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Business Cards.

ATTORNEYS.

E. S. AVERY Attorney and Counselor at law. Office over Farmers' Bank.

GEORGE F. DAY,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT law. Office over First National bank, Mason, Mich.

L. REED. ATTORNEY AT LAW. OFFICE in Rayner block over City Bakery.

PHYSICIANS.

G. H. FERGUSON, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, Mason. Office over P. O., 8 to 10 A. M.; 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 P. M. 46ly

S. H. CULVER, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. OFFICE over L. C. Webb's Clothing Store, Mason, Michigan. 1334tf

G. D. GREEN, M. D., HOMEOPATHIST. Office in Polar Block, up-stairs. Residence first door east of Presbyterian Church.

W. W. ROOT, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. OFFICE hours from one to two, and from six to seven P. M.

A. B. CAMPBELL, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. OFFICE over H. M. Williams' drug store, Mason.

MISCELLANEOUS.

FARMERS' MUTUAL

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF INGham county. Safest, cheapest, best. For information write to O. F. Miller, secretary, Mason. R. J. Bullen, President, Mason.

JEWELER.

ELIAS CULVER, dealer in watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, etc. Repairing done.

C. L. CASTERLIN,

LOAN, COLLECTION, INSURANCE AND Real Estate Brokers. Office over Stroud & Co.'s Furniture Store Mason, Mich.

DR. GEO. C. MOODY, VETERINARY Surgeon and Dentist, (graduate Ontario Veterinary College). Treats all diseases of Horses and Cattle. Will attend calls day and night. Office and residence corner A and Mill-sts., Mason, Mich. 1593y1

J. A. BARNES, NOTARY. Loan, Insurance and Collection Agent. A fresh supply of money to loan.

MONEY TO LOAN, BY THE REAL ESTATE Agent, JOHN DUNSBACK.

CLARK HOUSE, Wm. H. Clark, proprietor. Best one dollar a day house in the city.

J. M. DRESSER loans money, buys notes, makes collections. At Farmers' Bank.

CITY BAKERY.—FRESH BREAD, PIES and cakes, Mason, Mich.

DUBOIS & EARLE, DEALERS IN HEAVY and Shelf Hardware. Maple st., Mason.

The A. V. U. S. Society will hold an oyster supper at the residence of Alonzo Cheney, Friday night, January 9.

The Two Orphans drew a large house and gave a very satisfactory entertainment Tuesday evening. The troupe promises to re-visit us next spring when they will be well received.

James Hayhoe, conductor on the M. C. has been in Dansville of late looking after the interests of his mother, and has again returned to Bay City. His cousin, Fred Hayhoe, returned with him to spend his vacation there.

Merrill Lewis, of Marion, Indiana, was in town last Tuesday on his way to Dansville to visit his mother, Mrs. E. S. Clark. He is in the employ of the hardware firm of Geo. Worthington Co. of Cleveland and travels through the South.

W. J. Hill, of Laird, Houghton county, has been home here for a week. He has secured title to 160 acres of promising mining land up there and will soon return to look after his interests. He exhibits specimens of kaolin, a species of soft rock, found within a few rods of his place. It is used for various purposes and may make his land quite valuable.

District No. 6, Delhi, decides that land west of the "Father of Waters" is no more valuable than that east, and they will discuss the sinfulness of "promiscuous dancing," January 10, 1891. Pearl Garey has the affirmative and Newton Bateman the negative. January 2, an entertainment is to be held at that place, to which all are invited and at the same time kindly admonished to sew on their buttons securely.

The death of Miss Libbie Folar, mentioned by our Alaiedon correspondent, is sincerely mourned by many here, as she had a multitude of friends and was highly respected by all. The class of '90 Mason High School, of which she was an honored member, attended her funeral and dedicated to her a beautiful pillow of flowers bearing the inscription "Class of '90." Other friends gave profusely of flowers in many designs for which the family are very thankful.

Gilbert Lewis, of Cambridge, Ohio, has purchased the interest of A. O. DuBois in the hardware firm of DuBois & Earle. Mr. Lewis is an experienced hardware man, having once worked in the store where he is now a partner, and having for several years traveled and sold hardware for Geo. Worthington Co., of Cleveland. The new firm, Earle & Lewis, start out with every prospect of success, and they will have many friends. Mr. DuBois, the retiring partner, has been engaged in the business at that stand for 10 years and has been very prosperous, enjoying the confidence of the people. He is yet undecided as to exactly what he will now follow, but it will take him some time to settle up his late business affairs. After a brief respite he may devote a little time to travel, having never yet been out of Michigan.

An elegant line of handkerchiefs for Christmas presents just received at M. Gregor's 67tf

Great drives in felts and overs, socks and overs, and all kinds of rubber, felt and beaver goods, at astonishingly low prices, at Brown Bros'. 67tf

NEWS NOTES.

1891.

Resolve.

Resolve right.

Keep the resolution.

We wish you a happy year.

Inaugurate the new governor January 7.

S. N. Rolfe is buying live poultry. See his card.

C. L. Casterlin lost a valuable Jersey last week Tuesday.

V. J. Tefft spent Christmas and until Monday in Mason.

L. Slaght and wife have returned from Houghton county.

C. H. Teall, of Weedsport, N. Y., is visiting his brothers in this vicinity.

Sanford Jenkins and family spent Christmas with friends at Pinckney.

The newly made officials buckle on their armor at the court house to-day.

Harry Lawrence, of Leslie, is opening a confectionery store at Williamston.

Postmaster Seymour Foster was nicely caned by his employes on Christmas.

Reynolds Brothers have sold out at Eaton Rapids and will move to Charlotte.

C. G. Huntington succeeds J. C. Cannon as a director in the Farmers' Bank.

People didn't jostle each other much on our streets Christmas on accont of any crowd.

David Cheney last week purchased 10 shares of the bank stock of C. R. Henderson.

Mrs. Howard Seely, of Gladwin, has been among her friends here for several days.

Democratic officials at Lansing are busy appointing their relatives to act in minor positions.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gue go to Owosso to visit their daughter, Mrs. Harlow Beech, for several days.

The paper you are reading now enters upon the 33rd year of its existence. Good will to men.

Family reunion of the Henry Weldon family at A. I Barber's to-day. Mrs. Barber was *nee* Weldon.

Mr. Floyd Chatterton was in town Christmas eve. He has grown so that few knew him at first glance.

Walter Lyon, son of John O., starts next Monday morning for Detroit Business University to take the course there.

Prof. Orr Schurtz is now president of the State Teachers Association. Supt. W. H. Cheever, of Lansing, is on the executive committee.

John W. Whallon and family are again residents of Mason, and are snugly ensconced in the Dunning house at east end of Oak street.

While taking an official whirl through Aurelius last Monday Deputy Sheriff Rouse was upset, to the injury of his shoulder and road cart.

Some fellows were so supremely silly as to get drunk on Christmas, and some others were so dastardly conscienceless as to help them to liquor.

A party of young people drove to Alaiedon Tuesday evening, December 23, and gave Grace and Frank Teall a surprise. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Edgar DeCamp, who had been confined in the county jail for several months for illegitimate parentage, was released under the poor debtor's act last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert DeCamp, Thomas Parish and wife, Frank Cook, wife and children, and Lewis Slaght and wife, all took turkey with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Lyon Christmas.

Mrs. N. Ferguson, of Gobles, visited her son, Dr. Ferguson, here over Sunday and on Monday morning went to Albion to call upon friends before visiting two other sons in California.

A special meeting of Mason Lodge No. 70, F. & A. M., will be held on Wednesday evening, January 7. All brothers are invited to be present. Work on F. C. degree.

A large variety of ladies' silk mittens to be found at M. Gregor's. 67tf

Sheriff Paddock sports a cane bestowed as a Christmas present by Messrs. Geo. F. Day, L. C. Webb, Chas. Whitman, Nelson Rouse, Chas. Owen, J. W. Ferguson, E. Culver, Willis Every, F. C. Webb, Frank Mehan, H. Frazel and S. B. Madden.

A great holiday sale of slippers at Brown Bros'. 67tf

Mr. Geo. M. Smith, for several years a resident here, left last Monday for Harriman, Tenn., where he has a good job at his trade with the East Tennessee Land Co. Mr. Smith is an excellent workman and a reliable man and we hope to hear of his abundant success.

James Wheaton, of Leslie, and John Himelberger, of Delhi, two of the best auctioneers in the county, are ready to sell all kinds of property on short notice and at the most reasonable rates for their work. Their terms as salesmen can be obtained at the NEWS office. tf

Now you can get the INGHAM COUNTY NEWS and the Detroit Tribune one year for $1.90. The NEWS and the Michigan Farmer cost $2.05 for one year. The NEWS, the Tribune and the Farmer all for $2.75. Any other paper or periodical, if taken with the NEWS, at greatly reduced rates. *

Democratic now, sure enough.

Spencer Beecher visits his parents this week.

Mrs. H. E. Graham is visiting at Dansville, Illinois.

M. S. Godfrey will now work the farm of Harper Reed.

F. I. Darling and family spent several days here of late.

Mrs. Eliza Cosad, of Owosso, visited Mrs Harriet Casterlin a few days last week.

To-day Mr. Geo. F. Day and family leave us for Jackson. Sorry to lose them.

W. M. Pratt's delivery horse has indulged in some lively circuses this week.

The M. E. choir presented their leader, A. O. DuBois, an elegant easel and picture.

Mrs. Jas. Kerns, of West St. is slowly convalescing from her late critical illness.

All Lansing turns out to-night to honor retiring Governor Luce with a public reception.

A. D. Prosser now has his law office in C. G. Huntington's building to begin the new year.

J. K. Elmer's bean house is now in full blast. Quite a number of woman are employed there.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Bedell, of Jackson, spent their Christmas with Mrs. Judge Huntington.

J. W. Clark, of the abstract office, spends New Year's day with his father in Hartland, Livingston county.

The Pomona Grange of this county will hold a farmers' institute at Capital Grange hall, North Lansing, January 23-4.

Geo. W. Stone, auditor general elect, will retire 24 clerks January 1 and fill their places with others more congenial to him.

John Kronn, with the Dean Printing Co., of Grand Rapids, spent Saturday and Sunday with his friend Chas. Clark.

Rev. Washington Gardner, professor in Albion College, will occupy the M. E. pulpit Sunday morning and evening.

Adrian's "kid" mayor, sentenced to state prison in November 1885 for 10 years, T. J. Navin by name, has been set free by Governor Luce.

Mrs. E. D. Silvers of Pittsfield, and Mrs. M. L. Jackson and daughter Fannie, of Hudson, are guests of their sister, Mrs. A. H. Higby.

Don't miss the literary meeting at the library rooms to-morrow evening. All are invited to go and take part in the discussion of Girard College.

At the Christmas exercises at the Baptist church the superintendent of the Sabbath school, Albert Hall, was the recipient of a handsome chair.

We have received a copy of the Pomona (Cal.) Times-Courier bearing the name of Enos Northrup. It speaks of grapes being received daily from the markets.

Hoyt Bros. the enterprising Maple St. grocers, are out for a new year with a fine new delivery wagon, from the well know carriage manufactory of L. Frank Clark.

The W. C. T. U. of Aurelius will meet at the Baptist church on Friday, January 9, 1891, at 2 o'clock. All ladies interested in temperance are invited to come.

Do you like chicken pie? If so come to the Baptist church to-night where you will be served with a good supper. Bill 15 cents. Remember the time, January 1st.

Some responded gracefully to our call for back subscription and we have others yet to hear from. We shall continue the collection of subscriptions due and close them all up at once.

R. T. Lane and wife, Mrs. M. P. Wooly, and Mrs. Chas. Ackley, of Bradford, Penn., and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dart and son Fred, of Webberville, spent Christmas with Dr. Campbell's people.

All members of the Ladies' Library Association are requested to attend a meeting at their rooms on the first Wednesday afternoon in January to elect a new vice president and for the transaction of other important business.

At the Semi-annual business meeting of the Y. M. C. L. last Thursday night the following officers were elected: A. J. Hall, President; E. A. Tyler, Vice President; Wm. Leverett, Secretary; Guy Smith, Treasurer.

A large number of the friends of Joseph A. Hanna gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hanna last Friday evening and gave him a fine reception. J. A. was married December 23 to Miss Edith Buckingham, of Muskegon, to which city they have returned for their home. Mr. Hanna is deputy clerk of Muskegon county.

Many farmers of Ingham county are congratulating themselves that they sowed barley last spring, and there seems to be no reason why that will not be more extensively raised in this county in the future. It is a crop from which returns are often received within 90 days from the date of sowing. It leaves the ground in excellent shape for wheat and requires but little labor as compared to some crops, in the raising. Some yields we learn of this year were 40 bushels per acre and the crops were sold at 70 cents a bushel.

Seven dollars a pound was paid for tea in London last week. I have good tea for 30, extra for 40, and finest for 50 cents a pound. A. L. VANDERCOOK.tf

The Christmas displays at all the churches were grand.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Randall were at home over Christmas.

Iva Rolfe has gone to Isabella county to visit relatives and other friends.

The Aurelius swamp gardeners shipped 5,200 cabbages from here on Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank G. Ellett, of Concord, are spending the holidays at the home of G. W. Bristol.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Drake, and daughter Leora, have been spending several days among friends here and at Leslie.

The Ladies Aid Society of Etheldis will hold a sunflower social at the residence of C. M. Williams Friday evening, January 9th.

There will be a donation for Rev. A. F. Niles, at the Union Hotel, Dansville, Wednesday evening, January 7. All are cordially invited.

Married, December 24, by A. J. Doolittle, at his residence in Aurelius, Stephen Gretton and Mrs. Frank Carrier, both of Aurelius.

Frank A. Bishop, of Onondaga, it is stated, will open a hardware store in that place. He is a worker and will make a business of it.

The supreme court has said that the graded passenger fare law is constitutional. It will not affect passengers to and from Mason on this branch.

Mr. Murphy, mayor of Bowling Green, Ohio, and Miss Josie Lee, of Columbus, Ohio, visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Caple over Sunday.

At Babylon, Long Island, December 20, horses belonging to the estate of the late August Belmont were sold at fabulous prices. Twenty-seven of them brought $120,400.

A meeting of the teachers of Dansville and vicinity will be held at the high school building in that village January 10, 1891, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of organizing a local teachers' association. All interested should attend.

Lansing grows more metropolitan. She entertained a brutal prize fight Christmas night which left Eugene Allen (colored) in a pummeled condition and probably disfigured for a long time to come. A knocker from some neighboring city did it and silently stole away.

Annual election of officers of the Baptist Sunday school occurred December 28 with the following result: Superintendent, A. J. Hall; Asst. Supt., J. W. Clark; Secy., Eugene Tyler; Treas., Burt Longyear; Librarian, Jennie Curry; Chorister, W. D. Longyear; Organist, Henry Longyear.

H. N. Wixon, of the swamp gardens, is elated over the subject of carp culture. He has them 13 inches in length, yearlings, and his minnows, about 10,000 in number are doing finely. They will grow rapidly and fatten on corn, and Mr. Wixon thinks that as a food they are more profitable to raise than pork.

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings this week Mr. S. H. Worden, Miss Belle Woodhouse, and Master Richard Henderson, of this city, took leading parts in the musical opera, "David, the Shepherd Boy," at Williamston. Mr. Worden was David, Miss Woodhouse was Abigail and Mr. Henderson was the messenger.

December 6, Ruth Ward, once a Mason school girl, played the part of Mrs. Errol in "Little Lord Fauntleroy," at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. The Daily Bulletin says of her: "Miss Ruth Ward, as Mrs. Errol, succeeded beyond what should be expected in an amateur's debut. She was self-possessed, spoke her lines clearly without any affectation, and carried herself with grace and dignity becoming the part."

No Michigan educator seems to get more compliments than does Prof. R. H. Gulley, of this city. For the third time the Jackson board of education has made overtures to him in an endeavor to place him in the schools of that city. Last year they talked very favorably of making him their superintendent, and last week they unanimously tendered him the position of principal of their high school at a salary of $1,400. As the Prof. gets but $1,200 here it was something of an inducement, as was also the fact that Jackson high school is a larger institution than ours. He informed the board of his Christmas present in the shape of the offer from Jackson, which came unsolicited, and for two days the question of releasing him from his contract which exists until the close of the spring term of '92 was under consideration here. As a result, the board on Saturday evening last were unanimous in refusing him a release and he stays with us. While he would have been pleased to go to Jackson, as the place better suited his ambitions, he submits gracefully and honorably to the inevitable and will continue his excellent work here with the same zeal and good will that has characterized him in the past. When Mason gets through with Prof. Gulley, should Jackson call him higher the central city will have the man they need, but they must now wait till a "more convenient season." Prof. Brown, of Jackson, was to accept a position in Illinois in case Jackson secured Prof. Gulley, but he now stays and things are as they were. All is well and the people are "with" the board in keeping our superintendent.

Bargains in silk mufflers at M. Gregor's. 67tf

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School next Monday.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. of this city hold a joint installation of officers January 9. Not public.

And yet, after all the talk, the "grand inauguration celebration" at Lansing may be a failure.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Frank Clark are spending New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wygant in Jackson.

Misses Ida VanDeusen and Bessie Tefft visited Miss Gertrude Losee, of Jackson, the fore part of this week.

D. O. Ball & Son are giving close prices through the month of January to clean up stock. So says their adv.

Hon. D. L. Crossman, of Williamston, was in the city on business Tuesday, looking and feeling somewhat improved from his Hot Springs sojourn of two months, from which he returned last Saturday.

Ed. Miller, formerly of Dansville, and now engaged in the wholesale school book house of the American Book Co., Chicago, was home spending Christmas with his friends in Dansville and vicinity.

A communication from our friend, Geo. H. McIntyre, of White Oak, says: Another "infant industry" commenced operations at our house December 27. With proper "protection" we expect she will become self sustaining.

The annual meeting of the Stockbridge Union Fair Association will be held at Coulson's new hall in Stockbridge on Wednesday, January 7th, at 1 o'clock P. M., to elect officers and for such other business as may come before the meeting.

Mrs. Judge Gillam and daughter Hattie came to Mason last week to spend several days, but immediately on their arrival Mrs. Gillam was summoned to Brunson on account of the critical condition of her mother there. Miss Hattie is still with Mrs. Judge Huntington.

J. Fred Lewis and family will very soon be settled in a new home at Lansing. Mr. Lewis has secured a good position as carriage painter for the Lansing Wagon Works and has already commenced his work. It suits him better than the job he could have had at Chicago, Lansing gains what we lose—good people.

The partners now comprising the firm of Mills Dry Goods Company are L. W. and F. E. Mills. Through the month of January they give an extraordinary sale, every inducement to customers, clearing out the present stock to get things in order for the new firm to handle perfectly. A good sized announcement appears in to-day's paper and is also being otherwise circulated for your attention.

An intelligent young Bulgarian, with name "unspellable," spoke at the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning upon the subject "The Greek Church in Bulgaria." He gave an interesting lecture and a collection taken will aid him in his work as a medical missionary in his native land. In the evening a Rev. named Cole, of Ypsilanti, occupied the pulpit there. The Bulgarian gentleman is a student at Ann Arbor at present, and we are since informed that his name is V. D. Bozovosky.

You can get plush garments at reduced prices at M. Gregor's 67tf

Bargains in dress goods at M. Gregor's. 67tf

All wool 37-inch dress flannels, only 33 cents, for the next 10 days, at M. Gregor's. 67tf

Children's and misses' cloaks at cost for the next 10 days, at M. Gregor's. tf

Seven dollars a pound was paid for tea in London last week. I have good tea for 30, extra for 40, and finest for 50 cents a pound. A. L. VANDERCOOK.tf

Card of Thanks.

We are sincerely thankful for all the acts and words of kindness we received from sympathizing friends on account of our great bereavement—the loss of a beloved daughter and sister. To the pastor and choir we especially tender thanks. CHAS. FOLAR AND FAMILY.

Court next Week.

The place to go is the Clark House. Best and cheapest feed barn in the city. *p

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing and doing business in Mason under the name and style of Mills Dry Goods Company, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, H. H. Mills, of Topeka, Kansas, retiring. The business will be continued by L. W. Mills and Fred. E. Mills, partners, under same name and style as above and at the same place.

