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- 25 lbs Perfection Flour, 65c
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- Soda, 5c
- Ginger Snaps, 7c
- 2 pkgs Snow Boy, 9c
- Perfection Oil, 8c
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- Hand Picked Beans, 8c
- Gold Medal Flour, 78c
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- Seedless Raisins, 11c

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- 8 bars Lenox Soap, 25c
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- Pure Buckwheat, 10 lb sack, 33c
- 19 lbs H. & E. Sugar, \$1.00
- Perfection Oil, 8c
- Best Oil, 10c
- Gasoline, 12c
- 2 pkgs Tiline, 5c
- Red Alaska Salmon, 12c
- 3 cans Corn, 25c
- 3 cans Lake Shore Pumpkin, 25c
- New Seeded Raisins, pkg, 11c
- 100 lbs Oyster Shells, 70c
- 12 boxes Searchlight Matches, 40c

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

DENTIST

D. H. C. E. HENDERSON, Dentist. Over F. J. Brown's Shoe Store.

PHYSICIANS

D. H. W. W. ROOT, Physician and Surgeon. Office corner of Ash and G streets. 2317

D. R. GEO. E. MANN, Homeopathic Physician and Surgeon. Special attention given to the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, also diseases of women and children and rectal diseases. Office—Near Block. Hours—8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 6 and 7 to 9 p. m.

D. R. GERTRUDE D. CAMPBELL, Physician and Surgeon. Office at residence, Mason.

D. R. FRANK K. THOMAS, Physician and Surgeon. Office over Webb & Whitman's store; residence at corner B and Oak streets, Mason.

ATTORNEYS

A. A. BERGMAN, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, Mason, Mich.

L. B. MCARTHUR, Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office in Farmers Bank building.

DENSMORE, E. A., Attorney-at-Law, Mason, Michigan.

L. T. HEMANS, Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office in the new Lawrence Block, Mason, Mich. Money to loan on good security.

AUCTIONEER

C. W. JEWELL, General Auctioneer. Satisfaction guaranteed. Leave orders at the Palace Meat Market, Mason.

E. D. BINDING, Auctioneer, White Oak, Mich. Farmers' rural telephone line. Satisfaction guaranteed and terms liberal.

HENRY KURTZ, General Auctioneer. Satisfaction guaranteed, terms right. Leave orders at this office. Postoffice, Mason.

INSURANCE

FARMERS' MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Ingham county. Safest, cheapest and best. For information write to F. H. Field, secretary, Mason. A. J. Harber, president, Mason. Office in the court house.

Geo. W. Bristol, administrator of the estate of Elda Fowler, sold the 80-acre farm two and one-half miles east of this city, known as the C. M. Young farm, at auction Monday to S. H. McCormick for \$2,035.

What Did You Say

Yes, the new store is now in full operation.

Did You Attend the Opening?

If you did not, we are sorry—wanted you to see the splendid facilities we have for serving your wants. Anyway, every day is opening with us. Come in and get acquainted. Our constant aim will be to maintain the present high standard of our merchandise and continue to set the pace in low prices for quality goods.

W. C. WALTER

The Grocer

Main St., Mason Both Phones

LOCAL NEWS

Notice. All accounts not settled at the Dansville Telephone Exchange before April 1st will be left for collection. 12w2p M. W. RAYMOND.

Brown, the shoe man, is driven with business. w1

See notice in business local column of first-class road horse for sale.

Have you seen the beautiful line of new spring ox-fords at Brown's Shoe Store.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Courtwright of the second ward last Thursday morning.

Hon. Lawton T. Hemans delivered an address before the Jackson club at Kalamazoo last evening.

John Keeler of Alameda has purchased the Murray Stroud house on east Maple street. He will repair the house and build a new barn.

Second installment of the Junior oratoricals at the high school room tomorrow (Thursday) evening at eight o'clock. Admission, 10 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Longyear gave a St. Patrick's party to nearly 50 of their friends at their home corner of D and Cherry streets Monday evening.

Special convocation of Ingham Chapter next Friday evening, March 27th. Work in Royal Arch. Companions be at lodge room at five o'clock to go to Presbyterian church for supper at 5:30.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at their headquarters next Friday at 2:30. "Today's Outlook" will be the subject for consideration. Mrs. F. Fullerton has charge of the program. Members, please be present as there is important business to be transacted.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction L. L. Wright, and W. H. French, deputy superintendent, will address a school officers' meeting at the court house, March 27, regarding school laws. F. E. Searl, school commissioner, has invited the officers of the 136 school districts in the county to attend this school of instruction.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The postal authorities have made a ruling that is of vital interest to newspaper publishers and their subscribers. They say that a publisher cannot send his paper to a subscriber who is over one year in arrears without putting a one-cent stamp on each week. Of course, this will be impossible where the rate is \$1.00 per year. The next alternative will be to discontinue such papers. This ruling goes into effect April 1st, 1908, but the publishers have a short time to get their lists in shape. We doubt the wisdom or legality of such a ruling, but the postal department has made it and it is for the publishers to obey.

