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- COUNTY OFFICERS.**
Sheriff.....JAMES B. DART
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Mayor.....DANIEL J. DARBOW
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S. W. HAMMOND, Justice and Conveyancer and N. Collecting Agency, Business in his home promptly attended to. Office 4th door east of S. A. Dining's Grocery Store, Mason, Michigan.

D. R. W. H. MORSK, Resident Dentist, Mason, Mich. Office over J. W. Day's Dry Goods Store.

DEARLING & CHRISTIAN, Dealers in all kinds of FRESH, SALT AND PICKLED MEATS, Also, OYSTERS, GAME AND FISH, IN SEASON. Main Street, Mason, Mich.

C. G. HUNTINGTON, dealer in Boots and Shoes, Fine custom work a specialty, and made to order. 271

HENRY P. HENDERSON, Attorney and Counselor at Law, (Prosecuting Attorney for Ingham County.) Office over First National Bank, Mason, Mich. 27

W. W. CAMPBELL, M. D., Physician, Surgeon, Accoucher, etc. Graduate of the Medical Department of the University of Michigan. Also received an advanced degree from Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. Office on Ash street over C. H. Sackrider & Co's store.

HENRY BREED, TONSORIAL ARTIST, Corner Main and Ash Streets, up stairs, MASON, MICH.

P. VANDUSEN, SURGEON DENTIST, points to his uniform success in the practice of his profession for the past ten years, in Mason and vicinity, as a guarantee that he brings to his work, and that customers will have the benefit of the highest skill known to the profession. Operations of every description skillfully performed. Teeth inserted in every style known to the art. Will be at Danville the first Wednesday of each month. Office at Danville will be at Williamson the second Wednesday of each month, and remain two days. Office, second floor in Barrow's Block, Mason.

REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE AND EXCHANGE

At the Office of
JOHN DUNSBACK,
MASON, MICH.

- A good low house and two lots, Griffin's addition to the city of Mason, nicely situated. Can be bought at a bargain if sold soon.
- 80 Acres, 30 acres improved, good buildings, good orchard, graded fruit, well watered by living stream, and well fenced. On good road near school house, 2 1/2 miles from Mason. A first-class farm at a bargain.
- 70 Acres, 45 acres of old improvement. First-class buildings, good orchard, 30 acres woods ditched. Five miles from Mason. Price \$45 per acre.
- 80 An 80 acre farm, 50 acres improved, 30 bearing apple trees, well watered, good frame house, log house, frame horse barn and shed, near Lansing. Will be sold cheap or exchanged for 40 acres improved.
- 40 Acres farm 2 1/2 miles improved, 3 miles from Mason, good soil. Log house, nice young orchard. Can be had at a low figure.
- 160 Acres farm in town of Bunkerhill, 60 improved 30 acres mowing marsh, new house and shed, 50 bearing apple trees. Price \$25 per acre, or will exchange for a smaller farm.
- 30 Acres, 25 acres improved. First class orchard 2 1/2 miles from Mason, good frame house of 7 rooms, good barn and sheds, corn house and hog pen attached, well watered. Three and one-half miles from Mason. Price \$2,000.
- 80 Acres improved. Log house, frame shed, 200 lbs. timber, with granary. Well watered. Good orchard. First class farm. Price \$3,000.
- 1 Acre and 9 rods of land in the village of Aurelius Centre. First class frame house and barn, plenty of fruit of all kinds. Will be sold at a bargain or exchanged for 40 or 80 acre farm.
- 240 Acres, 80 acres improved, 40 acres good mowing marsh; timber openings land; 250 bearing apple trees; two log houses. Four miles east of Leslie, in the town of Bunkerhill. Will sell at a very low figure. It is really good land.
- 45 A very nice little farm of 45 acres, all improved, 2 1/2 miles from Leslie. A very desirable piece of property. Price \$60 per acre.
- 80 Acres farm, with 40 acres under the plow, 20 acres more chopped and ready for wheat, with a nice young orchard of 150 trees. No waste land. Well watered with living stream. Near this city. No buildings but a frame granary. Very desirable for \$50 per acre.
- 80 Acres, 65 improved, log house, frame horse barn, and other out buildings, with a good orchard, no waste land, well watered with living stream. Good school. In S. E. Vevay.
- 80 Acres in south part of Vevay, Ingham Co., small improvement. Will be sold at a very low price.
- 40 Acres with 25 improved. One mile east of County Farm. Frame house, small orchard, for \$1,000. Also 40 acres and one-half mile east of County Farm, with 15 acres improved, with frame house, for \$1,100.
- 160 Acres, 150 improved. First-class buildings, insured for \$4,000, 300 bearing apple trees and all other kinds of small fruit. No waste land, 4 springs on different parts of the farm. 1/2 mile from Otsego. 40 acres wheat on the ground, and 1/2 one of the best farms in Ingham Co. Will be sold cheap.

B. WOODHOUSE, County Drain Commissioner, Attorney at Law and Real Estate Dealer. Office with County Clerk, Mason, Mich.

INSURE AGAINST ACCIDENTS

In the Old, Reliable, Safe and Sound
Railway Passengers Assurance Company
OF HARTFORD, CONN.
25 cents a day for \$3,000. See Circulars.
J. C. SQUIERS, Agent.

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LOCAL & GENERAL NEWS.

Mr. D is not half so pleasant as plenty of snow. Neither is it as convenient.

The Masonic Hall in this city is being frescoed.

Read S. H. Worden and H. Whiteley's new locals to-day.

The Encampment of Odd Fellows will meet this evening at their hall for work.

Bring your chickens out to the poultry show the 23d and 24th inst.

Burdick and Dowling are doing the frescoing of Masonic Hall in this city.

The saw mills of this city are well supplied with logs.

"Steve" Morehouse, with C. G. Huntington, makes a boot fit like a glove.

John E. Rix has moved to Lansing with his family.

Elzey Florin has moved to Jackson from Lansingburg.

Boys, look out for those "concocters." They are apt to go to the head.

J. E. Nichols, of Lansing, called on us a few days since.

Gen. O. L. Spaulding was in the city Friday.

Circuit Court will be in session Monday, February 26.

Dr. Swarthout, of Aurelius, was in the city Monday.

Myron Green, of Lansing, was in the city Tuesday.

The county officers have a good supply of wood on hand.

If the Democrat had not issued a New Years address, the News would not be the driest local paper in Michigan.

Mason wants more manufacturing establishments to furnish work for the unemployed mechanics.

Read J. W. Day's new advertisement in this paper. He gives some interesting statistics that may prove important to you.

The boys were happy Monday night until they unfortunately broke a light of glass in Barnaby's store.

The funeral of the infant son of Chas. Olin, of Lansing, was held at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Feb. 4th.

The Lansing Republican has just heard that there is to be a Presidential election this month.

Several citizens of Mason went to Lansing Thursday night to see Barrett play Richelieu.

H. O. Call went to Ohio last week to visit friends. He will be absent but a few days.

J. Madison Wells is the name, and Louisiana the state. Maddox is the man who did it.

An unusually large amount of stove fuel has been purchased at the stove factory in this city the present winter.

The Baptist society is raising money to pay the indebtedness on their house of worship.

M. D. Chatterton has been called away from home by the dangerous illness of his mother.

Ma. Jas. Sterling has bought a one-fourth interest in the planning mill and business of S. A. Paddock & Co.

"CHARLIE" Worden wants to see you at J. W. Day's store, and sell you some choice dry goods.

The ground hog is now supposed to be burrowing peacefully in his nest. Well, if the ground hog can stand it other folks will have to get along some way.

Read the new advertisement of Webb and Mead, in this issue. They are offering winter goods at wholesale prices and all goods very cheap.

Grant wants to resume specie payments at an earlier date than January 1st, 1879. Like Horace Greeley, he thinks "the way to resume is to resume."

The Baptist social will be Wednesday evening, February 14th, instead of the 7th as announced in our last issue. Don't fail to attend if you want a pleasant time.

Notice the new card-in-our business directory of L. B. Woodhouse, drain commissioner, attorney at law and real estate dealer.

The next social of Vevay Lodge I. O. O. F. will take place at the residence of G. G. Mead, on Thursday evening next. Come one, come all, and have a good time.

Rev. G. W. Barlow returned home last Thursday from Concord where he has been assisting in a very successful series of meetings.

EUGENE Hammond, formerly on the Adrian Press, has accepted a position on the Post, of Chicago, and started for that city Tuesday evening.

A. Berger, of the firm of Berger & Bro., manufacturers of the well known and favorite "Capitol" cigar, called on us Tuesday.

Monday we saw George Brokaw riding through the streets on his dray, in one of Paddock, Meach and Co's Centennial Chairs. Now, George, that looks too luxurious.

A Young lady in Boston claimed the reduction made to ministers by the vendors of sewing-machines, because, as she blushingly hinted, she was engaged to a theological student.—Ez.