Dated, January 1, 1891. 1660w1

H. H. MILLS,
L. W. MILLS,
FRED E. MILLS.

Live Poultry Wanted.

I will pay the highest market price in cash. Delivered at my place Wednesdays or Saturdays. S. N. ROLFE. 69w8

Study Elocution.

Mrs. Florence Minar will give instruction in elocution and physical culture on Tuesdays and Fridays of every week at G. A. R. Hall, Mason. Class at 4 o'clock P. M. 66tf

Handsome Slippers!

At Webb's shoe store. 67tf

Slippers Cheap!

At Webb's shoe store. 67tf

Wanted!

2,000 cords of white oak stave and heading bolts, delivered at Dansville. CHARLES L. BOELIO. 68w4p

Notice.

The First National Bank, located at Mason in the state of Michigan, is closing up its affairs, its corporate existence having expired at the close of business on the 28th day of October, 1890. All note holders and other creditors of said association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims against the association for payment.

H. L. HENDERSON,
Dated October 29, 1890. Cashier.

The above bank will be succeeded by the First State and Savings Bank of Mason.

H. L. HENDERSON, President.
F. E. DENSMORE, Cashier. 1660w6

Ford's Bazaar

Some say it is the Mc Kinley bill and some say it is the democratic victory, but we say it is the good judgment of the people that causes them to come from far and near to our store to secure the splendid bargains in elegant goods we are offering them.

People have looked surprised as they beheld the beautiful and costly goods in our store and enquired what we were going to do with so many nice things, but the mistery is solved, we are selling more goods than ever before, and variety and prices are what does it.

A merry Christmas to all.

Come and see us.

FORD & KIRBY.

Diaries for 1891 just received.

Slippers for Christmas!

At Webb's shoe store. 67tf

Grain Elevator.

The building known as the Fitch & Bunnell elevator will be opened by Seely & Dresser November 1. 60tf

All Notes and Accounts

Due must be balanced up for the new year. L. C. WEBB, the live clothier of Mason, Mich.

Dentistry.

Best teeth, $7.50; filling, 50c up; extracting 25c. Teeth extracted without pain by the use of Nitrous Oxide Gas. A. P. VANDEUSEN, 1447tf Darrow block, Mason, Mich.

Best Solid Goods!

At cheap prices, is what you get at Webb's shoe store. 67tf

Read Geo. P. Glynn's "ad" in another column—"To the traveling public."

Call In

And balance up the books for the new year of 1891 is here. L. C. WEBB, the live clothier of Mason, Mich.

Money to Loan

On real estate at the office of J. M. Dresser at the Farmers' bank. 95tf

Jackson Stone Drain Tile

And sewer pipe of all sizes on hand and sale by 1499tf J. W. CHAPIN, Eden, Mich

House and Lot to Exchange

For a 40-acre farm within a few miles Mason. 1596tf H. J. DONNELL

Drain Tile and Brick.

Barker & Co. manufacturers, Mason, Mich. First-class stock always on hand. Write for prices. 1638tf

Felts and Rubbers.

Everything in that line, and every pair A No. 1. No old trash that is dear at any price, but the best made and at low prices, at Webb's shoe store. 67tf

Wanted.

Five hundred cords of 4-foot wood. BARKER & CO., Mason.

Stone Wanted.

I will pay $2.50 per cord for all sizes of hard head stone, delivered at my gravel pit one mile south of Mason or at the Mason depot. Stone will be received at above places at any time after January 1st, 1891, all next summer, and payment will be made at Farmers' Bank, Mason, every two weeks.

67w3 PETER MALCOLM.

A Good Restaurant.

Go to the restaurant and bakery in the Paddock block for warm meals, lunches, oysters and all kinds of home-made candies. 66tf

Settle Up

For 1890. L. C. WEBB, the live clothier of Mason, Mich.

House and Rooms to Rent.

Inquire of C. G. Huntington. 87tf

A valuable sheep skin mitten waits an owner at this office. Also a pair of yarn mittens.

The Ingham County News.

J. T. CAMPBELL, Publisher.

MASON, ... MICHIGAN.

Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Second Session.

IN the Senate a bill was introduced on the 20th to prohibit the sale of fire-arms and ammunition to Indians on reservations. A dozen private pension bills were passed, and the elections bill was again discussed. In the House the Senate amendments to the urgent deficiency bill were non-concurred in. A number of conference reports on public buildings were agreed to.

A BILL was passed in the Senate on the 23d to establish the record and pension office of the War Department. Various conference reports on public building measures were agreed to. The elections bill was discussed.... The House devoted the day to the consideration of affairs pertaining to the District of Columbia. A resolution was offered providing that a committee be appointed to investigate the killing of Sitting Bull and whether or not it was justifiable.

IN the Senate on the 24th a free coinage amendment to the financial bill was introduced, and a bill was reported to provide against the contraction of the currency. The elections bill was further discussed.... In the House a resolution was introduced instructing the committee on banking and currency to inquire into the legal tender currency of the country to an amount equal to $50 per capita of population. The Speaker announced the names of members appointed to fill the existing vacancies in the House committees. Adjourned to the 26th.

A JOINT resolution was introduced in the Senate on the 25th to provide for the floating of American flags in the east and west portices of the Capitol every day in the year. The elections bill was again discussed. Adjourned to the 27th.... The House was not in session.

DOMESTIC.

BERT CADWALLADER shot and killed Jasper Lazure in the latter's saloon at Blanchester, O., and then, finding that he could not escape unharmed, killed himself. The men had quarreled about money.

IN the Indian Territory Deputy United States Marshal Ladd shot and killed his wife and then killed himself.

EBENEZAR WOODRUFF, of Derby, Conn., was strangled to death by a piece of orange lodging in his throat. He left an estate valued at $100,000.

DR. LAUGHLIN, of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, claims that he has discovered a cure for lockjaw.

FIVE HUNDRED friendly Sioux left Rapid City, S. D., on the 20th to try and persuade the hostiles to lay down their arms. Thirty-nine of Sitting Bull's followers had notified General Miles of their intention to surrender.

SIGNOR SUCCI, the Italian faster, who began a fast of forty-five days in New York on November 5 at 216, ended his fast at 8:20 p. m. on the 20th. Succi weighed 147 pounds when he began his fast and 104½ when it was ended.

THE sale stables of Underland & Dennison in Brooklyn, N. Y., were burned, and forty horses perished in the flames.

IT was reported that the headquarters of the Mormon church would be transferred from Utah to Mexico.

THE visible supply of grain in store in the United States on the 22d was: Wheat, 25,324,000 bushels; corn, 2,175,992 bushels; oats, 3,454,452 bushels.

IN a fight between Huns and Slavs at a mining camp near Johnstown, five of three of the participants, including one woman, were fatally wounded.

ROBERT HOOS, wholesale grocers at Fort Worth, Texas, failed for $500,000.

IN a polygamy case from Utah the United States Supreme Court at Washington decided that a wife was not a competent witness against the husband.

JAMES C. MCGIRDER, a retired merchant of Terre Haute, Ind., accidentally shot himself while out hunting and died instantly.

TWO CALAMITY JANE and John Johnson, two miners, were held up near Salida, Col., and robbed of $6,000 in gold which they had just secured from prospects near by.

AMELIA LA BOMPARD, 19 years old, was frozen to death near her home at Malone, N. Y.

AT Bedford, Ind., Bee Eubanks pleaded guilty to the murder of his sister Mary last November and was sentenced to prison for life.

THE Government engineers at Sandy Hook tested a new thirty-foot rifle pit, and shells were thrown fifteen miles out to sea.

BIG POW'S band of hostile Sioux, 150 in number, were captured on the 23d near Standing Rock agency in South Dakota, and it was probable the Indian troubles were broken over.

LELAND MCELROY, a farmer living near Snyder, Mo., was robbed by two men of $2,000 in gold, which he had secreted in his house.

AT Branwell, W. Va., during a gambling dispute a man named Hudnick fatally wounded five of his companions and was himself shot dead.

FIVE men were fatally burned by an explosion of molten iron in the New Jersey steel and iron works at Trenton.

THE stocks of wheat in Minnesota and the Dakotas was given as 21,011,625 bushels, a gain over the previous week of 612,259.

THE superintendent of the New York polyclinic Hospital announced that in future all applicants would be inoculated with Koch's lymph free of charge.

JOHANNA O'DALEY, of Lafayette, Ind., lost her property, and the sheriff went to her home to eject her and found her dead. She had taken strychnine.

WILLIAM DUVALL, of Baltimore, wrote letters to a number of United States Senators telling each that he had named his first-born son for him. Many presents were sent to the alleged child before the trick was discovered.

THE mint authorities in Philadelphia discovered a counterfeit five-dollar gold piece designed and executed with such remarkable skill that few of the experts could distinguish the spurious coins from the genuine. It differs from the true coin only in size, being slightly larger.

THREE tramps were lynched near Pendlington, Ore., on the Oregon Short Line, by railroad men, for killing a German.

IN a drunken quarrel at Danville, Va., Edward Enoch knocked down James Gravett and literally stamped him to death.

DURING a criminal trial in the United States District Court at Boston on the 23d General B. F. Butler said that it was his last case in the courts, and that hereafter his business would be confined to office practice.

THE Grand Lodge of a new order called the Knights of Reciprocity was formed in Garden City, Kan.

THE vicinity of Knoxville, Tenn., experienced a decided earthquake shock, many persons being awakened from their slumbers.

THE schooner Mary Ellen, from Salisbury, Md., for Baltimore, was lost, together with her crew of five men, Captain Henry Whanly and son, William Abbott and son and Saul Gale.

THE corner-stone of the Henry W. Grady hospital at Atlanta, Ga., was laid by the Grand Lodge of Masons.

FOUR men were fatally scalded by a boiler explosion at Brazil, Ind.

A BUILDING in process of erection at Barberton, O., was blown down and seven workmen buried in the debris, one being killed, two fatally injured and the remainder more or less seriously hurt.

TWENTY-ONE passengers were injured in a wreck on the Western New York & Pennsylvania railroad near Watsonville, Pa.

CORNELIUS SULLIVAN killed Pat Fahey at Lexington, Ky., during a quarrel over the Irish question.

ELLIS G. BARD and Franklin W. Hull, who embezzled $40,000 from the Lincoln National Bank of Lincoln, Pa., were sentenced to five years' imprisonment each.

TWO SIXS were killed and two others seriously wounded by the falling of a brick wall at the stock yards in Chicago.

ROBERT GREGORY, a merchant, was assassinated in Clay County, Ky., by the 15-year-old son of Thomas Woods, who had been killed by Gregory.

AT New Corydon, Ind., Wesley Tullis killed Miss Fraylill because she refused to marry him and then took his own life.

THE report of the surrender of Sitting Bull's followers in South Dakota was confirmed on the 23d, and the Indian trouble was considered practically at an end. In a skirmish in Pratt County the Indians killed three white men.

FIRE at Azalia, Mich., destroyed two stores and eighteen dwellings.

A CAR of stone became overbalanced while being unloaded near Gosport, Ind., and upset, throwing ten men down a forty-foot embankment. Five were hurt, two fatally.

AT Holden, Mo., the house of Samuel Malone, an old soldier, was burned, Malone and his brother-in-law, John Hicks, perishing in the flames.

FIRE at San Augustine, Tex., destroyed two hotels, half a dozen stores and many houses.

PRESIDENT HARRISON issued a proclamation declaring that the Works' Columbia Exposition would be opened on the 1st day of May, in the year 1893, in the city of Chicago, and would not be closed before the last Thursday in October of the same year.

TWO persons who were arrested for the murder of Dr. E. H. Riggan in Mecklenburg County, Va., were taken from jail at Mecklenburg and lynched.

THE Canadian Pacific land law of Michigan was sustained by the Supreme Court of the State.

A NOTED thief, supposedly killed at Memphis, Tenn., by leaning against an iron post to which was tied a telephone and a wire was crossed with an electric light wire.

ISAAC H. SAWTELLE was found guilty at Dover, N. H., of the murder of his brother, and was sentenced to be hanged the first Tuesday in January, 1892.

AN unknown woman aged about 60 years fell on a sidewalk in New York City, and her long hat-pin was driven into her brain, causing almost instant death.

AN estimate made from figures in the Census Office at Washington shows that the aggregate mortgage indebtedness of the whole country is in the neighborhood of $850,000,000.

THE firm of Bissman & Co., dry-goods dealers at Connellsville, Pa., failed for $300,000; assets, $350,000.

A BOY of 17 and a girl of 13 were married at Cincinnati, O., and the wedding presents included a doll and a wooden gun.

BUCK FREEMAN, the negro who murdered Mr. Adkins and his mother at Alexander, N. C., last November, was taken from the jail at Winston and lynched.

IN St. Louis Samuel Mickles shot and killed his daughter, fatally wounded his wife and then took his own life. A despondency in business was given as the cause.

THE law in Pennsylvania prohibiting the sale of oleomargarine has been declared unconstitutional.

ELIZA CRAFTON, of St. Louis, aged 15 years, was so mortified at being scored by her schoolmates that she committed suicide by taking poison.

STATISTICS show that 5,775 miles of new railroad tracks were laid during 1890, against 5,095 miles in 1889. The total amount of railway now completed in the United States is 167,172 miles.

AT Ann Arbor, Mich., Frank E. Dickinson, of Dubuque, Ia., and Minnie Brunson, of Dubuque, N. Y., students in the State University, were drowned while skating.

THE women of Indiana was reported at Fort Bennett and Fort Sully, S. D., about 500 surrendering at the latter place.

ON November 19th Mrs. John Sullivan, of Orange, N. J., gave birth to a healthy baby. On the 24th inst. she gave birth to a second child, also strong and healthy. Physicians said such a case was never before heard of.

THE Masonic Temple at Baltimore was burned, causing a loss of $850,000.

FIRE at Viroqua, Wis., destroyed a block of business buildings, causing a loss of $150,000.

IT was authoritatively announced that Dr. William R. Harper, professor of scientific languages at Yale College, had decided to accept the presidency of the Chicago University.

AT Hinckley, Minn., two brothers, John and Peter Kane, noted desperadoes, were shot dead by Marshal Booth while resisting arrest.

IN Chicago on Christmas day ex-Alderman Jonas distributed among 2,000 poor persons over 500 chickens, two tons of beef, twenty-five sheep and 250 turkeys. To 500 people that came after all the provisions were gone Mr. Jonas gave a dollar each.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

IT was reported that the new secret political organization known as the Knights of Reciprocity would soon organize a State lodge in Kansas.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has nominated Henry B. Brown, of Michigan, to be Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Samuel F. Miller.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has nominated Colonel Charles Sutherland to be Surgeon General, with the rank of Brigadier General, vice J. H. Baxter, deceased.

PEDRO ANTONIO LOPEZ, aged 115 years, died at his home near Santa Fe, N. M.

AT East Lyme, Conn., Judge Hall decided that a "paster" put on a blank space on a ticket made the ballot illegal under the State law. It sustained the decision would invalidate 3,500 Prohibition ballots and elect Morris (Dem.) Governor.

THE first Legislature of Oklahoma adjourned after passing a complete code of laws—a composition of the Dakota, Indiana, Nebraska and Illinois statutes.

FOREIGN.

A CLOUD-BURST in the district of Hamakua, on the Island of Hawaii, caused great damage to property, and six persons were drowned.

THE city council of Toronto, Ont., has decided that street cars shall not run Sundays.

A TENEMENT in the Strand, London, was burned, and a father and his three children perished in the flames.

THE canal at Cordova, in the Argentine Republic, overflowed its banks, destroying hundreds of houses, and 100 lives were reported lost.

IN the election at Kilkenny on the 23d the Parnell candidate was said to have been defeated by the McCarthy candidate by 1,000 majority.

THE ship Magnet left Portsmouth, Eng., loaded with meat and potatoes to be distributed among the people living in Galway, Ireland, whose crops failed.

IT was said that a vast array of idle men and their families were dying of hunger in London.

THREE women at Toulon, France, a brig was wrecked in the harbor and five men were drowned.

TWELVE girls were crossing the lake on the ice at Holstein, Germany, when the weak sixteen gave way beneath them and all were drowned.

MRS. NELLIE PEARCEY was hanged at London, Eng., for the murder of Mrs. Hogg and the latter's infant child on October 24 last. She confessed her guilt.

JOHN JONES TOWN BENNEPEY, the McCarthyite candidate for Parliament in the Kilkenny district, defeated Vincent Scully, Mr. Parnell's candidate, by a majority of 1,171.

THE Hamburg ship Libussa collided with the British ship Talooloar, from Calcutta for London, and the captain, twenty-two of the crew and ten passengers of the Talooloar were lost.

THE Canadian Pacific in Peru was suppressed at a cost of forty lives.

THE international amateur skating championship of the world was won at Cambridge, Eng., by Joe Donohue, of Newburgh, N. Y., who skated a mile and a half in 4 minutes 46 seconds, lowering the world's record.

LATER NEWS.

THE United States Senate was not in session on the 26th. In the House the journal was read, after which an adjournment was taken to the 28th.

AT Fostoria, O., three highwaymen robbed Frank Myers of $1,300.

IN the United States the business failures during the seven days ended on the 26th numbered 333, against 404 the previous week and 288 the corresponding week last year.

AN explosion in a powder-house at Lake Hopatcong, N. J., killed Mahlon Sperry and John H. Johnson.

A CONSPIRACY to flood the United States with counterfeit silver dollars was unearthed at Pittsburgh, Pa., by the arrest of nineteen Italians employed to pass the coins.

DR. H. A. KEASBEY, of Paxton, Ill., was robbed in the streets of Chicago of $5,000 in money and a watch worth $200.

HOSTILES under Kicking Bear made two attacks on the 26th on a camp of Cheyenne scouts at the mouth of Hatchet creek, but were repulsed, and not a single of the hostiles were killed.

THE steamer Shanghai was destroyed by fire near Woo-Hoo, China, and several European officers and sixty natives were burned to death.

THE Carnegie Steel Company bank at Woonsocket, S. D., closed its doors.

MRS. SIDNEY ANN WILLITS (colored) died at Sedalia, Mo., aged 166 years. She weighed 250 pounds and had been totally blind for several years.

MRS. JOHN DIETRICH and three children were burned to death at their home in Rochester, N. Y. Her husband and one son escaped.

A FARMER named Holloweun found a nugget of gold weighing seventy ounces on his farm in Mahuska County, Ia.

AT Staunton, Va., there was two feet of snow on the ground on the 26th.

THE Maverick Bank of San Antonio, Tex., closed its doors after a run lasting three weeks. The liabilities were said to be $844,161 and the assets $1,789,915.

THE Hughes Lumber Company at Chattanooga, Tenn., failed for $175,000; assets, $320,000.

SMALLPOX prevailed in the East on the 25th and New York City was buried in snow. Street-cars, elevated railways and ferry-boats were delayed. The coast was swept by a strong gale, and at Narragansett Pier two schooners went ashore and three men were drowned. In Buffalo, N. Y., the thermometer registered 10 degrees below zero, and at Lyndonville, Vt., the mercury sank to 30 below zero.

THEIR MISSION FAILS.

The Peace Embassy Sent by General Brooke to the Hostile Indians Returns Unsuccessful—Big Foot's Band Escapes.

FINE RIDGE, S. D., Dec. 26.—The peace party failed, as was predicted. Five of the friendlies are in, and report that the rest are on their way in. The enemy are described as crazy, wild and wholly unmanageable. None have come over from the fighters. It is now believed that the Seventh Regiment will start into the field at once to subdue these warriors. Ugly rumors regarding the attitude of Little Wound, Two Strike and Big Road are in circulation, but will not be made public until proved true.

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 26.—Major Carroll made a forced march Tuesday night with fifty-five cavalrymen, covering sixty-five miles in fourteen hours upon the Canon Ball, and arriving at New England City at 8 a. m. This was in compliance with orders from Fort Yates by courier to rescue Captain Fountain, of the Eighth Cavalry, who was surrounded by a band of bucks by 500 Indians. Two hours' rest was taken at New England City and Major Carroll continued the forced march southwest in the direction of the Cave hills, fifty miles distant. His force reached Captain Fountain Thursday morning. Aid may have come in from the south, but if not the surrounded forces are thought to be in a position to hold off the Indians till assistance arrives.