The Democrat has several names upon the list who are in arrears than a year. We have not been and are not now afraid to trust them, but in the future we cannot do so for more than one year. We do not want to lose them from our list, but if such arrearages are not paid before July 1st, 1908, we shall be compelled to discontinue them. All persons can see from the mark on their papers how they stand and if they are in arrears more than one year they must settle before July 1st. This is a matter that is now out of our hands, Uncle Sam's mail men have said we must do so and they are the court of last resort.

Very truly yours, W. L. CLARK, Publisher.

We Are Now Ready for Business.

The largest and most attractive stock of millinery materials than has ever been brought into the city. 12w2 RENA H. LINCOLN.

Fire drills are again being held in our schools.

See notice in business local column of seed barley for sale.

W. A. Shank of Grand Rapids is now foreman of the News office.

Fine display of pattern hats at Neely & Neely's, April 2, 3 and 4. *2

For Sale—Four good, strong colonies of bees. *1p ANAGUS TEMPLETON.

R. C. Dart, real estate, loans and collections. Office in Lawrence Block. *

The L. A. S. of Eden meets at the church April 1. All cordially invited.

Read the prices quoted by Abe Reedy on iron and pelts in another column.

Lansing's bonded indebtedness is \$500,053. She must pay \$63,700 during the next fiscal year.

Will the gentleman who borrowed a stretching last at Brown's Shoe Store please return it. w1

Married, at the Baptist parsonage, March 14th, Mr. Glenn David Todd and Miss Zena Viola McDonald.

Kneeland & Armstrong of Lansing are having a manufacturers sale of pianos in the postoffice block on Ash street. Don't fail to read ad. on this page.

Work shoes. Work shoes. Hard Pan.—Grand Rapids, the Mayer, Milwaukee, oil tanned, waterproof, all styles and kinds in elk skins, at Brown's Shoe Store. w1

A black fur glove for the right hand was found about four miles south of this city last Wednesday. Owner may obtain same at this office by paying for notice.

Last Wednesday Judge Searl, presiding in the circuit court at Lansing, granted Kitsey Clappett of Lansing a divorce from Alfred Clappett and gave her the custody of their child Max.

Frank Roberts, the Lansing cement mixer who shot his wife three times, has been held to the circuit court on a charge of attempted murder. His bail was fixed at \$5,000, which he could not furnish.

E. A. Densmore has purchased of J. H. Bashford the J. N. Thorburn place on east Maple street. Mr. Bashford has purchased of Robbins B. Rayner the house and four acres of land on east Ash street.

Edward Cogsdill was arrested by Marshal Link of Williamston last Saturday, charged with keeping his saloon open after hours. Complaint was made by Duane Moore. He will be examined tomorrow.

Relatives and friends of Mrs. F. E. Williams gave her a birthday surprise party at the home of H. M. Williams last Saturday. She was the recipient of many reminders of the day. A bountiful supper was served.

At the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, March 29th, Mrs. F. J. Dieffenderfer of Erie, Pa., the synodical secretary of Pennsylvania, will speak in the interests of missions. Subject—Mormonism. Mrs. Dieffenderfer comes well spoken of as a public speaker and think you will find it time well spent in coming to hear her. Special music will be provided. Collection will be taken.

There will be a chicken pie supper at the Presbyterian church Friday, March 27th, from five o'clock until all are served. Menu—Chicken pie with gravy, mashed potatoes, pickles, white bread, cabbage salad, fruit jelly, assorted cakes, ice cream, coffee. Price, 25 cents; children under 12 years, 15 cents. Anyone having one of the church table cloths, please return to Mrs. Huntington before that time.

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The largest and most attractive stock of millinery materials than has ever been brought into the city. 12w2 RENA H. LINCOLN.

Read Clark C. Foster's ad. on first page headed "For sale."

See notice in business local column of 40-acre farm for sale.

See notice in business local column of family washings wanted.

Work in third degree by Mason Lodge No. 70, F. & A. M., this evening.

Mirth and melody by the Old Southland Sextette at Rayner opera house tonight.