The Great Council of Michigan, Improved Order of Red Men, will kindle their council fire in the hunting grounds of Eaton Rapids, at the wigwam of Okemos Tribe, on the third Tuesday of July.

PANCAKE lists for a poultry exhibition, under the auspices of the Ingham County Farmers' Club, are now being printed at the Democrat office. It will commence February 23d and last two days.

JENNIE E. Spafford, a little daughter of Rev. Mr. Spafford, was the recipient of a pleasant surprise party, on Thursday evening last, from about twenty of her young friends and class-mates.

DRAIN Commissioner Woodhouse is settling down to business, and begins to talk of "lines," "surveys," "falls," etc., as glibly as an old hand at the business. He will make an excellent officer.

ALL is not peace and harmony even before the Presidential Commission. Little misunderstandings and disagreements mar the harmony of the proceedings there even as they do in Congress.

TUESDAY Mr. Farnsworth drove through the streets a span of yearling colts belonging to ex-Mayor Griffin, that were apparently as well trained and as safe to drive as horses ten years old.

The members of Aurelius Lodge No. 274 I. O. O. F. have issued invitations for a Festival and Dance, to be held at Aurelius Centre, February 16th. It will be a pleasant affair and those who receive invitations will doubtless all attend.

Mr. Asa Rowe will read an essay before the Grange on Saturday afternoon, February 17th. Subject: "Profits derived from small fruit culture on the Farm." Members of the order should not fail to be present and hear it.

See the advertisement of the Wilson Sewing Machine in this paper. This is one of the best and cheapest machines in the market. L. J. Smith is agent and will be pleased to exhibit the Wilson to any person desiring to purchase.

It has been remarked that the cards of invitation printed at the Democrat office for Aurelius Lodge I. O. O. F. is one of the neatest jobs printed in this city for years. Of course modesty prohibits us from mentioning the fact.

CAPT. G. W. Stevenson, of Jackson, will bring out the "Drummer boy of the Rappahannock," at Leslie, next week. If the old fraud will pay us a bill for printing, contracted five or six years ago, we will recommend our friends to go and see him.

Messrs. Davis and Randall have just received a supply of marble that is to be worked up the present winter. One order is for a six hundred dollar monument. They are turning out some beautiful monuments and head stones, that for style and finish can not be surpassed even in large cities.

Dr. C. H. Sackrider is arranging and fitting up an office and dental room at the rear of Dr. Campbell's office, over Paddock, Meach & Co's furniture store. No expense is being spared by the doctor to make his rooms pleasant, comfortable and convenient, and his experience enables him to understand just how to accomplish this result.

On Friday last Geo. W. Brewer was tried for so severely whipping one of the boys who attends school where he is teacher. The jury rendered a verdict of no cause of action. It is evident that Mr. Brewer had the sympathy of a large majority of the citizens of the district. [Query: Did the jury know more than the Ingham County News? or did they perjure themselves?]

YESTERDAY officer S. Leo Cook, of Lansing, lodged one George Wilson in jail, upon a charge of arson. The officer caught the prisoner in the act of firing a building, near "Mackerel Point," occupied by Mr. Sutton to store his livery carriages for the winter. The people of Lansing have become alarmed at the large number of incendiary fires in their city, late and the officers have been on the watch to catch the miscreants.

Those desiring to join the military company now forming in this city, should leave their names with Capt. Perry, E. G. Curtis or Andy Mehan before next Thursday, as the books will then be closed.

"DENTAL Legislation and Its Necessities" is the name of a little pamphlet written by E. S. Holmes, D. D. S., and published by the Michigan State Dental Society. There is no reason why legislation should not be applied to the dental as well as the legal profession. There certainly should be some law to protect innocent people from quacks and bunglers in dentistry the same as in other branches of surgery.

Just as we expected. Ever since the thaw commenced we have feared some great, awkward, long legged delegate, who was unevenly balanced, would tumble down the stairway leading to the Democrat office. And disappointment has not brooded o'er our brow. Sunday he came. And "what a fall was there, my countrymen." It was the "nurseling," which wants to be post master. No bones broken, and we believe no lives lost.

In our sanctum we have a photograph of our employees, in a group, executed by Christmas, as natural as life. In after life when the boys have grown to be men and have changed the stick and rule for the pen and scissors, this photograph will be highly prized, and will remind us of the days when they, as novices, received the first impressions that are to influence them in their future career; and as the fruit produced from the seeds of knowledge now being planted shall be good or evil, so shall we rejoice or mourn over the result.

The managers of the Agricultural Insurance Company have established a branch office at Jackson, in this state, and hereafter the surplus earnings of the Company in Michigan will be invested in Michigan. This removes one of the strongest arguments that have been used by the opponents of the Agricultural, and to all intents and purposes it is now a local organization. The capital of the Company is now over \$1,095,000.00, thus rendering it a safe company in which to insure. E. H. Hough, of Jackson, is the State Agent, and I. H. Vandercrook, of this city, agent for Ingham County. Mr. Vandercrook can be depended upon to give willingly any information asked for by parties interested in insurance.

With much pleasure we invite the immaculate News man to criticize the grammar, the spelling, the punctuation, and correctness of construction of every word, sentence, paragraph and advertisement that appears in the DEMOCRAT, not only this but every other week. If there is any one thing that pleases us it is an attempt at foppishness in journalism by novices, who imagine themselves to have been especially designed as tutors to all the rest of the world. And then again it is worth something to be considered worthy of notice by such famous, world renowned celebrities as the people who control the destinies of the powerfully edited News. Our feeble efforts at journalism never before raised us to the pinnacle of greatness, even after long and weary years of patient striving, that the learned dissertations of our neighbors have brought to us unconsciously. If the insatiate thirst for criticism is not satisfied, when our neighbor has fully dissected that New Years Address, and the columns of the DEMOCRAT, we will buy for it a Josh Billing's Almanac to work at the balance of the year.

DIED.
At the residence of her father in this city, Anna L. Dingman, of consumption, on Monday, Feb. 5th, 1877, aged 18 years. The deceased was born in Catteraugus County, N. Y., eighteen years ago, and came to live in Mason last spring. Early in the fall she was attacked with disease, which no medical skill could dislodge. Several weeks since she gave her heart to God and found great peace in trusting in Him. All fear of death was removed. She talked with many very freely concerning her heavenly prospect and the satisfaction of all. On the day of her death she had seemed more than usually well, sitting up the most of the day and going out and eating supper with the family. Until within two hours of her death she gave no sign of her sudden departure. Seized with a violent pain in the side and paralysis of the nerves of the lungs, she realized she must go, and sent for a clergyman, but died in her chair before he could reach her, without a struggle. Looking steadily heavenward, she was prepared to either live or die, and her Heavenly Father bid her, "come up higher." May all her young associates obey and trust the same God she loved and leaned upon in her dying hour.

The mother and a younger sister were burned to death some years ago. Annie came home to join them in glory.

Mr. Dingman's family are entitled to the warmest sympathy of the community, as their lot has been and is a hard one.

MARRIED.
At the residence of Ira Rolfe, Esq., on the 30th day of January, 1877, by Rev. Mr. Groat, of Leslie, Mr. Francis M. Lyon of Mason, and Miss Laura Rolfe, of Vevay.

Y. M. C. A. Lecture Course.
To-morrow (Friday) evening the first lecture of the course, to be given by the Y. M. C. A., will be delivered by Capt. Edward Cahill, of Lansing, at the Presbyterian church. Subject, "Ireland." Tickets for the season, (six lectures) 75 cents. Single admission 15 cents. Tickets can be obtained of the Secretary, at the news depot, or of any officer of the Association.

The Juvenile Temperance Army.
In all the temperance work of the present time there is no feature of it which demands more attention by our christian people than the efforts being put forth among the boys and girls of Mason. About sixty have signed the pledge in this city. Every Saturday afternoon this Temperance Army meets in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. We trust our citizens will take this work home to their own hearts, making it a personal matter, one in which each father and mother has an individual interest. Come and see them one and all.
S. M. SARAW.

Mason Markets.
WHEAT—Extra, \$1.45; milling extra, \$1.42; No. 1, \$1.40; No. 2, \$1.35.
BARLEY—Per cwt, \$1.00 to \$1.50.
OATS—Mixed 34 cents; white, 37 cents per bushel.
CORN—Shelled 60 cents per bushel.
CLOVER SEED—\$2.50 to \$3.50 per bushel.
BEANS—\$1.00 to \$1.50 per bushel.
POTATOES—\$1.00 per bushel.
FLOUR—\$4.00 per cwt, for best.
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—\$4.50 per cwt, for best.
DRESSED PORK—\$7.00 to \$7.25 per cwt.
CHICKENS—Dressed, 7 @ 8 cents per lb.
DRIED APPLES—5 cents per lb.
BUTTER—15 to 18 per lb, for choice.
EGGS—18 cents per dozen.

