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Arrive Grand Rapids 3:10 p. m. 5:00 a. m. Arrive Ann Arbor 5:50 p. m. 4:35 a. m.

Arrive Jackson 7:00 a. m. 4:30 p. m. Arrive Lansing 8:20 a. m. 6:58 p. m.

Arrive Mason 9:22 a. m. 8:35 p. m. Arrive Saginaw City 10:50 a. m. 8:35 p. m.

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Our Great Premium Offer.

Again we present to our readers a premium, that so far as usefulness and value are concerned, exceeds by far any premium ever offered free with a country newspaper.

This handy illustrated dictionary is absolutely free to subscribers of the Democrat, and is invaluable to people of all classes, ages and conditions.

If you are not already a subscriber to the Democrat, become one at once and get the paper for a year and one of these complete and handy dictionaries—all for \$1.50.

We shall soon commence one of the most interesting serial stories we have ever published.

Read our premium offer. A Merry Christmas to all. Read Glynn's advertisement.

Read notice of city property for sale. Steadily growing—our subscription list. Don't fail to see Culver's display of diamonds.

Nice calling cards for holiday presents, at this office. Boys, prepare yourselves. Leap year comes with 1888.

The toboggan slide is being put in readiness for cold weather. Branch and Hillsdale counties have joined the local option column.

The time is growing short for paying taxes without the extra per cent. Isiah Dakin of Dansville, was granted an increase of pension last Saturday.

Wanted, 10 tons butter. Prof. Webster informs us that the holiday vacation will extend to Tuesday, Jan. 3.

"Notes from India," by Rev. F. L. McCoy, will appear in our columns next week. The Farmers' Club will open up in fall blast at the council room at 2 p. m., next Saturday.

The junior exhibition of the Mason high school will not take place until the close of next term. You can get fine cabinet photos for \$2 per dozen and card photos for \$1.00 at C. W. VanStyke's.

Clark E. Bullock has sold his entire stock confectionary, tobaccos, cigars, &c., to Dean & Cross. Silas Madden went the other disposed of by chance from L. Frank Clark's factory Saturday night.

We will accept either green or dry wood on subscription to the Democrat, if delivered soon, at market price. Read over the magnificent list of presents which E. Culver, the jeweler, will distribute on New Year's Eve.

J. M. Dresser will tell the people of Alameda of his trip to Europe, at the Phillips school house to-morrow evening. There will be a social party at the armory hall, under the auspices of Co. F, M. S. T., next Thursday evening, Dec. 29th.

If you pay up for your Democrat during the next month you get a 320 page, illustrated, cloth-bound Webster's Dictionary free! C. A. Yocum will give a New Year's ball at Union Hall, in Leslie, Friday evening, Dec. 30, with supper at the Allen House.

A splendid holiday present—the Democrat a whole year and our handsome cloth-bound, 320-page illustrated dictionary, all for \$1.50. Quite a number of Royal Arch Masons of this city, visited Eaton Rapids lodge last Tuesday evening, and were hospitably entertained.

An effort is to be made to secure the permanent use of a sufficient amount of land at Mackinac Island for the state military encampment. Steady employment during the fall and winter on salary is offered in another column by the VanDusens of Geneva. They are an old and reliable firm.

It is worth the trouble of traveling many miles to view the handsome display of jewelry and novelties on exhibition at Culver's jewelry establishment in this city. Burnham & Co. of Lansing, have taken a half column of space on our fifth page and their weekly announcements will hereafter be of interest to our readers.

The Baptist Sunday school will give a concert next Monday evening. A very interesting programme has been arranged and the admission fee will be but five cents. Rev. Eli Wigle of Grand Rapids, and Miss Mary Holland of White Oak, were joined in marriage by Rev. Phillips at the Baptist parsonage in this city, on Tuesday, the 20th inst.

Prepare to write 1888. E. M. Slayton announces a special sale for Saturday, the 24th. Special sale on Saturday, Dec. 17. A. L. VANDERCOOK.

The January term of the supreme court will convene at Lansing on Wednesday, January 4th. The Lansing council has voted to rent a vacant store on Michigan avenue and fit it up for a temporary lock-up.

Henry O. Reynolds of this city, and Edwin E. Parker of Leslie, have been granted an increase in their pensions. After quite a bitter struggle, the Lansing city council re-elected Civ Assessor Park last Monday evening. He has made a capable officer.

There will be a box lunch social at the residence of Hugh Blakeley to-morrow (Friday) evening for the benefit of the Etchell Sunday school. Lunches to be sold to the highest bidder. A lecture course has been organized in district No. 2, Wheatfield, with C.R. Backus as president, and John Gorsline as secretary. The whole community are interested and the course promises well.

Frank Drury and Warren Pierson, for a long time with Woodworth & Bussell, on Maple street, will open a new barber shop next Monday, in the room just vacated by C. E. Bullock, opposite postoffice. We would like to settle with every person who has an account with this office, on or before January 1st. This, of course, does not apply to subscribers who are already paid in advance or are less than six months in arrears.

Wm. Benson of North Lansing, who is charged with burglarizing a saloon in North Lansing last fall, and has been enjoying his freedom on \$500 bail, has been delivered up by his bondsmen and now languisheth in the county jail. The Scientific American, published by Mun & Co., New York, presents weekly to its readers the best and most reliable record of various improvements in machinery, while the scientific progress of the country can in no way be gleaned so well as by the regular perusal of its pages.

We understand that Hon. D. L. Crossman and wife of Williamston, who have started for California to spend the winter, will go by way of Ogden, Utah, and will be joined by our esteemed friends, Judge and Mrs. H. P. Henderson. The "Mother Goose" entertainment given at the Presbyterian church last Friday evening was so well attended and highly successful that by request it was repeated on Monday evening, with satisfaction to all. The crayon sketches of Will Beecher have received many compliments.

Miss Della Rogers, who, in company with her sister, in 1856, founded the Michigan Female College, at Lansing, and has many acquaintances and friends in this vicinity, died at Chicago on Saturday last. Her remains were brought to Lansing and funeral services held on Tuesday. F. A. Bjorsell, a brakeman on Michigan Central freight train No. 78, was quite badly injured in the yards at Lansing last Tuesday. In attempting to draw a coupling pin his right arm was caught between the bumpers and severely crushed at the elbow. He lives at Jackson. The doctors say they will save his arm.

Secretary Hardy will soon issue a list of the legally qualified teachers of Ingham county, since August 20th, 1887, in which he advises that school boards should not contract with teachers until they are legally qualified, and that under no circumstances should they allow teachers to commence their schools unless they have a certificate in force or otherwise legally qualified. As Mrs. Elsie Locke and Miss Jennie Croman were approaching the city from the south east last Tuesday morning, their horse became frightened at a team in a gravel pit just this side of Peter's slaughter house, and the buggy was upset and both ladies thrown violently to the ground. Fortunately, however, they escaped with only a few bruises and the horse was captured before much damage was done the rig.

When a man who has regularly taken a newspaper from the postoffice for several years without paying for the same, and finally instructs the postmaster to mark it "refused," you can set it down with certainty that he has more meanness than honesty or respectability wrapped up in his hide, and he would no doubt feel better if he would go out behind some barn and kick himself for half an hour. It is our good fortune to have but very few of this class of dead-beats on our books. Elvin Branch Walker died at the home of his mother, in the second ward, on Thursday last, of consumption. Deceased would have been 18 years of age had he lived until the 9th day of January. He was an exemplary young man and died in peace with his Maker. He leaves a mother and brother, besides many young friends, who mourn his early death. Brief funeral services were conducted at the residence by Rev. Phillips Saturday morning, when the remains were taken to Dexter and placed beside his father's.

Purchasers of holiday goods should not fail to inspect the elegant display made by E. Culver, the veteran jeweler of this city, in the Cook block. He is unusually well prepared to furnish his customers at rock-bottom prices with all goods in his line. He has a big stock of ladies' and gentlemen's gold and silver watches, diamond goods, sleeve buttons, brooches, solid gold rings, collar buttons, solid silver spoons, silver plated goods, clocks and a great variety of small nicknacks in gold and silver, which will gratify any party to whom they are presented. You are sure to find something to please you if you will inspect his goods. And if you purchase you can make a big saving and have the satisfaction of getting just what you bargain for.

THE FARMERS' MUTUAL.

A Prosperous and Growing Insurance Company. The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, which was held at the court house in this city last Monday, was the largest meeting ever held by the company. Every township in the county was represented except Locke. This is a good indication that its members have the future welfare of the company at heart. So long as the members take such a lively interest in its management they need have no fears for its future. If every member made it a point to attend these meetings, which is strictly their duty, they would be less liable to be misled by statements made by unscrupulous agents of other companies.

The secretary's report shows a membership of 2,570, a net increase of 114 since Jan. 1, 1887. The amount of capital stock at risk is \$1,288,125, a net increase of \$161,182. The total amount which the company has paid for losses since Jan. 1, 1887 is \$6,840. A number of important amendments were made to the charter, the most important of which is the one relating to the suspension and cancellation of policies for non-payment of assessments.

R. J. Bullen of Aurelius, was elected president, receiving 117 out of 215 votes cast. O. F. Miller was re-elected secretary, receiving 141 out of 190 votes cast. The following directors were elected: Alameda—John Hinshelberger. Aurelius—A. E. Bourse. Barker—E. H. Ansell. Delhi—L. W. Baker. Ingham—N. V. Wemple. Lansing—E. H. Shaffer. Leslie—J. J. Tuttle. Locke—J. G. Kirk. Lenox—L. Parker. Marquette—G. F. Fuller. Onondaga—Frank Hoes. Stockbridge—D. Miller. Vevay—H. S. Shaffer. White Oak—C. F. Patrick. Wheatfield—M. J. Polak. Williamston—N. C. Branch. Lansing City—R. L. Hewlett. Mason City—D. L. Cady.

Postmaster Knight at Rest. The funeral of Postmaster R. G. C. Knight, whose death last Thursday morning we briefly mentioned in our last issue, was held at the M. E. church on Sunday afternoon, and was probably the largest attended funeral ever held in the city. Rev. DeLamar officiated and was assisted by Rev. Frank Hoyt. Mr. Knight had been complaining for several weeks, and a portion of the time had been confined to his house, but got better and was out for a few days, when he grew worse and when again confined to his house, gradually failed until his death. He was in the 49th year of his age, having been born June 9, 1839, in Ellsworth township, Ohio. He married Mrs. Lucretia Randolph, Sept. 14, 1865, and in 1866 they removed to Michigan, settling in Locke township, in this county, and engaged in farming. While there Mr. Knight held various township offices and was highly esteemed by his neighbors and acquaintances. He was quite active in politics and in the fall of 1880 was elected register of deeds for Ingham county on the republican ticket. For a short time after the expiration of his term of office as register, he conducted the abstract office, and in the fall of 1883 was appointed postmaster of this city, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. T. Albright, and filled the position to the general satisfaction of the patrons of the office up to the time of his death. He was always genial and courteous, and never tired attending the numerous wants of the patrons of the office. He was liberal in his views and conservative in his speech. He was sure to make friends wherever he made acquaintances, and it is no wonder his seemingly untimely death is truly mourned by the entire community, whose sincere sympathy goes out to the sorrowing wife and daughter.