All the Baptist hens are being told of the Easter egg supper to be held Friday, April 17th.

Remember the spring millinery opening at Neely & Neely's, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 2, 3 and 4. 13w2

Mrs. Nora Osborne, Mr. R. G. Smith and Mr. John Cooper are the advertised letters in the local postoffice this week.

H. A. Harbeck, foreman of the north gravel pit, arrived in the city Monday and the pit is again running. He will keep from 15 to 30 men during the summer.

Monday morning in the circuit court Judge West signed an order in the divorce case of Percy Foler against Edith Foler, permitting the father the custody of their daughter one day each week.

The Democrat was in error last week when it stated the treasurer of Delhi township returned \$61.39 drain tax to the county treasurer. The treasurer made a clean sweep and made no returns.

Steven Lawler of Williamston, who was charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, was acquitted by a circuit court jury last Thursday. The jury held that Lawler struck Charles Siegles, the complaining witness, with a shovel to save a brother, with whom Siegles was engaged in a fight.

M. W. Raymond, who has been in charge of the telephone office at Dansville for the past four years, leaves soon for Milford, Oakland county, where Mr. Raymond will be manager of the Michigan State Telephone Company. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond will leave Dansville with the best wishes of many friends.

Last Thursday morning a little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Acker. She was not long for this world, passing away Sunday night about 11 o'clock. Services were held by Rev. W. H. Simmons Monday at the home on Columbia street with interment in Maple Grove cemetery. They have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

Tuesday, April 14th, will be Macabee day in Mason. This is the date of the county camp and delegates from every tent in Ingham county will meet in this city to transact business and elect delegates to the Great Camp which will be held in Toledo in June. E. L. Gardiner, Deputy Great Commander, met with Mason Tent No. 10 on Tuesday evening and arrangements were concluded whereby the delegates would be entertained, etc.

Edlen L. Stripe of Aurelius pleaded guilty to a charge of simple larceny before Justice Sherwood last Saturday and was sentenced to the Detroit house of correction for 90 days. Constable Gansley took him to Detroit Monday. Stripe bought fertilizer of O. E. Driver to an amount to make a circuit court charge and then sold it. The prosecuting officers thought there was some doubt of a conviction so a plea of guilty to a lighter charge was accepted.

Spring Millinery Opening

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 2, 3 and 4

Two Doors West of Postoffice.

THE EYE SPECIALIST, J. W. GOULD, Will return April 15th, 1908.

CITIZENS' CITY CAUCUS.

All qualified voters of the city of Mason, who are in favor of a non-partisan city government, are requested to meet at the court room in the city of Mason, on

TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 31, 1908, At eight o'clock, for the purpose of placing in nomination a city ticket and the ward tickets, including the usual officers to be placed in nomination, electing a city committee and transacting such other business as may properly come before the caucus.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE. L. B. McArthur, C. W. Whitman, W. L. Clark, A. L. Rose, J. M. Williams, H. B. Longyear.

Democratic Caucuses.

VEVAY. Democratic electors of the township of Vevay will meet in caucus at the town hall on Saturday, March 28th, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various township offices and transacting any other business that may come before them.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE. INGHAM. The democrats of Ingham township will meet in caucus at the town hall on Tuesday, March 31st, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various township offices and transacting any other business that may come before them.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE. DELHI. The democratic electors of the township of Delhi will meet in caucus at the town hall on Tuesday afternoon, March 31st, at two o'clock, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various town offices and transacting any other business that may come before them. A large attendance is desired.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE. WHITE OAK. The democratic electors of White Oak township will meet in caucus at the town hall on Monday, March 30th, 1908, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating a township ticket and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE. BUNKERHILL. The democratic electors of the township of Bunkerhill will meet in caucus at the town hall on Monday, March 30th, 1908, at two o'clock p. m., to nominate candidates for the various township offices and transact any other business that may come before them. A full attendance is desired.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE. ALAIEDON. The democratic electors of the township of Alaiedon will meet in caucus at the town hall on Friday, March 27th, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to nominate candidates for the various township offices and transact any other business that may come before them. A full attendance is desired.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE. AURELIUS. The democratic electors of Aurelius township will meet in caucus on Friday, March 27th, 1908, at 2:00 p. m., in the town hall for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the various township offices and the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

Epworth League Assembly. The Epworth League Assembly of the Lansing district is to be held in Mason, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 31st and April 1st. A very interesting program has been arranged; some of the prominent speakers are Hon. W. H. French of Lansing and Rev. W. H. Phelps of Battle Creek. The young people of the other churches are invited to attend.