Business Locals.
Notices following this head will be charged for at 5 cents per line each insertion. Head-lines set in full faced type counted double.

Why did Mrs. Chase leave the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Ingham County, and insure in the Agricultural of Watertown N. Y.?
5w1. I. H. VANDERCROOK.

Remember Little Seal's Grand Cost Sale, for 30 days only. You can buy clothing at actual cost.

BLANKS of all kinds printed on short notice and bound, at the DEMOCRAT office. 2cf.

Run Over
To E. G. Hunt & Co's and pick up the bargains in clothing. 2cf.

Now is the time to buy clothing. Little Seal is selling at cost, for 30 days.

Comic and sentimental valentines in great variety at Whiteley's news depot.

A Full Stock and Low Prices
Are specialties at HOFFMAN'S Hardware Store, Danville.

Fine unaltered shirts for sale at Little Seal's, the clothier.

Order music of H. Whiteley, at the news depot north of First National Bank.

Those Parlor Stoves, at Hoffman's, Danville, must be sold. Low prices will do the business. Come and see for yourself. 5cf

School and miscellaneous books at Whiteley's news depot.

Gloves and mittens at actual cost at Little Seal's, the clothier.

Valentines at H. Whiteley's news depot in endless profusion.

You can buy gentlemen's under wear, of Little Seal at your own price, for 30 days.

DIED.
JAN. 7th, 1877.

ED. DEMOCRAT:
Mrs. Margaret Smith did carry away the clothes of her "little ones" and we hold ourselves ready to substantiate this assertion by our oaths whenever called upon. We know whereof we affirm because we were eye-witnesses and listeners to the whole transaction.
JOHN C. LEEK,
J. ROBERT HANCOCK.

Auction Sale.
The subscriber, having rented his farm for a term of years, will sell at Public Auction, at his residence in Ingham, one-half mile north of the Whipple School House, on Wednesday, March 28, 1877, the following described property, viz:
3 choice short horn cows, 1 yearling heifer, 1 pair work horses, 2 year old colts, 1 fine Magie breeding sow, 10 shoats, 1 lumber wagon, 1 double buggy, 1 pair bob sleighs, 1 fanning mill, 1 McCormick mowing machine, hay fork, hay rake, ploughs, drags, cultivators, double harness, single harness, 1 barrow, cider vinegar, poultry, a quantity of household furniture, such as stoves, chairs, tables, beds and bedding, carpets, 1 Jubilee Organ, good as new, crockery, and a variety of articles to numerous to mention.
Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, sharp.
TERMS OF SALE.—All sums of \$5 or under, Cash. All over that amount, nine months credit will be given on good endorsed paper bearing 7 per cent interest.
T. DENSMORE, Auctioneer.
DANIEL HUTTONSON.

Now is the time to buy Boots and Shoes Cheap at C. G. HUNTINGTON'S.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN!

All persons who are indebted to me are requested to call and settle the same at once.
C. G. HUNTINGTON.
Mason, Sept. 27, 1876.

CHRISTMAS warrants those French Enamel Pictures not to fade.

House to Rent, Trade or Sell.
I have a house to rent, trade or sell. For particulars inquire of
R. F. GRIFFIN.
Mason, Mich.

CHRISTMAS'S new French Enamel pictures are just what you want. Look at them.

School Books at Whiteley's news depot cheap.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!
I am selling Men's Boots for the small sum of \$2.50. Ladies' Serge Shoes for 90 cents.
G. S. BROWN.
2cf

Call on Christmas for those fine French Enamel Pictures.

Pay Up.
Having lost heavily by the recent fire, I find it necessary to ask, and even urge my patrons who are indebted to me to call and settle up at once, as I need every dollar due me, to pay for new goods to replace those destroyed by fire. I trust this request will not pass unheeded.
D. W. HALSTED.

Remember the place—checked store, south of Court House Square.
December 21, 1876.

C. G. Huntington
Sells the best Boots and Shoes for the LEAST MONEY of any man in the city.

Stationery and Books cheap, at Whiteley's news depot.

Take Notice.
I am now prepared to do all kinds of Taylor Work in the very best manner and at extremely low prices. Gentlemen's suits completely made for \$6.00. In first-class work. Call and see samples of work, south side of Ash street near railroad.
Mrs. L. A. GOUCHER.
4cf

Bring in all your old pictures and have them enlarged and made as good new. CHRISTMAS.

C. G. Huntington sells a good Kip Boot for \$2.50. 2cf.

Games and Toy Books for the children at Whiteley's news depot.

Call and get some of Christmas' \$1.50 Photographs, Polar Block. 3cf.

C. G. Huntington sells the best Boots and Shoes, for the least money, of any one in the city.

When You Want
A good Corn Sheller, Feed Cutter, or any other Agricultural Implement, call on
J. C. STREVEKES.

You will always find my Gallery open and ready for business.
U. CHRISTMAS.

Farmers Take the Hint.
That Wash Sherman has \$10,000 to loan, on five years, or more, time, in amounts of \$500 or over, on first-class farm property. Those wanting money will be given the best of terms. 4 w 2.

C. G. Huntington sells a good Boot for \$3.25. 2cf.

Pin Lost.
On Saturday night H. Whiteley lost, in this city, a gold pin, in form of three links. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at the Express office. 3w3.

Illinois Corn for Sale.
We now have on hand and for sale a large supply of Illinois Corn. Call early and get a supply. FRENCH & BUNNELL, Mason, Michigan. 3w4

New Day scales.
Frank J. Donnelly has up a new Hay Scale, of Fairbanks' make, that may be relied upon for accuracy in weight. If you want any weighing done call at the Donnelly House. 4cf

Now is your time to buy overcoats cheap. Hunt & Co. sell them at cost.

\$7.50 buys a good suit of clothes at E. G. HUNT & Co's.

Dry Stove Wood, \$1.25 per Cord.
Delivered any day in the week by
5 w 2. JOHN A. BARNES.

A large new stock of note heads, statements and colored papers just received at the DEMOCRAT office. 2cf.

Thousands of the Newest Styles
Of Hardware articles are now found at HOFFMAN'S, Danville. 5cf.

Tissue paper, enamel paper and fine stationery at Whiteley's news depot.

Strange and curious games for the children may be found at Whiteley's news depot.

50 cts. buys a good Felt Skirt.
50 cts. " " Balmoral Shirt.
36 cts. " " Nubia.
30 cts. buys good Table Linen.
4w2. At E. G. HUNT & Co's.

Don't forget that Whiteley has a full line of Valentines.

When you want dry goods cheap, go to 4w2. E. G. HUNT & Co's.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications for this paper should be accompanied by the name of the author...

THE LITTLE FOLKS.

The First Party. Mrs. Hammond soon got some more medicine, which Bobby was fond of...

The crazy little madcap. Run and told the news to Bridget, who clapped her hands, and danced a jig...

The great display of frizzling. Was positive. And the little hoodlum and the lovely ash so wide!

There was music, there was dancing, and the little hoodlum and the lovely ash so wide!

There was laughing, there was shouting; and old and young together made a carnival of it.

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ONLY A COMMA.

How Much Its Position in a Sentence May Cost the Government.

The claim of the United States for the return of the \$1,500,000 lent to help out the Centennial Exposition has been rejected by the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia...

The advocates of the grant professed to read these words with a comma after the word "dividend," and persuaded the public that no dividend of any kind would be paid to the stockholders...

The clause which was relied on to protect the interests of the nation, and which was used to secure votes for the grant, reads thus:

The appropriation hereinbefore made shall be paid in full into the treasury of the United States before any dividend or percentage of the profits shall be paid to the holders of said stock.

This is not the first time that a comma, or the want of it, has been made a fish-hook by which to pull money out of the public treasury.

The *Kölnische Zeitung* publishes some interesting statistics of the recent elections in the German Empire...

The Birmingham (England) Town Council, by a vote of 46 to 10, has resolved to adopt the Gothenburg experiment...

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follow with \$1.80; the Presbyterians, North and South, of the United States, \$1.25; the Episcopalians, \$1.22; and the Methodist Episcopal Church only 42 cents per member.

A Young Man with Great Expectations. Edward Brenner, residing in Newark, N. J., is said to have fallen heir to a fortune of \$10,000,000 by the recent death of his father in Tahiti...

The New Kansas Senator. Colonel Preston B. Plumb, who was yesterday elected United States Senator from Kansas...

A New Way of Dealing with the Alcohol Evil. The Birmingham (England) Town Council, by a vote of 46 to 10, has resolved to adopt the Gothenburg experiment...

The Watch Trade. The crisis in the watch trade is the main question occupying public attention in Switzerland...

Incoffined Alive. The Omaha papers tell a horrible story to the effect that a corpse incased in a metallic coffin, which was being shipped from California for internment at some Eastern point...