Last Sabbath closed a very successful term of Sabbath school at the Etchell school house, with an average attendance of 55. The interest taken by every one in the duty assigned them has been truly commendable. The patrons of the school have been very liberal in their contributions to make it one of the best Sunday schools in the county and all must feel well paid for the effort put forth to make it a success. The officers also wish to return thanks to J. C. Hunt for so ably assisting in furnishing the music.

The safe in County Treasurer Longyear's office was broken open on Tuesday last by a blacksmith, whom he employed to execute the job, after a fruitless endeavor of several hours to unlock it. The safe is a miserable old box, neither fire or burglar proof, and one that no prudent business man would think of using. What is needed is a new fire and burglar proof safe and when the matter is brought to the attention of the supervisors we have no doubt they will make an order for such a one as they think advisable without further delay.

For several months past Sheriff Call has been corresponding with parties in Texas, in relation to Peter Cavalia, the murderer and jail breaker, who escaped from jail in this city some six or seven years ago. From letters received he had become positive that at last he was to secure this man Cavalia, for whom there is a liberal standing reward offered. He therefore started out, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Bates of Lansing. They went to Austin, obtained a requisition from the governor, and immediately proceeded to Wharton, where it was believed Cavalia was and had been for about two years, engaged in fishing and hunting. They went to a hotel, and sending an officer for the supposed murderer, were soon faced to face with him in their room. He was not Cavalia, though Sheriff Call says he looked near enough like him to be a twin brother. They visited San Antonio, attended a state convention of sheriffs and met many prominent people of that section of the country, returning to Mason last Thursday evening.

Christmas Entertainment.

An entertainment will be given at the Baptist church to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, by the pupils of the first and second primaries. The proceeds will be used for a charitable purpose. The programme will consist of exercises, recitations and songs. Admission 5 cents. Any larger contributions will be thankfully received. Entertainment begins at 2:30. Program for Ingham County Teachers' Association, Jan. 7, 1888. The next meeting of the Ingham County Teachers' Association will be held in this city, on Saturday, Jan. 3, when the following program will be observed: A Paper, Miss Buck, Leslie. The Teachers' Lecture Hour, Geo. Van Allen, Pine Lake. School Management, G. M. Young, Holt. Methods in Teaching, Prof. T. A. Stevens, Stockbridge. Practical Utility of Education, Prof. Johnson, Lansing. Kindergarten Work in Primary Schools, Miss Clara Bullon, Mason. Copper Mines of Michigan, Prof. Tatnough, Lansing. Circuit Court Jurors. The following is the list of jurors drawn December 16, to serve at the January term of the circuit court, beginning January 3: Alameda—James H. Steinhoff, M. S. Laycock. Antrim—Jay W. Footman. Barker—Edward McCloskey. Delhi—Jacob Sheathelm. Ingham—Robert Howlett. Lansing Township—Hiram Ballard. Lansing, 1st ward—Wm. Hays. Lansing, 2d ward—Geo. Longstreet. Lansing, 3d ward—Glas T. Hurley. Lansing, 4th ward—Nathan Boosinger. Lansing, 5th ward—J. V. Garlick. Lansing, 6th ward—Robert Mann. Leslie—D. J. Simmons. Lenox—James Catlin. Locke—John A. Stoughton. Marquette—Nelson Hall. Mason, 1st ward—George Acker. Mason, 2d ward—Andrew Pearson. Onondaga—Charles S. Davis. Stockbridge—Orin Sayles, S. O. Irish. Vevay—Harry H. Whipple, Jerry Purdy. Williamston—Nelson Adles, S. E. Yarnattor. Wheatfield—John J. Reble, John M. Watkins. White Oak—John W. Gifford, George McIntyre.

Business Locals.

City Property For Sale. A good house, barn, necessary out-buildings, well, cistern, &c., and 15 lots in second ward, for sale at a bargain. 51w2p O. M. KELLOGG.

R. A. M. The regular convention of Ingham Chapter No. 51, R. A. M., will be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, 1887. The annual election of officers and other important business will be transacted. A full attendance of the Companions is earnestly requested. Sojourning Companions are courteously invited to be present. By order of J. H. SAYLES, H. P. A. B. ROSS, Sec'y. 1w

Wanted. Forty cords of Green Beech and Maple stove wood. E. M. SLAYTON.

Material for Fancy Work, at WEBB'S KASH STORE.

House and Lot. For sale cheap. Inquire of F. WYETH. 50w2p

Found. A casting, supposed to belong to a corn sheller. Pay for this notice and get casting at BALL & SHERMAN'S.

Poultry Wanted. Highest cash price. G. M. KELLOGG.

For Sale. A good Conservatory violin. Style Stradivarius. Inquire of or write to A. F. STEVENS, Mason. 50w3

Our Motto. Is square dealing every time or money refunded, at G. W. VAN HORN'S.

If You Are Looking For Christmas presents, call on Hoyt & Bates; they have something that will please you. 50w2

Five Hundred Beautiful Fur Caps at \$1.50 each, for Christmas, at L. C. WEBB, the Clothier's.

Bargains in Dress Goods. For 6c to 16c a yard at WEBB'S.

Cash Paid For Furs. At ROGERS & FERGUSON'S, Mason. Jackson Stone Drain Tile. And Sewer Pipe of all sizes on hand and for sale by J. W. CHAPIN, Eden, Mich.

Money to Raise. All notes and accounts due must be paid by January 1st. L. C. WEBB, The Clothier.

Notice. I hereby warn all persons against trusting my wife on my account, as I shall pay no debts so contracted. 49w3p GEORGE KIRBY, Vevay.

Ladies and Gentlemen. See here! One pound Good Tea and one pound Baking Powder, both for 50c next Saturday, at G. W. VAN HORN'S.

1888. Settle up for the New Year. All notes and accounts due must be paid. L. C. WEBB, The Clothier.

Chemises and Arrestes at M. H. WEBB'S. Don't Fail to Attend The Great Off Sale of Cloaks at M. GREGG'S.

I Have the Finest Lemon Cling California Patches in town. Come and try them, at G. W. VAN HORN'S.

For Sale or Exchange. Improved farms and city property. MARSHALL & CASTELLIN.

Men's Shirts and Drawers. At 25 cents each at L. C. WEBB, the Clothier's.

Fetch Your Butter and Eggs. And get the Highest Market Price, at G. W. VAN HORN'S.

Ford's Bazaar

REMEMBER FORD & KIRBY. Have the Largest and Finest Line of Albums, Scrap Books, Toilet Cases, Toys, Vases, Toys and Games in the city. As usual, they give a Liberal Discount to all committees buying for Sunday Schools and Churches. Don't fail to call. Albums were never sold as cheap as at the present time. Respectfully, FORD & KIRBY.

Bee Hive

Tobaccos on the jump, Higher Every Day. We are selling Plug Tobacco at 25c per pound. A Fine Cut selling at Half Price. Also selling Pickles at 5c a Dozen. Largest Bars Soap in the city for 10 cents. Don't forget that we have the Finest 25c Coffee in the country. Respectfully, A. L. VANDERCOOK.

Notice to Tax-payers of Vevay. I will be at my residence, known as the L. S. Bues place, Vevay, every Friday during December and at Farmers' Bank every Saturday, to receive taxes at one per cent. 48w4p H. I. NOTHURST, Treas.

The Best Horse Blanket For \$1.50 to be found in Mason, at HOYT & BATES'. 50w2

Hold On! Come and try our Honey Bee Coffee, the best in the town for the money, at G. W. VAN HORN'S.

To Tax-payers of Alameda. I will be at the Town Hall, in Alameda, every Friday, and at the Farmers' Bank, Mason, every Saturday, during the month of December, to receive taxes. J. Q. THOMPSON, Treasurer.

For Sale. Two Clydesdale brood mares—3 and 5 years old—for sale at a bargain. Enquire of E. J. BROWER, Liveryman. 100 Wolfe Robes For Christmas, at L. C. WEBB, the Clothier's. Attention Ladies. I have just received a new line of Fancy Goods for the Holidays, including Silk Mittens, Drapes, Ties, Milk Stools, etc. Arasene and No. 2 Chenille 3c per skin. Call and see. 48 Mas. C. RICE.

Good Fine Cut Tobacco. From 35c to 80c per pound, at G. W. VAN HORN'S.

Whew! Colder Than Blazes. And no wood at the door. All right air! I want you to cut 100 cords, more or less, and have your share delivered, call at this office or instructions.

Men and Boys' Winter Wear. Just received and sold at Bargains at J. C. KIMMEL'S. Ladies, Misses and Children's Underwear. Just received and sold very low at J. C. KIMMEL'S.

For Sale Cheap. A new lumber wagon. Inquire at Farmer's Bank. J. C. Kimmel. Is selling Ladies', Misses', and Children's Cloaks at very low prices. Call and see him for bargains.

Money to Loan. On real estate, at the Farmer's Bank, Mason, Mich. 171p

Dentistry. Best Teeth, \$7.50; Filling, 50 cents up; Extracting, 25 cents. Teeth extracted without pain by the use of Nitrous Oxide Gas. A. P. VAN DUSEN, Mason, Mich.

NEWS BUDGET.

Fresh Intelligence from Every Part of the Civilized World.

Foreign and Domestic News, Political Events, Personal Points, Labor Notes, Etc.

LATEST DISPATCHES.

The steamship City of Sydney, has arrived at San Francisco from Hong Kong and Yokohama. The Chinese papers give details of a disaster occasioned by the Yellow river overflowing...

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the work of the fire in the famous Calumet and Hecla copper mines were of a most discouraging nature. According to these reports the fire has so extended as to destroy the supports in the main shaft, and the walls about the shaft have begun to cave in.

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the Chambers says: "The Government desires to give consideration to measures affecting labor, trade, hygiene, and agriculture. It is for the Chambers," continues the message, "to endow the government with power to execute this programme, which will secure for the country a lasting era of peaceful and fruitful activity, and thus give Europe a pledge of the permanent peace of France to strengthen the general peace and assist in the development of good relations between the Powers." The message was well received.

A SAN REMO dispatch says: "The doctors in examining the Crown Prince discovered symptoms of a fresh growth and an increase in the swelling. A special consultation of medical experts was attended upon. Dr. Mackenzie will attend at the request of the Crown Prince." A London dispatch says that Dr. Mackenzie has started for San Remo, where he will make another examination of the Crown Prince's throat.

CHIN CHOW and ten other populous cities in the Province of Honan, China, were destroyed, on the night of Sept. 23 last, by the bursting of the banks of the Yellow River, a former plain of great extent being now ten to thirty feet under water. Thousands of lives were lost, and millions of people are reported naked and starving. The catastrophe is said to be the most appalling occurrence of modern times.