Rev. Stewart married at the Baptist parsonage on Elm street Thursday, March 19th, Mr. Earl Carmony and Miss Vera Kill, both from Lansing.

Frank P. Glazier was out riding in a carriage in Chelsea last Thursday, three days after giving bail. He has been confined to his home by nervous illness since Dec. 17th last.

WHITING'S Spot Cash Grocery

The Only Absolutely Spot Cash Grocery in the City

- 25 lbs H. & E. Gran. Sugar, \$1 42
- 25 lbs Jackson Gem Flour, 62
- 25 lbs Henkle's Bread Flour, 75
- 8 bars Jaxon or Lenox Soap, 25
- 1 lb Fancy Seeded Raisins, 10
- 1 lb Shredded Coconut, 15
- 4 cans Sugar Corn, 25
- 1 can Pumpkin, 8
- 1 lb Whiting Baking Powder, 8
- 1 lb Corn Starch, 5
- 1 lb A. & H. Soda, 5
- 1 lb Whiting Oil, per gal, 8
- Best Eocene Oil, per gal, 10
- Gasoline, per gal, 12
- Red Alaska Salmon, per can, 12
- Naval Oranges, per doz, 30
- Chick Feed, per lb, 2 1/2
- Green Onions, Radishes, Lettuce, Always on Hand.

FOR SALE

I have some safe investments—real estate security—which net with taxes, etc., paid, six per cent. per annum, running in amounts from \$400 to \$2,500 each. Call on or write

CLARK C. FOSTER, Box 512 Mason, Mich.

Tuesday evening of last week the St. Johns K. of P. lodge initiated 41 candidates.

W. J. Frost has started a new paper at Williamston called the Commercial News, Miss Maybel Louise Grisson is the society editor. The paper is eight pages, four home print, and starts out in a live manner.

George W. Tufts, one of Lansing's leading citizens and a veteran of the civil war, died Sunday evening after an illness of four days of heart trouble. Funeral services were held from the home this afternoon with interment in Mt. Hope cemetery. Mr. Tufts was born in Cleveland in 1840. He enlisted in 1864 and was one of the guard that escorted President Lincoln's remains to Cleveland. He came to Michigan in 1874, two years later being married to Miss Ellen Ferry of Mason. He is survived by a wife and four children.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Farm for Sale. Inquire of Frank Perrin, Mason No. 7. 12w3p

Partners for stock for sale at 10c per bushel. 12w3p W. M. THURMAN, Aurelius.

For Sale Cheap. First-class road horse. 1317 DISBROTH BROS. Co., Eden.

Farm for Sale Cheap. Forty acres. Good buildings, well, etc. Inquire at this office. 13w2

Family Washings Wanted. Address P. O. box 61, Mason. 13w3p

For Sale. Cholesterol barley, free from oats. First come, first served. MCARTHUR & ALLEN, North Leslie.

Horse clipping done for the public on short notice at McGregor's blacksmith shop. 12w4p FRANK VANHORN.

Will Do Cash Business. After April 1st, 1908, the undersigned merchants at Eden will do business on a strictly cash basis. Don't ask for credit after that date. DISBROTH BROS., DOUGLAS & ROFFE. 12w2

Top Buggy and Road Wagons. Serviceable second hand buggy, road wagons and road cart for sale cheap. 124 D. F. WITZMOR, Bell Phone 101.

For Sale or Rent. L. Pierce farm. Inquire of O. W. Halstead or Mrs. Sarah Sims. 717

Is your money working? If not, see D. E. WATTS.

For Sale. Thoroughbred Berkshires—both sexes, at farmers' prices. ALFRED ALLEN. Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Geo. A. Jones, director for Onondaga township.

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N. M. 2nd. F. Q. 9th. P. M. 17th. L. Q. 25th.

FEATURES OF INTEREST

ABOUT THAT WHICH HAS BEEN AND IS TO BE.

All Sites and Conditions of Things are Shown. Nothing Overlooked to make it Complete.

U. S. Senator Bryan Dead.
United States Senator William James Bryan, of Florida, died at the Providence Hospital, Washington, D. C., at 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning of typhoid fever. It was only seventy-three days since he took his seat as the successor of the late Senator Stephen R. Mallory, who died December 23, and thirty-three days of that time was spent in his fight against disease. In Mr. Bryan the Senate loses the seventh member by death since the adjournment of the Fifty-fifth Congress on March 4, a year ago. They were the two late senators from Alabama—Mr. Morgan and Mr. Pettus; Mr. Mallory, of Florida; Mr. Latimer, of South Carolina; Mr. Proctor, of Vermont; Mr. Whyte, of Maryland, and Mr. Bryan. Curiously, the last two were the oldest and the youngest members of the body. Mr. Whyte was 81 years old and Mr. Bryan less than thirty-two.