A Chromo with a Drink. Henry A. Jones, brother of Senator Jones of Nevada, tells the following story of the first epidemic bar, our first nominated and exalted monarch...

Population of Paris. The census of Paris is looked forward to with much interest. In 1700 the population numbered 720,000 inhabitants.

A New Industry. Among the advertisements in one of the papers of New York is one which calls upon "any one desiring to sell superlunary wedding presents to address 'Cash Customer'..."

Christian Charity. In the matter of Christian giving for benevolent and missionary purposes the Congregationalists lead all other denominations...

Michigan Legislature. MONDAY, Feb. 5.—The two houses of the Legislature met at 9 p. m. After a very brief session, adjourned till 10 a. m. Tuesday.

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\$1,000,000. That is the sum asked by the Legislature for the Louisiana Returning Board...

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The Select Committee on Privileges of the House had before it today two witnesses who gave testimony of a highly important character...

Field read the letter as follows: NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20, 1876.—(Name cut out.) My dear Sir: You fully understand the situation. Can you not advise me relative thereto?

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J. V. JOHNSON, - Editor
Mason, Mich., Feb. 8th, 1877.

The Louisiana Infamy.

The theory of sordid witnesses, which has so often served the defenders of the administration and of the carpet-bag regime, has been worn very thin by constant use, and it will hardly suffice to cover the iniquities of the Louisiana Returning Board, which Mr. Field's committee has exposed.

THE BRUTALITY OF TRUTH.

Not a few of the famous of the earth have had greatness thrust upon them because of their alleged truthfulness. Truth-teller was the English Duke called, and truth-lover was the English Duke, while our own G. W. is represented—in an anecdote which is apocryphal—as a man who could not tell a lie (though why should a man be praised for abstaining from what he couldn't accomplish? If G. W. had been able to tell a lie and had not told one, there would be something in it).

lible and false humanity that to adopt any other would be to precipitate disaster. The man who should set out to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth would be hauled along a by no means primrose path to the everlasting poor-house.

Peek & Sherwood, Contractors and Builders, Mason, Mich.

West Side of the Railroad, FITCH & BUNNELL'S WHEAT HOUSE.

RAILROAD HOUSE! JAS. BURNS, The proprietor of the Railroad House, wishes to inform the public of

Mason, Mich., And vicinity, that he is prepared to keep Boarders, by the Day or Week, As cheap as any place in town.

Oysters Cooked in Every Style

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Watertown Fire Insurance Co.

Agricultural Insurance Co., The only strictly Farmer's Company in this State.

NO SINKING FUND, to raise twice a year, Pays the full amount of all losses.

Notice of Attachment, State of Michigan, Circuit Court for the County of Ingham.

WILLIAM H. HITS, Plaintiff, vs. CHARLES H. BARRON, Defendant, In Attachment.

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1876, a writ of attachment was duly issued out of the Circuit Court for the County of Ingham, at the suit of Charles H. Barron, the plaintiff, against the lands, tenements, goods, and chattels, money and other personal estate of the defendant above named, for the sum of six hundred and twenty-four dollars and one cent, which said writ was returnable on the second day of January, A. D. 1877.

Chancery Sale, In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Ingham, in Chancery, made on the First day of June, A. D. 1876, in certain case between the said Charles H. Barron, Plaintiff, and Warren W. Caldwell, Laura A. Caldwell, Clark Scammon and Philipus H. Karmore, Defendants, known as Barron vs. Caldwell, et al., docketed in the said Court, at the City of Mason, Michigan, on the 21st day of March, A. D. 1877, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Mason, County of Ingham, and State of Michigan, I shall sell at public Auction, to the highest bidder, the following described piece or parcel of land, to-wit: Lot number three (3), in block number five (5), in the City of Lansing, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Mortgage Sale, Default having been made in the payment of five hundred and eighty-four dollars, which is now claimed to be due on a certain mortgage bearing date the fourth day of November, 1875, executed by Francis C. McMan and Mary E. McMan, of the County of Michigan, to Gabriel F. Conklin, of Mason, Michigan, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Ingham County, Michigan, at ten o'clock on the eighth day of November, 1876, in Book 4 of Mortgages, on page 518, and no suit or proceedings at law or in chancery having been instituted to recover any part thereof, and the power of sale therein contained having become absolute, by virtue of the statute in such behalf made, and by the order of HERBY GIVEN, that upon Saturday, the 24th day of February, 1877, at one o'clock in the afternoon, I shall sell at public Auction, at the highest bidder, at the front door of the Ingham County Court House, in the City of Mason, said mortgage, together with the premises contained in said mortgage, or so much thereof as shall be necessary to satisfy the amount of said mortgage, together with an attorney fee of fifty dollars, estimated for therein. The premises shall be sold in parcels, and the order of sale, in block three, in the village of Leslie, the County of Ingham, State of Michigan.

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JOHN BUSYAN was once asked a question about Heaven, which he could not answer, because the matter was not revealed in the Scriptures; and he thereupon advised the inquirer to live a holy life and go and see.—*Ex.*

A Surprised Peddler.

One day last week a couple of ladies were enjoying a pleasant *te te*, while a little child, taking advantage of the pleasant weather, was playing out in the yard. Thus things were moving off pleasantly and satisfactorily to all concerned, when a fourth party, in shape of a peddler, put in an appearance, (or tried to) and stepping up to the back door, (as peddlers always do where people have a back door) knocked timidly for admission. The ladies inside heard the gentle rapping, and thinking it to be the child, the following remarks greeted the visitor from the occupants of the house:

1st Lady.—"Stay out and count your rags."
Another rap, a little louder than the first.

2d Lady.—"If you're clean come in. If you're dirty stay out."

To say that there was a surprised peddler in that vicinity, is but to tell half the truth. The poor man had, in his short life, been kicked down twenty-two different pairs of stairs; had been thrown from a fourth story window; chased by mad bulls and "patriarchs;" driven from door to door by irate spinsters with cruel broomsticks; had, in fact, met with all the vicissitudes attending the checkered career of all ordinary peddlers, but in all this eventful life he had never before been received with "stay out and count your rags," and "if you're clean come in. If you're dirty stay out."

He gazed about him, looked at his clothes to see if they were badly tattered, glanced at his hands, squinted cross-eyed at his long nose and high cheek bones in search of dirt, then rolled his eyes frenziedly at the door, above the door and over the entire side of the house, and then, with a look of wild desperation gleaming from his staring eye-balls, he fled nimbly, precipitately, hastily, desperately from the scene, his hair and coat skirts waving each with the other to see which could attain and retain the most perfect horizontal position: It was a successful game of "freeze-out," and the ladies won.

And now, should the suicidal mania overtake the unfortunate victim and hasten him prematurely to an untimely grave, who will act as chief mourner, who will "sit on the body," and, horror of horrors! what will be the verdict of the coroner's jury that pronounce the benediction upon the unfortunate's remains? What must it be, in view of the attendant circumstances?

How Ho Was Let Down.

In a little inland village of Michigan, some years ago, dwelt a man whose name was, perhaps, Alexander, but who, for short, we will call Smith. (Smith is a very convenient name and easily pronounced.) Now Smith was well known to be a great admirer of fast horses, and as by occupation he dealt in this class of property more or less his was a splendid opportunity to speculate and add to his worldly wealth by purchasing thoroughbred colts, training them until they were horses and then selling at a large advance over the original cost. And at the time to which we refer S. had in his possession a "stepper" that promised something big, and that he assured the "boys" in a positive tone would bring him in something handsome.

Now in the same town dwelt another individual who loved a joke better than any thing else except fat-profits on a car load of stock, and who occasionally visited the Quaker City of brotherly love fame. This man's name we will assume was Jones (But it wasn't.) One day Jones conceived the idea (he was at times prolific of ideas) of putting up a little job on his equine loving friend, Smith, and to facilitate the successful operation of his plan, he took in to his confidence (he often "took in" people the same way) a citizen of the Quaker City aforesaid, and induced the citizen to write a letter to Smith saying in substance that he (the citizen) had heard that Smith owned a certain colt of a particular strain that was reputed to be of bright promise, and that if rumor was correct in regard to the qualities of the animal, he (the citizen) would pay \$1,000 for it.

Of course S. at once responded, fully setting forth the good qualities of his horse, and offering to accept the price stated. He at the same time informed a few of his "particular friends" that he had been offered a "thousand dollars for that hoss," but he was "going to have two thousand dollars." In due time the "citizen" received the letter; forwarded it to Jones and replied to Smith that he had been looking around and had found that he could buy such a horse for \$500. To this letter an answer was sent that he could have the horse for \$500. In the mean time S. was "putting in his work with the boys" to good advantage, and had Jones not received the letter last written by him to "citizen," it is hard telling to what extremes his extravagance would have carried him. The joke leaked out though, and for many days Smith mourned as one who could not be comforted, even though he did not resort to sack-cloth and ashes.