A COUGAROUS young woman of Cabell County, West Virginia, shot a negro burglar, who had effected an entrance into her father's house, as he was trying to make his escape through a window. The shot was fired at random, but fortunately it penetrated the fellow's brain.

A SPECIAL from Dade City, Florida, says Dick Hines and Charley Metz, colored, were lynched there Tuesday for assaulting Mrs. Oberry and her daughter, living near Owensboro. When arrested the negroes confessed their crime and begged for mercy, but were speedily lynched. No particulars can be learned save that they were tortured before being strung up, and the ropes were so arranged that they slowly died by strangulation. Their bodies were left hanging, and it is reported they were afterward riddled with shot.

A SPECIAL from Meridian, Miss., says that Mrs. Fanny Husbands, of Smith County, while traveling to her brother's home, some miles from her own home, was seized by a party of robbers, who, after robbing her, shot her in the back. The robbers were shot by her husband, who was with her at the time. Mrs. Husbands recognized the negro and wrote him a note, so that he would be arrested.

WASHINGTON. The recent trouble with the Anarchists in Chicago and the prosecution of John Most in New York, says a Washington telegram, has suggested the preparation of a bill which will be introduced in the House of Representatives by the Hon. George E. Adams of Chicago, providing for the expulsion of dangerous aliens from the territory of the United States.

THE National Convention of third and fourth class Postmasters in session at Washington adopted a series of resolutions on the basis of a bill to be hereafter formulated and presented to Congress. The principal features are that third-class Postmasters shall be allowed all the returns from box routes; that the expense of rent, fuel, and light shall be borne by the Government; and that third-class offices shall be allowed an amount sufficient to employ a competent clerical force to properly conduct the business of the office. It is recommended that the rent, light, and fuel allowance of fourth-class offices be made on the following basis: On a salary of \$50 per year and not exceeding \$100, \$25; over \$100 and not exceeding \$200, \$30; over \$200 and not exceeding \$300, \$35; over \$300 and not exceeding \$400, \$40; over \$400 and not exceeding \$500, \$45; over \$500 and not exceeding \$600, \$50; over \$600 and not exceeding \$700, \$55; over \$700 and not exceeding \$800, \$60; over \$800 and not exceeding \$900, \$65; over \$900 and not exceeding \$1,000, \$70.

THE London correspondent of the New York World, whose relations with Mr. Blaine are confidential, and who always speaks by the card when he talks of that gentleman, telegraphs to his paper the interesting information, that since the departure of President Cleveland, Mr. Blaine has decided to become a candidate for the Presidency.

HENRY GEORGE has definitely decided not to be a candidate for the Presidency next year, and not to put the Labor party into the campaign. In an interview at New York he declared that he was not in favor of going into a national campaign for a number of causes, but particularly because of the expense of a national campaign. He is in favor of any party which will declare in favor of free trade.

THE vote polled in the municipal election in Boston aggregated 51,487, which is larger than any municipal vote since 1883. Of this number O'Brien (Dem.) received 26,621, and Hart (Rep. and Ind.) 24,866, the labor vote falling to materialize. The Boston Chamber of Deputies in making the Board of Aldermen, now have 100 standing 8 Republicans and 4 Democrats, being a gain of two members by the Republicans. The Common Council will stand 43 Democrats and 29 Republicans, the same as last year. The city voted for license by over 8,000 majority.

THE city of PARIS was thrown into a fever of excitement by a vicious attempt to assassinate M. Jules Ferry. He was fired at three times by a man named Berckin in the lobby of the Chamber of Deputies. One of the balls struck M. Ferry in the chest, another struck him in the right side, while the third missed him entirely. Neither wound is serious. The assassin was accompanied by two accomplices who were to have shot M. Goblet, but who faked, giving as his reason that his revolver dropped to the floor. When Berckin was searched by the police a paper was found on him which indicated that he and his confederates had drawn lots to decide who should do the shooting. The paper ends, "death to intriguers. Our path is marked out to form an intelligent, disinterested and patriotic ministry. No be it." In consequence of the attempt upon the life of M. Ferry there were many quarrels in the lobby of the Chamber of Deputies between Malesherbes and Gambetta. M. Gambetta joined in the discussion, accusing the Radicals of provoking weak-minded persons to deeds of violence. Several scuffles ensued, and it is expected they will lead to duels.

THE formation of the Third Ministry was brought about by the threat of M. Carnot to resign if M. Tirard refused to go ahead with the task. It is now called "Carnot's cabinet." The organ of M. Clemenceau and of radical organs make violent attacks on the Government, which is expected to collapse in a few days. President Carnot in his message to

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NATIONAL LAW-MAKERS.

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THE Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections investigated the West Virginia contested-election case, on the 23rd inst., and decided unanimously to report in favor of Mr. Fairbank's claim to the vacant seat. Mr. Fairbank's opponent, Mr. W. C. Cullom, had introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the election of members of the House of Representatives. The bill provided for the election of members of the House of Representatives by the people of the several States.

SOME astounding disclosures have been made at Montreal in connection with the arrest of John Fahey, Chief of the Dominion Detective Agency, an ex-detective named Naegle, and Constable Brunet, late of the Grand Trunk force. The specific charge against them is the robbing of the safe at Bonaventure Station, and it appears that they had conspired with the operators of a similar nature. It is said that the criminal practices of Fahey and Naegle reach back through a period of ten years or more.

MR. SAMUEL SPENCER has been elected President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. His salary, it is understood, was fixed at \$25,000 per annum. The salary of the late President, Robert Garrett, was \$4,000.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER, Canada's representative in the fisheries negotiations, has arrived at Winnipeg from Washington to visit members of his family. He declined to say anything specific about the state of the negotiations, but said: "We have had a number of very interesting meetings, and the fact that we have adjourned our negotiations at this point is a satisfactory conclusion. I am not without hope that we shall reach a settlement satisfactory and honorable to all parties concerned."

ADVICES received from Yamanite, Mexico, located in the State of Tamaulipas, state that there was much trouble there and a riot during the election Sunday. One of the parties opened the polls, when the other began the fight. At each of the polls there was a pitched battle and the ballot-boxes were overturned or destroyed. Eight men were killed and over forty wounded. The result is that the old Mayor will hold over for another term.

THE Superior Court of Kennebec County, Maine, has declared unconstitutional the law making the payments of the United States special tax as a liquor seller prima facie evidence that the party paying such tax is a salaried keeper, and therefore a public nuisance.

A DISCOVERY of bushels of buried gold in the shape of "snags" miners, of the date of 1765, is said to have been made by two persons near St. Martin's, New Brunswick. The affair has caused a great sensation.

MARKET REPORTS. NEW YORK. CATTLE—No. 1 Steers, \$5.50 @ 6.25; No. 2 Steers, \$5.00 @ 5.75; No. 3 Steers, \$4.50 @ 5.25; No. 4 Steers, \$4.00 @ 4.75; No. 5 Steers, \$3.50 @ 4.25; No. 6 Steers, \$3.00 @ 3.75; No. 7 Steers, \$2.50 @ 3.25; No. 8 Steers, \$2.00 @ 2.75; No. 9 Steers, \$1.50 @ 2.25; No. 10 Steers, \$1.00 @ 1.75; No. 11 Steers, \$0.50 @ 1.25; No. 12 Steers, \$0.00 @ 0.75; No. 13 Steers, \$0.00 @ 0.50; No. 14 Steers, \$0.00 @ 0.25; No. 15 Steers, \$0.00 @ 0.00.

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CHEAP TELEGRAPHY.

Senator Cullom's Bill to Establish a System of Government Wires.

Four Million Dollars Asked of Congress to Construct the First Ten Lines.

Senator Cullom of Illinois has introduced a bill to establish the "United States Postal Telegraph" as a part of the postal system of the United States. Following is a summary of the measure:

It calls for an appropriation of \$4,000,000, and provides for the construction of the following trunk lines: One from Washington to Portland, Me.; one from Washington to Boston, Mass.; one from Washington to New York, N. Y.; one from Washington to Philadelphia, Pa.; one from Washington to Baltimore, Md.; one from Washington to St. Louis, Mo.; one from Washington to Chicago, Ill.; one from Washington to Cincinnati, O.; one from Washington to St. Paul, Minn.; one from Washington to Denver, Colo.; one from Washington to Salt Lake City, Utah; one from Washington to San Francisco, Cal.; one from Washington to Honolulu, Hawaii; one from Washington to Manila, Philippines; one from Washington to Singapore, Straits Settlements; one from Washington to London, England; one from Washington to Paris, France; one from Washington to Rome, Italy; one from Washington to Madrid, Spain; one from Washington to Lisbon, Portugal; one from Washington to Algiers, Algeria; one from Washington to Tunis, Tunisia; one from Washington to Cairo, Egypt; one from Washington to Constantinople, Turkey; one from Washington to Bombay, India; one from Washington to Calcutta, India; one from Washington to Rangoon, India; one from Washington to Singapore, India; 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AT THE GOLDEN GAZE.

BY LARRY LINNET.



N editor rapped at the golden gaze, On Christmas morn'g...

A voice within spoke loud and clear, Amid a clime of keys...

While pretty punters labored light, And gazed the shobbers in...

So quite disgusted he left below, And ascended the Golden Gate...

"NOBODY AND ME."

BY BURT AKNOLD.

RED RUBE was a lump printer. He had a red nose, but whether he acquired his nickname from the color of his nose...

ing, then as suddenly appeared, after four or five months' absence...

One Christmas morning he crawled from under the lid of a hay-stack, where he had stowed himself in a drunken stupor...

"I wonder where I am and how I got here!" he ejaculated, as he drew his rags closer to his shivering form...

He leaned back and holding the tip above his lips blew it towards the sky. At first it, and upward in a direct line above him...

of St. Nicholas rang forth merrily on the frosty air. "Nobody, that's a poor place to hide a Christmas feast; but we'll try it. Perhaps we may get a bit of overgreen with a few holly berries for dessert...



your bunker. I'll spend it for you before you have a chance to lose it. You know you can trust me, Nobody? That's right, he continued...

"It appears to me, Nobody, that our road is getting no shorter very fast. But cheer up, will reach there soon."

As he rounded a single and turned into the plank road which led to the village center, he met a little maid whose face was aglow from trying to carry a well-laden basket that was far too heavy for her child-like strength...

"And why do you breathe so short?" questioned Rube in a kind tone. "I wish I was a man!" impudently ejaculated the wee miss...

"And why do you wish to be?" he inquired, much amused at her annoyance. "My toes is cold, and it's too heavy," she simpered.

"Then she removed her mitten and dug out the snow from the gaping slit of a pair of shoes that were much too large for her. "The basket is rather heavy for a little tot like you."

"How far, my little lady, must you carry your load?" "To granny's, up yonder."

"If you'll not mind me, because I'm ragged, I'll carry your basket for you and you, too."