Train Bandits Saw Out of Jail.
George Frank Hauser and Charles McDonald, charged with having held up the Great Northern Oriental Limited last September and rifled the registered mails of \$40,000 being transported to a Spokane bank, broke jail last Saturday and are still at liberty. The men saved their cell doors, the corridor bars and the bars in a window. Immediately upon discovery of their escape, several posses were formed and are now in pursuit. Men answering their descriptions were seen making for the mountains.

Work of Wreckers.
The Diamond Special, the fast train on the Illinois Central between Chicago and St. Louis, was derailed near Springfield, Ill. The locomotive and baggage and express car turned over on their sides and the buffet car left the rails. No one was injured. Investigation revealed that the wreck was caused by train wreckers. All the spikes in the rail which derailed the train had been pulled out. The engineer and fireman saved their lives by jumping.

Bishop Fowler is Dead.
The Rev. Charles H. Fowler, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, died at his home in New York City Friday. Bishop Fowler had been critically ill only since Wednesday. His death was due to heart failure resulting from a complication of diseases. He has been in ill health for two years but during nearly all that time he took a more or less active part in the affairs of the church.

Eastern Farmers Call for Help.
So badly do the farmers of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, require help on the farms that the Farmers' League of Lancaster County has issued an appeal to the unemployed of city and town to go to the country for work. An appeal has been sent to the bureau of labor and immigration at Washington, asking that able-bodied immigrants be directed to this county.

Heinz Fine Paid to Government.
A dispatch from Helena, Mont., says: Payment of the fine of \$22,000 imposed upon F. Augustus Heinz and his two mine superintendents, Frank and Terriz, for contempt of court has been made to the national treasury at Washington. The fines were imposed for violation of an injunction in connection with litigation over Butte mines.

Washington Has Big Fire.
Fire started in Hunt's pool and billiard hall in Washington, D. C., and burned Hunt's building, the Merchants' Hotel, the Beatty Hotel, the Merchants' National Bank and several business buildings. Loss, \$150,000.

Hummel Sails for Europe.
Abraham H. Hummel, the New York lawyer, who was released from the penitentiary last Thursday after serving ten months for conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case, has sailed for Europe.

Girls' School is Burned.
Forest Park University in St. Louis, Mo., a private school for young women, having an enrollment of 300 students from all parts of the country, lost its building by fire. All persons in the building escaped.

Senator Tillman Recovering.
United States Senator B. R. Tillman, of South Carolina, who has been seriously ill at his home, is now regarded as very much better.

PEACE OR WAR—THEY ALWAYS COME HERE.



PREDICTS A FAILURE.

Former Chief Engineer Stevens Says Panama Canal Will Not Help.

John F. Stevens, a vice president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and a former chief engineer of the Panama canal, has issued a statement prophesying the failure of the canal undertaking. Mr. Stevens says that the canal will not help the United States in its trade with South America, as practically all of the inhabitants of the southern continent are on the east of the Andes, so that it would be of no advantage to make use of the canal to reach them. Mr. Stevens also says that in our commercial relations with the islands of the Pacific and Far East the canal will be of little value. Our coal and wheat centers are inland. Their products have to be started on their way by rail. When once loaded on cars it would not be cheaper to ship to the Atlantic and then ship to the east by the way of the canal than it would be to send directly to the ports on our Pacific coast and then get on board ship. Mr. Stevens believes that our coal supply is fast diminishing and that China will be the coal country for the future. Siberia, he says, will be the wheat country of the future, with India a close second. Mr. Stevens maintains that the Panama canal cannot hope to become anything other than an expense. It will not meet expenses and it will cost more than is expected. It will be an advantage, he says, to European countries, but not to us. The date of the finishing of the canal he fixes as January, 1915.

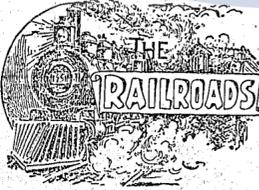
Church System Not Right.