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A DUTCH INQUIRY.

By Henry W. Longfellow.

When Franz has come home again, from sailing about with buccaneros; He has a story to tell of the King of Spain, And a word to say of the King of Spain.

In his house by the waves, with its roof of tiles, He wears a silver tankard of antique style, The slender and slender as his words, Of carpets rich and rare.

In his hall-garden there by the town, Overlooking the sluggish stream, With his Moorish cap and dressing-gown The old sea Captain, hale and brown, Walks in a waltzing dream.

A smile in his gray mustache curls, Whenever he thinks of the King of Spain, And the little things that he has seen, And the old sea Captain, hale and brown, Is changed to the Dean of Jaen.

The windmill on the outermost, Vantage of the landscape in the haze, To him are towers on the Spanish coast, With windmill crowning their peak, Though this is the river Maese.

But when the winter rains begin, He sits and smokes by the blazing brand, And old sea-faring men come in, Gawkward, gruff, and with double chin, And rings upon their hands.

They sit there in the shadow and shade Of the flickering fire of the winter night; Pictures in color and shadowing in his art, Like those of Rembrandt by the Rhine, Half darkness and half light.

And they talk of their ventures lost or won, And their talk is ever and ever the same, With their drink and their wine of the grape, From the cellars of some Spanish Don, Or convent set on flame.

Restless at times with heavy strides He paces his parlor to and fro; He is like a ship that is tossed in the sea, And swings with the rising and falling tides, And tugs at her anchor-tow.

Voices mysterious far and near, Sound of the wind and sound of the sea, Are calling and calling in his ear, "Simon Dan! Why stayest thou here? Come forth and follow me!"

So he thinks he shall take to the sea again For one more cruise with his buccaneros, To sing the heart of the King of Spain, And capture another level of Jaen, And sell him in Algiers.

—Atlantic Monthly.

RAILROAD TRAPEZE.

Number ninety-nine stood puffing and blowing off steam at the water tank of a little wayside station—a beauty and marvel of brass and iron and steel; strong beyond simile, making play of its hundred cars it drew swiftly along, with its eye piercing the darkness as a noonday sun, with its breath of steam and heart of volcanic fire, and John Lathrop stood with hand upon whistle and throat waiting the signal to "go ahead."

It was midnight, and the dead of winter. The music of the Christmas bells had died away, the glad acclaim that welcomed the New Year had been hushed and the holy lessons of love, charity, and good-will that had been preached and sung were fast being forgotten in the rush and roar of business, in running the mad race for wealth and following the speed-thrift dictum of over-clung fashion.

The spasmodic charity that breaks out at such times had run its course. The poor had been warned and fed and made happy for a day, and would be scarcely thought of until the year had completed its cycle, and the holy and ivy and evergreen were twined and festooned again in parlor and hall, and wreathed about the mantels of Christmas remembrance hung upon the walls. Plenty had glorified itself in the giving, and poverty and vice and crime must live upon the recollection of what they had received until the coming of another year. Aye, wealth had given and plumed itself upon its liberality. In slush-house and prison a hearty feast had been spread. The duty of the rich had been done, and—well—nothing more could be expected of them! Fashion had had its fun, and given balls, and made itself merry with indulging in ostentatious almsgiving, because it was "the proper thing to do"—and subsided. The sensation of the thing was over, all its attractiveness lost, and now Mrs. Grundy and Flora McFlimsey and the rest of the creme de la creme must think of themselves. Strange, how suddenly forgetfulness of others, sufferings comes—how soon the spasms of yearly charity passes—how speedily the heart of humanity again turns into stone! "The poor ye have always with you," and can they not be helped at any time? That may not be sound philosophy in the eyes of heaven, but it is in the eyes of fashion.

John Lathrop, engineer of No. 99, was thinking of these things in a somewhat cynical manner as he peered out of the cab window into the biting cold and sleet-burdened air—thinking of the hard winter—the almost starvation prices to which wages had been reduced, and more than all, of his humble home and bright-eyed little boy of half a dozen years, who was then dreaming that "papa" would be home to breakfast and spend the next day (Sunday) with them.

"It's hard to be poor," he said, wishing the icy frost from his heavy beard, and mustache, "and it does seem as if the company might be a little more liberal after the way they worked us and piled up stamps during the Centennial. But—"

"John, here's a tramp," sang out the fireman from the interior of the water tank. "That's nothing new," was the answer. "They were as plenty all summer as blackberries."

"But the poor allow's half starved and froze, and it begs too hard for a ride." "Ho! Ho! Hump! And get sent up for thirty days if any of the big guns of the road find it out!"

"The light from the open furnace door shone full upon the face of the tramp as he stepped from the desolate, icy tank where he had passed to gain something of shelter, even if little of warmth. A rapid sign passed between him and the engineer, and the latter continued:

"Come aboard. I'll take the chances. I don't think the conductor will give me any, and might clear of the brakesmen showing their faces more than they can possibly help such a night as this. Anyhow, I'm not going to leave a fellow being to starve and freeze to death, I'll call the railroad companies this side of Canada. Blessed if I do! Come aboard, old fellow."

The tramp obeyed the summons, and scanty clothing and numbed hands and feet and pinched-up face told how

sadly he was in need of warmth and food. The roaring furnace speedily supplied the one, and the dinner pails of the engineer and fireman, the other, though they would have to fast until morning and would sadly miss their hot coffee.

Two shrieks of the whistle, a tug at the lever, and Ninety-nine started and shot away with the long train following behind like an immense black serpent, over air line and around curves, and through tunnel and across bridge. Then John Lathrop had time to more closely scrutinize and talk to his unpaying passenger. The mystic sign that had passed between them told of brotherhood and paved the way to his thinking well of him.

"You aren't used to tramping, and I ain't been very long at it," said John, laughing quietly at the rapid manner in which the supper of himself and fireman was disappearing.

"Not much, cully," replied the tramp, passing with a biscuit in one hand and the half-picked leg of a turkey in the other, to answer.

"Cully!" repeated John, eyeing him still more sharply. "You are a show man!"

"Was, and another few days like the last and I could play walking skeleton to perfection," and he glanced up at the engineer with a pair of the blackest possible eyes, and a face marked with resolution and bravery.

"What biz?" queried John Lathrop. "Bar and trapeze."

He did not appear to have time to spare to make lengthy replies—only uttered the briefest possible between mouthfuls; and, noticing this, his questioner paused until he had finished his almost wolf-like meal, and then resumed:

"I used to kick up my heels and strut over the sawdust once myself."

"Yes, but I gave it up years ago—had a little set-to with a tiger, and got nearly clawed up. And you don't look as if you had fared much better. Here's a pipe—smoke, and spin your yarn."

"Well, I did the flying-trapeze and all that sort of thing in the Grand Transcontinental and Ever-so-many-others things Circus. Humping were a better name, as it turned out for us. Let I reckon we might have got our pay if it had been a success. But we had a devil of a hard time. The public didn't appreciate—horses gave out, vicious broke down, the 'premiere equestrienne' ran away with 'Bones' of the sidshow, funds ran low, the great Polar bear turned up his toes; the zebra passed in his checks, and the result was we became flat-broke, and had to leave our baggage, and take the tramp in order to get home."

"Been there myself," said John Lathrop, becoming deeply interested.

"Then I needn't tell you what sort of a time I have had footing it, strolling sides, and begging for something to eat."

"Bad enough in summer," growled John.

"But now? Talk of the North pole. Where! I thought I should freeze to death in that old tank with the water dripping and freezing around me; and if you hadn't taken care of me, guess I'd have thrown myself under the cars and put an end to the thing. What's the use of fighting hard times and bad luck forever?"

"Well, cheer up. You're all right now—that is, to the end of my run. Then you shall go home with me and recruit a bit, and it'll go hard if I can't manage to get you a free ride with some of the boys to the end of the road. It's against all orders, but John Lathrop's got a heart in him, and won't see any one suffer if he can help it—not much."

And I was dragged out from under the wreck, pretty badly scalded and used up. But my time hadn't come yet, and I was soon on the road again, and—" "Something on the track! Looks like somebody waving a lantern, but the sleet is so thick I can't rightly make out," shouted the fireman.

John Lathrop sprang to his post, made the whistle shriek like an imprisoned and tortured fiend, reversed the engine and whistled on brakes. But his trained eye instantly saw that it would be of no use—that he could not time to avert running over the object, be it what it might, for the track was so narrow and walled in by high embankments that escape was impossible. Besides, they were upon the "something upon the track" before they were aware of it, having just rounded a sharp curve.

"There is my home," gasped John Lathrop, pointing out into the gloom. "The Big Story is just ahead, and—Oh, my God! if the culvert should have given way, and my boy have come to give me warning!"