"And you won't let anything spill?" "O, no, just put your arm over my shoulder. That's it; now show me the way," he said, as he perched her on his arm and took the basket in his other hand.

It was a curious sight. Red Rube and the pretty child, it suggested a strange combination, or an Ino and a Bacchus, as it were, but a much better likeness.

"I like you!" suddenly exclaimed his live parcel. "You're dirty, but you're kind. Where did you get that red nose? It don't look nice at all. I wouldn't have a nose like that!"

"It cost me a great deal of money," said Rube. "Well, if you can buy one with money, you better sell that and buy another. It looks like a lobster claw. Granny's got one for a fenny; a claw, I mean. What you crying for?"

"It's the cold, my dear," replied Rube, in a voice that trembled slightly. "For years he had stood the jeers and jibes of the printing fraternity as they jostled about the red-danger-light over his whisky tomb."

"Do you hear that, Nobody?" he asked of his chum. "She's poking fun at you and your smell after all the trouble and pains you have had to get it printed. She says it don't look well. Ain't you ashamed of yourself, Nobody?"

"Who are you talking to?" asked the mite, leaning down and looking into his face with an earnest glance. "With Nobody," he replied. "That ain't nobody, is it?" "Nobody is my chum."

"Where is he?" "In my mind."

"Oh! Say, I shouldn't think you would like to talk to anyone who can't talk back." "Nobody and me were never known to quarrel, my dear, for that very reason."

"Why do you call me your chum?" queried the child, abruptly; then, without waiting for an answer, she asked: "Did you buy your hat where you got your nose? Does the color come out when you wash 'em? My dress was red once, before granny washed it; and she held up a well-patched skirt whose original bright color had faded beyond recognition."

won't mind our spending there," he said, as he placed her on her feet and produced the wee miss to him. "Now run in there and get the monkey."

"I'd kiss you, if I wasn't for your red nose; I'm afraid of that. No, I guess I won't. Your face is dirty, too. You can wash it when you get to granny's."

"Then she shook her little head emphatically from side to side, and disappeared within the shop. "Your nose again, Nobody. I'm really getting ashamed of you," he muttered, ruefully, while he increased the cause of his chagrin. "I really am."

"I got it! I got it!" he exclaimed, his tantalizer as she ran out the door working the jump-jack. "Willie will be so pleased, poor fellow! I am sorry for him! His feet are burned, and he can't walk."

Rube took up his charges and walked along the road commencing with Nobody. People had just begun to appear on the streets, probably going to market to buy little things they had neglected to purchase during the hurry and bustle of the day previous. Many curious glances were directed at the ragged tramp and his fair burden; but he noticed none of them. He was having his first quarrel with Nobody.

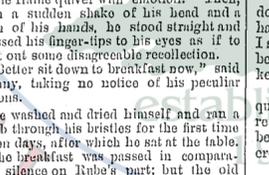
"Here's a basket for Nobody. It's for your granny's. When you're going by the gate!" were the words, accompanied by a pinch of his ear, which disturbed the tenor of his mental quarrel. "Now, set me down and come in," she said, as she grasped his hand and led him within the gate, whither he mechanically followed like a dog in a harness. "You are cold and tired. You must warm yourself. He carried me home, granny," she explained to the care-worn old lady who appeared in the doorway of the tumble-down cottage.

"A merry Christmas to you, madam," said Rube. "Here is a basket the little girl found too heavy for her, so I carried it."

"Come in, sir; come in," invited granny. "Take a seat by the fire. Bring me a chair, Bessie."

Rube entered the house, uncovered his shock and placed the basket on the table; then sat on a low stool by the stove and spread his numb hands before it. The little girl began to sing and as the warmth of the fire penetrated his chilled body it made him so drowsy that he fell back into the chimney-piece and slept while granny prepared breakfast. As he slept he dreamed, and in his dreams he went back to his childhood days before he ever tasted intoxicants; back to the days when his angel mother used to wash him of the evil influences which he had picked up from his father's death. The tears rolled down his cheeks as he slept. He traced the beginning of his comradeship with Nobody up through his past until the present, and his tears were those of remorse for a mis-spent life. Suddenly he was awakened by the touch of a damp cloth to his face, and on opening his eyes he discovered Bessie standing on tip-toe and trying to wash his nose.

"What did you paint it with? It won't come off," she said. "I've got your hands washed clean and the most of your face, and I'll kiss you for being good to me if I can get your nose clean. What are you laughing at? Here's the towel. I do believe he's crying now." And she spoke poor Rube's face in his wet hands and gave vent to sobs that made his



whole frame quiver with emotion. Then, with a sudden shake of his head and a dash of his hands, he stood straight and pressed his finger-tips to his eyes as if to shut out some disagreeable recollection.

"Better sit down to breakfast now," said Rube, taking no notice of his peculiar actions. "He washed and dried himself and ran a comb through his bristles for the first time in ten days, after which he sat at the table. The breakfast was passed in comparative silence on Rube's part; but the old lady asserted a woman's prerogative, her tongue and all her teeth were out, before the time when her husband and only son drank themselves to death and drove the rest of the family to the obscure poverty that now surrounded them. She told how Bessie's mother died of starvation in a large city and left Bessie with no one but a new nurse to care for her. Little did she know the struggle that was going on between Rube and Nobody while she talked, and she was completely astonished when he stood up at his seat with a suddenness that threatened entire demolition of the repast, and exclaimed: "Granny, I've been a drunkard ever since I arrived at the age of manhood. I am dressed in rags; but I am not a bad man. I can earn enough to care for a small family, and I don't have a relative whom I care to know in the world. Let me be as a son to you and I'll never drink again."

"And you'll be a papa to me and buy a new coat?" questioned Rube, the firm in the day, after he had told the story of his life to granny and his proposition was accepted. "Yes, little one."

"Well, I'll kiss you now, then." And she did. "That night, when Rube stood outside the house in the starlight, he held an impressive conversation with Nobody. "Nobody, we've been fast comrades for many years and seen a world of trouble together. We've cheered each other through thick and thin; but we must part. We are not safe companions for each other. I must choose someone who respects himself more than either of us have been wont to do, and form a new partnership. Although you've been a convivial friend, I cannot feel sorry that we are to separate for good. Together we cause woe, each to the other. Good-by! good-by! forever! When you hear of me again the firm shall be Nobody and Rube will be somebody, too; but it can never again be Nobody and Me."

O, God above, on bonded knee I pray, I'm no old man now; Lead me Thy help and give me strength That I may keep my vow. I will each day Thy guidance seek, While life remains my lamp, And thank Thee for Thy mercy to Nobody, Christmas tramp.

Beyond His Comprehension. "Merry Christmas to you, Podsheimer!" exclaimed Da Lywig, as they met. "Yah; der same mit yourself."

"Well, what did you find in your stock- ing this mornin'?" "How you was know do? Tonder, I got me nicks; eray one week and got Kat na do dook dot hole der selokung dot. I tond see how you was know pound dot hole."

"I've got two cents of Nobody's somewhere. I'm his banker, and I guess he

NEVER TROUBLE TROUBLE.

BY FANNIE WINDSOR.

My good man is a clever man, He'll do what he can; He'll do a trick or two, and play a game, He'll do a trick or two, and play a game...

A holiday we never see, But his sixpence will rain; And when the sky is clear at six He knows it won't remain. He is always prophesying ill, To which I won't agree, For I never trouble trouble till Trouble troubles me.

We have a good share of worldly gear, And fortune seems secure, Yet my good man is full of care— Misfortune's coming sure. He is always prophesying ill, But cannot make me see, For I never trouble trouble till Trouble troubles me.

He has a sort of second sight, And sees beyond the good and right The evil and the wrong. It's his cup of joy he'll surely spill Unless I with him be, For I never trouble trouble till Trouble troubles me.

—Norristown Herald.

A TEA-PARTY OF TWO.

BY ANNE CELES FRITSCHE.

"Well, here I be; now where's that jell?" said Mrs. Lester, a partly dame of fifty, who had been summoned "over" by her neighbor to give her valued opinion regarding a number of glasses of fruit jelly which she had made on the day previous, and which was still ostensibly refusing to congeal.

"Here 'tis," replied Mrs. Simpson, a thin, middle-aged woman, of the type one meets so often in farming communities; women who fret and worry themselves old long before their time; women who face the long, hot days of overwork, and the sleepless nights, spent in tending restless infants, have traced time after time, until their owners might easily be mistaken for their husbands' mothers.

Mrs. Lester was justly proud of her local reputation as an authority in matters culinary, and now she stood in Mrs. Simpson's pantry, contemplating the row of glasses as they stood on the shelf giving forth pale golden gleams from their amber-colored contents. "Lemme see," said she with a critical glance, "that 'ere jell don't look so bad nuther; it's clear enough; not but what its looks wouldn't be eggswart what they'd order be, held up by the side of mine. Did ye bile it the right length o' time?"

"Yes, twenty minits, just as ye told me to, other day." "An' stirred the sugar an' juice to- gether, afore ye sat it on the fire?" "Yes?"

"An' measured yer juice with a pint cup, an' then the sugar the same?" "Cause, ye know, it takes a pound of sugar to a pint of juice fer to make jell, an' a pint's all the year round, as the old sayin' is."

"No, I didn't do that," replied Mrs. Simpson. "I was in a hurry, 'cause the baby was beginnin' to fret, an' 'twas most time fer him to be rocked to sleep, an' I knowed of I didn't hurry he'd git to squallin' an' I'd hev to stop right into the middle of the jell. So I jest lumped it off an' guessed at it an'—"

"Yes! the loss that goes the fastest don't always git to town fast. Ye might ha' knowed ye'd spile it. Guess at it, I should say as much! Ye're a sight better hand at guessin' than I be, of ye ken do that."

"But," ventured poor Mrs. Simpson, quivering before her stern judge, "I reckoned a dollar's worth of sugar ought be plenty an' to spare, fer to make that 'ere little o' juice."

"Never mind what ye reckoned, ye might ha' knowed better. That 'ere jell ain't never goin' to amount to nothin'; not of ye let it stand 'til to-morrow. If ye'll follow my advice, ye'll stew up a pint of apple-juice an' cans it, an' 'twill make a lot of good, common sass fer winter. Good enough to be sat on when ye ain't got no company, or even if somebody is a visitin'; ye what ye don't consider o' much consequence. In course, ye wouldn't want to set it on when the minister has come to see ye."

"No, in course not," said poor Mrs. Simpson in a weary, dispirited sort of way. "I wouldn't think o' puttin' it on when he's here; he's such a judge o' vittles."

"My sakes alive!" ejaculated Mrs. Lester, sotto voce, as they emerged from the pantry into the sitting-room, "did ye ever! Look through this window onto the porch, what do ye see?" her rotund figure fairly quivering with suppressed laughter.

