps will be ready for shipment to all postoffices in ample time for the establishment of the new system on New Year's day.

The postoffice department has given instruction to every postmaster in the country to enlighten his patrons as much as possible on the general subject of the parcel post and especially on the use of the special stamps and the necessary attachment of the return card. The law requires that all fourth-class matter mailed after January 1, 1913, without parcel post stamps attached shall be treated as "held for postage" matter. Parcel post packages will be mailable only at postoffices, such postoffices, lettered and named stations, and such numbered stations as may be designated by the postmasters.

As announced by Postmaster General Hitchcock that nearly 70,000 scales will be required for use in the parcel post system which is to go into effect January 1st. He has accordingly authorized the issuance of bids for that number. Two hundred of the largest postoffices and their branches will be supplied with automatic springless scales. The next class of offices, numbering about 19,000, will be given high grade beam scale, while the four class offices, numbering about 65,000, will be furnished with the best spring balances obtainable, each having a capacity for twenty pounds. These scales will be used by postmasters to determine the amount of postage required on parcel post packages. The fact that many of the postoffices of the country are

now furnished with scales of a limited capacity makes it necessary for the postmaster general to make this very large purchase of scales capable of taking care of the parcel post business. It is understood that this will be the largest single order ever placed for scales.

Rate on Seeds Not Affected.

It should be said that the act of congress which puts a parcel post plan into operation does not in any way affect the postage rate on seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, scions and plants as fixed by section 482 of the postal laws and regulations.

The classification of articles mailable as well as the weight limit, the rates of postage, zone or zones and other conditions of mailability under the act of congress, if the postmaster general shall find on experience "that they or any of them are such as to prevent the shipment of articles desirable, or shall permanently render the cost of the service greater than the receipts of the revenue therefrom," he is hereby authorized, subject to the consent of the interstate commerce commission after investigation, to reform from time to time such classification, weight limit, rates, zone or zones or conditions, in order to promote the service to the public or to insure the receipt of revenue from such service adequate to pay the cost thereof.

Through many years different members of the house and senate have been interested in promoting parcel post legislation. Among the men most active in securing the legislation which soon is to go into effect as law are Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon, Representatives David J. Lewis of Maryland and William Sulzer of New York, who has just been elected governor of that state.

To ascertain conditions surrounding the establishment of the parcel post system in places differing widely in size, climate and industries, Postmaster General Hitchcock recently summoned to Washington, to confer with the special parcel post committee, the postmasters of five typical offices. They are William H. Davis, Pittsburg, Pa.; Daniel T. Gerow, Jacksonville, Fla.; M. H. Joster, Wilmington, Del.; E. M. C. Quimby, Suffolk, Va., and Henry N. Bradley, Charleston, W. Va.

Confer With Postmasters.

The postmasters of the five largest offices in the country have already appeared before the committee, so Pittsburg was represented as being a large first class office, though smaller than any of the greater five, and as being the center of a tremendous manufacturing area. The postmaster of Pittsburg reported that the board of trade of that city has a special parcel post committee, working toward bringing the consumer and producer nearer to each other by the new system. He also said that many of the merchants are planning to have their city deliveries made by parcel post.

Wilmington, Del., represented a large farming and manufacturing district, with its mail connections close with Philadelphia, one of the largest offices in Florida, and the outlet for all the mail of the state. It is peculiar in having a special increase of force in winter, the tourist season, and the postmaster said that it was expected that travelers would use the parcel post extensively in sending home five and ten-pound packages of fruit.

Suffolk, Va., and Charleston, W. Va., are both very small second class offices, one in the tide-water district, with large truck interests; the other far inland in an orchard country, with diversified farm products. The postmasters of both offices reported great interest in the parcel post, and said that they had continual inquiries regarding its scope.

From these postmasters the committee was able to glean a great amount of valuable information, which, added to that gained from the recent hearings in Maryland, puts it in a position to plan the details of the service to the greatest advantage of the producing farmer.

Give Him Time.

"You're a pretty old man to be beginning," said the lady to the man at the back door.

"Yes, ma'am," replied the man with his hat in his hand.

"Have you been begging all your life?"

"Not yet, ma'am."

THE MARKETS.

DETROIT—Extra dry-fed steers, \$7.50; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., \$6.75; 500 to 700 lbs., \$5.50; steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 700 lbs., \$4.25; choice fat cows, \$3.50; good fat cows, \$4.25; common cows, \$3.25; canners, \$4.00; choice heavy bulls, \$5.00; fair to good bolognas, \$4.50; stock bulls, \$3.75; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000 lbs., \$5.75; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000 lbs., \$5.50; choice stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., \$5.00; fair stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., \$4.75; stock heifers, \$3.75; 4.25; milkers, large, young, medium age, \$4.00; common milkers, \$3.00.