"Your home—your boy?" echoed the tramp.

"Great Heaven! yes," and the strong man became unnerved and robbed of all decision.

"It is a boy!" shouted the fireman; "and, may God have mercy upon him, I believe it is your John!"

The passenger said nothing, but a wild determination flashed from his eyes as he arose, climbed out along the side of the monster engine—a juggernaut strong enough to have crushed hundreds at a time beneath its ponderous wheels. Then the mid-day-like sunbeams of the headlight streamed out and made all plain to him, despite the thick sleet and darkness.

He saw (and a shiver other than that produced by the cold passed through him) a boy standing directly ahead in the deep cut, waving a lantern, whose blood-red globe shone like an evil eye. Though still at a little distance, he seemed directly under foot and about to be dragged down and devoured.

"I saved my life," muttered the tramp from between his tightly-set teeth, "and I'll do as much for him if I can. Anyhow, I'll try, and I haven't anybody to mourn for me if I go under."

His resolution was a desperate one—must be carried out without the delay of a single moment, if at all. He swung himself down upon the pilot, twisted his feet within the iron bars, and extended his body ahead as rigid as if carved from oak, and stretching his hands still in advance.

It was a trying situation, one requiring the greatest courage—a position no one untried to feats of strength within the arena could have sustained at all. But he did, and bravely, and the engine rolled on nearer and nearer, and the boy, suddenly becoming aware of his danger and the impossibility of escape, sank down upon the ties, and his scream of mortal agony rang out louder than jar of wheels and hissing of steam.

"Father! father! save me. Oh, save me!" Save him? John Lathrop was kneeling on the floor of the cab, with his hands raised in prayer, his face white as snow, and working in the most terrible torture. The fireman had taken his place at the lever, throttle, and whistle, and the engine plunged with increased speed upon a down grade to grind into atoms all that dared oppose its way.

It was upon—over the boy! No, heavens be praised; the arms of the tramp had grasped, lifted, and dragged him upon the pilot and to safety before he was touched by the fire-breathing monster; and when it paused, quivering, upon the very brink of the crippled culvert, John Lathrop was holding his brave boy in his arms, hugging him to his heart, and crying over him as a woman.

In the morn of a clear Sabbath, No. 99 rolled into the station; and when John Lathrop told his wife of how their boy had been saved, and she sprang to the stranger and kissed him from the impulse of her mother's heart, there was no jealous frown upon his brow.

The Brookline Bridge. The East river bridge, from New York over to Brooklyn, seems likely to meet with more formidable trouble than has yet beset it. The bridge is by no means finished, and success is doubted by many, as a vast amount of money has been sunk in the affair. A new bridge is projected, to cross at Seventy-seventh street, resting its center on Blackwell's island. From the large number of designs and estimates which have already been made, it appears that the bridge will not cost over \$2,500,000. It will be a private affair, and is designed especially for traffic, so that through connection with Brooklyn by the Long Island road may be made from the Grand Central depot without change of cars. There will be carriage and pedestrian ways, and elevators at each end for raising passengers to its level, which will be 135 feet above the river channel. It is expected to be finished in two years.—New York Letter.

Business Signs in Europe. Some recent items of financial news measures the prevalence in Europe of the depression that has afflicted this country. The revenue returns of Great Britain for 1876 show for the last quarter a falling off of \$425,000, and the year is likely to end with a small deficit. The Clearing House of London has done this year \$7,219,625,000 of business, a falling off of \$898,865,000, or 11.1 per cent. The profits of seven of the principal joint-stock banks, as published in the Economist, have been only 10 1/2 per cent. in 1876, against 13.43 per cent. in 1874. In France, L'Industrie states there has been on about 100 securities a depreciation of \$75,135,400, and the new issues on the Paris Bourse have amounted to \$117,000,000 capital, against \$217,000,000 in 1875.

CALIFORNIA will have no difficulty in exporting every pound of her surplus production this year at the cheapest sort of rates for freight. There are now in port at San Francisco thirty-four disengaged ships with a tonnage of 41,000, and a fleet having a tonnage of 150,000, and is loading for that port or is already on the way, one-third of this being at New York and one-eighth at Liverpool. The Californians are puzzled to know what to give them for return freight.

PERILOUS VOYAGE.

The Crew of a Wrecked Schooner Travel 2,400 Miles in Open Boats.

The schooner John Bright recently arrived at San Francisco from Tahiti, having on board Capt. Stewart, of the British ship Ada Iredale, and three apprentice boys, William Lightfoot, William Denwood and Frederick Joyce. The Captain reports that the ship left Ardrossan, Scotland, on June 20, with coal for this port. On October 13—latitude 15 deg. south, longitude 108 deg. west—a fire was discovered in the lower hold. Every effort was made to extinguish it, but it was soon evident that the whole body of coal was ignited. The crew dug down into the cargo until the gas and heat drove them from the hold. Water was pumped down, but to no effect. In thirty-six hours from the time the fire was discovered the gas generated exploded and blew up the deck. Finding further attempts to save the ship useless, the boats, three in number, were lowered, and the ship's company, consisting of the Captain, two mates, carpenter, cook, steward, five boys and twelve able seamen, entered them. The Captain took with him the ship's papers, nautical instruments, charts and such an amount of bread and water as could be stowed, and shaped a course for the Galapagos islands, about twelve hundred miles distant. Soon after leaving the ship the Captain's boat capsized in a heavy sea and all the instruments were lost except a sextant, and also all the provisions on board. The boat was righted again and the men picked up. In a few days, finding the water and currents eating him out, the Captain abandoned the design of reaching the Galapagos and steered for the Marquesas islands, 2,400 miles distant. On November 3 one of the boats capsized and the carpenter, William Denver, was drowned. The rest of the crew were taken on board the other boats. All the food and water in the capsized boats were lost, and from that time till November 9, when they reached Island Dominick, of the Marquesas group, all hands were restricted to three wine glasses of water per day, and throughout the time in the boats to two biscuits per day. The weather was very rough portions of the time and the men suffered severely. At night the boats were made fast to each other and kept together. The schooner John Bright was found at Marquesas, and all hands took passage in her for Tahiti, arriving there December 12. Here the Captain paid off the officers and crew in bills on England and discharged them, except the apprentice boys, two of whom were taken on board with the Captain, and left Tahiti December 20. The mate, cook and steward and eight seamen shipped at Tahiti on the New Bedford whaler Coral. The rest sought other vessels.

The Ashtabula Bridge. B. F. Bowen, Thomas H. Johnson and John Graham, civil engineers employed by the Ohio legislative committee to investigate the Ashtabula railroad disaster, have submitted a sworn statement of facts ascertained by them. After referring to their calculation of the relative strength of different parts of the bridge, and their observations at the wreck, they submit the following conclusions:

First—That all the tension members had very large factors of safety, and were abundantly able to sustain all the strain that could possibly come upon them in this bridge.

Second—That all the compression members, except the counter-braces, were deficient in capacity, having very small factors of safety.

Third—Considered with reference to the location of the break, it appears that the weakest point in the braces was at and near the break, and that the weakest point in the top chord was at the center. Though the top chord at the point of failure does not show a state of security much greater than that of the braces, the probability is that the braces failed first, and thereby involved the failure of the top chord also, but inasmuch as both members were weak, and were involved in the break, it is of little importance which member took precedence in the failure. The factors of safety throughout the compression members were so low that failure must have followed sooner or later.

At this point the engineers proceed to say how the failure might have been prevented at a moderate cost. The remainder of the sworn statement of the engineers is devoted to a consideration of other defects in the bridge. While these defects were not directly the cause of failure, they were such as might, if not remedied, have led to further failure. It is expected that as far as they were able to judge, was of a superior quality, and, with few exceptions, the workmanship was very superior.

In conclusion, they say they find nothing in this case to justify popular apprehension that there may be some inherent defect in iron as material for bridges. They find no evidence of any weakness in this bridge which could not have been discovered and prevented.

Election Statistics. The Congressional election returns are published in the Tribune Almanac. It appears that the largest vote polled in any one district for Congress was in Nebraska, 52,686, and the largest vote cast for any one Congressman was for Mr. Welch of that State, 30,900. Mr. Throckmorton, of Texas, had the largest majority of any candidate, 22,855. The Mormon Delegate, Mr. Cannon, of Utah, had a majority of 17,689. Mr. Buckner, of Missouri, comes next, with 16,893; Mr. Cox, of New York, next, with 16,658; Mr. Hatzer, of Missouri, next, with 15,699. The largest Republican majority in any one district was 13,475 for Mr. Ryan, of Kansas, whose district, in number of votes cast, is next to Nebraska. The third largest district in number of votes cast is the Sixth Michigan, which cast 44,971 votes for Congress.