"Ye may well ask," said Mrs. Simpson in an irritated tone. The sight had evidently driven the fiasco of her jelly from her mind for the time being and aroused stronger currents of emotion than that misfortune had done. "What do I see, but that rattle-headed gal o' mine lookin' sweet at that poppin' over a new store keeper, that's got'n' past. I'd set her to sewin' carpet rags, but it looks as ef she needed all her eyes to see him with. She feels mighty flattered when he goes by an' hits up his hat city fashion, the conceit carrier, an' bows as ef he meant to double clear over. An' she thinks she's dretful ont, once she stops to talk to her across the fence; she acts nixed to death over him."

Gals nix what they used to be; that's what I shall always stick to. I don't know what my mother would ha' done to me ef I'd kerried on in that style."

"Now look here," said Mrs. Lester, vigorously rocking herself in the chintz-covered rocking-chair in which she had deposited her ample person, "ye're wrong there, as ye mustly always be. Ye're in too big a hurry; jest as ye was with yer jell! An' of ye don't go a little more slow ye may spile yer darter's prospects o' life jest as ye've spiled that Gals is gals, an' young men is young men. Let Trafeeny hev her day; ye've had yourn. An' don't be in such a despit' hurry to run Mr. Perkins down, jest 'cause he's a new comer an' sort o' stylish. Ef he's

smitten with 'Trafeeny, wait an' see what'll come on it; you haven't got no right to stan' in her light. On the contrary, of a likely young feller shows signs of bein' took with her, it's yer duty to help it along all ye ken.

"That's what I done when my Phoebe Ann, what's married to Dr. Larcom, was a gal. Ye want'n' livin' in these parts then, an' can't be expected to hev heard on't."

"Seein' my mornin' work is done up to hum I don't mind stayin' long enough to tell ye all about it. "Twas five years ago, last sheep shearin' time, since Dr. Larcom brought out old Doc Alton's widdar, arter her husband died with blood pizonin'; that he'd ketch'd a cuttin' a dead corpse to pieces; (served him right, I say.)

"Doc' Larcom was a young, enter-prisin' feller, jest got done studyin' to collidge. He took amazin'ly with the folks 'round here, 'cause why? He tried to make friends with everybody an' took a sight of int'rest in the pashants what fell into his hands, an' he hed mighty good luck a doct'r'in' folks.

"As was to be expected, the gals all got very sweet on him, an' ef he'd wanted to git married he could ha' had the pick of 'em afore he was livin' amongst us six months. But he didn't hev no, hankerin' arter married life, leastways it looked to us all as ef his doct'r'in' business was a takin' up all his time an' his thort's.

"Well, the follorin' winter there was a ball 'sprise party got up on Simon Sprague, 'twas on the 19th o' December, soein' that's his birthday.

"All ov our folks was there an' we calculated on hev'in' a stavin' good time, an' would ha' hed it, too, ef it hedn't a bin fer Amarias Penton, 'Rias, we call him fer short, 'cause it's handier, but Amarias is his name; Amarias.

"He's a likely feller enough, 'Rias is, when he's sober, which is most o' the time, 'cause he can't git no lick'er 'round these parts, but when he gets off to town or somewhere away from hum, he's sure to come back middlin' well so' up.

"That day he'd bin to town with a load of fat hogs, an' that's what ailded him an' made him act so queer like to the party, though I was fur from sus-picionin' the truth; soein' I didn't know he'd bin from hum. His wumman must ha' knowed it, though nobody couldn't rightly blame her fer kee'n' it to herself, poor critter.

"Well, 'Rias begun to act amazin' queer an' looked sick an' white in the face, an' he sweat so the water stood on his lids in big drops. Everybody crowded 'round him, axin' questions an' offerin' their help, an' that natterally made him worse; it alvuz duz.

"I stopped up an' ses to the crowd: "Jest stan' aside, all ov ye, will ye, 'cause ye're a hinderin' more'n ye're a helpin'. An' you, Tiddy, (that's his wumman's name, though it order he spoke Matildy, but Tiddy's what I'd called her from a little gal yud), git yourself an' yer young ones ready, 'cause me an' my man is a goin' to take 'Rias straight hum."

"By the time we got hum an' to bed, 'Rias was that sick he never stirred, no, no more'n a saw log. "Tiddy she got scerin' an' begun to cry, but I said to her, ses I: "Don't ye worry, I reckon I ken fetch him out of this all right. It's nothin' 'cept an' attack o' dumb ager, an' it's struck onto his stummick an' the spine o' his back an' his midriff an' brain."

"Oh, my!" ses Tiddy, 'ef it's settled onto so munny diffrunt vittles he's got to die, I jest know he has. Oh—oh—oh!"

"Look here, Tiddy," ses I, kinder soothin'; 'cause I felt sorry fer her ignorance; "look here, ain't I here, an' what do I here fer of not to save his life? Hain't I nussed dozens o' sick folks what would ha' died ef it hedn't bin fer me? 'Cause good mornin' goes a sight further than poor doct'r'in', an' I reckon of ennybody ken tell what ails a sick person, I ken, for my eyes is natterally keen in them things."

"An' now, ye go down sullen an' fetch up a half a bushel or so, or evens an' set all hands a peelin' 'em, fer I see that most o' the 'sprise party has follored us here; 'spret they feel worried about poor 'Rias."

"Twasn't long afore the onions was peeled an' stewed into a kittle. "Soon's ever they was cooled off enough, so's they wouldn't blister 'Rias's hide, which I satisfied myself ov puttin' some o' the poultice onto him five or six times afore I got it cooled down to the proper temperature, I called for a bed sheet an' spread it out on the floor, an' ladled the onion poultice onto it; even an' smooth like.

"By that time the men folks bed undressed 'Rias, an' I made four on 'em take the sheet up by the corners careful like and kerry it into the bed-room. Then I made some o' the stoutest fellers lift 'Rias up, an' me an' Tiddy spread the sheet out onto the bed an' rolled him up into it, from head to foot; twas as ef he'd bin put to soak in stewed onions."

"There now," ses I, 'ef any doctor ken beat that, I'd like to see him. My word fer it, 'Rias will be up an' ready to go choppin' cord wood inside twenty-four hours."

"Let us hope that your words may be verified; meanwhile, madam, will you allow me to approach the bedside and examine my patient?" ses somebody behind me, and when I looked 'round there stood our new doctor, a shakin' all over, and lookin' dretful red in the face; he tried so hard to keep from bustin' out larfin'.

"Doc," ses I, kinder riled up, as who wouldn't be? 'ef that's what ye came fer, to make fun of a wumman what's old enough fer to be your mother, ye'd better ha' staid to hum. An' of ye're larfin' at my onion poultice, ye'd better ha' took lessons o' me in doct'r in'. What good is all yer collidge larfin' ef ye don't even know that onions is the best medicine when the ager has struck onto folkses vittles? An' as fer 'Rias bein' yer pashant, I don't know about that; I had them onions wrapped 'round him afore ye showed up in here."

"Ye'd better b'lieve that words took hum down a peg or two. He axed my pardin' fer hev'in' my feelin's an' said that Mrs. Penton had sent fer him. Then he axed Tiddy some questions, off into a corner, in a low-spoke voice.

"I was powerfully took aback when he told us that what ailed his pashant was indigin' in intoxicatin' beverages too freely—'cause them's the high-flown words he used—an' that 'Rias would be all right in the mornin'."

"But my sperills riz afore long, 'cause I considered that of 'Rias hed hed the ager instid o' bein' drunk, why, my onion poultice would ha' bin jest the thing an' would ha' gone fur ahead ov all the stuff the doctor could ha' g'in him."

"But," remarked Mrs. Simpson, with a nervous glance at the kitchen clock, whose hands were pointing the hour when preparations for dinner for her numerous family and the farm hands must be made, "ye was a goin' to tell how Phoebe Ann an' the doctor come to be married; ye hain't told nothin' about it yet."

"I know it; I'm comin' to it now. I was a follorin' the straight road that led to their gittin' married, right along. I don't b'lieve in no cuts cross lots, I don't, not when I'm tellin' stories, nor in nothin' else. Ye ken see by the mishap with yer jell what comes o' folkses bein' in such a despit' hurry."

"Whilst me an' the doctor was a stan'in' talkin' over 'Riases conclussion, he come Phoebe Ann; she leaned across the foot-board of the bedstead an' looked straight at me, kinder pitiful and scart like, an' with the tears a glistenin' in her eyes.

"Oh! ma," ses she to me, "will he die?" "Diss! ses I, 'not while yer mother's a missin' him, I reckon."

"Then, soein' that the doctor looked at her kind o' sharp, as ef he was took with her looks, I said: "Doc, this is my oldest gal, Phoebe Ann; ses'st come hum from boardin' school, an' has learned a sight o' cutt'vashum. You an' her hed better go to the kitchen an' visit a while, soein' ye've got through with 'Rias in here."

"When we was a climbin' into the hob-sleigh to go hum Phoebe Ann sed to me, ses she: "Ma, Dr. Larcom is a dretful smart man, an' good lookin', too. An' he's comin' to our house next Sunday night ef nothin' happens, a purpose to git acquainted with us."

"I chucked inwardly but said nothin', 'cause I see which way the wind was a blowin'. He came, sure enough, an' that was the beginnin' o' their court-ship."

"Show me a gal round here that's done better gettin' married than Phoebe Ann, an' that's why I say to ye,—good gracious me! Ye don't say it's most twelve? An' there's my bread to hum, that arter bin made up an' hour ago. I bet the dough's run out o' the pan onto the floor, an' there's my dinner. Well, I shall hev to hurry hum fast as I kin trot."

"Good mornin', good mornin'! an' don't forget what I told ye about 'Trafeeny an' the jell."

Some curious discoveries of valuable articles occur from time to time. For example, a singular literary discovery was made at a monastery in the Island of St. Lazarus, at Venice. A pet monkey had climbed to the top of a book-case, and was amusing itself in imitating a venerable monk, who was trying to induce it to descend. The animal, in a sudden freak, seized a bundle of papers, and breaking the string, showered down on the father's head a number of letters, the ink of which had become yellow with age. They were said to be a series of letters which Lord Byron wrote to the monks of St. Lazarus, with whom he had once resided.

An extraordinary instance of the recovery of a lost ring may be added to the list of curious finds. A lady when digging holes for planting calery unconsciously dropped the ring into one of the holes. A plant was inserted, doubtless through the ring, and as the root grew the ring must have become embedded in its substance. The ring had been given up for lost until the following winter, when the mystery was cleared up by the ring making its appearance among the roots at dinner in a portion of the calery root.

A woman employed as a rag-sorter lately met with a lucky find. While she was engaged in sorting a quantity of rags which had been in stock for a long time, having been sent from France, she came across something resembling a dress improver, which she set out open, and found in it French coins and notes to the value of over £25, which became her property as the finder.