Captain Hearst, commanding officer at Fort Sully, has received the capitulation of 174 Uncapapas, including seventy of Sitting Bull's band and fifty from Rosebud agency. Narcisse Narcell brought in 412 of Big Foot's Indians. From these ninety-eight stands of arms were collected. The weapons were all Winchesters of antiquated pattern. Sitting Bull's men want to remain at Cheyenne and say they are afraid to return to Standing Rock. All have surrendered and the best of care is being given them. All of the teams of the agency have been sent to Duprees to bring in the sick women and children. Many leaders among the Indians were for settling down while making final settlements, and there was a great deal of quarreling among the redskins.

FINE RIDGE, S. D., Dec. 25.—General Brooke has received a dispatch from Colonel Sumner saying that the Big Foot and Sitting Bull Indians who surrendered to him two days ago had escaped and were making for the Bad Lands. General Brooke at once sent a body of troops under command of Colonel Henry to intercept them, but it is feared that he will not be able to do this, as the Indians have a good start. The circumstances of the escape are not known.

SCOTCH RAILWAY TROUBLES.

The Strike of Employes Causes an Almost Total Suspension of Traffic—Nearly 7,500 Men Take Part in the Movement.

GLASGOW, Dec. 25.—There are no signs of improvement in connection with the railroad strike in Scotland. It is estimated that about 7,500 men are now out on strike, and business may now said to be entirely at a standstill. In the north British lines traffic has been suspended, while others are working in an irregular manner. The business men residing in the suburbs are obliged to walk from their out-of-town residences to the city, thereby suffering much inconvenience. In and about Glasgow the price of coal has already advanced seven shillings per ton, with a prospect of a still further advance in price before long. In addition to the coal trouble, which seriously affects the poorer classes, already it is feared that a gas famine is imminent. The police are already taking steps to provide a force of special constables to guard the city in case the supply of gas should give out and the city be plunged into darkness at night. All the shipbuilding yards and public works are without fuel, and they expect to be forced to close their doors unless the strike is settled within a very short time.

RAWAY BUILDING.

Nearly 5,800 Miles of Track Laid in the United States During 1890.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—In its issue of this week Engineering News publishes summaries showing by groups of States the mileage of track laid on extensions of steam railway lines in the United States upon which regular trains are to be run to do business as common carriers of both freight and passenger traffic for the calendar year of 1890. According to the returns here presented the total addition to the country's railway mileage between January 1, 1890, and January 1, 1891, was nearly 5,800 miles, or about 700 miles more than was added in 1889. The total amount of railway completed January 1, 1891, was 167,172; of this amount 26,012 miles, or over 22 per cent., have been constructed during the last four years. The following table shows by groups of States the mileage of track laid during the last four years:

	1887.	1888.	1889.	1890.
New England	128	102	80	56
Middle	215	191	437	229
Central Northern	1,188	1,000	1,187	1,293
South Atlantic	831	1,147	1,095	1,275
Gulf and Mississippi Valley	859	1,022	712	883
Southwestern	1,118	1,560	951	1,087
Northwestern	3,141	724	556	978
Pacific	1,000	929	631	618
Total	10,667	6,679	5,095	5,778

Sawtelle Must Die.

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 26.—Sawtelle was found guilty of murder in the first degree Thursday and was sentenced to be hanged the first Tuesday in January, 1892.

The murder in question was the most brutal known in the criminal annals of Rockingham. The victims were small tradesmen in Boston. The Sawtelles and Abbottsford were cousins, and Isaac H. is alleged always to have had a grudge against his brother, and so meditated murdering him. He induced Hiram to allow him to take the former little girl Mary with him on a trip to New Hampshire. While there he telegraphed Hiram that Marie was sick and he would bring him at once to Rochester, N. H. Hiram must leave there. The two started in a carriage for the house where the child was, and Hiram was never again seen alive. Some days later his mangled body minus the head was found in a shallow grave going from the public road.

SALVATIONISTS IN A ROW.

Commissioner Smith Resigns—Did He Write "In Darkest England?"

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Times announces that Commissioner Smith, of the Salvation Army, has resigned. His resignation, the paper says, at this critical period in the history of the army is of the gravest importance. Mr. Smith formed the substantial guaranty that an earnest and business-like effort would be made to economize the practicable part of General Booth's scheme of social regeneration.

The Times says the secret authorship of "In Darkest England" is now common knowledge, but the charitable hypothesis assigns General Booth credit for having written at least two chapters of the book. General Booth's explanation is that he supplied a professional writer with materials for the book. We believe that when the whole story is revealed it will be found that the substantial parts of the scheme of city and farm colonies originated with Mr. Smith. General Booth, it was surmised, has repeated this on the ground of difference between Mr. Smith and himself is that while Commissioner Smith opined that it was absolutely necessary to secure the social working scheme as distinct as possible from the religious work of the army General Booth's method of inviting donations despite his apparent willingness leads to the mingling of all separate funds into one common fund, rendering it obvious that every contribution to a specific department sets a proportionate amount of the general fund free to be spent at the discretion of General Booth.

Nothing but a sense of duty, the Times continues, could have induced Commissioner Smith to resign at such an important juncture. There must be something wrong with the scheme or the management of the funds. Those who promised donations are now entitled to know that they will obtain a full and satisfactory account of Mr. Smith's resignation is given. He was the life and soul of the social-reform wing of the army. It is likely that his resignation is destined to be the death blow to General Booth's more ambitious schemes.

ALL ASKED TO COME.

President Harrison's World's Fair Proclamation Issued—He Invites the Nations of Earth to Participate in One of the Greatest Events of History.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The following proclamation has been issued:

"By the President of the United States of America. A proclamation:

"WHEREAS, Satisfactory proof has been presented to me that provision has been made for adequate grounds and buildings for the uses of the World's Columbian Exposition, and that a sum not less than $10,000,000, to be used and expended for the purpose of said exposition has been provided by congress with the conditions and requirements of section 10 of an act entitled 'An act to provide for celebrating the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus by holding an international exhibition of arts, industries, manufactures, and the products of the soil, mine and sea, in the city of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, approved April 25, 1890.

"Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States, by virtue of the authority vested in me by said act, hereby declare and proclaim that such International Exposition will be opened on the first day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, in the city of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, and will not be closed before the last Thursday in October of the same year, and in the name and on behalf of the Government of the United States, I do hereby invite all the Nations of the earth to take part in the event that is pre-eminent in human history and which celebrates the progress of mankind, by appointing representatives thereto, and sending such exhibits to the World's Columbian Exposition as will most fitly and fully illustrate their resources, their industries, and their progress in civilization.

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington this twenty-fourth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety; and in the independence, the one hundred and fifteenth.

BENJAMIN HARRISON.

"[Seal.]

"By the President:

"JAMES G. BLAINE, Secretary of State."

BAD MEN KILLED.

Two Noted Desperadoes Meet Their Deserts at Hinckley, Minn.

HINCKLEY, Minn., Dec. 26.—The bodies of two desperadoes lie at the city hospital, having been shot dead by Marshal Booth. At 10 o'clock Thursday morning Michael John and Peter Kane, brothers, came into town and in less than an hour had driven everything off the street by indiscriminately firing revolvers and flourishing knives. They confiscated liquor right and left and were soon hilariously intoxicated. Marshal Booth finally corralled them in an alley and by a liberal display of arms placed them under arrest. He marched them up the street half a block when they broke away and began firing at him. The officer, knowing the two were out for the desperadoes and sent an unerring bullet into the head of John Kane, who fell dead. The other brothers then turned a corner and attempted to escape up the railroad track toward Duluth. Marshal Booth followed, firing as fast as he could pick his revolver, and finally planted a leaden missile in the back of Peter Kane's head. He died from the wound during the afternoon. Michael Kane was captured and placed in jail, where he is in momentary danger of being lynched. The dead men were single and had been the terror of the lumber camps of this region for a long time. They were about 28 or 30 years of age and hail from Hastings, Minn. Marshal Booth gave himself up to Sheriff McLaughlin.

Lived to the Age of 115.

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 25.—News of the death of Pedro Antonio Lopez, aged 115 years, has been received here. He passed off very quietly and without suffering, being conscious and especially active up to the last moment. He knew the end was coming and he had his children and grandchildren gathered around him. He talked to them of his service in the army as a soldier under the Spanish Kings, and he remembered when a certain King and his wife were beheaded. Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette. Lopez was mentioned in connection with the census report last June on account of his extreme old age.

"DO YOU WANT THE EARTH, OR A PIECE OF IT?"

IS simply marvelous how rapidly the development of new territory follows a public knowledge of its resources in these go-ahead days. A given portion of country may be seemingly a howling wilderness to-day, yet twelve months hence the hardy pioneers of settlement will be firmly established in it, and five years hence the wilderness is gone forever, transformed into an agricultural region of inestimable value.

This story has been told over and over again upon the American continent, and is now being repeated, once more upon the great fertile prairies of Western Canada, where the millions of acres of valuable lands open for settlement are attracting an ever-increasing army of colonists from every civilized portion of the Globe.

Only a few years ago the prairies of Western Canada were simply a vast game range, yet to-day towns, villages, settlements, farms and ranches are dotted all over what is unquestionably one of the very finest agricultural sections of this continent. The prairie region of Canada extends from the eastern boundary of Manitoba westward to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, a distance, roughly speaking, of about one thousand miles. Within this vast expanse are comprised the great wheat province of Manitoba, the fat lands of Assiniboia and the noble pastures of Alberta, offering homes to all who choose to claim them, and unrivalled facilities for following every branch of agriculture with profit. The official crop returns for 1890 are splendid testimony of the capabilities of these natural grain fields and pastures, no matter whether the new-comer prefers horse, cattle or sheep raising, wheat growing, mixed or dairy farming, he can easily find land admirably suited to his purpose within these broad limits and simply for the trouble of selecting for himself what appears to be the most desirable locality.

LUMBER men do not, as a rule, have a head for business, and so, paradoxical as it may seem, they do not get ahead.—Somerville Journal.

Map of the United States.

A large, handsome Map of the United States, mounted and suitable for office or home use, is issued by the Burlington route. Copies will be given free when it can be done without expense to the recipient; or they will be mailed to any address on receipt of six cents in postage by P. B. Groff, Gen'l Pass. Agent, C. B. & Q. R. R., Chicago, Ill.

"You deserve a great deal of your time to be penitentiaried for life, it is my sole diversion."—Washington Post.

To the Pacific Coast.

Go to California via the through lines of the Rock Island route, from Chicago or St. Louis to Denver, and thence over the new Colorado extension of the Denver & Rio Grande or Colorado Midland Railways, through Leadville, Glenwood Springs and Salt Lake—through interesting cities and unsurpassed scenery. Dining Cars all the way.

"You're just the man I'm laying for," as the bricklayer said to the contractor.—Binghamton Leader.

Free! Free!

By sending your address and, two-cent stamp to W. A. Thrall, General Passenger and Ticket Agent Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Chicago, Ill., he will mail you a map of a portion of the city of Chicago showing the site of the World's Columbian Exposition.

WHEN a woman goes to invest in sealskins she soon realizes that fifty dollars will not go far.—Boston Herald.

AN EXTENDED POPULARITY. BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES have for many years been the most popular article in use for relieving Coughs and Throat troubles.

WE suppose a woman may be said to be fur-thee in her way when she tries to pass off plush as sealskin.

BILIOUSNESS, dizziness, nausea, headache, are relieved by small doses of Carter's Little Liver Pills.

IT is a curious fact that legal lights should generally be prolusive of financial gloom.

THE VICTIM OF HIS CLOTHES.

By Howard Fielding and Frederick R. Burton.

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CHAPTER IX.—CONTINUED.

"MRS. L. DRANE."

Jimmy opened the door hvitingly, fearfully relieved that the escaped maniac should show no signs of violence, but Lawrence held back.

"Why do you ask those things?" he inquired.

"I represent the Evening Dispatch, and we like to get interviews from prominent men who favor New Haven with a visit."

"Young man," said Lawrence, laying his hand impressively on Jimmy's shoulder; whereat Jimmy jumped about a rod backwards and got behind a chair. "Young man," continued Lawrence, stepping forward, somewhat excited at this encounter and the strangeness of it, "I know nothing whatever about crops, and what few mortgages I hold are my concern and of no interest to the public."

Jimmy looked discouraged, and Drane foolishly supposed that his lad settled the business and rid himself of the annoyance. He even felt some wholly unjustifiable pity for the young man, who was dreadfully pale and he disliked beyond measure to explain to her that her marriage was invalid and that even were it genuine she had been tricked by a penniless adventurer and criminal.

"I didn't have nothing to do with it;" remarked the young woman, hastily.

This language struck Lawrence as strange, coming from a shabby man, but her ignorance only made her situation the more pitiable.

"I have no question," he hastened to say, "that you have acted with the utmost innocence in the matter, and it is exceedingly painful for me to tell you that your husband's name is not Drane, and that he is not the wealthy man he represented himself to be."

"Mrs. Drane" was greatly agitated, and in order not further to embarrass her Lawrence rose and walked across the room to a window. A big steamer trunk had been placed there. It was plastered all over with customs slips of various countries, and conspicuous among them was a tag such as is used by passengers who wish to have their baggage available during a voyage. It read:

WANTED.
MRS. BESSIE HARLAND,
BUFFALO, N. Y., AMERICA.

FIRST CABIN, No. 137.

There were more words than these, but the name and address of the owner were enough to startle him and throw a great light on the situation. This "Mrs. Drane" must be the servant who had run away with his Bessie's property! What a complication! She believed the rascally tramp to be rich; he believed her to be the possessor of thirteen millions; they had married. What an awakening for each!

This discovery, however, had to be verified, and the dishonest young woman who had brought Bessie Harland so much trouble must be punished for it. Lawrence felt that he must move with exceeding caution. He turned, hardly certain as to what course he should take, when the young woman, blushing fitfully and with quivering voice, said:

"My husband's name ain't Drane at all, at least he said it wasn't. I was truly married to him right in this town, and I can prove it. If you know whoro he is—"

"He's locked up in New York," explained Lawrence as she paused. The young woman's eyes flashed, almost joyously, Mr. Drane thought, and he wondered at it. She became suddenly very grave and continued:

"I hope you won't be mean with me. If you will go with me to the minister that married us, I can prove what I say, and I'll pay you for your time."

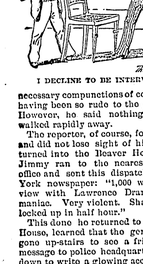
"I fail to see what good that will do," said Lawrence.

"But I want you to know that I was really married," persisted the young woman. "Then I'll tell you all how it happened, if you won't get me into trouble."

"I will agree not to get you into trouble," replied Lawrence, "if you will give me the information I want. Mrs. Harland, and if you will also return her property to her."

This last request came pretty near leaving a fainting woman on Mr. Drane's hands. Her blushes left her face and she collapsed into the chair like a limp Japanese paper umbrella. Lawrence ran out bottles of liquids that he saw on a mantel into her hands, and he fanned her vigorously with his hat.

"I was some time before she recovered sufficiently to accuse him of desiring to play some trick upon her. He protested that such was not his intention and urged her to be calm, promising to go at once to the clergyman's if she would write the desired address. This she finally did and then retired to dress for the street. While he was waiting Lawrence wondered if Mrs. Drane had particular inquiries about her husband, and his conclusion was that she cared nothing for him, her only desire being to possess his supposed wealth.



"HE DOES LOOK LIKE A LUNATIC."

When at last they started down-stairs, the young woman thrust her hand into his arm and leaned heavily upon him, saying:

"I am so upset by this."

Lawrence gallantly undertook the burden, and as they passed through the office he saw his acquaintance, Jimmy, the reporter, watching him narrowly. Two policemen were there, too, and as he passed them he heard one of them say:

"He does look like a confounded lunatic, for a fact."

CHAPTER X.

At all seasonable hours the streets of New Haven are full of pretty girls. They are merry girls, too who like to laugh when there's any thing funny in sight. Drane, with the bogus Mrs. Drane upon his arm, passed some thousands of them, or at least he could have sworn that he did, and they all looked out of the corners of their eyes, and grinned with the corners of their mouths.

It is harrowing to be the object of this kind of attention. It suggests the possibility of a practical joker's placard on one's back, or a black mark alongside one's nose. Lawrence suffered the subject as well as he could by feeling stealthily up and down his back, and using his handkerchief with great vigor. But for the life of him he couldn't find any thing calculated to create so much innocent amusement.

"I suppose I look funny without my mustache," he thought, "but hang me if I should expect people to notice it who never saw me before."

Then he glanced down upon his companion, and behold upon her countenance an expression which at once explained the situation. She looked as no woman ever does except when she's either sick or in love. A honeymoon smile of the most aggravated type transformed her rather comely face into the familiar mask of imbecility; and not even the black stare with which he met her upturned eyes, moved her to modify a single detail of her ridiculous grimace.

"She must be crazy, too," he thought, with a shudder; unconsciously molding the phrase of his idea to fit the popular judgment regarding his own mental condition. "Poor girl; her disappointment has turned her brain."

She steered him into a side street; and just as he was trying to think of a delicate way in which he could urge her to discontinue tooking at him in that disquieting fashion, she paused before a gate and said:

"This is the minister's house, the Rev Mr. Knowles, the man who married us, you know."

There was a painful ambiguity about her words which perplexed Drane to such an extent that a servant had ushered them handily into the good pastor's study before he recovered his self-possession.

A venerable gentleman rose from a large chair, and greeted them with courtesy.

"You remember me, don't you?" said the girl, before Drane could open his mouth. "I'm Nellie Blake, or I was before you married me to Mr. Drane, last Tuesday."

She simpered in a most distressing way and looked up at Drane. He felt his hair stirring at the roots for he saw now that lunacy was the only explanation of the girl's conduct.

"I ought to explain—" he began.

But the minister stopped him with a wave of his hand.

"No explanation is required, Mr. Drane," said he. "I remember you perfectly, and I do trust that nothing has happened in this short space to mar the happiness which I sincerely wished you when I made you one."

"But my dear sir—" cried Drane, in horror. Nellie interrupted him with a giggle.

"Do see, sir, it isn't really much of any thing," she said, "and perhaps we ought not to have bothered you about it; but the truth is I've lost the certificate you gave me. I'm just as stupid as I can be, but I can't help it."

"Oh! if that is all—"

"But it isn't all. It isn't half of it," Drane exclaimed. "The truth is—"

"Now, you naughty boy," cried Nellie, putting her hand playfully over his mouth. "I shan't let you go on this way."

"Some trifling disagreement," said the Rev. Mr. Knowles, smiling good-humoredly. "I have no doubt that it can be repaired as easily as the loss of the certificate."

"Sir," said Drane, breaking loose from the restraining hand, "I assure you that it is your duty to—"

"And I assure you, sir," said the old clergyman, with dignity, "that it is your duty, as it is your privilege, and I feel bound to insist upon it, to dispense forbearing and gentle with the woman who has given you the honest affection of her heart, and whose hand I joined with yours in this very room. Look at her now."

Nellie had fallen upon a sofa and was sobbing with industrious vigor. "You have brought tears to her eyes." Nellie pretended to wring out her handkerchief. "She might kill herself with the disappointment at your very feet!"

Nellie began to faint with a rigid determination which alarmed Drane, and called forth more sympathy from the kind-hearted old man. Together they made her comfortable upon the sofa and fanned her till there was not a small eyelone in the study. When she was quiet Drane saw his opportunity, and, in a voice as calm as he could make it, he said:

"My dear sir, you are wholly mistaken in this matter. I am not the man who married this young woman, and I have never had the pleasure of seeing either her or yourself before to-day."

"Do you mean to say that she doesn't know her own husband?" asked the reverend gentleman, with great surprise. "This is preposterous."

"She knows perfectly well that I am not her husband," said Drane. "For some purpose of her own she has lured me here, and has claimed me before you, and you have pretended to recognize me. But for the honesty that I read in your face, sir, I should be tempted to say that this was all a great conspiracy to entrap me."

"Young man," said Rev. Mr. Knowles, with dignity, "I never forgot a face. I know you by your necktie!"

It was the one article of conspicuous apparel which he had retained since the first exchange with the tramp in the Turkish bath. He cursed it in his soul.

"But look at me more closely; look into my face!" he exclaimed.