Rev. Dr. William N. Bocoock, pastor of the First Reformed church of Bayonne, N. J., created no slight sensation when he declared from his pulpit that the doctrines and ecclesiastical system of the church to-day were unsuited to the needs of the twentieth century; that the doctrinal system of the church was a heritage from the sixteenth century; that while it contained a soul of truth, the body was unsuited to these times. The church, he said, was not founded upon a book, and referred to the story of Daniel in the lions' den, the opening of the Red Sea before the fleeing Israelites, etc., as figurative and very exaggerated language. He said: "The prophets of the old time sought the best means of conveying to the minds of the sort of people then living the religious spirit, but the things that were vehicles of those days cannot be vehicles of to-day." He declared his intention of asking the authorities of the church for permission to preach the truth for the next two years. While the older and more staid membership of Dr. Bocoock's church are against his opinions, it is said that many members of his flock are standing loyally by him, and a split in the society will probably ensue.

WILL FEED THE HUNGRY.

Fashionable Pittsburg Congregation Forms Unique Club.

On a recent Sunday in the Second Presbyterian church, one of the most fashionable in Pittsburg, was organized what is known as the Breakfast Brotherhood Club. The organization consists of men and women enlisted in a good but certainly most original cause. Each Sunday morning before services breakfast will be served in the basement of the edifice to the poor and needy. Word was scattered, perhaps more as a joke than anything else, by someone connected with the church that there would be free breakfasts Sunday in the vestibule, served to all who were hungry. Two hundred people were assembled at the church door when the pastor, S. Edward Young, arrived. He was slightly disconcerted for a moment, not having heard of the "breakfast movement," but when he learned the reason for the gathering he met the situation calmly and at once proceeded to make an assessment on those members of the congregation who had already assembled. Food was quickly procured and coffee made, and the energetic pastor personally helped look after the wants of the hungry 200. Upon thinking the subject over he and his people came to the conclusion that feeding the needy of Pittsburg every Sunday morning wouldn't be a hard or unpleasant task, and so the club was formed.



Lower Wages Inevitable.

Henry Clews, the New York banker and broker, addressing the Pittsburg chapter of the American Banking Institute, said that a general reduction of wages in all the great railway and other industries had become absolutely necessary because of the high figures to which they were pushed during the long period of prosperity. He said the labor unions should at once reduce their wage scales "and not wait until they are forced to yield." He pointed out that half a loaf is better than none, and urged that the workmen eyed this cheerful acceptance of the cut as a duty to society at large. Mr. Clews defended stock speculation on the exchanges, saying that it "is no more gambling than speculating in real estate or ordinary merchandise." He deplored the recent attacks on Wall street, the financial center of the country, by both Roosevelt and Bryan.

Annex for Morgan's Bank.

The First National bank of New York, the colossal institution, known as J. P. Morgan's financial power station, has arranged to organize what will be known as the First Security Company, to be financed with the bank's surplus funds and offered by the same men who direct the affairs of the bank. Being organized under State laws, it will be free to do many things which are unlawful for the bank chartered under federal laws. Hereafter the bank will be confined strictly to the business of banking, and leave the syndicating and speculating to the subsidiary trust organization. Capital for the trust company will be provided by declaring a dividend of 100 per cent on the bank's \$10,000,000 capital.

Concrete Roadwalk Begun.

Atlantic City has witnessed the beginning of the great reconstruction task of replacing the famous board walk with a concrete promenade.

FIRE TRAPS EVERYWHERE.

Every Village and City Has Its Potential Collinwood Tragedy.

That New York city is full of fire traps and that every village and city possesses the possibilities of just such a calamity as visited Collinwood, Ohio, is the opinion of Richard L. Humphrey, engineer in charge of the structural materials laboratory of the United States government. He says: "The shocking catastrophe at Collinwood did not result from exceptional conditions, but from conditions that are to be found in thousands of instances throughout the United States. At some or even worse firetraps prevail in every village and town and, indeed, in many of the large cities. Even where municipal laws are supposed to govern the erection of such structures the conditions are often worse than in Collinwood. The only surprise is that these catastrophes do not occur more frequently. "The remedies for these conditions is not in elaborate systems for fighting fire or any elaborate fire drills, which may or may not be effectively carried out, but in the enactment of strict municipal laws compelling the erection of structures entirely fireproofed with materials of the highest quality, and especially in the prevention of the erection of flimsy structures, where women and children gather in large numbers, as, for example, schools, theaters, hospitals and similar buildings. Unless such action is taken greater calamities than those at Collinwood and Boyertown, attended by even greater loss of life, will undoubtedly occur."

Little Creek Wants to Know Why Legislation Died.

As a result of the repetition of Battle Creek's 1904 flood, with interest, an investigation is now being undertaken to determine the exact circumstances under which anti-flood legislation for Battle Creek was killed in the State Legislature. It has been popular to lay it on to Representative James Henry, but this official comes back now with proofs to indicate that the common council was to blame. In fact, it is asserted that influence was used and this fact is liable to be publicly brought out.