A very opportune discovery of money occurred to a distressed person in London. A distraint for arrears of rent, to the amount of £80 had been levied on some premises by the landlord, for which sum the whole of the household furniture had been condemned, and placed in two vans for removal, with the exception of a chest of drawers of antique appearance, which had been left to the last from mercantile accident. On looking into one of the drawers a small paper parcel was discovered, which was found to contain 114 old guineas of the reign of George III. The claim was, of course, soon discharged, and the furniture restored to its proper position.

But perhaps as curious a find as any was that which lately took place at the New British Iron Company's Works, Cradley Heath. Among a quantity of scrap iron forwarded to the works was a disused malt mill. Upon some workmen placing the mill under a steam hammer for the purpose of breaking and preparing it for the furnace, money was scattered in all directions from the mill. The find is said to have been about £100, and the workmen were allowed by the manager to retain the money.—Chambers' Journal.

The camera appears now to be quite available at night. A Bermuda photographer reports exquisite landscapes taken by moonlight and even by starlight.

During the last century 100 lakes in the Tyrol have subsided and disappeared.

A NOTE: Nature can alone attract the noble, and alone knows how to retain them.

KANSAS railroads are worth close to \$500,000,000.

Ingham County Democrat. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1887.

Among the names the president has given to the senate this week is that of Martin V. Montgomery of Lansing, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

Washington Letter. From our regular correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16, 1887.

With characteristic fairness Speaker Carlisle called Mr. Mills to the chair this week, and, descending to the floor, requested the house to choose the committee on elections. This unusual action was taken on account of the contest of Thoburn against Carlisle, upon which this committee is to pass, and the speaker declined to have any voice in the selection of the tribunal which will try the issue, so that, no matter what the result, he cannot be charged with manipulating the committee in his personal and political interests.

As but two of the house committees have been appointed, that body has not begun its regular work, but in the meantime, the members are mapping out much legislation, a good deal of it on the tariff question. Mr. Randall is preparing a revenue bill, looking to \$60,000,000 reduction of taxation. Mr. Mills, the probable chairman of the ways and means committee, is framing a bill, based upon a reduction of \$30,000,000 in internal revenue taxation and a largely increased free list. It is certain that this measure will be carefully scrutinized by Speaker Carlisle before he gives it his support. Mr. Randall's bill proposes to make an equal reduction in tariff duties and internal taxation. It is believed that the speaker and the ex-speaker will come to an agreement on tariff reform that will be generally acceptable to democracy. Why so widespread is the conviction that tariff revision is necessary, that even the republicans are working up a measure to that effect, so that in the event of democratic dissent, they can take advantage of the situation, rush their bill through, and steal the enemy's thunder.

The senate committees having been organized this week, that body is fairly progressing with its work, and a shower of bills has been introduced, many of them, however, being old to readers of the congressional record. Among the more important, mention may be made of Senator Hoar's bill to change inauguration day from March 4th to April 30th. In case it passes, this bill cannot become a law until after the next inauguration, as the state legislatures must first ratify the measure. Senator Platt has again introduced his resolution to abolish secret sessions of the senate, but that dignified assembly is so jealous of its privileges and prerogatives that there is little probability of the passage of such an act.

Senator Colman's bill making the "United States postal telegraph" a part of the postal system of the United States, providing for the construction of a number of telegraph trunk lines, connecting the principal cities of the country, appropriating four million dollars for that purpose, and regulating the tariff of charges, while it is not without its merits, one of the serious objections to its becoming a law is that there would be an immense increase in the number of government employes. It is also claimed by many that such a scheme would be an infringement of state's rights and a dangerous concession to the doctrine of federal centralization.

Senator Chandler's bill to "regulate" congressional elections in the state of South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana by the presence of federal marshals and supervisors, is the very worst bill of all, and if it should pass the senate, would never become a law, because there is no valid reason why these states should be singled out for regulation. Such legislation is worthy of this name "Bill" Chandler, who was largely instrumental in stealing the votes of three of these states for his fraudulent, Rutherford B. Hayes, who was the first and only man to dishonor the presidential chair. The dissolving republican party has given proof as strong as holy writ of its decadence by spewing into the American House of Representatives, Bill Chandler, the sponsor and the brazen beneficiary of the monumental political infamy of modern times. "Whom the Gods destroy, they first make man."

The Political Situation in a Nutshell.

- FACTS: 1. Surplus taxation for the current fiscal year, \$113,000,000. 2. The treasury glutted at the close of the present fiscal year with \$140,000,000 taken from private enterprise and stored in public vaults. 3. John Sherman's blundering fanning of the public debt forbids bonds to be called or paid, except with his own premium to the bondholder, until 1891, when \$230,644,000 become due and payable at their face, and 1897, when \$632,440,850 become due and payable at their face.

PROSALS:

- 1. The democratic party.—Off with the needless taxes on clothing, fuel, shelter, food. Let alone the taxes on whiskey, beer, tobacco. 2. The republican party.—Off with taxes on whiskey, beer, tobacco, so as to keep the war taxes on clothing, fuel, shelter, food.—New York World. Resolutions of Respect. The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Baptist Sunday school on the death of Mrs. F. C. Minar, and also Alvin Walker: WHEREAS: The hand of Almighty God, whose goodness none can deny, whose wisdom none can forget, has removed from our midst our beloved and talented teacher, Mrs. F. C. Minar, and also Alvin Walker, a former scholar; therefore in view of the loss we have sustained and the still greater loss occasioned to their respective relatives, be it Resolved: That the members of this Sunday school hereby desire to express their deep sense of bereavement and grief at the loss of one of their most faithful, most sympathetic, most successful teachers, and to record the enjoyment and profit which they have long had in the genial criticism and the brilliant intellectual acquisitions of the deceased. Resolved: That we sincerely sympathize with the relatives and near friends of our late beloved teacher and that we most confidently commend them for consolation to our kind, loving Heavenly Father, and to his keeping forever, which, though sometimes may...

torious in its dispensations, yet "doeth all things well," feeling that to him, as to me, there is comfort in the knowledge that she was not only honorable and womanly in all respects, but was one of the most cheerful, non-fading, Christians. Resolved: That the chairman of this committee be and is instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the bereaved husband and little daughter and parents of the deceased as a testimonial of our grief and sympathy. And again. WHEREAS: By the death of our esteemed young friend, Alvin Walker, we are again reminded of the uncertainty of life, frailty of human hopes and earthly ambitions, be it Resolved: That we, as a Sunday school, have lost our correct scholar, a true friend. His quiet manner and general courtesy especially endeared him to the members of this Sunday school. "Truly his sun went down while it was yet day." Resolved: That in offering our token of esteem for the departed, we would tender the bereaved mother and brother our heartfelt sympathy, and pray that the kind Heavenly Father send comfort to their grieving hearts and brighten the desolate home. Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the bereaved family, and published in the city papers. REV. FRANK HOFF, Mrs. ALVIN WALKER, Mrs. ALVIN WALKER, Committee.

Patents Granted. To citizens of Michigan during the past week, and reported expressly for the DEMOCRAT by C. A. Snow & Co., patent lawyers, opp. U. S. patent office, Washington, D. C.: I. W. Adams, West Le Roy, straw elevator; H. M. City, Farmington, Mich., machine attached to most general cart especially adapted for the kind of horse-drawn road and farm work; R. Hollenbeck, Davison, meat preserving implement; C. Knaggs, Detroit, locomotive grate; H. N. Ockford, Jackson, Mich., hinge bearing; H. B. Sizer, Detroit, armature; S. F. Voorhes, Adrian, folding platform for grain harvesters; E. S. Votey, Detroit, reel organ.

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Probate Order. ESTATE OF LINUS SAWINS, DECEASED. State of Michigan, county of Ingham, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office, in the city of Mason, on the 13th day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven. Present, Q. A. Smith, Judge of probate. In the matter of the estate of Linus Sawins, late of said county, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified of Benjamin Sawins, praying that a certain instrument now on file in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, may be admitted to probate, and the execution granted to the petitioner or some other suitable person: That the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden in the probate office, in the city of Mason, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that the petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ingham County Democrat, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy.) Q. A. SMITH, Judge of Probate. Geo. W. Briston, Probate Register.

Probate Order. ESTATE OF MARTHA MAY, DECEASED. State of Michigan, county of Ingham, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office, in the city of Mason, on the 26th day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven. Present, Q. A. Smith, Judge of probate. In the matter of the estate of Martha May, late of said county, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified of Daniel D. May, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Henry Rathbone or some other suitable person: That the 26th day of December, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden in the probate office, in the city of Mason, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that the petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ingham County Democrat, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy.) Q. A. SMITH, Judge of Probate. Geo. W. Briston, Probate Register.

Administrators' Sale. By virtue of a license, to me granted, on the 10th day of October, 1887, by Q. A. Smith, Judge of probate of the county of Ingham, and state of Michigan, I shall sell at public auction, on the Seventh day of January, 1888, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at the dwelling house of the premises hereinafter described, the real estate of Benjamin May, in said county, to-wit: The right, title and interest of which Benjamin May, late of said township, died, seized, in and to the following lands, to-wit: The south half of the southeast quarter of section number sixteen; also ten acres and ten rods off from the west end of the south-west quarter of section number one, in township number fifteen, being the ten acres of land heretofore deeded to Benjamin May by Jonathan Wilson, in all ninety acres of land, in township number three north of range one west (Albion), in the county of Ingham and state of Michigan. WILLIAM MAY, Administrator of the estate of Benjamin May, deceased. Dated Nov. 21st, 1887. 4747

Probate Order. ESTATE OF SETH S. HARMON, DECEASED. State of Michigan, county of Ingham, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office, in the city of Mason, on the 6th day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven. Present, Q. A. Smith, Judge of probate. In the matter of the estate of Seth S. Harmon, late of said county, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified of Squair Harmon, praying this court to adjudicate and determine who are and were at the time of his decease the heirs at law of said deceased, and entitled by the laws of this state to inherit his real estate and the share or portion thereof that each is entitled to inherit: That upon it is ordered that the 4th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden in the probate office, in the city of Mason, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ingham County Democrat, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy.) Q. A. SMITH, Judge of Probate. Geo. W. Briston, Probate Register. 4748

Commissioner's Notice. The undersigned, having been appointed by the probate court for the county of Ingham, commissioner on the estate of William Hynes, deceased, do hereby give notice that they will meet for that purpose at the late residence of said deceased, in the town of Hinkley, in said county, on the 10th day of January, 1888, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day. Six months from the 8th day of December, A. D. 1887, is the time limited for the presentation of claims. PATRICK WINTERS, JAMES GARDNER, Commissioners. Dated Dec. 8th, 1887. 50w4

Probate Order. ESTATE OF JOHN SHESLEY, DECEASED. State of Michigan, county of Ingham, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office, in the city of Mason, on the 10th day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven. Present, Q. A. Smith, Judge of probate. In the matter of the estate of John Shesley, late of said county, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified of Richard J. Bollen, administrator of said estate, praying for license to sell certain real estate of said deceased in his petition described, for the purpose of distribution: That upon it is ordered that the 17th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden in the probate office, in the city of Mason, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that the petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ingham County Democrat, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy.) Q. A. SMITH, Judge of Probate. Geo. W. Briston, Probate Register. 4749