The Champion Pedestrian. James Heap, a tough old school-master of Masham, Yorkshire, has just died at the age of 84. He taught school at Colsterdale from December, 1822, to January, 1867, or for 2,292 consecutive weeks, never missing a day, and the distance each way being four miles, tra-

versing 110,104 miles, or nearly five times around the world. One-third of each year he taught a Sunday-school at a place equally distant, bringing up his pedestrian accomplishments to 115,816 miles. Six months more would have made the distance he traversed to half that between the earth and the moon.

FACTS FOR THE CURIOS.

THE PEACH.—Originally, the peach was a poisonous almond. In olden times its fleshy parts were used to poison arrows, and it was for this purpose introduced into Persia. The transportation and cultivation not only removed its poisonous properties, but produced the delicious fruit which we now enjoy in its season.

"THE SCENT OF THE ROSES."—There is something wonderful in the wide diffusion of odors. A single grain of musk has been known to perfume a large room for the space of twenty years! Consider how often during that time the air of the apartment must have been changed. At the lowest calculation, the musk has been subdivided into three hundred and twenty quadrillions of particles, each of them capable of affecting the olfactory organs!

INDESTRUCTIBLE.—Everything lives again; but surely nothing comes before us in so many unrecognizable shapes as our old clothes. They are thoroughly used up. The buying and selling of cast-off apparel is a business in London. Usually the worn garments are freshened up by dye-stuffs, pressed and otherwise doctored for the market. This process is called clobbering, and in itself is a business. The better class of old dress coats, when clobbered, have a respectable appearance. Clerks with poor salaries, waiters, small tradesmen, and curates with meager stipends are among the purchasers. Coats and woolen garments which have done good service are exported to Ireland and Holland, where you may see them in great quantities for sale at the fairs and markets. When woolen garments are at last no longer passable, they are torn up by toothed wheels into a condition of loose fibers, which, on being properly sifted, are mixed with fresh wool, carded, spun and woven into cloth. This is a triumph of art. The shoddy is incorporated into what appears to be exceedingly beautiful cloth, and is again proudly exhibited as Sunday clothes on the backs of thousands of wearers. So much for the resurrection of old clothes.

THE EYE.—Science gives us interesting details about what the human eye has been and what it may become. The Vedas of India, which are the most ancient written documents, attest that in times the most remote, but still recorded in history, only two colors were known, black and red. A very long time elapsed before the eye arrived at the perception of the color yellow, and a still longer time before green was distinguished; and it is remarkable that in the most ancient languages the terms which designated yellow insensibly passed to the signification of green. The Greeks had, according to the received opinion now, the perception of colors very well developed; and yet authors of a more recent date assure us that, in the time of Alexander, Greek painters had for fundamental colors only white, black, red and yellow. The words to designate blue and violet were wanting to the Greeks in the most ancient times of their history; they called these colors gray and black. It is thus that the colors of the rainbow were only distinguished gradually, and the great Aristotle only knew four of them. It is a well-known fact that when the colors of the prism are photographed there remains outside the limit of the blue and violet in the spectrum a distant impression, which our eyes do not recognize as a color. According to physiologists, a time will come when the human eye will be perfected so as to discern this color as well as the others.

Curious Matrimonial Complication. Recently the possessor of a house, two acres of land, a wife and four children, residing in the town of Granville, Washington county, N. Y., became jealous of a younger brother who was a frequent visitor. The husband remonstrated, but to no avail, and a separation was at last agreed upon. At this juncture the younger brother came to the rescue, and the compromise was in this wise: The husband agreed to relinquish all claim upon the wife, his children and the homestead, while the younger brother assumed the necessary responsibility. The brother and forsaken wife went to Whitehall, and were there united in marriage. A few days elapsed, when husband No. 1 put in an appearance again. He solicited an interview with his wife, and besought her to return. She found it impossible to resist the ardent appeal, and husband No. 2 undertook to interfere, consented to their departure, he meanwhile retaining possession of the house and two acres.

High Salaries. The city of New York pays salaries amounting to \$10,400,000 per annum. In 1828, John Quincy Adams was defeated for re-election to the Presidency, because his administration of the Government of 12,000,000 of people had cost \$13,000,000, or \$1.08 for each inhabitant. When the incidental expenses and interest on the debt were deducted from this, it left about \$4,000,000 paid out for salaries, or about 30 cents per head. The expense for salaries in New York city is about \$10 per head for every inhabitant—or more than thirty times the average per capita paid under John Quincy Adams' administration.

Shipments of Grain. The amount of grain shipped from the principal Western ports, last year, was 150,364,872 bushels, besides 4,997,845 barrels of flour. The total shipments by water were 38,513,115 bushels, of which \$1,548,757 bushels were shipped by rail. Within the past four years not less than 22.4 per cent. of the entire crop moved from the chief lake and river ports has been diverted from the water routes, amounting last year to about 33,000,000 bushels, or about 1,000,000 tons of through freight. Even at the rate of 12 cents a bushel, this change added nearly \$4,000,000 to the gross receipts of the main railway routes.

THE SECRET.

Said Damon unto Phyllis, "Let me whisper in your ear. I would fain impart a secret that no other soul may hear."

Said Phyllis unto Damon, "And why whisper? We're alone! You had better tell your secret in an ordinary tone."

"But, Phyllis, little birds, they say, are sometimes not so true as you seem, and I cannot be too cautious in divulging precious hints."

"But, Damon, this is nonsense, for there's not a bird about! Besides, I can't keep secrets, and am sure to let it out."

"Yet, Phyllis, 'tis a secret that but concerns us two. I scarce dare say it to myself, much less speak loud to you."

"Well, Damon, you may whisper, since you decline to speak; but promise first, to keep your lips some distance from my cheek."

Then Damon gave his promise, and he whispered not a word. The secret seemed to please her, but his purport soon can know.

"Dear Damon," was the maid's reply—and all that could be heard— "I wonder how very angry if you do not keep your word!"

—Harper's Bazar.

Wit and Humor. MADE a bull-sight—the marksman who went to Creedmoor and shot a cow.

TRENE is something incongruous in the fact that the wives of almost all bankrupts wear diamonds to the last.

TRENE isn't much danger of sunstroke at this season, but a sponge in the hat may prevent the top of the head from being frost-bitten.

CART. GRAZIER rode from Boston to California on a horse, and when he returned home they didn't meet him with a brass band and a bean supper.

THE sun begins to get up earlier, but it is no man's business to try and be as great as the sun. Another thing, the sun always has a good fire to dress by.

THE boy who sat down on a hot poker wanted to say something when the subject of base-burners was under consideration, but his father choked him off.

OVER 14,000 children under 5 years of age died in New York last year. When Horace Greasley said "Go West" he was looking at a funeral procession.

EVERY heart knows its own sadness best, and will not betray it. You can tell from the expression of a woman's face when a whalebone is sticking into her.

A DES MOINES man wouldn't shovel the snow off his roof because the Lord put it there. The Lord caused the roof to break in, and then the man had to move.

If you have a big boil on your neck and want to get rid of it, mix snow and salt, apply, and you can whittle the pesky thing right out without hurting you.

You can never tell what a boy will do within an hour after you lose sight of him, but you can safely bet he will not do what you want him to do.

An Alabama editor winds up an editorial on the corn crop with the remark: "We have on exhibition in our sanctuary a pair of magnificent ears."

AMERICAN beef sent to England has made English butchers come down 6 cents per pound. It will also make every English dentist a millionaire in time.

AGASSIZ contended that the world was once covered by floating ice, and the river men would like figures as to how many coal barges were swept away at that time.

It is said that you can scare any common man to death in seventeen minutes by chasing him around with a wheelbarrow. It is the only infernal weapon he can't dodge.

THE Hamlet of the Waco (Texas) Examiner thus soliloquizes: "Government lands cost \$11 per acre and good whisky \$5 per bottle. How many men die landless who during their lives have swallowed whole townships, trees and all."

An article entitled, "Where the Driver Should Sit," is now going the rounds. Given a Fordham cutter, a cold moonlight evening, and the only other occupant besides ourselves a blooming little widow, we don't think that there can be any question as to where the driver would sit.

"LOVE makes 128 pounds of girl feel no heavier than a feather on a fellow's knee."—Norristown Herald. "And the same fellow would have his leg cramped all out of shape by 75 pounds of wife."—Fulton Times. "That would depend somewhat upon whose wife it was."—Danbury News.

A CINCINNATI boy, after gazing long and meditatively upon a painting representing the Biblical decline in pork—where the drove of devil possessed swine were rushing down the hill into the sea—and being told the story—remarked, "I'll bet the old man'd found some way to pack them hogs and sell 'em for prime mess, without wasting a ham."

A WELL-KNOWN, bald-headed banker, who always prides himself on being a self-made man, during a recent talk with a friend had occasion to remark that he was the architect of his own destiny—that he was a self-made man. "W-what d-did you say?" asked the friend, who stutters. "I say with pride that I am a self-made man—that I made myself," replied the banker. "Then why were you m-making yourself," stammered his friend, "the d-dickens didn't you p-put some more h-hair on the t-top of your h-head?"