Veal Calves—Receipts, 483; market dull at last week's prices; best, \$6.50; others, \$4.00. Milch cows and springers, steady.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 4,892; sheep steady; lambs 25c lower than last week. Best lambs, \$8; fair to good lambs, \$7.50; light to common lambs, \$4.50; 5; fair to good sheep, \$3.40; culls and common, \$2.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,107; no hogs sold at noon; prospects are as follows: Range of prices—Light to good butchers, \$7.45 to \$7.25; pigs, \$6.00 to \$7.10; roughs, one-third off.

Note—There will be no market here Christmas day.

East Buffalo, N. Y.—Cattle—Best 1,350 to 1,500-lb steers, \$7.50; good to prime 1,200 to 1,300-lb steers, \$7.75; 8.25; good to prime 1,100 to 1,200-lb steers, \$7.25; 7.75; coarse, plainish 1,100 to 1,300-lb steers, \$7.25; medium butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$6.25; butcher steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs., \$5.60; light butcher steers \$5.25; best fat cows, \$5.50; butcher cows, \$4.50; light butcher cows \$3.75; 4.25; cutters, \$3.50; 3.75; trimmers, \$3.25; 3.50; best fat heifers, \$7.75; medium butcher heifers, \$4.50; 5; stock heifers, \$4.25; best feeding steers, \$6.25; 6.75; fair to good stockers, \$5.25; light common stockers \$4.25; 4.50; pump export bulls, \$6.25; 6.75; best beef bulls, \$5.50; 5.75; columbia bulls, \$4.50; 5; stock bulls, \$3.50; best milkers and springers, \$5.00; common to fair kind, \$3.50.

Hogs—Market active; hogs, \$7.65; yorkers, \$7.50; pigs, \$7.00.

Sheep and lambs—Market active; top lambs, \$8.00; culls to fair, \$5.00; 5.25; yearlings, \$5.50; 6.50; wethers \$4.75; 5; ewes, \$4.25.

Calves—Steady; tops, \$10.00; 12.25; fair to good, \$7.50; 10; heavy, \$4.50; 6.50.

GRAIN, ETC.

WHEAT—Cash and December No. 2 red, \$1.11-1/2; May opened without change at \$1.14-1/2, touched \$1.14-1/4 and advanced to \$1.14-1/2; July opened at \$1.14-1/4, declined to \$1.14 and advanced to \$1.14-1/4. No. 1 white, \$1.02-1/2.

CORN—Cash No. 2, 49; No. 3 yellow, 2 ears at 50c; No. 4 yellow, 1 ear at 48c. OATS—Standard, 2 ears at 36c, closing asked; No. 3 white, 55c; No. 4 white, 1 ear at 33-1/2. RYE—Cash No. 2, 62c.

BEANS—Immediate, prompt and December shipments, \$2.20; bid; January \$2.20.

CLOVER SEED—Prime spot, \$11.40; sample, 33 bags at \$10.25; 18 at \$8.75; prime alsike, \$12.75; sample alsike, 14 bags at \$11.25.

FLAX—In one-eighth paper sacks, per 100 pounds, jobbing lots; best patent, \$5.00; second patent, \$4.30; straight, \$3.20; clear, \$4.30; spring patent, \$5.10; 100, \$4.00 per bid.

FEED—In 10-lb sacks, jobbing lots; Bran, \$2; coarse middlings, \$2.3; fine middlings, \$2.5; corn and oat chop, \$2.00 per ton.

GENERAL MARKETS.

The poultry deal is assuming quite important proportions and a feeling of firmness prevails in nearly all lines. Fowls, drag a little, but chicks are in good demand and there is a firm market for turkeys at another advance in prices. Chicks are in good supply, but there is a scarcity of turkeys. Dressed hogs are dull and easy, and dressed calves are active. The market is steady, for dairy products and active. Potatoes and vegetables are steady and in good demand.

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

Eggs—Current receipts, candled, cases included, 28c per doz.

APPLES—Baldwin, \$2.25; 2.50; greening, \$2.50; 2.75; spy, \$2.75; 3; steel red, \$3.50; 3.50; No. 2, 75c; 1.50 per bbl.

CARRAGES—\$1.25 per bbl.

DRESSED CALVES—Ordinary, 10c; 11c; fancy, 12-1/2c; 1-2c per lb.

CORN—55c per bu.

DRESSED HOGS—\$9.50 per cwt. for light to medium.

DRESSED POULTRY—Spring chickens, 14c; hens, 13c; 14c; old roosters, 10c; 11c; turkeys, 21c; 23c; ducks, 18c; 19c; geese, 14c; 15c per lb.

POTATOES—Michigan, sacks, 55c bulk, 45c in lots, and 50c for store.

HONEY—Choice fancy white comb, 16c; 17c per lb; amber, 14c; 15c.

LIVE POULTRY—Spring chickens, 13c; 14c; 15c; old roosters, 9c; 10c; ducks, 15c; 16c; geese, 13c; 14c; turkeys, 17c; 20c per lb.