Order of Publication. The circuit court for the county of Ingham—in chancery. Oliver L. Cheney, Complainant, vs. Howard K. Cheney, Defendant. Suits pending in said court. It is satisfactory appearing by the return of the subpoena issued in this cause and the affidavit of Oliver L. Cheney, that the defendant, Howard K. Cheney, cannot be served with subpoenas on account of his continued absence from this state or his concealment therein, on motion of Smith & York, complainant's solicitors, it is ordered that the defendant, Howard K. Cheney, cause his appearance to be entered herein within five months from the date of this order, and in case of appearance, that he cause his answer to the complainant's bill of complaint to be filed and a copy thereof to be served on said complainant's solicitors within twenty days after service on him of a copy of said bill and notice of this order, and that in default thereof said bill be taken as confessed by said defendant. It is further ordered that within twenty days after the date hereof the said complainant cause a notice of this order to be published in the Ingham County Democrat, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, and that such publication contain at least once in each week for six successive weeks, or that the same be published in any other newspaper personally served on said defendant at least twenty days before the time prescribed for his appearance. Dated November 10, 1887. G. T. GRIDLEY, Circuit Judge. 4697

Probate Order. ESTATE OF FRANCIS M. LYON, DECEASED. State of Michigan, county of Ingham, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office in the city of Mason, on the 10th day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven. Present, Q. A. Smith, Judge of probate. In the matter of the estate of Francis M. Lyon, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified of James D. Lyon, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to the petitioner or some other suitable person: That the 4th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden in the probate office, in the city of Mason, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that the petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ingham County Democrat, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy.) Q. A. SMITH, Judge of Probate. Geo. W. Briston, Probate Register. 4746

Probate Order. ESTATE OF LOREY E. LYON, DECEASED. State of Michigan, county of Ingham, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office, in the city of Mason, on the 25th day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven. Present, Q. A. Smith, Judge of probate. In the matter of the estate of Lorey E. Lyon, late of said county, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified of Wesley M. Hoff, a brother of said deceased, praying that a certain instrument now on file in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, may be admitted to probate, and that the execution thereof be granted to the petitioner or some other suitable person: That the 26th day of December, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden in the probate office, in the city of Mason, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that the petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ingham County Democrat, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy.) Q. A. SMITH, Judge of Probate. Geo. W. Briston, Probate Register. 4747

Mortgage Sale. Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage, made by James Baker and Ann Baker his wife, to John J. Silvernail, dated and recorded 13th, A. D. 1884, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Ingham and state of Michigan, on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1884, in liber 65 of mortgages, on page 539, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars and fifty cents, and an attorney's fee of fifteen dollars, provided for in said mortgage and secured by law, and no suit proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the money due on said mortgage, or any part thereof; Now therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such behalf provided, notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 27th day of February, A. D. 1888, at one o'clock in the afternoon, I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the west front door of the court house, in the city of Mason, in said county, (that being the place where the circuit court for Ingham county is holden), the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with an attorney's fee of fifteen dollars, covered for therein, the premises being described in said mortgage as all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the village of Leelis, in the county of Ingham and state of Michigan, and known and described as follows: Lot six (6), in block two (2), in the village of Leelis, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof. Dated, December 1st, 1887. JOHN J. SILVERNAIL, Mortgagee. Q. A. SMITH, Attorney for Mortgagee. 48110

Probate Order. ESTATE OF EDWARD B. DEBOIS. State of Michigan, county of Ingham, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office, in the city of Mason, on the 6th day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven. Present, Q. A. Smith, Judge of probate. In the matter of the estate of Edward B. DeBois, an incompetent person. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified of Amos DuBois, guardian of said Edward B. DeBois, praying for license to sell the real estate of said deceased for the purpose of paying the debts of said ward and the charges and expenses of his guardianship: That upon it is ordered, that the 9th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said Edward B. DeBois, and all other persons interested in his estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden in the probate office, in the city of Mason, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in his estate, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ingham County Democrat, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy.) Q. A. SMITH, Judge of Probate. Geo. W. Briston, Probate Register. 4749

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ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Your Folks and Our Folks.

Capt. Cowles of Lansing, was in the city Tuesday. Judge Huntington is suffering with some trouble of the stomach.

Ex-Sheriff Thomas McKernan of Lansing, was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. Lansing Smith is passing the holidays with her mother at Dexter.

Bro. Gould of the Local, and Attorney Woodworth of Leslie, were in the city Monday.

Grand John N. Harris of Leroy, was in the city Saturday and made us a pleasant call.

Judge-elect Ernest Peck of Jackson, was in attendance at the circuit court on Monday.

Col. J. H. Forester of Williamson, favored our other with a call, while in the city Friday.

Hon. S. L. Kilbourne of Lansing, made us a short call while in the city attending court, yesterday.

Mrs. Neva Handolph, daughter of Mrs. R. G. C. Knight, has been quite ill again for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snyder have gone to Mt. Pleasant to spend the holidays with their children and friends.

Probate Judge Smith went to Detroit yesterday, to attend a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee.

Chas. H. Henderson of the Orchard Lake Military Academy is enjoying a two weeks' vacation with his parents and friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burgess, nee Miss Olive Woodhouse of Millville, spent Saturday and Sunday with Justice J. A. Barnes and family of this city.

O. D. Hinely and wife, formerly of Pine Lake, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eastman of Lansing, left on Tuesday last by the northern route for California, where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chapman of Howell, Ohio, and Alton Miller of Warren, Ohio, were in attendance at the funeral of R. G. C. Knight, Mrs. Chapman being a sister of Mr. Knight and Mr. Miller a brother of Mrs. Knight.

Call and see our premium dictionary.

C. G. Huntington has a change of advertisement this week. Read it.

Headhead New Orleans sugar just received, at
A. L. VANDERCOOK'S.

Justice Hammond sentenced Jas. Smith, a tramp, to ten days in jail, on the 16th inst.

Clarence R., five-year-old son of J. T. McKibbin of Lansing, fell into a cistern and was drowned Tuesday afternoon.

W. M. Rolfe, one mile west of Eden, will sell at auction on Wednesday next, Dec. 23, seven young horses, five cows, fifty sheep and other farm stock.

Major VanAntwerp, for many years editor of the Jackson Patriot, and present postmaster of Jackson, died yesterday morning. He was an honorable and useful man.

An oyster supper will be served at the Presbyterian church, Saturday evening from six to nine o'clock, which will be free to all members of the Sabbath school. Others will be charged 15 cents a dish.

The first of the series of entertainments by the Ladies' Library course was given at the M. E. church last evening by A. P. Burbank, who gave a pleasing programme of humorous and dramatic selections.

Volney James was tried in Justice Rice's court yesterday, charged with cruelty to animals, R. R. Huntington being the complainant. The jury acquitted him. "Attorney" Butler acted as prosecutor and E. S. Avery defended.

For the holidays! Desiring to give all his customers a holiday benefit, Henry Peters has reduced the price of best cuts of beef steak to ten cents per pound and everything else in proportion. Go and see his 532-pound pig and 500-pound calf.

Deputy Sheriff Wm. N. Rogers left last evening for Leslie, and to day, accompanied by Miss Edie Sabir of Leslie, will go to Battle Creek, where they will be united in marriage by Rev. Hamilton. After a short wedding trip they will return to this city to reside.

The case against A. J. Sanders, in which his wife asked to have him give bonds to keep the peace, was allowed to drop and Mr. Sanders has now been arrested, charged with assault and battery on the person of his wife. He was arraigned before Justice Hammond yesterday and trial set for next Wednesday.

On the 15th inst. James Fox received a sentence in Justice Barnes' court of 75 days in Detroit, for vagrant, disorderly conduct, on complaint of Nightwatchman Pilbeam. Fox had served out a short sentence some ten days before but did not seem satisfied. On the 17th inst. James Wilson received a five days' sentence in jail for vagrancy, on complaint of Wm. N. Rogers.

In 1883 the Mason Road Cart Co. of this city was organized, with \$10,000 capital stock, equally divided between A. W. Parkhurst, C. H. Darrow, S. A. Paddock, R. G. C. Knight and Dr. A. B. Campbell. The former soon after sold his stock to L. M. Ellis, who has since died, together with Dr. C. H. Darrow and R. G. C. Knight, leaving S. A. Paddock and Dr. Campbell the only surviving members of the company.

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The local option meeting at court house yesterday drew out but a small attendance but the list of petitioners was increased to 1,947, exclusive of Locke and Leroy. Word was received that 300 names had been attached to the petition in Locke, so there is little doubt but more than 2,500 names will be found on the list when it is presented to the county clerk next Wednesday. It was resolved that the county clerk be requested to call a special election on Tuesday, January 24, when the local option question will be settled at the polls.

Of course every person most of all wants a local newspaper; that is, a paper that records all matters of interest and importance at home. The DEMOCRAT does this and its liberal patronage convinces us that it is appreciated. But the people want more reading matter, and before they decide just what it shall be—if they have not already made up their minds, we suggest that they wait until they have read the prospectuses of the Detroit Free Press, The Evening News, and Echo, Western Rural, Scientific American, and Peterson's Magazine, which we have received and will publish after next week, when our home advertisers demand less of our space.

Several of our townsmen responded to the courteous invitation of Eaton Rapids Chapter No. 24, R. A. M., to Ingham Chapter No. 51, to make them a visit Tuesday evening. Among those of Ingham Chapter present were Companions J. B. Dwinell, J. C. Cannon, A. O. DuBois, R. W. Becker, Geo. F. Day, C. G. Huntington and John H. Sayers, who report that they were heartily welcomed and royally entertained. The Eaton Rapids Chapter have recently remodeled their hall, and have had it artistically decorated in beautiful and fitting designs of the several emblems of the royal craft. They have also added new furniture and paraphernalia of the latest pattern, making it one of the finest equipped chapters in this section of the state.

Circuit Court.

The December term of the circuit court opened in this city on Monday, Judge Gridley presiding. No jury had been summoned and but little business is being done.

The cases thus far acted upon have been disposed of as follows:

The People vs. Edward D. Hurling—securing signature to a Bohemian note by false representations. Continued until next term.

The People vs. Charles VanValkensburg—robbery. Arraigned and pleaded not guilty. Held for trial at next term of circuit court.

The People vs. James Ledy—burglarizing the residence of A. A. Odyko, Yoyay, in the day time. Pleading guilty and was sentenced to Jackson for three years. Sheriff Call conducted him to his new home yesterday.

The People vs. John Young—burglary. Young is charged with being an accomplice of Ledy. He was arraigned, pleaded not guilty and E. S. Avery appointed to defend.

The People vs. Bert VanNess—assault with intent to do great bodily harm. Allowed to plead guilty to simple assault and was sentenced to jail for three months.