Rev. Mr. Knowles pulled a pair of spectacles down upon his forehead and approached Drane with a grim determination to make sure of him written all over his features. Drane's countenance. Drane lifted up his head and looked straight at the glittering gold rims of the glasses. He felt certain that he should not fail of an acquittal if once he was properly inspected.

But Rev. Mr. Knowles made an error which is alarmingly common in cases where personal identity is at issue. He fixed his gaze rigidly on the one thing which had previously misled him—the necktie—and to all intents and purposes his scrutiny went no further. And so, when he did finally raise his eyes, he knew he reached in and pulled its secret out! How dead certain, how immovably, unerringly positive he was, when he asked his eyes from it and pushed up his glasses again, that that was the vertible necktie with which he had fortified himself for the ordeal! Nellie-Blake. Then he glanced at Drane's face with his unassisted eyes; saw simply a phylogonary with the customary number of features on it, and was convinced.

"I was not mistaken," said he

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LANSING, MICH.

Common Council Proceedings.

[OFFICIAL.]

MASON, Dec. 29, 1890.

Council met and was called to order by Mayor Murray. Present, Alds. Peck, Smith, VanSlyke and Whitman.

Minutes of last meeting read, corrected and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

The finance committee reported back the following claims, recommending their allowance as follows:

D. Southwick, 7 nights on street	$ 9.45
F. O'Donell, survey plans and estimates for sewers, on D street, Maple street and cross street sewer	15.00
Densmore & Coy, 7 tile and sewer pipe for city	19.22
Jim Burgess, drawing fire engine for city 4 times	2.00
W. L. Clark, printing for city	21.41
John Squires, 4 weeks as sexton and work in cemetery	5.33

On motion the report was accepted and adopted as follows: Yeas, Alds. Peck, Smith, VanSlyke and Whitman.

On motion council adjourned for one week.

JNO. C. KIMMEL, JR., City Clerk.

More Society Elections.

Since last report the following have taken upon themselves the management of the mysteries of this city:

MASON LODGE, NO. 70 F. & A. M.

W. M.—C. B. Campbell; S. W.—A. S. Sturgeis; J. W.—Chas. G. Jenkins; Treas.—Jno. Hagadorn; Sec.—Jas. Lindsay; S. D.—Chas. W. VanSlyke; J. D.—William Boynton; Tyler—H. Wright; Stewards—Jas. A. Sherwood and L. S. Bates.

CUSTER COUNCIL, NO. 629, R. A.

Regent—J. A. Sherwood; Vice Regent, Ed. Fraser; Dictator, S. D. Neely; Secretary, A. L. Hoag; Collector, J. A. Brower; Treasurer, L. H. Sayers; Chaplain, Blackwood Wright; Guide, J. E. Coy; Warden, Henry Peters; Sentry, C. S. Curry; Organist, F. C. Sayers; Trustees, E. D. Coy, C. L. Casterlin and J. A. Sherwood; Representative to grand council, C. A. Hull, Alternate, J. E. Coy.

ARCADIAN LODGE NO. 631, K. OF H.

Dictator, A. J. VanDenan; Vice Dictator, S. H. Curry; Assistant Dictator, Smith Williams; Reporter, Geo. A. Earle; Financial Secretary, J. A. Sherwood; Treasurer, J. VanSlyke; Guide, Ed. Fraser; Guardian, H. J. Peters; Sentinel, C. C. Fitch; Trustees, C. D. Coy, S. D. Curry and S. H. Beecher.

MASON TENT, K. O. T. M., NO. 10.

P. C., L. J. Ford; S. K., C. Chas. Detoit; C., H. L. Brown; R. K., J. F. Thornton; F. C., C. M. Rhodes; Prelate, H. G. Coe; Physician, A. R. Campbell; Sergeant, A. Hersig; M. A., E. Hoag; 1st M. G., Hush Wilcox; 2d M. G., W. H. Wile; Sentinel, O. T. Aldrich; Picket, Col. J. G. Snook.

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Rent Estate Transfers.

The following is the list of transfers for week ending Dec. 29, 1890, where the consideration is $500 or over:

Orlando F. Barnes to Belle Town, lot 8 blk 3 of O. F. Barnes sub of blk 27, Lansing	$ 1,300
Amos Wilkins to C. Johnson and F. F. Gilin, pt of e½ of w½ of w½ of sec 22 Meridian	1,000
Lucy J. Hunter to O. A. Clement, pt of s½ of sw ¼ of sw ¼ and s ½ pt of se ¼ Lansing	22,0 0
Charles A. Clement to Joseph W. Donovan, same as last above (Quit claim)	2,000
Thomas Holden, by heir, to D. W. Smith, pt of ne¼ and ½ of s½ of ne¼ of sec 21, Alaiedon	600
Hiram J. Dana to Hiram H. Dana, nw¼ of nw¼ of sec 16, Leroy	2,600
Robert R. Holmes to Chas. E. and Abbie M. Holmes, nnd ½ of pt of n½ of n½ of sec 28, Lansing	1,550
Thomas Jersey to Thomas C. Jersey, lot 9 blk 16, Leslie	850

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Farmers Club.

MASON, December 27.

Owing to the severe inclemency of the weather which prevailed throughout the day the attendance was scarcely up to the average at the club room this P. M. After calling to order, President Wood announced briefly that the session had very properly been set apart for memorial services for two of our most worthy members, Allen Rowe and Wm. Sommerville.

Mr. Templeton offered the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Since the spring adjournment, Wm. Sommerville and Allen Rowe have fallen, like ripened grain before the universal Reaper, Death;

Resolved, That this club, while acknowledging and humbly submitting to the inscrutable decrees of Providence, deeply deplores the loss of these most respected members, and adds this tribute to their worth;

Resolved, That the sympathy of the club be extended to the relatives of the deceased;

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes, and a copy sent to each of the bereaved families.

ANGUS TEMPLETON,
T. DESSOUR,
L. H. IVES, } Committee.

Mr. Templeton said.—In offering my humble tribute upon the death of these two members whom we commemorate, I feel that our action is well devised.

These men may be looked upon as the fathers of this club. With Mr. Rowe, I had but a limited acquaintance, but I knew him to be a man of wide observation, of intelligence, and of good breadth of thought.

Of Mr. Sommerville, I can say I knew him well. He was a great admirer of the club, an enthusiastic member and rejoiced at its prosperity, and to his latest hours he was loyal to our organization. His was the first home at which I was entertained this side the Atlantic. He was a hospitable man, genial and companionable. He took for his motto.—

"Then gently scan your brother man,
Still gentler sister woman;
Though they may gang a kennin wrong,
To step aside is human."

These and kindred sentiments pervaded his whole soul and mind, and when he died there died an honest, warm hearted, helpful, charitable man. Mr. Gelispie had a warm, personal extended acquaintance with Mr. Sommerville. His was one of the first acquaintances made when he came here to live. He believed him to be an honest man. He knew Mr. Rowe to be a man interested in the welfare of his fellow man. It was his nature to be religious. He remembered others whose interests were identified with us who had gone from us.

Dr. F. L. McCoy, an esteemed honorary, was very helpful in his time, and Mr. C. C. Marsh was another good worker in our meeting. He had not the command of language to express the good will he felt toward all these who had done so much toward the upbuilding of the club and society generally.

Mr. Vaughn thought it becoming for him to add his tribute to the worth of both of these well rounded lives. He thought of Mr. Rowe as a wise counsellor and a good man. Mr. Sommerville, he remembered way back in the early days when he came into the land known as Ingham county. He was a man of generous impulses, liberal and kind. It was during the year of the great Chicago fires, he canvassed for supplies for the unfortunate, both the decessed bestowed upon him liberally of their goods.

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Mr. Shaw had known Mr. Sommerville 29 years, their relations had always been intimate and friendly. He was a man of great perseverance, friendly with everybody and a good neighbor. Mr. S. had given him very good advice while under adverse circumstances, which greatly encouraged and helped him. Mr. Rowe, he had always esteemed very highly as a substantial honest farmer. He hoped the club would have many such members.

Mr. Densmore endeavored all that had been said, and said he had large dealings with both and found them true to their word, always.

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Mr. Tallman knew Mr. Sommerville to be honest, open hearted, open handed, kind to the poor and anxious to help those less favored than himself. The stranger found a hearty welcome at his door. His acquaintance reached over a span of 35 years. Mr. S. had been a father to him and a safe counsellor. Knew less of Mr. Rowe but had always heard him well spoken of as a citizen.

The president said, "we talk for the living." I wish more young men were present to-day to listen to what has been said. I came here 24 years ago and settled between these two neighbors. The first meal I ate from home was with Mr. Sommerville and family. He was naturally retiring in his manner and always seemed to have great regard for the opinions of others. We owe much of our success in the past to such men as these. Allen Rowe was a man of intelligence and integrity, well read in the current events of the day. Each of these tried to make their lives useful and succeeded.

Mr. Ives—After what has been so worthily said of the lives and characters of our deceased co-laborers, I desire briefly to add my humble tribute to their memories and draw a thought or two from the lesson of the hour.

Mr. President, we can well afford to lay aside the usual secular business of the day and devote the time of this session to kindly words, to retrospective and prospective reflection. My acquaintance with Mr. Rowe and Mr. Sommerville was of that nature and character that I can with all propriety speak of them collectively. Both were among the first acquaintances made when I came into this county to live, twenty-five years ago this month. Associating myself with the Agricultural society of the county. I soon came to recognize them as among its most active friends and as two of the foremost and progressive farmers in this section. If it be true that he who causes two blades of grass to grow where but one grew before is a "benefactor to the race" then Wm. Sommerville and Allen Rowe each in their life-time well won this title of honor; for, for years the estates of both have been known as among the best tilled and managed in the county. From the date of the organization of this club which will be 19 years the 27th of next month, both names have been upon the records and both recognized as among our most active members. While neither was noted for his "much speaking," yet it can be truthfully said that when they did talk the people listened. Thoughtful, intelligent, seeking for knowledge, anxious to learn; opinions of each were sought after and their judgment honored. I do not propose to use any fulsome words of praise upon this occasion. I care to give expression only to such thoughts, that were they here, in their accustomed seats, each would modestly accept as entirely truthful. They were not only good farmers but good citizens, among the best, good men. They were just such men as give tone and character to a society, or a community and from which when they have been removed the community has a felt loss. Each possessed traits of character that all of us might emulate with profit to ourselves and those with whom we have to do. In glancing at the pictures hanging in the hall of my memory to day I see other faces more familiar in our meetings, and whose words of wisdom have helped to mould our organization, giving it high rank among kindred associations of the state. Graceful as were the words of others all others I see father Kittredge of generous impulses, liberal and kind. It was during the year of the great Chicago fires, he canvassed for supplies for the unfortunate, both the decessed bestowed upon him liberally of their goods.

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Hon. M. S. Brewer.

The State Republican of December 25 has the following brief but excellent *resume* of the life of the above gentleman who, in honoring himself, has been honored:

Hon. Mark Brewer, who has so ably represented this, the Sixth congressional district, in the national house at Washington, has had a longer political career than any of his retiring colleagues. Mr. Brewer is a few weeks over 53, although he looks eight or ten years younger. He was born in the county of Oakland, in 1837, and has always made his home there. He worked on a farm until he was 19 years old, and one bright day in 1856 he went to Pontiac to study law with Moses Wisner. He hurrahed lustily for Fremont, but fell two years short of voting for him. While yet a law student he became active in party affairs, and served on managing committees and as delegate in state and congressional conventions before the war. It is an interesting fact that Mr. Brewer was a member of the Oakland county delegation that went over to the republican congressional convention at Flint, June 5, 1860, pledged to the candidacy of Byron G. Stout for congress and stood by him on every point until the break came to Rowland E. Trowbridge. The day of Mr. Stout's coming to congress was delayed 30 years and then he succeeded his old-time supporter.

Mr. Brewer was himself first a candidate for public office in 1864, when he was nominated for circuit court commissioner of Oakland and defeated. Two years afterward, however, he was renominated and elected. Meantime he had been appointed city attorney of Pontiac, and he held both offices for some time. In 1870 he was the republican candidate for prosecuting attorney of his county and was defeated. In 1872 he was elected state senator, but failed to breast the democratic tidal wave of 1874 as a candidate for re-election. This defeat, however, did not seem to weaken him in his county, for in 1876 the Oakland delegation went to the congressional convention solid for him. The convention met at Mason August 2, 1876, and after 97 ballots Brewer was nominated over Rowland E. Trowbridge, Oliver L. Spaulding and Daniel L. Crossman. Mr. Brewer resigned from the state central committee, to which he had been elected in 1874 and re-elected at the convention of 1876, and entered upon his campaign. The sitting member, Hon. George H. Durand, was a democrat and a very strong man, but Brewer carried the district handsomely. In 1878 Brewer was renominated and re-elected. In 1880 he was a candidate for a third term and beaten after nearly 300 ballots by Gen. O. L. Spaulding, who had been a candidate against him in 1876. Brewer's friends finally nominated Spaulding in the convention when the break came.

In March, 1881, just ten years before his second exodus—Brewer retired from congress. A few weeks later, however, Garfield sent him as consul to Berlin. In the summer of 1885 the consul general returned home to Michigan, and had been in the country but a few months when he received a unanimous renomination for congress, and carried the district over John R. Corey by a large majority. He won by a nose from Claudio Bacon two years ago, and this year he "stood from under" just in season. Mr. Brewer has served eight years in congress, which his service, just broken, covers a longer period of time than any of his colleagues, excepting Burrows. He has been an attentive and intelligent representative. He has never been the chairman of a committee, but has been active in the ranking committee on appropriations, and in this house had direct charge of the fortifications bills and carried them through the house without amendment. Brewer says he is going home "to build him a house," and that he is through with political life, but that he intends to live there and say his name will not down, and will yet rise to a position higher than he has ever attained.

Death Took Her.

Martha Ann Lott was born in the State of Pennsylvania, March 11, 1824. She was united in marriage with Edwin Lynday of the same State in the year 1840. In 1845 they removed to Canada, residing there until 1868, when they came to Michigan and to Alaiedon where Mrs. Lynday has since lived. Five years ago her husband died, and on the evening of December 24, 1890, she passed over the river to meet him. In early life she united with the Wesleyan M. E. church and since that time had lived a devoted worker in the cause of Christ. She was a faithful wife, an indulgent mother and a ready help in sickness and affliction. Her kindly ways won hosts of friends who will be pained to learn of her death. She leaves nine children to mourn for her.

She has gone from her sorrow, her sickness and pain,
And if faithful, we'll meet her where saints
With our Saviour we shall reign.

Funeral services were held at the DuBois school house last Friday, Rev. J. A. Barnes officiating. Burial took place at Mason cemetery.

More about Maple Sugar.

Otis Fuller, of St. Johns, Mich., deputy collector of internal revenue for this division, desires the name and address of every person in the counties of Gratiot, Clinton, Ingham, Jackson and Calhoun, who will produce over 500 pounds of maple sugar the present season, and who will apply for the bounty under the conditions imposed. Under an act of congress of October 1, 1890, a bounty of 1½ cents per pound is offered on sugar testing 80 to 90 degrees by the polariscope, and 2 cents upon sugar testing 90 degrees or over. Ordinary maple sugar will test under 90. Such bounty will be paid to producers of 500 pounds or more of sugar made on and after April 1, 1891. The applicant will be required to file a notice setting forth the place of manufacture, machinery and methods employed, estimate of amount to be produced, number of trees to be tapped, and make application for a license. He will also be required to file a bond not to violate the internal revenue regulations. No bounty will be paid for the production of any amount less than 500 pounds, and no bounty will be paid on less. Blanks will be furnished free of charge. Send your name and address on a postal card at once.

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Chas. F. Cuxbury, insurance agent, Grand Rapids, Mich., late Sgt. Co. D, new 3rd Mich. Inf., made application for pension July 24, 1889, alleging catarrh as the basis for his claim. Pension granted April 19, 1890, nine months after application, at $17 per month.

Leon Stamer, 290 Ottawa-st., Grand Rapids, Mich., private Co. F, 5th N. Y. Cav., applied July 3, 1889, on account of rheumatism. Claim allowed Jan. 2, 1891, six months after application, at $6.

Mrs. Mary A. Wise, Grand Rapids, Mich., applied Aug. 22, 1887, for widow's pension as the widow of Henry L. Wise, late major 11th Mich. Cav. Pension was granted Jan. 15, 1890, at $25 per month.

Capt. Frank Rosby, Grand Rapids, late Co. "G" 14th Mich. Inf., applied Nov. 1, 1887. Pension granted after one month, Feb. 13, 1890.

Wm. J. Hopkins, 358 S. Hamilton-st., Saginaw, Mich., applied for a pension as the dependent father of Milo J. Hopkins, late Co. "G," 6th Mich. Cav. Pension granted. Case allowed April 15, 1890, at $12 per month.

Francis Gardner, Hiadon, Ind., applied for a widow's pension Dec. 20, 1889. Claim allowed at $8.

Eli S. Bunk, Crosby, Kent Co., Mich., Co. A, 7th Mich. Inf., enlisted Sept. 12, 1861. Allowed March 5, 1890.

Henry J. Hodgin, Mason, Mich., 20th Mich. Inf., applied Aug. 1, 1889. Pension granted May 8, 1890.

Alex. Galloway, 207 South Division street, Grand Rapids, Mich., Co. F, 2nd N. Y. Cav., 1864. Claim allowed May 21, 1890.

These are only simple cases and are only a fair sample of the large number of cases successfully prosecuted.

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				a. m.
Chicago	4:35	p. m. 4:50		6:05
Detroit	12:10	6:15	10:45	6:15
				p. m.
St. Thomas	2:05	10:55	2:00	10:10
		a. m.		p. m.
Niagara Falls	7:18	2:27	5:20	4:12

NORTHWARD.

	a. m.	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.
Mason	7:00	11:05	4:30	9:30
Lansing	8:12	1:30	6:15	10:45
		p. m.		
Owosso	9:02	12:42	7:05	Lansing Acc'n.
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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications for this paper should be accompanied by the name of the author; not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith on the part of the writer. Write only on one side of the paper. Be particularly careful in giving names and dates to have the letters and figures plain and distinct. Proper names are often difficult to decipher, because of the careless manner in which they are written.

SIR JOHN POPE HENNESSY, who is now playing a prominent part in Irish politics, is said to be the original of Anthony Trollope's character of "Phineas Finn," the Irish member.

SINCE 1862 $27,000,000 of the money appropriated by the Government for pensions to soldiers has been pocketed by the attorneys. Of late they have been making about $2,500,000 a year.

A RAILROAD connection between New York and Buenos Ayres, by way of the City of Mexico, would be about eight thousand miles long, and the journey, if continuous, would take about twelve days.

EMPEROR WILLIAM eats four meals a day—a substantial breakfast of eggs, meat, etc., at 7:30; second breakfast at noon; consisting of soup, meat and vegetables; a regular dinner at 6 o'clock, and a light supper at about 9:30 p. m.

THE Dakota Bad Lands comprise a country about fifty miles long and wide, and so rough and broken that it is almost impossible for a horse to go through it. Hills range from fifty to five hundred feet in height, and in some places it is difficult to travel more than five miles a day.

DOCTORS SHURLEY, of Detroit, and Gebbs, of Ann Arbor University, have put the Koch microbe theory in issue and proceeding on the assumption that consumption is the effect of alkaline poisons generated by the body, announce a cure which substantially consists in the neutralization of the acids by chlorine gas.

A NEW YORK letter says: Certain New York firms have been trying good-looking women as bill collectors. So far the scheme has not been successful. Three of the women married inside a week and four more are engaged, while the balance sympathize with the poor fellows who have run into debt and have not collected a cent.

THE railroads have enjoyed the greatest year in their history. November was larger in its business than November, 1889, and December promises to exceed December of last year. This showing affects a large number of people. There are in this country 160,000 miles of railroads. The people connected with the various companies in one way or another aggregate one million. The roads carry 540,000,000 tons of freight and 472,000,000 passengers.

IN Berlin most of the modern architecture is the French style; front doors on the street as with us. The German way is to have no front entrance, but one opening into a court in the back. On the streets horses have the right of way. An American risks life and limb a few times and then crosses the street when he can. The city has excellent street-car facilities, with bus and electric lines as well. They charge about two and a half cents a mile.