Team Crossing St. Mary's River is Drowned.

Ice in St. Mary's river at Sault Ste. Marie is becoming unsafe, two persons narrowly escaping death the other day. William Reich, while crossing the river with a team, broke through. The team and rig were lost, but Reich was rescued by persons who saw the accident. George Blair, a business man, went into the water, but succeeded in getting out after a struggle.

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Michigan State News

"DEAD" FATHER WILL RETURN.

Michigan Man Deserted Family After the Civil War.
A strange reunion will take place April 1, when Frank Sherman, formerly of Cooper, now in London, Ont., will return home to see his children after practically forty-eight years of absence. Sherman enlisted at the first call for volunteers in the Civil War, leaving a wife and two children. He was mustered out in 1865, came home for one night, and then disappeared. He was not seen then until twenty-five years ago, when he appeared again, but departed two days later, and it was thought he was dead. Recently he wrote to the Rev. R. S. MacGregor of the Methodist church, asking about his family. He was informed that his wife died twenty-three years ago, and that his two daughters were married. They are Mrs. Thomas Walker of Kalamazoo and Mrs. Frank Brown of Grand Rapids. A few days ago another letter was received, announcing Sherman's intention to come to Kalamazoo April 1, and also regretting the fact that he had deserted his family. He has been employed by the Canadian Pacific railroad as conductor. He intends to do all in his power to make restitution for his past conduct, he says.

TWO TAKE LIVES; ONE FAILS.

Hastings and Adriaan Men Drink Poison—Woman Hinges.

Rudolph Larsen, a Swede, 20 years old, killed himself in Hastings by taking morphine. Several persons saw him swallow the poison, but thought he was taking medicine. The young man's home was at St. Elmo, Ill., where he had a mother and brothers and sisters. Orville Wise, 60 years old, residing south of Cadmus, died as the result of taking a dose of chloroform and laudanum. He leaves a widow and three children. Mourning the loss of her husband who died a year ago, Mrs. Thomas Vestor, a pioneer resident of Kalamazoo, became suddenly and violently insane at 2 o'clock in the morning. She left her bed and picking up a scuttle filled with coal hurled it through a window. Officers were called and locked her up. At the jail Mrs. Vestor attempted to commit suicide by using her hair ribbons for a rope. She was found unconscious, hanging from a bar in a window, but was revived.

JAIL TERM REFORMS SALOONIST

Violator of Sunday Law Says He Will Be Teetotaler.

After serving thirty days in the county jail for violating the Sunday liquor law, Daniel Conway, one of the seventeen saloonkeepers sentenced by the Circuit judges of St. Clair county, was given his liberty the other afternoon. Conway, who is proprietor of the "Happy Home" saloon in Port Huron, notified his daughter to get the best "spread" ready that money could buy and he invited Sheriff Davidson to help him partake of it. At the dinner, to which Conway had invited all his friends, the saloonkeeper said: "Gentlemen, that thirty days in jail did me a lot of good. I have got all the alcohol out of my system now, and I'm going to be a teetotaler from now on. I thank Judge Law for sending me there, because he has made a man of me."

SAYS GIRL IS AN ANARCHIST.

Ex-Soldier Makes Novel Defense in Breach of Promise Suit.

"I couldn't marry her because she is an anarchist," declared Alex. Goldman on the witness stand in Detroit, defending the \$10,000 breach of promise suit of Mary Dubnov. "After we were engaged I often heard her say this country is not civilized, because some people have fine homes and luxury and others live in misery and that governments have no right to exist. I fought in the Philippines for my country, and my brother was killed there and I never could live with anyone who believes as Mary does." Goldman has married another girl since he broke off the engagement with Miss Dubnov.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Battle Creek Wants to Know Why Legislation Died.

As a result of the repetition of Battle Creek's 1904 flood, with interest, an investigation is now being undertaken to determine the exact circumstances under which anti-flood legislation for Battle Creek was killed in the State Legislature. It has been popular to lay it on to Representative James Henry, but this official comes back now with proofs to indicate that the common council was to blame. In fact, it is asserted that influence was used and this fact is liable to be publicly brought out.

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STUDENTS IN BIG RIOT.

Ann Arbor Mayor Asks Militia to Quell Mob.