Petroleum Pipe Line. The preliminary survey for the new pipe line between Buffalo and the Bradford oil region has just been completed. The route runs direct from Bradford to Killbuck or Great Valley; therefore takes a direct line over Fish hill to Union Corners, in the town of Mansfield. From this point it goes to East Otto Corners, thence to Morton's Corners, Erie county; thence to White's Corners, town of Hamburg, and from this point it follows the line of the Buffalo and Jamestown road to Buffalo. The highest point is in the northeast part of the town of Little Valley, the elevation being 700 feet above the Allegheny river. It is the intention of the company to lay a four-inch pipe between the two points. Through all the open lands it will be placed under ground. Large refineries will be located at Buffalo.

Correspondence of the Democrat.
From White Oak.

An oyster supper donation for Rev. J. H. Caster, at the residence of Mr. A. Sprague, resulted in the receipt of \$34.

L. Cady, of this township, has a horse that will be 25 years old next spring. He is one of the finest equines in this vicinity, is an easy keeper, and drives like a five year old colt. Mr. C. has owned the horse 21 years and says he will never sell him.

K. Winchell, S. Ladd and J. Vaughn put in one skidway, logs enough to make 150 cords of wood, on Mr. Farnham's land. There have been seven skidways put up on his place this winter, and there are more to be put up.

The friends of Elias Avery, of Dausville, had a wood bee for his benefit in Mr. Farnham's woods, and 20 loads of wood were left at his door.

A donation visit at the house of David Goslin, for the benefit of Rev. N.A. Pierce, resulted in the receipt of \$35.50.

The inhabitants of district No. 7, of this town have succeeded in locating a schoolhouse site. Good.

Mr. Wm. Wilcox, of Pinckney, is in White Oak, visiting friends.

Allen Wolverton is getting the material together to build a new house.

Mary Beers of Ingham, is very sick. Some people do not know that the sleighing is gone, and they are still drawing logs with sleighs. J. R. P.

Correspondence Ingham County Democrat.
From Okemos.

Dr. J. B. Park has commenced drawing material for a new house, on the lot west of the Union Hotel.

At the annual election of officers of the Okemos Grange, George R. VanAtta was elected Master, and George F. Fuller Secretary.

Amos Orton is drawing a large quantity of stones and putting them on and around his mill dam, so that the "dam" high water next spring will not move the "dam" thing down stream.

Officer Abels caught and lodged in the Lansing lock-up one William Roof, who is accused of stealing ten bottles of varnish from the fair grounds in October last.

Our post master begins to think about who will be his successor after the inauguration of Tilden. We hear of but one man who wants it, and he wants all the offices in town: Supervisor, Justice of the Peace, Town Treasurer, and chief among four hundred and fifty instead of ten thousand. He may be "one altogether lovely," but if anybody can see anything lovely about a Shylock, then we give up; but we really hope Shylock will get all he wants even to the pound of flesh, and if he is allowed the pound of flesh we know he will take blood to the last drop, if he can only get his pound.

The Masonic Lodge of this place held a festival at West's Hotel last Friday eve. It was a success. PHILIP MYCAN.

Correspondence Ingham County Democrat.
From Delhi.

[The following very sensible remarks from a friend in Delhi, as to what that village needs to make it prosperous, apply with equal force to other villages and cities as well.—Ed.]

Why don't some more people come to our little burg? The inhabitants number now about two hundred and fifty, old and young. It is a splendid place for some one to start an enterprise of some kind. Village lots can be bought at from \$250 to \$350 per acre. All that is necessary is plenty of money.

Our merchants are doing very well, considering the number of people in and about our village who devote whole days to driving away to some neighboring town to purchase goods, because they can get a few yards of prints a half cent cheaper per yard, or a few pounds of sugar at the same reduction. It is not very encouraging to business men to see their neighbors drive past their doors on their way to other towns to trade.

If they want a paper of needles, a few buttons, or something of that sort, they patronize the home dealer, never forgetting to grumble because he has such a small stock, dreaming and less caring that they themselves are the ones to be blamed for it.

If people would encourage home trade, and give the local dealers a fair chance, they would see a vast difference in their enterprise. Circumstances would compel them to keep large stocks of goods, and thus they would be enabled to buy and sell much cheaper than they can now afford to do.

Let the public try it once and note the effect. Let the land owners ask a reasonable price for real estate. They cannot, or ought not to expect city prices in a town of this size. That kind of enterprise is what kills any town and will so long as it is continued.

SWALLOWING AND CHEWING.—Lord Bacon says: "Some books are to be tasted, others swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." Taste first, look at the index, read a little here and there; to see if the book is worth digesting. Swallow books of amusement and recreation, but chew and digest books of information. At the end of one or two pages, think over what you have read, see what it means. At the close of the article, chapter or book, look it over, gather the substance, fasten it in your mind, make it your own. Read slowly, thoughtfully, and daily.

Written for the Ingham County Democrat.
Sunday Evening Review.

Sitting-gazing at the beautiful sunset clouds, thinking dreamily of the past and future, wondering if we shall ever realize the tenth part of the imaginations of youth, our mind dwells lingeringly upon the bright scenes of the future, pictured to us by enthusiastic teachers and school-mates of early youth, when life, like a beautiful panorama, was all before us. Sadly we call to mind the memory of many an old associate, now mouldering in the dust, cut off in the prime of early manhood or stricken down in the first blush of womanhood. Quietly we drop a tear to their memory and instinctively breathe a prayer that we may meet and know them on the other side of the dark river of death.

And as we ponder upon things of the past and future—never thinking of the present—our mind dwells upon the time when we, too, shall cross over to the other side; when we, too, shall bid farewell to earthly ties and, take the "long journey" so many have taken before us—when we shall lay aside the cares and vexations of busy life, and take our place in the ranks of the invisible hosts that are quietly awaiting us beyond the grave. And when that time comes, 'tis well if we are ready—if no dark shadow lies across our path—no fear makes us tremble and cling to earthly life. If our lamp shall be trimmed and burning, if our house shall be in order, and ourselves ready to receive the summons of the dark winged messenger, then can we bid our weeping friends be of good cheer—the parting is but for a short time, and then shall we be reunited and happy forevermore. Let us, then, prepare for what is inevitable, that though we be called at mid-day, yet are we ready to obey the summons.

MIZPAH.

Real Estate Transfers.

The Real Estate Transfers for the week ending February 24, 1877, as reported by J. C. Cannon, Register of Deeds for Ingham County, are as follows:

Geo. Vaughan to E. Sherd, n w 1 sec. 9, Onondaga, \$4,800.

D. Robison Jr. to H. J. Dolbie, w 1/2 sec. 3, \$1,450.

H. H. & D. S. Smith to Dan'l Edwards, lot 6, blk. 39, Lansing, \$2,000.

S. A. Cline to Phebe Kelley, lot 10, blk. 149, Lansing, \$1,800.

Wm. Foster to Martha Foster, lot 2, blk. 1, Claypool's sub-division, Lansing, \$500.

Thos. Saier to Eleanor Saier, pt. of lots 7 & 8, blk. 128, Lansing, \$2,500.

E. V. Canfield to Wm. C. Williston, lots 4 & 5, blk. 3, Jerome's Add., Lansing, \$2,700.

A. Kelley to J. J. Bush, 7 1/2 acres on s e 1/4 sec. 20, Lansing, \$1,200.

H. Pratt to M. Converse, lots 1, 2 & 3, blk. 3, Mason, \$900.

D. F. Dwight to S. Lawrence, lots 5 & 8 blk. 10, Leslie, \$400.

H. Bristol to R. Miller, 2 acres on s e 1/4 sec. 25, Aurelius, \$600.

M. Alice Hewitt to J. K. North, 150 & 63-100 acres on sections 3 & 4, Delhi, \$2,400.

F. W. Burgess to D. Clark, 5 acres on sec. 22, White Oak, \$400.

J. B. Dakin to Abraham Dakin, w 1/2 of s w 1/4 and w 10 acres of s e 1/4 of s w 1/4 of sec. 17, White Oak, \$1,000.

Look! see those humble sinners shake, Wells and Anderson, of Louisiana state. When Littlefield and Maddox explain The perpetrated frauds and shame, Their joints do give, their frames do shake While they sit on that bench their fate to wait.

That 1,000,000 did not come As they expected from the big gun, And now their characters have fled, It matters not how many tears they shed, With O'Conner and others on the lead We'll fix their cause with greatest speed. Tilden surely this country must rule. Hayes and Zach. C. are only small tools. Hayes and Zach. have done their best And put their friends all to the test, But they must submit to Democracy hold And come down to the solid basis of gold. PHILL.

Horse Breaking.

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