WARDEN CASSIDY, of the eastern penitentiary of Pennsylvania, declares that Charles Dickens was laboring under a mistake when he described in his "American Notes" what he called the horrible mental and physical deterioration produced by solitary confinement. "Why, one of the three inmates of this institution to whom he referred to as examples lived to a green old age, dying only two years ago," remarked the warden with a sneer of disgust.

IN the last year there has been trespassing on the nation's forests by organized marauders to the estimated amount of $3,000,000. For this the Government has received back about $100,000. It is in evidence that Canadian steamers are now fitted out in the North for the avowed purpose of filching lumber from the forests that belong to Uncle Sam. The chief scene of these operations is in Rainy river, which constitutes a part of the boundary between Canada and Minnesota.

DR. KOCH has convinced visiting physicians that his lymph remedy will cure cases of external tuberculosis, that it is very useful as a test by which consumption in its very earliest stages can be discovered; that by the application of it patients can be cured, and that there is thus far no indication that a cure can be made of persons in whose lungs large cavities have been caused by disease. Dr. Koch, it appears, never claimed that his remedy would cure well-developed cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.

JAY GOULD thinks that sons of wealthy men should learn some trade while in college. He says: "I have learned that in the case of my own family; my son George is an expert telegrapher, and when he travels with me to the West we generally live in our car and switch it off at a siding. My son will then put on his boots, his steel clamps or prongs and go up the telegraph pole, attach the wire to his instrument in the car, and then he sends for me all my telegraphic messages. It does him no disparagement and makes him feel that he could get his living at all times."

IT is nearly twenty years since John W. Keely announced to the world that he had discovered a new force which was destined to revolutionize the whole system of locomotion. The inventor is now fifty-four years old, and it seems probable that his secret, whatever its value, will die with him. The original capital of the company formed to develop the discovery was half a million dollars, and after this had been exhausted Mrs. Bloomfield Moore supplied the inventor with funds to proceed. Now she proposes to retire from the concern, and its finances will suffer accordingly.

PRACTICALLY OVER.

Encouraging Reports from the Scene of the Indian War—Sensational Rumors Denied—A Skirmish on Battle Creek.

DICKINSON, N. D., Dec. 27.—Lieutenant Sydenham and Scout Joseph Spence, of Captain Fountain's command, have arrived here with dispatches, having left Grand river, fifty miles distant, at daybreak on Christmas. Captain Fountain has scouted the country from this point to within sixty miles of Fort Yates, making rapid marches, with light transportation in the hope of meeting and capturing the fugitives from Sitting Bull's camp. His route lay from New England City around the White Earth buttes to the Little Missouri, thence across the south fork of the Cannon Ball to Grand river, and from Gray's crossing of Grand river by way of Cave hills and Lodge buttes to the forks of Grand river. This covers the entire section of country into which the Sitting Bull fugitives were supposed to have run. A fall of snow had covered the ground to a depth of two or three inches three weeks previous to the departure of Captain Fountain's expedition, which would have preserved the trail of the Indians, hostile or otherwise, which had crossed the country during that time. Nevertheless, the skill of the Cheyenne trailers who accompanied the command was unable to discover the slightest indication of Indians.

While returning on the 24th he met the advance party of Major Carroll's battalion of cavalry hastening to relieve him at the Cave hills, where he was believed to be surrounded by 500 Indians, and in distress.

The following day Lieutenant Ballance left New England City with his company in wagons to assist Major Carroll. The reports which caused these movements, although apparently reliable, have not the slightest foundation. In fact no Indians have been seen in the vicinity of Cave hills this fall.

A telegram from Rapid City on the 18th stated that two herders of the Hash Knife outfit had been killed by Indians. A courier bringing dispatches from Captain Baldwin to Captain Fountain saw these men and conversed with them on the 21st. No ranches had been burned, no cattle killed or other damage done by Indians in that vicinity. Families living near the reservation are kept in constant terror by rumors and at several ranches appeared with guns behind barricades on the approach of the troops, believing them at first to be Indians. At New England City a stone block-house has been erected, surrounded by a parapet of earth, and at Hebron a similar fort has been constructed. At Gladstone a local company of sixty men is being kept under drill and military discipline.

As far as the military authorities here are aware not a shot has been exchanged between Indians and troops. The sensational reports circulating concerning raids and encounters between troops and Indians are an injustice to the army. Great precautions have been taken, acting upon these rumors, as though life and property were at stake.

A general summary of the disposition of troops will show that the entire reservation is hemmed in by troops ready for the field, and fear of an outbreak in the spring is groundless. On the south of the reservation are the troops at Pine Ridge under General Brooke; at the junction of the Cheyenne and Belle Fourche, under Colonel Sumner, and the troops at Fort Meade and Fort Robinson; on the west, those under Captain Baldwin at Camp Crook and the strong garrison of Fort Keogh; on the north, the battalions of Major Carroll and Captain Fountain and the garrison of Fort Lincoln; on the east, the garrisons of Forts Yates, Bennett and Sully. Carloads of winter supplies for the troops are being received here daily.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, N. D., Dec. 27.—One battalion of the Seventh Cavalry, with two Hotchkiss guns and a pack train, has just left here for Wounded Knee, about thirty miles away. The Indian council in the Bad Lands has decided in favor of the hostiles returning to the agency. They are now all on their way in. Perhaps fifteen or twenty may slip away, but the authorities feel that the Indian war is practically over. At least they express great satisfaction at the news brought by the courier and outlined above. There is still danger of trouble in case an attempt is made to disarm the hostiles.

CAMP NEAR BATTLE CREEK, S. D., Dec. 27.—The situation here remains practically unchanged. The weather is cold and the rivers are frozen solid. A company of Cheyenne scouts is encamped at the mouth of Battle creek. Two attempts were made on Wednesday by the hostiles, who number about eighty, to break into their camp. The first attack was made by only a few of the Indians, who were quickly repulsed with a loss of two killed and several wounded, and it is thought that one is fatally hurt. The second attack was made after dark by what was supposed to be the whole band, who were led by Kicking Bear himself. Volley after volley was fired on both sides, and a desultory fire was kept up for an hour or more. It is not known how many of the hostiles were killed, but judging from the reports of one of the scouts there must have been several killed, as he says he heard several shout out in the Sioux language that they were hit. Troops were sent to the scene at an early hour Thursday morning, and report every thing quiet and no hostiles in sight.

EXPLOSION IN A MINE.

Kerosene Oil Causes Immense Damage in a Scottsdale (Pa.) Colliery.

SCOTTSDALE, Pa., Dec. 27.—An explosion occurred Friday morning in the entrance shaft of the United coal and coke works, operated by the United Coke Company. It was caused by the ignition of kerosene oil. The report was terrific. There were at the time 140 miners at work, but all escaped through the various openings for that purpose. The fire, which is still burning fiercely, destroyed all the loose property in the mine and has already done enormous damage.

HUMANS ROASTED.

A Number of Distressing Fatalities by Fire Reported.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 27.—A terrible conflagration occurred Friday morning whereby a woman and three children lost their lives. The victims were Mrs. John Dietrich, of No. 7 Orchard street, and her three children, Libbie, aged 6 years; Jacob, aged 3, and Louisa, aged 11 months. How the fire originated is a mystery. Mrs. Dietrich had arisen at 4 o'clock to start a fire in the kitchen stove and awakened her husband soon after with an alarm of fire. She rushed in to save her three little ones and perished in the flames. Her husband and one son escaped. When the firemen succeeded in quenching the flames they found in the bedroom where the woman had slept the body of the unfortunate woman lying across the bed with the feet on the floor. Beside her lay the three little children, their bodies burned to a crisp as well as that of their mother.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Ellen Gibbons, aged 80 years, was burned to death at her home on Ash street Friday morning. Mrs. Gibbons was addicted to smoking.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 27.—Fire was discovered in Lawler's saloon building at Freemont Friday morning, and before it was under control it damaged two other buildings. Orrin Ennis was carrying out goods from the Lawler building when the building went down, and he perished in the flames. Ennis had no family.

OSKALOOSA, Ia., Dec. 27.—A 4-year-old child of T. C. Bailey met a sad death Friday. The parents left it at home with other children, and while playing its clothes caught fire and it was burned to death.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—According to advices received here the steamship Shanghai recently caught fire at sea and is supposed to have become a total loss. The disaster is understood to have occurred near Wu Hu (Woo Hoo), a treaty port of the Chinese province of Ngan-Hoei on the Yang-tse-kiang, about fifty miles above Nankin. The crew, consisting of about sixty natives, together with several European officers, are supposed to have met their death either in the flames or subsequently by drowning while attempting to escape from the burning vessel.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Collapse of a South Dakota Bank—Failure of a Similar Institution in Texas.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 27.—The Journal's Woonsocket (S. D.) special says the Sanborn County Bank, run by Lean L. Stevens, has closed its doors. The county treasurer had $8,000 of the county's money in the bank, and a number of merchants are caught. Stevens was city treasurer, and closed down on $800 of the city funds. There was no run on the bank, and the reasons given for the suspension were poor business and slow collections.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 27.—The Maverick Bank of this city closed its doors Friday morning after a heavy run that has lasted three weeks. Samuel Maverick, sole owner, made an assignment of all his property, real and personal, to Reagan Houston. The liabilities amount to $844,164 and assets $1,789,915.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Dec. 27.—Simon Eiseman of the firm of Henry Eiseman & Co., dry-goods merchants, who made an assignment Thursday, estimates the liabilities of the firm at $200,000; assets at $300,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says that business has progressed as well as could be expected in a week broken by the Christmas holiday trade and a great snow-storm. The holiday trade was remarkably heavy here, and at nearly all other points good, which is by no means evidence that the tightness of the money market springs from any general embarrassment of business or industry. The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number 333, as compared with a total of 404 last week. For the corresponding week last year the figures were 288.

FOR A MONETARY UNION.

Delegates Reported from Nearly All South American Countries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The recommendations of the international American conference for the establishment of an American monetary union and the issue of a common silver coin have been adopted by all the American republics except Guatemala, Uruguay and Paraguay, which have not been heard from. The first meeting of the union takes place at the Department of State at noon on Wednesday, the 7th of January. Delegates have been appointed from Argentine Republic, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela, Chili, Salvador, Ecuador, Peru, Costa Rica, Honduras and Bolivia. The delegates from the United States have not yet been appointed.

Threw Himself Before the Engine.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Ia., Dec. 27.—Friday afternoon an attendant of the insane hospital was out walking with a patient named Swenk. When they were near the railway station a passenger train approached. Swenk, heretofore quiet, became unmanageable, broke from the attendant, ran to the station and threw himself in front of the engine. The entire train passed over him, severing both legs and otherwise horribly mangling him. He can not live.

Death of Judge Hines.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 27.—Private dispatches from Rutland, Vt., announce the death of Judge Hines. He lived here for many years and was the law partner of President Harrison and Attorney-General Miller, the firm name being Harrison, Hines & Miller.

Copied His Brother's Rash Act.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. Y., Dec. 27.—General Charles S. Taylor, a well-known citizen of this place, committed suicide by drowning in the creek here Wednesday night at the identical point where his brother drowned himself a few years ago.

JOSHUA'S BATTLES.

Sermon by Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D. D.

Word Pictures of the Triumphs of Joshua as the Israelite General—The Last Fierce Battle and Greatest Victory and Rest

The thirteenth sermon by Dr. Talmage in the Holy Land series had for its text the fifth verse of the second chapter of Joshua: "And when all these Kings were met together they came and pitched together at the waters of Morom to fight against Israel." The preacher said:

We are encamped to-night in Palestine by the waters of Morom. In this neighborhood Joshua fought his last great battle. The nations had banded themselves together to crush this Joshua, but along the banks of these waters Joshua left their carcasses. Indeed, it is time that we more minutely examine this Joshua of whom we have in these discourses caught only a momentary glimpse, although he crossed and recrossed Palestine, and next to Jesus is the most stirring and mighty character whose foot ever touched the Holy Land.

Moses was dead. A beautiful tradition says the Lord kissed him, and in that act drew forth the soul of the dying law-giver. He had been buried, only one person at the funeral, the same one who kissed him. But God never takes a man away from any place of usefulness but He has some one ready. The Lord does not go looking around amid a great variety of candidates to find some one especially fitted for the vacated position. He makes a man for that place. Moses has passed off the stage, and Joshua, the hero, puts his foot on the platform of history so solidly that all the ages echo with the tread. He was a magnificent fighter, but he always fought on the right side, and he never fought unless God told him to fight. He got his military equipment from God, who gave him the promise at the start: "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life." God fulfilled this promise, although Joshua's first battle was with the spring freshet, and the next with a stone wall, and the next leading on a regiment of whipped cowards, and the next battle against darkness, wheeling the sun and the moon into his battalion, and last against the king of terrors, death—five great victories.

For the most part, when the General of an army starts out in a conflict he would like to have a small battle in order that he may get his courage up and he may rally his troops and get them drilled for greater conflicts; but this first undertaking of Joshua was greater than the leveling of Fort Pulaski or the thundering down of Gibraltar or the overthrow of the Bastile. It was the crossing of the Jordan at the time of the spring freshet. The snows of Mount Lebanon had just been melted and they poured down into the valley, and the whole valley was a raging torrent. So the Canaanites stand on one bank and they look across and see Joshua and the Israelites, and they laugh and say: "Aha! aha! they can not disturb us in time—until the freshets fall; it is impossible for them to reach us." But after awhile they look across the water and they see a movement in the army of Joshua. They say, "What's the matter now? Why, there must be a panic among these troops, and they are going to flee, or perhaps they are going to try to march across the River Jordan. Joshua is a lunatic." But Joshua, the chieftain, looks at his army and cries: "Forward, march!" and they start for the bank of the Jordan.

One mile ahead go two priests carrying a glittering box four feet long and two feet wide. It is the ark of the covenant. And they come down, and no sooner do they just touch the rim of the water with their feet than by an Almighty fiat Jordan parts. The army of Joshua march right on without getting their feet wet over the bottom of the river, a path of chalk and broken shells and pebbles, until they get to the other bank. Then they lay hold of the oleanders and tamarisks and willows and pull themselves up a bank thirty or forty feet high, and having gained the other bank they clap their shields and their cymbals and sing the praises of the God of Joshua. But no sooner have they reached the bank than the waters begin to dash and roar and with a terrific rush they break loose from their strange anchorage. Out yonder they have stopped; thirty miles of distance they halted. On this side the waters roll off toward the salt sea. But as the hand of the Lord God is taken away from the thus uplifted waters—waters perhaps uplifted half a mile—as the Almighty hand is taken away those waters rush down, and some of the unbelieving Israelites say: "Alas, alas, what a misfortune! Why could not those waters have staid parted? Because, perhaps, we may want to go back. O Lord, we are engaged in a risky business. Those Canaanites may eat us up. How if we want to go back? Would it not have been a more complete miracle if the Lord had parted the waters to let us come through and kept them parted to let us go back if we are defeated?" My friends, God makes no provision for a Christian's retreat. He clears the path all the way to Canaan. To go back is to die. The same gatekeepers that swing back the amethystine and crystalline gate of the Jordan to let Israel pass through now swing shut the amethystine and crystalline gate.

But this is no place for the host to stop. Joshua gives the command: "Forward, march!" In the distance there is a long grove of trees and at the end of the grove is a city. It is a city of arbors, a city with walls seeming to reach to the heavens, to buttress the very sky. It is the great metropolis that commands the mountain pass. It is Jericho. That city was afterward captured by Pompey, and it was afterward captured by Herod the Great, and it was afterward captured by the Mohammedans; but this campaign the Lord plans. There shall be no swords, no shields, no battering ram. There shall be only one weapon of war, and that a ram's horn. The horn of the slain ram was sometimes taken and holes were punctured in it, and then the musician would put the instrument to his lips and he would run his fingers over this rude musical instrument and make a great deal of sweet harmony for the people. That was the only kind of weapon. Seven priests were to take these rude rustic musical instruments and they were to go around the city every day for six days, once a day for six days, and then on the seventh day they were to go around blowing these rude musical instruments seven times, and then at the close of the seventh blowing of the rams' horns on the seventh day the peroration of the whole scene was to be a shout, at which those great walls should tumble from capstone to base.

The seven priests with the rude musical instruments pass all around the city walls on the first day, and a failure. Not so much as a piece of plaster broke loose from the wall—not so much as a loosened rock; not so much as a piece of mortar lost from its place. "There," says the unbelieving Israelites, "didn't I tell you so? Why, those ministers are fools. The idea of going around the city with those musical instruments and expecting in that way to destroy it! Joshua has been spoiled; he thinks because he has overthrown and destroyed the spring freshet he can overthrow the stone wall. Why, it is not philosophic. Don't you see there is no relation between the blowing of these musical instruments and the knocking down of the wall? It isn't philosophy." And I suppose there were many wiseacres who stood with their brows knitted and with the forefinger of the right hand to the forefinger of the left hand arguing it all out and showing it was not possible that such a cause could produce such an effect.

There is only one more thing to do, and that is to utter a great shout. I see the Israelitish army straightening themselves up, filling their lungs for a vociferation such as was never heard before and never heard after. Joshua feels that the hour has come, and he cries out to his host: "Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city!" All the people began to cry: "Down, Jericho; down, Jericho!" and the long line of solid masonry begins to quiver and to move and to rock. Stand from under! She falls! Crash! go the walls, the temples, the palaces, the air blackened with the dust. The huzza of the victorious Israelites and the groan of the conquered Canaanites commingle, and Joshua, standing there in the debris of the wall, hears a voice saying: "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life."

But Joshua's troops may not halt here. The command is: "Forward march!" There is the city of Ai; it must be taken. How shall it be taken? A scouting party comes back and says, "Joshua, we can do that without you; it is going to be a very easy job; you just stay here while we go and capture it." They march with a small regiment in front of that city. The men of Ai look at them and give one yell and the Israelites run like reindeer. The Northern troops at Bull Run did not make such rapid time as these Israelites with the Canaanites after them. They never cut such a sorry figure as when they were on the retreat. Anybody that goes out in the battles of God with only half a force, instead of your taking the men of Ai the men of Ai will take you. Look at the Church of God on the retreat. The Bornesian cannibals ate up Munson, the missionary. "Fall back!" said a great many Christian people. "Fall back, O church of God! Borneo will never be taken. Don't you see the Bornesian cannibals have eaten up Munson, the missionary?" Tyndall delivers his lecture at the University of Glasgow and a great many good people say: "Fall back, O Church of God! Don't you see that Christian philosophy is going to be overcome by worldly philosophy? Fall back." Geology plunges its crowbar into the mountains, and there are a great many people who say: "Scientific investigation is going to overthrow the Mosaic account of the creation. Fall back!" Friends of the church have never had any right to fall back.

Joshua falls on his face in chagrin. It is the only time you ever see the back of his head. He falls on his face and begins to whine, and he says: "Oh, Lord God, wherefore hast Thou at all brought this people over Jordan to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us? Would to God we had been content and dwelt on the other side of Jordan? For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it and shall environ us round and cut off our name from the earth."

God comes and rouses him. How does He rouse him? By complimentary apostrophe? No. He says: "Get thee up. Wherefore liest thou upon thy face?" Joshua rises, and, I warrant you, with a mortified look. But his old courage comes back. The fact was that was not his battle. If he had been in it he would have gone on to victory. He gathers his troops around him and says: "Now, let us go up and capture the city of Ai; let us go up right away."

They march on. He puts the majority of the troops behind a ledge of rocks in the night, and then he sends comparatively small regiments up in front of the city. The men of Ai come out with a shout. The small regiments of Israelites in stratagem fall back and fall back, and when all the men of Ai have left the city and are in pursuit of these scattered or seemingly scattered regiments Joshua stands on a rock—I see his locks flying in the wind as he points his spear toward the doomed city—and that is the signal. The men rush out from behind the rocks and take the city, and it is put to the torch, and then these Israelites in the city march down and the flying regiments of Israelites return, and between these two waves of Israelitish prowess the men of Ai are destroyed and the Israelites gain the victory; and while I see the curling smoke of that destroyed city on the sky, and while I hear the huzza of the Israelites and the groans of the Canaanites Joshua hears something louder than it all ringing and echoing through the soul: "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life."