The People vs. Wm. Benson—burglary. Order allowing additional witness to be endorsed upon the information entered.

Walker vs. White—replevin. Time extended to second Monday of next term for filing bill of exceptions.

Wright vs. Staris. Motion for new trial argued and submitted.

Carrie McComas vs. D. H. McComas—divorce. Decree granted on grounds of extreme cruelty.

A New Map.

Among the latest exhibitions of what it is possible to accomplish by the engraver's art is a large pocket map just issued by the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway, showing the north western country between Chicago and the Pacific Ocean in detail. A copy will be mailed free to any address upon application to C. H. WARREN, Gen. Pass. Agent, St. Paul, Minn.

Special sale on Saturday, Dec. 17.
A. L. VANDERCOOK.

An Expert Counterfeiter Captured.

During the fore part of the present year and during the summer, quite a business was conducted by some one in raising the denomination of paper money and passing the same in this section of the state.

Wm. Arnold was arrested at Lansing in August last, and while there was no doubt of his guilt, it was believed he was simply a tool, being operated by a much more skilled artist, and suspicion rested on his brother-in-law, Adelbert Marvel of Darnd, as being the chief operator.

Detective Abels of Lansing, was placed in charge of the matter and though Marvel was missing for some time, he (Abels) had the satisfaction of taking him into custody last week and he is now in jail at Detroit awaiting the sitting of the U. S. court.

It is claimed that on his way to Detroit Marvel confessed to Detective Abels, and said he would plead guilty as soon as given an opportunity.

Last Sunday evening, while Detective Abels and Marvel out for an airing at Lansing, the latter broke away and tried to escape. He was a good runner and was making good headway, when Abels stopped him by shooting him through the leg. Both Marvel and Arnold will probably spend considerable time in prison and thus the work of two bold and very clever counterfeiters is temporarily, at least, ended.

How About a Cheese Factory?

We are informed that Mr. D. V. Vorce of Okemos, a practical cheese maker, receiving his first instructions in the art of G. B. Horton of Fruitridge, Lenawee county, Mich., who is known as one of the most successful cheese manufacturers of our state and is now president of the Michigan State Dairyman's Association, will be at the Farmers' Club room in this city, on Saturday, January 7th, next, for the purpose of talking up cheese matters in this section, and if a sufficient amount of patronage can be secured to warrant its support, he will lease the now idle Mason Cheese Factory for a term of years and will manufacture a first-class full-cream cheese, which he will warrant to equal the best.

Farmers, talk this matter up; give it your earnest thought; and then go up to the club room, and have your neighbors go with you, prepared to discuss the subject.

There is no doubt the product of your cows is rapidly growing in importance and may yet be your principal resource. Study well how to make the most of it.

Mr. Vorce will undertake to show you that cheese making is most profitable. Go prepared to digest what he says.

Marrriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted since our last report:

No.	Name.	Age.	Residence.
84	Wayland Parker	23	Lansing
85	Sophia E. Cameron	24	Lansing
86	Orlando Kent	28	Lansing
87	Del Lee	26	Lansing
88	Myra Iselin	26	Aurélius
89	Thomas Dewis	28	Lansing
90	Martin McArthur	28	Lansing
91	Charles Warner	24	Meridian
92	Mary H. Kirkpatrick	20	Meridian
93	Ed Wick	26	Grand Rapids
94	Mary E. Holland	21	White Oak
95	Edna Brown	21	Lansing
96	Alva Lewis	21	Lansing
97	Wm. S. Bogart	21	Mason
98	Edie Sabir	21	Leslie

The Home College Society meets at the residence of Dr. Root on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23. General subject: England from 1254 to 1216. Topics:

Thomas A. Becket.....Leora Drake
Conquest of Ireland.....Dora Miller
Richard I.....Roy Miller
Faulkner.....Frank Wright
The Magna Carta.....Eugene Clark
Decline of the Roman Empire.....Rev. DeLanarter

Notice.

All book accounts must be settled by cash or note before Jan. 5. E. M. SLAYTON.

Aurélius.

We regret to hear that Mr. Eckhart, who has suffered for some time past, is gradually failing and there is doubt of his recovery.

The year is almost gone. You had better subscribe for the DEMOCRAT and get the news of the county.

The great problem solved. Why are there more dogs to the acre running at large without an owner or master than any other time of the year? Because the tax man is around and the dogs have no owners just now.

Just as we expected. Everybody is getting ready for the Christmas tree. Now come early so as to be sure your presents are properly arranged.

Mrs. Stratton has just received \$300 insurance on a policy she held on Franklin Haywood, late of Aurélius.

M. J. Powers fell from a load of straw on Monday and so shook him up that he has to keep in doors for a short time. No bones broken.

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BARGAINS:

HOSIERY, GLOVES, H'DK'FS, BUTTONS, &c. 5 AND 10 CENT COUNTERS.

A WIDE, ALL LINEN TABLE DAMASK } 25c Per Yd. C B 4 U BUY.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.

HOYT & BATES,

The Clothiers,

Have a large stock of goods suitable for Holiday Presents. The largest line of Silk and Wool Neck Scarfs to be found in the city. Our Prices are the Lowest.

BUY AN OVERCOAT, BUY A SUIT OF CLOTHES, BUY A FUR CAP, BUY A SILK MUFLER, BUY A PAIR KID GLOVES, BUY A SILK HANKERCHIEF, BUY A NEW HAT,

For a Christmas Present.

Now is the time to buy a New Suit or an Overcoat. The prices we are selling them at will surprise you. Soliciting your patronage, we remain,

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Another Free Distribution.

Besides the 32 Elegant Presents which we will distribute among our Customers, New Years Eve, we have a Larger Stock than ever of

HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS

Onondaga.

DECEMBER 19, 1887. Elder Skinner of Eden, has been assisting Elder Steffy in the protracted meetings at Kinnieville during the past week.

Island Corners.

DECEMBER 19, 1887. The Christmas tree at the Island school house will be held on Friday night, so as not to conflict with entertainments given at other places.

Alaiedon Center.

DECEMBER 20, 1887. The order of the day seems to be fall plowing. What is the use of going to California?

Vevay.

DECEMBER 19, 1887. EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—In reading the President's message, in regard to our government taxes, and in paying my own taxes, I was surprised to find that Ingham county paid state tax to about \$41,166 and also county tax \$37,922, making a total of \$79,088.

Wanted, 10 tons butter. A. L. VANDERCOOK. North-East Alaiedon.

DECEMBER 19, 1887. Oscar Driver has taken a quantity of timber of John Butcher of this place, to cut into wood and stave bolts.

Music, by Charles Roback and Mrs. Butcher. Dialogue, by Rosa Matthews, Mand Phelps, Libbie Stanton, Verna Gallop and Fred Phelps.

Fitchburg.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Artz, a girl. Mrs. Maggie Henny died Dec. 10, 1887. Many friends mourn the loss of the deceased.

The wind mill that Mrs. Fitch has erected adds greatly to the looks of her farm and is also a great convenience.

Miss Ada Waterhouse is visiting friends in this place during the holidays.

The United Brethren have been holding protracted meetings for the past two weeks.

A. C. Lawrence visited the state grange at Lansing last week.

E. H. Fitch has a large number of toboggan sleds he would like to rent very cheap until snow comes.

There will be services in the M. E. church Sunday evening at half past six o'clock.

District No. two has purchased a physiology chart for the benefit of the school; the price of the chart is \$35.

Joseph Artz is filling his contract by furnishing the district with a year's wood.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Taus are happy over their first born; it is a boy.

White Oak.

Received too late for publication last week. Esq. Potter is out of the old house and into the new.

There are four saw mills in the flourishing town of White Oak. Stillwagen & Walker take the lead. They employ about 25 men at \$20 per month and board, sawing from 5,000 to 9,000 feet of lumber a day.

There is some talk of having a teachers' association at the Cady school house after a while.

There are seven school teachers in district No. 10, White Oak.

There is a new baby boy at Theo. Weston's; it weighed 144 oz.

Peddler White broke his finger while butchering last week.

Cornelius Jackson of Sunfield, visited his brother Geo. and other relatives in this place last week.

Geo. Traver of Wheatfield, is moving into his new house this week, and we hope they will all live many years to enjoy it, for we just begin to know what a grand thing it is to have a house that the cold, wind and rain cannot beat through.

Major L. H. Ives and family of Sunnyside, and Frank Ives of Umdilla, spent Thanksgiving with their sister, Mrs. D. E. Watts of this place. X. Y. Z.

Common Council Proceedings.

Mason, Mich., Dec. 19, 1887. Council met and was called to order by Mayor Cannon.

Present Ald. Beecher, Coy, Earle and McDonald. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES. The committee on finance reported the following claims, recommending their allowance as follows:

- David Southwick, 7 nights on streets.....\$ 45 J. W. Pillsbury, 7 nights on streets..... 45 Wm. H. Clark, to board of Theo. Weston..... 75 J. W. Ferguson, to goods furnished Mrs. Hawk..... 2 00 A. L. Vandercok, to goods furnished Simon Smith..... 2 00 Geo. Van Horn, to goods furnished Ames Parks..... 1 00 A. C. Lyon, 2 bid services as fire warden..... 11 50 Mrs. Butler, to 6 week's house rent for Mrs. E. Rogers..... 6 00 Wash Sherman, to 1 day services as fire warden..... 15 00 D. A. Locke, to medical attendance on the family of Martin Crowl..... 4 50 D. A. Locke, to medical attendance on the family of Bert O'Neil..... 3 00 S. D. Beecher, to buying dog..... 1 00

On motion report was accepted and adopted as follows: Yeas, Ald. Beecher, Coy, Earle and McDonald; nays, none.

Moved by Ald. Coy that the clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Randolph and Matthews street fund in favor of R. F. Griffin, for the amount in the fund. Carried: Yeas, Ald. Beecher, Coy, Earle, McDonald; nays, none.

On motion council adjourned until Tuesday evening, Jan. 3.

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The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by H. M. Williams.

Brace Up.

You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with headache, you are fidgety, nervous and generally out of sorts, and want to brace up. Brace up but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have for their basis very cheap, bad whiskey, and which stimulate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before.

You want is an alternative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of liver and kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed breath and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle at H. M. Williams' drug store.

Their Business Booming.

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at H. M. Williams' drug store as their giving away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, croup and all throat and lung diseases quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial bottle free, large size, \$1. Every bottle warranted.

Men's Shirts and Drawers at 25c Each.

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500 Fur Caps for Christmas, \$1.50, 500 Overcoats for Christmas, 1000 Suits of Clothes for Christmas,

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Cords of Gloves and Mittens for Christmas.

My Store is Full of Useful Presents for Christmas.

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The old way, of selling Goods at Big Profits, is dead and gone, and we are obliged to Keep Pace with the Times, and as the Great Question of the Day is How to Benefit the People and Make their Hard-Earned Dollars go as far as possible, We have been studying to this object and believe we have Solved the Problem in the following Method:

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