VEGETABLES—Beets, 40c per bu; carrots, 40c per bu; cauliflower, \$2.25 per doz; turnips, 50c per bu; spinach, 75c per bu; hot-house cucumbers, \$1.00; 1.75 per bu; watercress, 25c; 40c per doz; head lettuce, \$1.25; 1.50 per hamper; home-grown celery, 25c per doz; green peppers, 40c per basket; rutabagas, 50c per bu; hot-house radishes, 25c per doz.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, 18c; family 22c; 23c; hams, 13c; 14c; Bacon 16c; shoulders, 13c-1/2c; picnic hams, 13c; pork lard in tins, 11-1/2c; kettle rendered lard, 21-1/2c per lb.

HAY—Fair lot, prices track, Detroit: No. 1 timothy, \$16.19; No. 2 timothy, \$14.60; No. 1 mixed, \$14.60; light mixed, \$15.15; wheat and oat straw, \$9.10; eye straw, \$10.50 per ton.

Want Bank Dept. Moved to Detroit.

That the state banking commissioner's office, now in the state capitol, be moved to Detroit, is the hope of Michigan bankers, and an effort toward that end may be made when the legislature convenes.

Banking Commissioner Doyle meets nine Michigan bankers at his private office in Detroit where Deputy A. E. Manning meets one in the main office, in Lansing. It is said.

The executive committee of the State Teachers' association will meet in Lansing, Jan. 18, to select the place for the 1913 teachers' convention. Kalamazoo and Ann Arbor are favored.

From 20 Years to Life for Hickey.

J. Frank Hickey, the slayer of little Joseph Josephs and other boys who fell victims to his homicidal mania, was sentenced in Buffalo, N. Y., to "not less than 20 years nor more than his natural life" by Justice Brown.

Insurance Commissioner Palmer has haled a number of insurance men before him to show cause why they have overstepped the insurance department's permit to sell a certain line of insurance.

Mrs. Siseria Hale, matron of the Dorcas Home, Owosso, believes that local option in Shiawassee county is the cause of the large decrease in inmates at the institution. There are now 21 children at the home, the average number until this year being 35.

HAD ALL THE REQUISITES

Seemingly Extraordinary Essentials Are Needed for the Practice of the Law in Florida.

Will Irwin, the author, was holding forth upon the superiority of California over Florida as a winter resort. "Florida," he said, "is too relaxing. This is due to the fetid air of the swamps."

"There's a story about a young man who was being examined for admission to the Florida bar. The examination ran thus:

"Young man are you malarial?"

"No, sir."

"Can you ride?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you own a horse?"

"Yes, sir."

"Is he a good swamp swimmer?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then, young man, I welcome you to the practice of law in this district."

RINGWORM ON CHILD'S FACE

Stratford, Iowa.—Three years ago this winter my seven-year-old son had ringworm on the face. First it was in small red spots which had a rough crust on the top. When they started they looked like little red dots and then they got bigger, about the size of a bird's egg. They had a white, rough ring around them, and grew continually worse and soon spread over his face and legs. The child suffered terrible itching and burning, so that he could not sleep nights. He scratched them and they looked fearful. He was cross when he had them. We used several bottles of liniment, but nothing helped.

"I saw where a child had a rash on the face and was cured by Cuticura Soap and Ointment and I decided to use them. I used Cuticura Soap and Ointment about one month, and they cured my child completely." (Signed) Mrs. Barbara Prim, Jan. 30, 1913.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston." Act.



THE CASE.

Bronson—You're not looking well, old fellow.

Woodson—No, indeed. I'm always feeling poorly before Christmas.

No Longer Interested.

Theodore Lane, who resided at the home of his parents, 7349 Holton avenue, had a toothache the other morning. It was a bad toothache, too, and Theodore let the neighborhood know all about it. But when his father got home that evening (this is according to his father) the boy was calm and seemed at peace.

"Has your tooth stopped aching, Teddy?" asked Theodore, Sr.

"I don't know," answered the youngster.

"Don't know. Why, what do you mean?"

"It's out."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.

Believe Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, moved regulate the Bowels and are pleasant remedy for Worms. Used by mothers for 25 years. They are so pleasant to take children like them. They never fail. At all drug stores. See Sample FREE. Address: A. C. Ciment, LeRoy, N. Y. Adv.

Deceased.

"Unfortunately the girl in the boat with him when he rocked the boat did not know how to swim."

"That was unfortunate."

"For him, yes. You see, she clawed him under the surface and stood on his face to keep her head above water."

Lucky Star.

"This is the third time you have been here for food," said the woman at the kitchen door to the tramp.

"Are you always out of work?"

"Yes'm," replied the itinerant. "I guess I was born under a lucky star."

Way of Some Ministers.

Bishop W. F. McDowell, Methodist, says some ministers are like some horses—they'll work all right in the lead but will balk when placed elsewhere.

Her Dancing Nights.

"Is your wife fond of dancing?"

"Yes, especially the nights I prefer to stay at home."—Detroit Free Press.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children's teething, softens, soothes, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind-colic, 30c a bottle.

Help comes to those who are willing to pay for it.

Give a baby a full dinner pail and room to kick and he will be happy.

Red Cross Ball Blue, all blue, but being blue in the whole world, makes the laundress smile. Adv.

A little learning is not so dangerous as the big conceit that goes with it.