But this is no place for the host of Joshua to stop. "Forward, march!" cries Joshua to the troops. There is the city of Gibeon. It has put itself under the protection of Joshua. They send word: "There are five Kings after us; they are going to destroy us; send troops quick; send us help right away." Joshua has a three days' march more than double quick. On the morning of the third day he is before the enemy. There are two long lines of battle. The battle opens with great slaughter, but the Canaanites soon discover something. They say: "That is Joshua; that is the man who conquered the spring freshet and knocked down the stone wall and destroyed the city of Ai. There is no use fighting." And they sound a retreat, and as they begin to retreat Joshua and his host spring upon them like panthers, pursuing them over the rocks, and as these Canaanites with sprained ankles and gashed foreheads retreat the catapults of the sky pour a volley of hail-stones into the valley, and all the artillery of the heavens with bullets of iron pound the Canaanites against the ledges of Beth-horon.

"Oh!" says Joshua, "this is surely a victory. But do you not see the sun is going down? Those Amorites are going to get away after all, and then they will come up some other time and bother and perhaps destroy us." See, the sun is going down. Oh, for a longer day than has ever been seen in this climate! What is the matter with Joshua? Has he fallen in an apoplectic fit? No. He is in prayer. Look out when a good man makes the Lord his ally. Joshua raises his face, radiant with prayer, and looks at the descending sun over Gibeon and at the faint crescent of the moon, for you know the queen of the night sometimes will linger around the palaces of the day. Pointing one hand at the descending sun and the other hand at the faint crescent of the moon, in the name of that God who shaped the worlds and moved the worlds, he cries: "Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou moon, in the valley of Ajalon." They halted. Whether it was by reflection of the sun's rays, or by the stopping of the whole planetary system, I do not know and do not care. I leave it to the Christian scientists and the infidel scientists to settle that question while I tell you I have seen the same thing. "What!" say you, "not the sun standing still?" Yes. The same miracle is performed nowadays. The wicked do not live out half their day, and the sun sets at noon. But let a man start out in battle for God and the truth, and against sin, and the day of his usefulness is prolonged and prolonged and prolonged.

But it is time for Joshua to go home. He is one hundred and ten years old. Washington went down the Potomac and at Mount Vernon closed his days. Wellington died peacefully at Apsley House. Now, where shall Joshua rest? Why, he is to have his greatest battle now. After a hundred and ten years he has to meet a King who has more subjects than all the present population of the earth, his throne a pyramid of skulls, his parterre the grave-yards and cemeteries of the world, his chariot the world's hearse—the King of Terrors. But if this is Joshua's greatest battle it is going to be Joshua's greatest victory. He gathers his friends around him and gives his valedictory, and it is full of reminiscence. Young men tell what they are going to do; old men tell what they have done. And as you have heard a grandfather or great-grandfather, seated by the evening fire, tell of Monmouth or Yorktown, and then lift the crutch or staff as though it were a musket, to fight and show how the old battles were won—so Joshua gathers his friends around his dying couch and he tells them the story of what he has been through, and as he lies there, his white locks snowing down on his wrinkled forehead, I wonder if God has kept His promise all the way through. As he lies there he tells the story one, two or three times—you have heard old people tell a story two or three times over—and he answers "I go the way of all the earth, and not one word of the promise has failed, not one word thereof has failed; all has come to pass, not one word thereof has failed." And then he turns to his family, as a dying parent will, and says: "Choose now whom you will serve, the God of Israel or the god of the Amorites. As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." A dying parent can not be reckless or thoughtless in regard to his children. Consent to part with them forever at the door of the tomb we can not. By the cradle in which their infancy was rocked, by the bosom on which they first lay, by the blood of the covenant, by the God of Joshua, it shall not be. We will not part, we can not part. Jehovah Jireh, we take Thee at Thy promise. "I will be a God to thee and thy seed after thee."

Dead, the old chieftain must be laid out. Handle him gently; that sacred body is over one hundred and ten years of age. Lay him out, stretch out those feet that walked dry-shod the parted Jordan. Close those lips which helped blow the blast at which the walls of Jericho fell. Fold the arm that lifted the spear toward the doomed city of Ai. Fold it right over the heart that exulted when the five Kings fell. But where shall we get the burnished granite for the headstone and the footstone? I bethink myself now. I imagine for the head it shall be the sun that stood still upon Gibeon and for the foot the moon that stood still in the valley of Ajalon.

OLD YEAR, thy life is well-nigh spent,
Thy feet are tottering and slow,
Thy hoary head with age is bent,
The time is here for thee to go;
Already in the frozen snow
A lonely grave is made for thee;
The winds are chanting dirges low,
Upon the land and on the sea.

Old year, thou wert a friend to some—
To some thou wert of worth untold,
Thy days were blessings, every one,
More precious far than shining gold;
But unto others thou a foe
Did prove thyself—an enemy,
Relentless as the chains of woe—
As ruthless as a maddened sea.

Some will rejoice to know thee dead,
Others will mourn thee as a friend:
Some will look back on thee with dread,
Others their praises to thee lend;
I neither offer praise nor blame,
Old Year, for what you brought to me,
For unto me both joy and pain,
Your active hands gave lavishly.

Thy solemn death-hour draws a-nigh—
And hark! I hear thy funeral knell
Slow pealing through the darkened sky—
Farewell, Old Year—farewell, farewell!

HAIL TO THE NEW.

Hail! hail to thee! O virgin year!
Not yet a day's length on thy throne—
Thou with the merry eyes and clear
And joyous voice of dulcet tone;
Hail! Hail! to thee, thou strong of limb;
Our praise is thine, O youthful king,
For thou art pure of woe and sin,
Thy young hands yet but blessings bring.

The monarch who is laid away
Within the catacomb of years
Was harsh and ruthless in his day—
Seemed less to love our joys than tears;
We look for blessings manifold,
New Year, from thy pure, sinless hand;
We trust thy heart will ne'er grow cold
Toward us—and our native land.

Bring healing to the hearts now sore
From wounds the cruel Old Year made;
The vail of peacefulness draw o'er
The woes at each heart-threshold laid;
We can not love a tyrant king!
Our hearts refuse to loyal be
To one who takes delight to fling
Upon our hearts keen misery!

Be kind to us—that we may say,
When comes the time for thee to go:
"Oh darling year, we grieve to-day,
Because we *all* have loved thee so!"
—E. B. Lowe, in Good Housekeeping.

HER HAPPY NEW YEAR.

A Little Poem That Brought Grace Tremaine Happiness.

GRACE TREMAINE had been born a lady; of a sensitive, highly imaginative nature, she developed early a taste for the artistic and beautiful. Her father, a man of letters, and a genius, who had somehow been crushed by a series of misfortunes, voted the remains of a small fortune to his education of the only child; but expenses and bad management soon exhausted his meager bank account, and ruin was closely followed by the death of the old Colonel. Grace was thus left entirely alone in the world, dependent upon her own labor for her sustenance, and with talents, as yet, crude and undeveloped.

Hardships and privations soon left their mark, and one clear, frosty Christmas night found the girl wan with suffering, in humble lodgings, and almost without the necessities of life. Her sensitive nature had been stung by the many rebuffs and insults to which she had been subjected in her search for employment, and she had financially become reduced to the hardest and most poorly paid of all female labor, plain sewing. It was a hard trial for poor Grace who had no love for sewing, and a dumb tale of misery was told by the thin, tired fingers. A cruel stab by the hated needle caused her to throw herself face downward across the hard bed and give way to uncontrollable emotion.

She had been working steadily all day upon a dainty linen skirt for a belle on Fifth avenue, and it was with the proceeds of her labor that she hoped to buy her evening meal. Grace was a romantic girl and a dreamer; and as she stitched she said to herself that perhaps, as it was Christmas, and they were all accordingly happy, they would forgive her for coming on such a day for the money for her work; and she pictured this avenue beauty as a sort of good fairy who would drop a little something extra in her palm just by way of doing a good deed on a good day.

In her haste to finish the tedious task, in an unguarded moment the envious needle, as though jealous of her ambitious thoughts, buried itself deep in her delicate finger, and the blood spurting from the ugly wound defaced the snowy whiteness of the skirt she was finishing.

What was she to do? The stain was slight—to wash it would only tend to increase the blemish—she could not hope that the work would be accepted without being examined. So, with fear and trembling in her heart, she tied up her parcel and made her way to the magnificent residence, already ablaze in preparation for the evening's festivities.

"Show the person in," said a clear, cold voice, and the mistress of the house, surrounded by a bevy of lovely girls, was so lost in her admiration of the gorgeous presents spread out before them that the absurdity of asking a shabbily-attired sewing girl into the spacious apartment did not for the moment occur to her. Grace, however, was utterly forgotten, and, crouching in the corner like a stray cat, afraid to move or speak, her presence was indeed unknown.

"Oh, yes," exclaimed the belle, with a light laugh, "this is from Walter Fletcher," at the same time extending for inspection a glove-box of magnificent workmanship with her monogram incrusted on the lid in diamonds so bright that they made Grace shade her eyes lest their light should pierce them.

"He has proposed, girls, and is coming to-night for his answer; now, I just want you to see what a dance I am going to lead him. He is so awfully absurd with his straight-faced sincerity; do you know that I think a man very laughable who is so terribly in earnest? You shall see his present carelessly neglected in some odd corner and the place of honor given to Frank Rand's, yonder. Do you know, he is positively jealous of Frank? I intend to refuse him; it is always better to refuse a man at first, you know; he appreciates one more afterwards. Of course, I intend to marry Walter eventually; he is so awfully rich and not half bad-looking."

Grace, feeling indignant at such sentiments and guilty at having overheard them, came forward, forming a sorry contrast to the daintily-attired butterflies of fashion, and startled the girls, who each gave a frightened little shriek as though an apparition had appeared among them. Collecting herself and commanding her voice as best she could she explained her business, while the wrathful beauty, irritated at the intrusion, hastily tore the bundle and shook the folds of the skirt so that the light from the chandelier shone remorselessly on the tell-tale blood stain.

An ugly and malicious look crossed the face of Ethel Winter. She fixed her angry, cruel eyes on poor Grace, who shrank with fear, and whose lips were vainly endeavoring to form words of explanation.

"Why have you dared to present yourself here at such an hour and on such a day?" came harshly from the mouth that looked made only for kisses, "and why have you returned my work spoiled—utterly and absolutely spoiled? Money? Did any one ever hear of such insolence! No, indeed, not one penny; rather do you owe me for my ruined linen. And let this be the last time that you apply to my maid for work. Here, Adele, show this person down the servants' stairway."

Grace felt suffocated. She reached the stairway somehow, and, staggering forward, would have fallen had not the prosperous-looking maid (to whom Christmas was evidently a gala day, so far as generous tips were concerned), detained her with gentle hand, and, with a tear of compassion in her eye, thrust something into Grace's hand, which, when she reached her humble quarters, she found to be money.

That simple act of kindness melted the pent-up sorrows and emotions of the young girl's heart, and, throwing herself across her couch, she wept as if her heart would break.

Grace Tremaine was a dreamer. All day long, as she sat and sewed, she would weave strange fancies and almost unconsciously form them into verse or prose. On stray bits of paper, on the backs of boxes, on the fly leaves of old books, the singings of her soul found outlet as freely and as easily as a bird trills its note simply because the music is in his soul and must break forth.

When the story of her grief had passed, she threw open her low window and leaned far out into the sharp, frosty air. The streets were ablaze with lights, distant music and happy voices reached her ears, and she contrasted with bitter feelings her own sad fate with that of the joyous circle assembled in the magnificent residence from which she had been so harshly ejected.

As she thought, she wrote; and when she had finished her writing, by a sudden impulse, she signed her name. Some strange fatality surely must have guided her hand; for as her head fell back, overcome by sleep, unconscious of the biting air, a gust of wind snatched the sheet from her loosened fingers, and, passing it from one gale to another, wafted it—who knows whither?

Almost at the time when Grace Tremaine's sorrows were forgotten in sleep, a young man was to be seen half reeling down the steps of a brownstone mansion on Fifth avenue, and the light from a street-lamp revealed handsome features, but pale and with a dazed look, as though stunned by a blow.

"SHOW THIS PERSON DOWN THE SERVANTS' STAIRWAY."

"By Jove! Walter, old chap, you look all broke up," exclaimed a faultlessly-attired young fellow, who accosted him as he reached the sidewalk.

"I beg you to excuse me, Mr. Rand, I—" and Walter Fletcher would have passed him rudely, with a bitterness at his heart toward the man who had robbed him of the woman he loved, had not the other intercepted him.

"I say, old chap, do you think it is quite right to treat a fellow like this?" continued Frank Rand, with a look of genuine compassion in his eyes, and at the same time extending his hand with frank sincerity. "You have been giving me the cold shoulder for some time, and I know the reason why. You are being played with by an arrant flirt, and she has let you go this time, only to land you when she thinks the torture inflicted has been sufficient. Now don't attempt to vindicate her; I know all about it. She has been making me her cat's-paw, but I assure you, old fellow, that there has not been the slightest suspicion of an affair between us, and and to prove it, I may tell you that I love the sweetest girl in New York, and have asked her to be my wife. There, old boy, brace up and forget all about this unpleasant affair; the woman is not worthy of you. Take a cigarette and you will feel better. What! no matches? Well, there is a bit of paper just at your feet, and you can get a light from the torch yonder by the apple stand. Good-bye, old fellow; do we part friends?" And the warm, hearty clasp of Walter Fletcher's hand spoke more than his lips could utter.

Walter Fletcher decided to profit by his friend's advice, and he was proceeding to convert the bit of paper into a lighter, when his eyes became fixed, as though fascinated, on the delicate tracery thereon.

Hastily unfolding it, he drank in the beauty of a poem whose loftiness of thought and delicacy of execution he had not often seen equalled in his years

"TAKE A CIGARETTE, AND YOU WILL FEEL BETTER."

as a journalist and publisher. He read it again and again, and noticed the name amended—such a beautiful name, too—Grace Tremaine—and such a beautiful hand—delicate and sensitive, yet full of character.

He wondered who the girl could be—a genius undoubtedly—yet he had never heard her name in literary circles, and then the poem—surely it had never been published—such an exquisite creation would have been copied throughout the country. Something seemed to tell him that that eloquent messenger had been blown at his feet by fate; however, he decided to give it a prominent place in the New Year's issue of his magazine, which would amaze the gifted unknown if nothing else. He would also publish an editorial explaining the episode, and he was willing to pay any price for the sake of the adventure.

It is New Year's day, and a soft, feathery snow fills the air, busy feet are hurrying hither and thither, bright, cheery faces look out from woolen hoods or rich seal-skins, men muffled up in great coats, and happy children almost lost in a wealth of plush and fur.

How joyful is the world! At least Grace Tremaine thought so, with a sick feeling at her heart, ill and almost hopeless, as she made her way among the throng, hardly knowing where she was going or why she was there. An elegantly dressed lady, impatient at her slow pace, and eager to pass, pushed her rudely aside, and she would have fallen had not a gentleman hurried forward, and with gentle hand restored her to her equilibrium. The lady, looking up quickly, caught the eye of the man, and a swift look of recognition passed between them, which was followed by no outward demonstration of courtesy. On the face of one was hate, on that of the other contempt.

Leaning against a lighted show-case, Grace soon became lost in admiration of the beautiful sights before her. The gentleman standing near her watched with intense interest and admiration the beautiful, sad-faced girl who seemed to have forgotten her sorrows in the enjoyment of the beautiful things displayed in the window; then he started forward to render her such assistance as he could, for surely she must be ill. Her gaze was fixed as though it would consume something before her, the tears started to her eyes, and, placing her hand to her head, she reeled as though stunned.

"Are you ill?" he asked, compassionately, and Grace, recognizing in him the gentleman who had so kindly assisted her but a few moments before, answered "No," while the tears were flooding her cheeks.

"I—I—was reading that poem, sir, and—"

"I see," he answered, without allowing her to proceed; "you were reading that poem, and it was so very beautiful that it made you cry. There is a story connected with that poem. I will tell it to you." When he had finished he added: "And there is a handsome sum of money waiting at my office for the writer whenever she chooses to call for it."

"A—sum—of—money?" But Grace could say no more, for her voice was choked with sobs, and she buried her face in her hands.

"Yes, a sum of money," he answered, puzzled at this demonstration of grief. "Why do you cry, my poor child? Are *you* in need of money?"

"Yes," she answered, brokenly, "very much in need—of money—and I—I—am Grace Tremaine."

Need the rest be told? A few years later two women are obliged to meet occasionally in society; one is unmarried, the other is the gifted and famous wife of Walter Fletcher, the wealthy publisher.

Can you guess which is the most admired by the world—the once beautiful girl now hardened by disappointment and remorse, or the mild, happy face made radiant with love and good will towards all.—Drake's Magazine.

CALENDAR FOR 1891.

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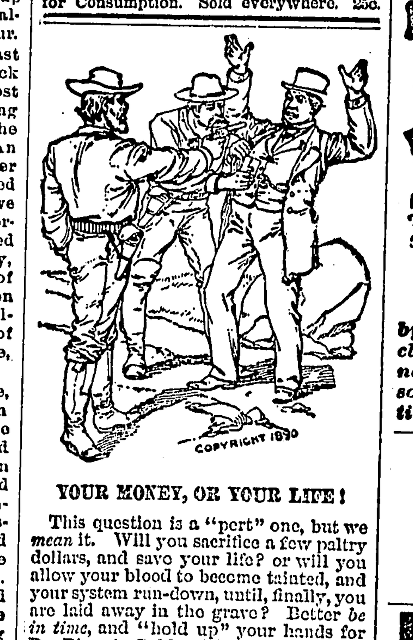

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West Delhi.

The following officers, all quite young men, but talented and well worthy of the honor, were elected by the West Delhi P. of I.: Colonel Hout, President; Walter Gunn, Vice President; Herbert E. Gunn, Secretary; Wm. Chapman, Treasurer; Bert Elliott, Guide. And as the usual custom is to *promote* the retiring President, Cornelius Driscoll was made sentinel. After giving Mr. Driscoll this great honor he was called upon for an inaugural speech. But he was so overcome with the honor (or laughter) that he refused to gratify us. A spirited debate was held after the election. The question being resolved that the P. of I. is as good an order for the farmer as the alliance. The judges decided in the negative.

The North Delhi alliance also had an enjoyable time last Saturday evening. After the usual order of business the part of the lecture was enlivened by music by the Messrs. Elwood and the Mesdames Moore and Maguire and a declamation by Mr. Theron North, which was so vividly rendered that the listener in spite of himself was carried to the banks of the Rio Grande, and there entered the wild, free life of the cowboy of the western plain. His life, his love, his very danger for a time seemed ours. I am informed Mr. North has had his training from a gentleman of national reputation as an elocutionist. This added to natural ability, makes his speaking a success. Mrs. Moore also gave a short reading and this ended the program. But essays, debates and lectures from talent procured from abroad is to be what we are to have this winter. Who says North Delhi is not awake?

West Aurelius.

Will Henry and bride visited Noah Snyder's folks in Delhi Saturday night.

Will O'Brian and family, of Leslie, were at Frank Eckhart's Sunday.

Miss Frankie Keene goes home to Dansville for the holidays.

An oyster supper at J. Mull's Tuesday night.

A Christmas tree at the Robbins M. E. church.

A Christmas tree at J. J. Slaughter's.

O. M. Robertson and family visited friends at Potreville Sunday.

The Misses Halsey are at home from Olivet for the holidays.

Barney Davis at the centre has sold his farm.

Bert Brown will work Mrs. Margaret Simpson's farm this coming year.

The word "Detroit" in last weeks items should have been Delhi.

J. C. Hogoboom and wife visited friends in Leroy over Sunday.

The most of the contents of Daniel Mackey's house were saved. Fully insured in the Mutual.

O. M. Robertson received a dozen Chinese sacred lily buds from Dr. H. J. Webb, of Pullman, Wash. They look like a white onion now, but in six weeks will be a mass of fragrant flowers which last for weeks. They are set in water, changing every few days.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bunker, December 21st, 1890, a daughter.

Wheatfield.

Mr. Whitman, of O., has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. VanValkenburg.

J. Salisbury's little son Leo, who has been ill, is improving.

Wesley Ash, of Bowling Green, O., is spending the holidays with friends in this vicinity.

Henry Traver and wife, of Gratiot county, are spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Traver Sen.

A. J. Fenn and family, of Mason, spent Christmas with relatives in this vicinity.

Edward Stoffer is home for the holidays.

A pleasant surprise was given Nellie Traver on last Friday evening, it being her birthday anniversary. After the usual enjoyable time was had, as is customary on such occasions, she was presented with a beautiful plush photograph album. Jennie Stoffer was also the recipient of a fine book of poems.

Holt.

Cold but pleasant weather.

The revival meetings at the M. E. church have closed.

There will be a temperance lecture and singing at the Presbyterian church December 30.

Christmas trees at the M. and German Methodist.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenaway and family, of Fowlerville, spent Christmas with Mrs. G's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowersocks, of Toledo, Frank Owen, of Toledo, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crouch, of Shaftsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Switzgable, of DeWitt, Miss Emma Ohlinger, Mrs. Willie Watson and children, of Maurice, Mrs. Lindsley, of Alaiedon, Mr. D. Shea, of Bay City, spent their Christmas with their respective friends in Holt. Also W. Exener.

Alaiedon.

Mrs. E. Beardsley is failing rapidly.

Mrs. F. I. Darling and family, of Grand Rapids, are spending the holidays at H. J. Haight's.

The children and grand-children of Mr. and Mrs. G. Fellows met at their home Christmas eve. and joined in the festivities of a real, old fashoned Christmas tree. It was an enjoyable event.

Died, at his home, Sunday morning, December 28, of heart failure, J. C. Ingraham, an old and respected citizen.

Died, at her home, Sunday morning, December 28, after a brief illness of cerebral meningitis and brain fever, Miss Libbie Folar, aged 20 years and five months. Deceased was a member of the class of '90 and graduated with honors from the Mason schools last June. She was a lovely girl, seemingly too frail and beautiful for this world, and "like a broken lily dying" passed peacefully and quietly over the river. She leaves a father, two sisters and one brother to mourn the loss of a loving daughter and an affectionate sister. The bereaved family have the sympathy of a host of friends. The funeral services were held at her late residence Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Barnes and the remains interred in the Mason cemetery.

Observations of the weather taken each day at noon during the month of December show the highest temperature to have been 44°, lowest 20°, average 29°; 10 inches of snow and one inch of rain fell during the month. December contained 26 days of fair weather.

Locke.

The four P. of I. societies have gone down, and nothing have taken their place. The Patrons were flourishing till the democrat octopus tried to swallow them, and then republicans bolted. They joined the order with the understanding that they were not to be delivered over to any party. Some remained to be delivered, others kicked when the cords were being bound about their feet preparatory to being thrown into the democrat calf rack. Pity that enough of the Patrons and Alliance men hadn't kicked hard enough to upset the vehicle. The Alliance seems to be going that same road that the P. of I. has gone into the democratic maelstrom. If these organizations had told the scheming politicians of that party to keep their meddling hands off from them they would be much the stronger for it and would accomplish much good for farmers. But no movement, good or bad, can spring up in this country, that the all-devouring democracy does not jump straddle of before it is a week old. That famine stricken party must have something to live on, and so it pounces on the first thing that comes along that promises a square meal. If it was not for such movements it would die, and it wouldn't be the death of the righteous either. It has tried so many times to beat the republican party in an honest open field fight and failed, that it has made up its mind that its only chance of success is to fight by strategem, by proxy behind other parties, by starting side issues, by creating other parties when it can't find any in the field willing to be purchased. If it had not been for the greenback and labor parties it could not have carried the country in 1882. If it had not been for the same parties and the prohibition party it would have been badly beaten in 1884, and but for the Alliance it would not have triumphed in 1890. Its only hope of success seems to be to breed disaffection toward the government in one section of the land or other, and stir up the disaffected to independent political action, and come around in the fullness of time and gobble up the movement. When the deluded ones get their eyes open to the confidence game that has been played upon them, (which takes several years), it goes somewhere else for the time, and plays its game, and stirs up more mischief. When it can't find any more victims it goes back and tries either a new game on the old crop of fools, or the old game on a new crop that has grown up since. And as the race of fools never dies out entirely, and the infernal ingenuity of the vagabond old mischiefmaker and fraud has no apparent limit and as this country is a big one to work in, it can never be expected to change its tactics. Its love for the dear, mortgage-ridden tariff-nursed people is well inexhaustible. It patted the greenbackers on the back for several years and shed enough tears over their woes to float an iron clad, and then crocodile-like swallowed them. It caressed the prohibitionists later, and yet, there seems to be too much water about them. It is now giving the Alliance a veritable bear hug. In fact it is in love with anything that is likely to draw more votes away from the republican party than from its own. Next February it is going to start a new party called by some high sounding name to fool the people. Although the Alliance has more strength south than north, the new party will be put in republican states only. The democrat members of the Alliance know what they are about. They are under instructions to so act as to draw at least ten times more votes from republicans than from democrats. The Florida convention antagonized the former as much and the latter as little as it dared to. No more transparent fraud ever was hatched than this new party will prove to be. Barnum never put a bigger one on the road. In '92 it will be trotted out. The Trojan horse was nowhere by the side of it.

South West Leroy.

Charles Brown returned to Grand Rapids last Tuesday after a two weeks' visit in this vicinity.

F. E. Liverance and wife entertained friends from Lansing over Sunday.

Ed. Richardson and wife spent Christmas eve. and Christmas with H. N. Fellows and wife.

Charlie Culver, of Howell, is visiting his father, Levi Culver, of this place.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Cady district will meet at the residence of Mrs. M. J. Huston on Friday, January 2nd, at 10 o'clock A. M. A large crowd expected and a pleasant time.

Bert Fellows and wife of Williamston, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bunker of this place.

Quite a company of young people were entertained at Levi Culver's on Christmas night. They were treated to a grand oyster supper and after a few hours spent in pleasant and happy conversation they departed for their homes feeling that they had indeed spent both a merry and a happy Christmas eve.

The lyceum at the Baker school house last Saturday evening on account of the very cold and bad weather, was but poorly attended. The question, *Resolved*, That woman has more influence over mankind than money was decided in the affirmative. They will meet again next Saturday evening, and the question, *Resolved*, That the Negro has suffered more at the hands of the white man than the Indian, will be argued. The chief disputants are H. N. Fellows for the affirmative, and Dell Baker for the negative. Everybody invited to attend.

Henry Traver and family, of Ithaca, are visiting at his father's, Geo. Traver, through the holidays.

The Christmas tree at the Baker school house on Christmas evening was a grand success. The tree was loaded down with costly and beautiful presents. The house was crowded, the music and exercices were fine, and the little people immensely pleased. But the great feature of the entertainment, and that which pleased the children the most, was "Santa Claus," who acted his part to perfection making prime fun for the girls and boys and adding much to the muriment of the evening.

Howard's Corners.

Clara Dakin, of Cleary's Business College, Ypsilanti, is spending the holidays with her people.

Willie Hunt, of Greenfield, is visiting at his grandfather's, Andrew Hunt.

An infant child of Mr. Nichols was buried in Howard's cemetery last Thursday.

Mrs. John Chase, of Lansing, is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. Dunsmore.

A. J. Hunt and wife visited in Greenfield Christmas.

E. E. Miller, of Chicago, called on friends in this vicinity the first of the week.

Addison Densmore has sold eighty acres of his place to Walter Fosdick, of Ypsilanti, who will take possession of same by the middle of January.

Millville.

Happy New Year to all.

May White is no better.

The Free Methodists continue their meetings this week at the Wilson school house.

Social at W. H. Post's Wednesday evening, December 31.

The Christmas tree at the grange hall was a success. The exercises were interesting and entertaining. Among the many who received presents were Mrs. Nettie Carter, who received a gold watch, and Mrs. S. N. Scoville an upholstered rocking chair.

The annual election of the officers of White Oak grange, No. 241, occured last Saturday night with the following result. W. M., Thomas Patrick; W. O., E. Binding; L., Mrs. J. R. Potter; S., Samuel Proctor; Chap., Geo. H. Proctor; Sec., C. T. Patrick; A. S., E. Kimball; Treas., S. N. Scoville; G. K., Thomas Gillam; P., Lottie Post; F., May Grimes; C., Lettie Kimball; L. A. S., Mrs. E. Kimball.

Dansville.

Perry Glynn had the misfortune to loose one of his best horses last week.

Miss Frankie Keene is teaching school in the township of Aurelius.

E. E. Miller, who is clerking in Chicago, is home on a visit.

Mrs. J. M. Royce was visiting in Lansing last week.

Doyl Dayton is now working at his trade in Wyandotte.

The Dayton Family Bell Ringers gave an exhibition at the Baptist church last Friday night to a fair sized audience.

Abram Hendricks, Jr., son of Abram Hendricks of this township, died last week at Minneapolis, Minn. He leaves a wife and one child who were here at the time of his death.

Mrs. W. C. Grayson and Jessie Montgomery, *nee* Ridgely, were in town this week.

The Christmas tree entertainments at all three churches passed off very pleasantly. The churches were nicely decorated and the trees loaded with very nice presents.

Theo. Hoffman and Jacob Dakin returned Tuesday from their western trip.

Miss Clara Dakin is home on a visit during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Osborne are in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Dakin, of Ann Arbor, are here on a visit.

Fitchburg.

R. E. Dewey, who has been working at Rockford, Ill., the past year, is home on a visit. He expects to return in a few weeks.

A novel surprise party was given to Mrs. Force last Saturday afternoon. It was composed of several little girls between the ages of 5 and 12 years, who with their luncheon and presents called on the old lady and spent a very happy afternoon. Mrs. Force is nearly 88 years of age, and enjoyed the occasion fully as well as her young callers.

The Patrons of Industry at the hall Saturday night, elected the following officers for the year 1891: Master, Frank W. Havens; Overseer, John Creig; Lecturer, Z. B. Dewey; Steward, A. C. Lawrence; Assistant Steward, Frank Brown; Chaplain, John Miller; Secretary, Mrs. Bell Lawrence; Gate Keeper, Homer Chase; Treasurer, Frank Parman; Pomona, Miss Grace Creig; Flora, Mrs. Jennie Parman; Ceres, Mrs. Emma McKinder; Lady Steward, Miss Carrie Havenes.

The installment of officers at the grange hall, takes place January 10.

Leslie.

Miss Maude Mehan, of Mason, visited friends here this week.

Miss Maggie Price, of Jackson, is the guest of Miss Fanny Rumsey.

Miss Kittie Blake spent the holidays in Chicago.

C. D. Champman and wife spent last week in Stanton.

Mrs. John Young, of Vicksburg, is visiting her parents, Dr. J. Woodworth and wife.

Mrs. Edgar and daughter of Manchester, are visiting at A. Yong's.

Miss Kingsley, of Detroit, is the guest of her cousin Earl Hahn.

Larned DeWitt was arrested last Saturday for stealing a watch from David Crowley. Pleaded guilty and was fined $15 or 65 days imprisonment. His son came home just in time to pay his fine and let him go.

Russell Godfrey, of Grand Rapids, was shaking hands with old friends here last week.

There was a family reunion at Jotham Shaw's Christmas.

Some sneak thief broke into Henry Hawley's cellar last week when the family were away from home and stole canned fruit, potatoes, etc.

Died, at the home of his father in the north part of town, December 25, Henry Hurdy.

There was a party at Union Hall Monday evening.

Amos and Samuel Lawrence, Irwin Knapp, A. A. Lumbard, W. W. Pierson and Jas. Wheaton were in Corunna three days last week as witnesses in the case of Webb vs. Curtis.

The citizens organized a literary club last Friday evening and elected M. E. Rumsey president; Jas. Blackmore and General Davis Vice presidents; A. J. Wilson, treasurer; and B. M. Gould, secretary. If you hear any unusual noise you will now know from whence it comes.

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White Oak.

The Rev. D. J. Odell, of Trenton, visited friends in this vicinity last week.

Mr. George L. Carter and wife, of this place, have an invitation to attend the wedding of Mr. Bert Stevens and Miss Juna Smith, of Pine Lake, Wednesday, at 5 P. M., December 31.

Mr. Dan Dutcher and wife, of White Oak are spending the holidays with Mrs. D's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Homes, of Goodells, St. Clair county.

Go and make your shadow at the social at Will Post's Wednesday night.

O yes, Ingham fixed the bridge on the town line this fall. All right, but do a better job next time.

The L. A. S., of White Oak and Leroy will meet at the home of Mrs. M. J. Huston Friday, January 2.

Mr. Samuel Brooks, of Byron, is visiting relatives in Ingham.

Northwest Aurelius.

Fine weather and fine roads.

Roger Hall, of Tennessee, who has been visiting friends here for the past two weeks, started for the northern part of the state last Monday.

There is to be a dance at Miles Collins' on New Year's night.

Last Saturday Mrs. Nelson Clark had the misfortune to break her left arm. Dr. Wilkins, of Eaton Rapids, reduced the fracture and she is doing well.

H. E. Wright, of Mason, was on our streets yesterday for the first time since his serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins will celebrate their silver wedding on New Year's day.

Mr. Berry was driving his promising Pocahontas Prince colt yesterday and Bert Collins was driving his Goldenbow filly.

Christmas day, December 25, 1890, being the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo May, of Aurelius, it was properly celebrated at the residence of Jacob Baker. About seventy friends and neighbors were present. Those from abroad were Chauncy Guest and wife, of Grand Rapids; David May and wife, of Leslie; Sumner May and wife, of Alaiedon; Geo. May and wife, of Dansville. The presents were numerous and beautiful as well as valuable. After a sumptuous repast all the friends retired to their homes, feeling that the occasion was one of the most enjoyable of their lives, Mr. and Mrs. May are a very estimable couple, and worthy of all the respect shown them.

Resolutions of G. E. P. of I. No. 1375.

WHEREAS, The great Ruler of the Universe has in his infinite wisdom, removed from our midst our beloved brother, Chaney B. Shattuck, and;

WHEREAS, The intimate relationship held during the brief organization of the P. of I. makes it fitting that we record our appreciation of him;

Resolved, That in the death of our esteemed brother, this Order looses an efficient and worthy member and;

Resolved, That in deep sympathy with the afflicted relatives and friends of the deceased, we express an earnest hope that even so great a bereavement may be over-ruled for their greatest good.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions with the deep sympathy of the Order, of which the deceased was a worthy member, be presented to the afflicted widow.

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The Christmas tree at Harvey Rolfe's last Wednesday evening was well attended. The trees were heavily laden with many beautiful and useful presents and old Santa made himself very conspicuous. It made a lively time for all, and at a late hour they departed feeling that they had had a *good time*.

For some time The Detroit News has been hinting that it had a surprise in store for its readers. Now the announcement has been made that they will publish a beautiful and useful magazine every three months, and present it free to every one of their regular subscribers. The magazine will be called "The Quarterly Register of Current History," and will contain the history of the whole world with beautiful illustrations. The first issue will appear during the month of February. Full particulars about this new enterprise can be found in The Evening News.

Merchants who have on hand 250 pounds or more of tobacco in unbroken stamped packages on January 1st, 1891, will be entitled to a rebate of two cents per pound. They will be required to take an inventory January 1st, in the presence of two disinterested witnesses, who must count each package, enter it upon tally sheets, sign the sheets and leave them with the merchant. The witnesses cannot be clerks in the store or claimants for tobacco tax rebate. Broken packages cannot be counted. There is no rebate for less than 250 pounds. Every merchant in the counties of Clinton, Gratiot, Ingham, Jackson or Calhoun who is entitled to the rebate, and fails to receive the proper blanks, should apply to Otis Fuller, deputy collector of internal revenue, St. Johns, Mich.

Death of a Pioneer.

Chancy B. Shattuck died at his home in Vevay December 27. He was born at Rochester, N.Y., December 15, 1818. In 1844 he went to Massachusetts where, in 1846, he was married to Nancy Chapman, and in 1851 he returned to Rochester. In 1854 they came to Michigan and settled in Vevay. He was thus 72 years old at his death and had been married 44 years. Six children and his widow survive him, and two daughters are deceased. Of the remaining children Mrs. Geo. Webb, Mrs. Horace Blodgett, Mrs. Will Northrup and Mr. Loren Shattuck and Mr. Geo. Shattuck are living here. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church last Sunday at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. A. Barnes, and interment took place in the city cemetery.

Advertised Letter List.

MASON, Mich., Dec. 22, 1890.

Benjamin, Mr. H.	Brower, Miss Carrie
Cowen, Mr. W. D.	Chandler, Lillie
Edgerton, Geo.	Hunt, Geo.
Phillips, D. T.	Potter, Charles
Potter, Walker	
Davis, Mrs. Hannah	Davis, Mr. Fred
Granes, John	Reasoner, Miss Nettie
Reed, Mrs. A. L.	Price, Mr. Hurley
Parker, A. B. G.	Wright, John W.

Persons calling for the above letters, please say advertised. HARRY O. CALL, P. M.

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REPORT of the condition of the Farmers Bank at Mason, Michigan, at the close of business, Dec. 19, 1890.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	$188,078.31
Stocks, bonds, mortgages, etc	31,332.08
Overdrafts	214.17
Due from banks in reserve cities	10,167.50
Furniture and fixtures	1,300.00
Current expenses and taxes paid	612.89
Checks and cash items	178.50
Nickels and pennies	18.60
Gold	1,470.00
Silver	1,338.03
U. S. and National Bank Notes	8,039.00
Total	$242,749.71
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	$75,000.00
Surplus fund	1,500.00
Undivided profits	13,069.27
Commercial deposits	148,185.04
Notes and bills rediscounted	9,995.40
Total	$242,749.71

State of Michigan, County of Ingham, ss:
I, J. M. Dresser, cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. M. DRESSER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20th day of Dec., 1890.
A. J. HALL, Notary Public, Mason, Ingham County, Michigan. [L. S.]

Correct—Attest:
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WHEAT, No. 2, white	@ 85
WHEAT, No. 2, red	@ 87
WHEAT, rejected	
CORN, per hundred (new)	@ 30
OATS, per bushel	@ 40
CLOVER SEED, per bushel	@3 00
TIMOTHY SEED, per bushel	@1 75
Rye per bushel	60
MISCELLANEOUS.	
SALT, Saginaw, per barrel	@1 00
BEANS, unpicked, per bushel	@1 50
POTATOES, per bushel	@ 50
EGGS, fresh, per dozen	@ 22
LARD, per pound	
BUTTER, per pound	@ 14
APPLES, dried, per pound	@ 5
CHERRIES, dried, per pound	@ 10
PEACHES, dried, per pound	10@ 12
ONIONS, per bushel	@ 75
AGRICULTURAL SALT, per ton	@6 00
LAND PLASTER, per ton	5 50@6 00
LIVE STOCK AND MEATS.	
CATTLE, per 100 pounds	2 50@3 00
HOGS, per 100 pounds	3 00@3 00
PORK, dressed, per 100 pounds	@4 00
HAMS, per pound	8@ 9
CHICKENS, per pound, dressed	@ 08
CHICKENS, per pound, alive	@ 5
TURKEYS, per pound, alive	@ 8
DUCKS, per pound, alive	6@ 7
DUCKS, per pound, dressed	@ 9
BUILDING MATERIAL.	
WATER LIME, per barrel	@1 5
CALCINED PLASTER, per barrel	@2 5
LIME, per barrel	@ 75
PLASTERING HAIR, per bushel	@ 30
SHINGLES, per thousand	1 00@4 00
LATH, per M feet	4 00@5 0

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ATTORNEYS.

E. S. AVERY Attorney and Counselor at law. Office over Farmers' Bank.

LAWTON T. HEMANS, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT law. Office over First National bank, Mason, Mich.

L. REED, ATTORNEY AT LAW. OFFICE in Rayner block over City Bakery.

PHYSICIANS.

G. H. FERGUSON, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, Mason. Office over P. O., 8 to 10 A. M.; 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 P. M. 461y

S. H. CULVER, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. OFFICE over L. C. Webb's Clothing Store, Mason, Michigan. 1234tf

G. D. GREEN, M. D., HOMEOPATHIST, Office in Polar Block, up-stairs. Residence first door east of Presbyterian Church.

W. W. ROOT, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. OFFICE hours from one to two, and from six to seven P. M.

A. B. CAMPBELL, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. OFFICE over H. M. Williams' drug store, Mason.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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C. L. CASTERLIN, LOAN, COLLECTION, INSURANCE AND Real Estate Brokers. Office over Stroud & Co.'s Furniture Store Mason, Mich.

DR. GEO. C. MOODY, VETERINARY Surgeon and Dentist, (graduate Ontario Veterinary College). Treats all diseases of Horses and Cattle. Will attend calls day and night. Office and residence corner A and Mill-sts., Mason, Mich. 1503y1

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SOUTHWARD.

	a. m.	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.
Mason	8:12	10:11	5:40	9:17
Jackson	9:05	11:05	6:45	10:00
Chicago	4:35	p. m. 4:50		a. m. 6:40
Detroit	12:10	6:15	10:45	6:15
St. Thomas	p. m. 4:05	10:55	2:00	p. m. 10:10
Niagara Falls	7:18	a. m. 2:27	5:20	4:12

NORTHWARD.

	a. m.	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.
Mason	7:48	11:28	5:30	9:55
Lansing	8:12	11:50	6:15	10:15
Owosso	9:02	p. m. 12:42	7:05	Lansi'g Acc'n.
Bay City	a. m. 11:20	Owosso Acc'n.	9:15	
Mackinaw	9:00		a. m. 6:30	

O. W. RUGGLES, Gen'l Pass. and Ticket Agent, Chicago.
M. J. MURRAY, Ticket Agent, Mason.

NEWS NOTES.

Court is proceeding slowly.

Hon. C. C. Fitch is now law making.

Leslie has a literary society named Phi Beta Gama.

The board of supervisors finish their labors this week.

This is the week of prayer. Meetings every evening.

O. J. Hood is again assisting in the office of the register of deeds.

The library fund in Ingham county last year received $922 from fines.

County officers took in the democratic jubilee at Lansing yesterday.

Mrs. R. Watkins, of Ionia, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Shank.

Martin Kelly is now employed by Eugene Robertson at North Lansing.

H. Gibbs and A. Doxtader, of Onondaga, were in town on probate business last Monday.

Mrs. A. R. Hardy and infant daughter spent the holidays with her parents in Meridian.

Mr. J. D. Eldridge, of Auburn, Indiana, was the guest of the Wolf sisters over Sunday.

Millbury & Smith, the marble cutters, report more good work than at any previous time.

Mrs. I. E. Hamilton, of this county, gets a clerkship in the new Auditor General's office.

Take in the Russian Wedding Feast at Kimmel's book store to-morrow afternoon at 2:30. *

Clifford Taylor has gone to Memphis, Tenn., where he is employed in the laundry business.

The probate court has confirmed the sale of the T. J. Bates place in this city to F. E. Densmore.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Lee, of Bunkerhill, returned last Saturday from a few days' visit in Saginaw.

Seneca R. Curry spent the holidays with many old friends in Phelps and other New York localities.

H. Wilkerson and daughter, of Onondaga, were in attendance upon circuit court here last Monday.

Rev. A. F. Niles, of Dansville, returned from the Baptist ministers' meeting at Albion last Monday.

To-morrow evening Mr. L. E. Hawley will favor the people at the Du-Bois school house with a lecture on "Some Recollections of Army Life."

Frank B. Whipple has finished his railroad work and telegraphing in northern Michigan and is again with his aged father, Randolph Whipple, to work the farm.

Judge Cahill is again hard at work in his circuit court practice. While his service on the supreme bench was brief it was in quality most satisfactory to his friends and was very able throughout. He retires to practice again with excellent record wherever he has been called.

"Where's my wife?" he asked p... ently.

"Come with me," said Mr. Dra... "and I'll show you," and he forthwi... led the way to the parson's house. Ju... as they arrived at the door two m... hurried up who greeted Lawrence eff... sively. They were relatives of h... from Kansas City, arrived by a w... train from New York, Johnson ha... ing caught an express at the sam... hour. The relatives looked at Law... rence sharply and seemed to wond... whether he was all right or not, but ... refrained from explaining himself un...

NOW you can get the INGHAM COUNTY NEWS and the Detroit Tribune one year for $1.90. The NEWS and the Michigan Farmer cost $2.05 for one year. The NEWS, the Tribune and the Farmer all for $2.75. Any other paper or periodical, if taken with the NEWS, at greatly reduced rates. *

Hermie Skinners, of Aurelius, is visiting friends and relatives at Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Munson, of Charlotte, spent New Year's at Herbert Karker's.

Mrs. Fanny Butler is now her brother's private and corresponding secretary at Lansing.

Col. Snook reports 125 present at the reunion of his old regiment at Jackson last week.

Rev. J. A. Fisher, of New York, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening.

College students are getting back to their work again. Roy Miller will go as soon as the measles surrender him.

The creamery ice house is now well stored with the article. It is of a fine quality seven or eight inches in thickness.

Dwight Cole, assistant draftsman to Orla Root for Lansing Iron and Engine Works was in Mason New Year's day.

The annual meeting of the Baptist church of this city will be held next Tuesday at 2 o'clock P. M. at the church.

The citizens of Lansing presented Governor and Mrs. Cyrus G. Luce an elegant silver tea set last Thursday evening.

The Central Mutual Fire insurance Company at Fort Wayne, Ind., has decided to discontinue business owing to recent heavy losses.

Married, at the Hotel Horton in this city January 1st, by Rev. J. A. Barnes, Daniel Purcell and Miss Hattie M. Hall, both of Aurelius.

To every subscriber of the Evening News will be given a picture of the Russian Wedding Feast Friday afternoon, at Kimmel's book store. *

Wright's chapel, in Iosco, was dedicated December 28. It has a seating capacity of 250, the interior is finished in antique oak, and it cost $1,100.

Teachers are requested to bring to the next association samples of pupils' work in map drawing, language work and etc. C. M. YOUNG.

The entertainment at No. 6, Delhi, Saturday night, was a success. Remember their debate there January 10 on the subject of promiscuous dancing.

Maude Rhodes, teacher in the primary department of Webberville schools, spent her vacation with her parents here. Excellent success in her work is reported.

E. C. Russell has procured 10 fine black top merino sheep of Mr. Harsha, of Union, and farmers will be interested in looking them over. They promise to be a successful breed.

Married, at the Presbyterian parsonage in this city, December 31, by Rev. J. A. Barnes, Charles Grover and Miss Alice Stark, both of Leroy. Also Joseph B. Jeffords and Mary L. Jeffords of Leslie.

The Eaton Rapids Journal states that Mr. Mackey, whose house was recently burned in Aurelius, claims to hold a policy in the farmers mutual which was issued to him last July. We shall be glad to learn that Mr. Mackey was fully insured.

The sale of the undivided one-fourth interest of the Bowerman property in Onondaga to Albert Porter is now a settled thing. The court confirmed the sale. Mr. Porter gets the undivided one-fourth of 320 acres for $4,400. It was at guardian sale.

The literary society enjoyed some excellent papers last Friday evening. They meet again on Friday evening, January 16 and will discuss the subject "The Earth." It is divided as follows: Its Origen, R. H. Gulley; Its Movements, Fred E. Mills; Its Destiny, Rev. J. A. Barnes; Its Physical Aspects, Mrs. V. J. Tefft. All are invited. Be prompt at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bush, of South Arm, have been among their friends here of late. Mr. Bush has returned home and Mrs. B. still visits relatives here. They were once our near neighbors. At present Mr. Bush is engaged in the manufacture of hoops, running two shops, employing a large number of hands, and evidently prospering. We acknowledge a pleasant call from him.

An elegant line of handkerchiefs for Christmas presents just received at M. Gregor's 67tf

One of the unexplainable things in connection with the business affairs of Ingham county is that Stockbridge has no telephone. That is one of our most pleasant and promising villages and very often business men want to "call her up." The agent shakes his head ruefully and responds "No phone." Telephone connection with that place would not only benefit the village but would be a very good thing for many others place. It's feasible. Let's have it.

Brown Bros. start on a cash business, and all goods sold at about 10 per cent. 70tf

Rev. Washington Gardner preached a grand sermon at the M. E. church last Sunday morning and in the evening delivered a powerful address upon the advantages of education. Repetition of his argument throughout the State of Michigan and the country could not fail to work an immense amount of good. It ought to inspire multitudes of young men and women to start for school at once and never falter in the work of gaining an education.

Seven dollars a pound was paid for tea in London last week. I have good tea for 30, extra for 40, and finest for 50 cents a pound. A. L. VANDERCOOK.tf

Township and city treasurers last year paid Ingham county $471.05 dog tax.

Ira J. Barnes, of Iowa, spent last Sunday with his cousin, Mrs. Geo. M. Huntington.

Mills Dry Goods Co. with their extra force could not wait on the customers that thronged their store on Saturday. They advertise.

The county treasurer paid $362.40 as expenses of the teachers' institute held in Mason last year. The receipts from the same were $266.13.

The "cash on hand" in the county treasury when the recent committee settled was found to be $2,070.52 or $1,245.13 less than a year ago.

Miss Belle Washburn, daughter of W. W. Washburn, D. D., of West Saginaw, was the guest of M. Amanda Barnhart, January 6 and 7.

Frank Hoes, guardian of Almond Taylor, Onondaga, has sold the real estate of his ward to Chas. Clark and the sale has been confirmed by the court.

A club dance will be held at the National Hotel, Dansville, on the evening January 23. Frederick's cornet band will furnish the music. Bill 50 cents. *

Miss Ella Butterfield, of Parma, succeeds Mrs. Fanny Butler as teacher of the intermediate department in our schools. She will evidently make a success of it.

Thos. J. Daniel, official stenographer of this judicial district, is assisting his brother in Detroit and Mr. Loomis, of Lansing, very acceptably fills his place here in circuit court.

C. W. Whitman bought a 4-years-old trotter yesterday. More anon. At present suffice it to say that the boys who drive with him next spring will take the second row.

Liquor dealers in this county last year paid into the county treasury $18,013.32 Of this amount the county treasurer paid $8,916 59 to the several corporations—townships and cities.

The W. F. M. Society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. A. G. Ball Friday afternoon at 2:30. The ladies are requested to be prompt on time as business of importance is to come before the society.

The 29th of December being the 19th birthday of Willie Ellsworth, of the 2nd ward, about 45 of his friends gathered at his home and gave him a very pleasant surprise. He was presented with a shaving set and a toilet case. A bountiful repast followed.

The schools are again at work and have several new pupils. In the high school their are 69 attendants; Eighth grade, 26; Grammar department, 63; Intermediate department, 65; Second primary, 53; First primary, 61. At the ward school the second primary has 32 and the first primary 25 pupils.

A large variety of ladies' silk mittens to be found at M. Gregor's. 67tf

Rev. J. A. Barnes has begun the publication of a small church paper in connection with his work at the Presbyterian church. The first number appeared last Saturday, bright, interesting and newsy. It will be published monthly for a time, and in its support the pastor deserves the co-operation of his people.

Great cash closing out sale of boots and shoes, felts and overs, sox and rubbers, at Brown Bros'. 70tf

Under the new system of sale of lands for taxes which requires a case in chancery and a decree for the sale of the lands, this county last year paid sheriffs and deputies $102 29 for serving subpoenas, etc. and the amount paid our treasurer by the delinquents was $39.10. It took $63.19 from the contingent fund to balance the account.

Bargains in silk mufflers at M. Gregor's. 67tf

There is one fund in the county treasury that is becoming quite a "chestnut," and no one will weep when it disappears from the annual reports. It is the Lizzie Wahn estate of $7.60. It is as fixed and unchanging as the rocks. Supervisors and treasurers come and go but that goes on forever. It has cost all it is worth in figures, and it would be good financiering if the board would abolish the fund and give the amount to the county poor.

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Ralph Hinkley, aged 17 years, son of Henry Hinckley, was the victim of a very painful accident last Friday. With other boys, he was out hunting rabbits in Alaiedon township just north of the city. They had one closely located and their ferret was about to bring him out. Ralph was near the place where the rabbit was expected to appear, deeply interested, and Leo. Gansley, also deeply interested, came up to a fence behind Ralph and dropped his gun over the fence. The piece was accidently discharged, with the muzzle only about six feet from Ralph's left leg where the full charge of shot took effect just below the knee. It tore the flesh in a frightful manner, and it was very fortunate for the boy that a neighbor happened along just in time to carry him home. Dr. Culver dressed the wound very successfully and it is hoped that the boy will be out in a few weeks. The doctor found the bone badly shattered and had to remove a piece of the tibia about an inch in width and four inches in length. Around the general wound where the flesh was torn away, were 15 shot holes and it is evident that the leg received all that was in the gun and a good load at that. Moral: *Boys should be careful with guns.*

See Ford & Kirby's change of advertisement.

Miss Cora Neely is visiting friends in Lansing.

Leslie has been trying to organize a boxing school.

Miss Mae Enos has returned to her home in Grand Ledge.

A call for more seats at the high school recitation room.

Leslie farmers club meets next Saturday. Ditto at Mason.

Dr. Locke, of Lansing, has been very ill of late with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs John Sigler, of Leslie, celebrated their golden wedding last Tuesday.

Frank Bishop says that he does not intend to open a hardware store at Onondaga.

The roads are fine for wheeling, but teamsters are not quite satisfied. They want snow.

Eugene Maguire, of Delhi, is lecturing for the Farmers Alliance through this vicinity.

The Michigan Almanac is again at hand—a fine thing. Published by the Detroit Tribune.

Mrs. Ed. H. Williams was elected vice president of the Ladies Library Association yesterday.

An old gentleman named Thomas, brother of Mrs. Ryder, of Aurelius, was buried last Friday.

E. E. DuBois, of Henrietta, was in town yesterday. He is talking of renting a farm in this vicinity.

Emma Abbott's sweet voice is no more. She died at Salt Lake City last Tuesday, of pneumonia. She was 40 years of age.

The Marshall Campbell family held an interesting reunion at the home of the oldest daughter, Mrs. Hiram Gibbs, in Onondaga, last Thursday.

Mrs. E. J. Grimes is now the postmaster at Stockbridge. She succeeds her husband, A. D. Grimes, whose decease we mentioned a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hendricks, of Crystal Falls, Michigan, are rejoicing over the birth of a very promising daughter, which occurred January 4.

Miss Neva Randolph, for several years very competent assistance at the register of deed's office, finished her employment there with the close of the old year.

If you are a stock grower and want some fine bills or cards with which to advertise your animals this season, call at the NEWS office where we have received a lot of new cuts and can do you excellent work.

Children's and misses' cloaks at cost for the next 10 days, at M. Gregor's. tf

The reliable and busy dry goods house of Ball & Son will now have a new attraction. When you see their colored flag out you may know that there is something special taking place within. See their new advertisement.

All wool 37-inch dress flannels, only 33 cents, for the next 10 days, at M. Gregor's. 67tf

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will serve a tea at the parsonage Wednesday, January 14, from 5 to 7 o'clock. They invite all their friends to sup with them and bring an offering for the Master's cause. A program of exercise is being prepared for the evening.

Bargains in dress goods at M. Gregor's. 67tf

For several years a case has been on the records of Ingham county court wherein John Michael, of Leslie, sued the M. C. R. R. Co. for damages on account of injuries received while in their employ. Rumor now says that the company has settled the case, paying Michael a good sum.

You can get plush garments at reduced prices at M. Gregor's. 67tf

When Hugh Chisholm, the member from Gratiot county, reached the city yesterday he found but four vacant seats in the House and these were of course the poorest in the hall. Imagine his surprise, however, to find the name of Wesley Miller attached to seat 75. As Mr. Miller was the Republican opponent of Mr. Chisholm in last fall's contest, there is but one of two conclusions to be reached, viz., that before the result of the election was known Mr. Miller secured a seat for the session under the belief that he would certainly be elected, or else some one perpetrated a practical joke on him. In either event Mr. Chisholm thoroughly enjoys the kindness thus done him.—Lansing Journal.

The grandest line of children's oil grain school shoes ever sold for the price, and every pair warranted. BROWN BROS. 70tf

Mrs. Mary Beardsley, of Alaiedon, whose death had been expected for some time, passed away last Saturday morning, at eight o'clock. She was a sufferer from consumption, also cancer, and for a long time had been watched by many anxious friends. She was born in this county, her maiden name being Kent, was 44 years of age and had been married to Everette Beardsley for 24 years. Her husband survives her, also two daughters, one of whom is the wife of W. J. Elliott, of this city, the other, Miss Rose Beardsley, being still at home. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church last Sunday, Rev. Hall officiating, and the remains were placed at rest in the city cemetery. Numerous friends mourn her departure.

Seven dollars a pound was paid for tea in London last week. I have good tea for 30, extra for 40, and finest for 50 cents a pound. A. L. VANDERCOOK.tf

Ford's Bazaar

The holidays are over and we have invoiced our stock and find that we have still on hand thousands of just such articles as you want for everyday use. We shall continue in the future, as in the past, to keep everything you want in our line, and at prices that will pay you to come a good ways to see us. We have just received one dray load of wall paper for our spring trade and the balance will be in soon.

Commence the new year by calling on us, get warm and have a good chat.

Yours for 1891.

FORD & KIRBY.

Grain Elevator. The building known as the Fitch & Bunnell elevator will be opened by Seely & Dresser November 1. 60tf

Dentistry. Best teeth, $7.50; filling, 50c up; extracting 25c. Teeth extracted without pain by the use of Nitrous Oxide Gas. A. P. VANDEUSEN, 1447tf Darrow block, Mason, Mich.

Read Geo. P. Glynn's "ad" in another column—"To the traveling public."

Money to Loan On real estate at the office of J. M. Dresser at the Farmers' bank. 95tf

Jackson Stone Drain Tile. And sewer pipe of all sizes on hand and sale by 1499tf J. W. CHAPIN, Eden, Mich

House and Lot to Exchange For a 40-acre farm within a few miles Mason. 1506tf H. J. DONNELL.

Drain Tile and Brick. Barker & Co. manufacturers, Mason, Mich. First-class stock always on hand. Write for prices. 1038tf

Wanted. Five hundred cords of 4-foot wood; BARKER & CO., Mason.

A Good Restaurant. Go to the restaurant and bakery in the Paddock block for warm meals, lunches, oysters, and all kinds of home made candies. 68tf

Wanted! 2,000 cords of white oak stave and heading bolts, delivered at Dansville. CHARLES L. BOELIO. 68w4p

Study Elocution. Mrs. Florence Minar will give instruction in elocution and physical culture on Tuesdays and Fridays of every week at G. A. R. Hall, Mason. Class at 4 o'clock P. M. 90tf

Live Poultry Wanted. I will pay the highest market price in cash. Delivered at my place Wednesdays or Saturdays. S. N. ROLFE. 60w6

Thanks. We are sincerely thankful for all the kind acts and loving words we received from our many friends on account of our late bereavement, the death of a beloved wife and mother. EVERETTE BEARDSLEY AND FAMILY.

House and Rooms to Rent. Inquire of C. G. Huntington. 87tf

No zero atmosphere yet.

Splendid winter weather.

Geo. T. Garrison, of this place, is granted a reissue of pension. H. P. Sweet, of Stockbridge, also gets like favors.

The great, good time by the rejoicing democrats at Lansing yesterday was a powerful lodestone for some of our local partisans. The court and board of supervisors both had to yield and as a consequence were represented fully at the capital and not at all here. They "would not have gone," "didn't believe in such things standing in the way of business," but they had "some matters of business to look after at Lansing" etc. It's all right gentlemen. Most anyone would adjourn a day under such circumstances, and then you may never have another opportunity for the same kind of a lark. Forty years of outside makes the inside a treat.

A gentleman at Washington, H. W. Combs by name, who makes a business of procuring United States patents to lands, has been the means of sending out notices to a good many residents of this county to the effect that no patent of their land has been recorded, and proposing to procure the same for them for $4.00. He sends his notices through the county clerk's office, the clerk signing them. They are no great cause for alarm, as most of the lands in the county have been held in peaceable possession too long to now have poor title on account of lack of original patent. However, there are a great many men who want their chains of title perfect in every respect and who will be led to perfect them by this notice. The price charged for the work is not such as will make Mr. Combs rich in this county, as, if patents were ever issued, to get a certified copy will cost him nearly that amount. If you have a good title in all respects but the patent, and have held undisturbed possession for 20 years, you need not hurry around to get the $4.00 for the agent.