Mayor Henderson of Ann Arbor sent a call to the State militia the other night when a mob of 2,000 students wrecked two buildings, defied the police and fire departments and refused to listen to the appeals of President Angell and Dean Hutchins. Chief April of the police force was knocked down and rolled on the sidewalk, the fire department hose was uncoiled and 100 feet of it stolen and all the windows in the Star theater, a nickelodeum, and the Hoppe saloon next door were smashed. The students rolled the theater piano into the street and danced on it. They threw the rest of the furniture out of the windows. Twenty-two students were placed under arrest and locked up in the jail. The trouble started when a student persisted in giving the university yell. He was ejected from the theater, and House Officer Schlimmer clubbed him when out on the walk. The students swore vengeance.

RETURNS AS A CATHOLIC.

Episcopal Priest Joins Roman Church in Manistee.

Returning as a Roman Catholic priest to Manistee, where for several years he held the rectorate of the Protestant Episcopal church, Rev. Ernest Willoughby Jewell sang his first solemn mass March 24. Rev. Jewell, who will now be named Father Edward Joseph Jewell, received the minor orders of the priesthood at Grand Rapids, and was ordained a priest. His first charge will be at Manistee. It is said that about fifteen of his former parishioners will follow him to the Roman Catholic church. Before he left the Episcopal church in 1905, Fr. Jewell, who is a widower with three children, had rectories at DeRosier, Calumet and Manistee, being known as an extreme high church man.

IMMATURE TROUT SEIZED.

Game Warden Makes Hunt to the Value of Over \$1,000.

Several more Menominee fishermen who have been disregarding the game laws had their possessions practically wiped out when Game Warden Bedell, with assistants, seized eighty-seven 200-foot gill nets that were set in 35 fathoms of water. The value of the confiscated nets is almost \$900 and the warden seized 600 pounds of immature trout which brings the value of the haul to over \$1,000. So heavy was the numberous load of fish and nets that one of the sleds in which half of the haul was bundled broke down on the ice while being hauled Menomineeward by the warden.

DEATH ROBS DESTITUTE PAIR.

Child Dies While Parents Are Seeking Aid.

After being put out of their home at 457 Erie street, Chicago, it is alleged, Mr. and Mrs. John Olson and their two small children started for Mrs. Olson's old home at Carp Lake. Before the train reached Cadillac the older child was taken ill and it was so bad, the passengers alleged, the conductor put the little family off the train. The passengers took up a collection to pay for a doctor, but the child died before he could send it to a hospital. Utterly destitute, the mother sat in the depot with the dead child in her arms until the Sisters of Mercy cared for the family.

THREE RISK LIVES; SAVE DOG.

Men Rescue Animal from Ice Cake in Lake Michigan.

Struggling for eight hours through a mile of ice cakes, Charles Snyder, Edward Sprigg and Robert Jervies of Whitehall risked their lives to save a collie dog that had been marooned for three days in Lake Michigan off White Lake harbor. The dog's feet were swollen and frozen to the ice, but it gave a gleeful bark as the rescuing party appeared. The animal was worn to a skeleton.

Ginzler Gives \$17,000 Bond.

Former State Treasurer Frank P. Ginzler, who was indicted several weeks ago by the Ingham county grand jury on the charge of misfeasance and malfeasance in office and embezzlement of the State funds, has been admitted to \$17,000 bail by Supreme Court Justice Grant. Justice Grant came from Lansing to Chelsea to accept his bail because of Ginzler's physical inability to make the journey to Mason for arraignment.

Muskegon Puts Ban on Frats.

At a meeting of the Muskegon school board all high school secret organizations were ordered to be abolished. Three fraternities and two sororities will be obliged to give up their charters. The board held that secret organizations are a menace to democratic school life. Representatives of all fraternities and sororities met later, and decided to fight in court the action of the board.

Will Wed After Thirty Years.

After thirty years of waiting, during which time she married another, Mrs. L. M. Clark of Muskegon will wed Owen Mulholland, a gold mine owner of Seattle, Wash., who disappeared when he went West in search of gold.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

William Fraser, target man at Florence, was found dead at the base of his tower.
Alice Hollis of Port Huron is reported to have been cured of blindness of thirty years' standing by a European specialist.
Charles H. Washburn's 3-year-old daughter is dead in Owosso after eating heads of eighteen matches.
Chief of Police Farrington of Battle Creek received a letter threatening his life. It was signed "Committee of Black Hand."
Albert Barker and John Maracoug, inmates of the Grand Rapids soldiers' home, were nearly drowned in mud in a pig-pen at the home. Their wagon slipped down an embankment.
The Munising Paper Co. of Munising has increased its capacity from 60 tons of wrapping paper a day to 70 tons. The new machine cost \$25,000 and the plant will give employment to a dozen additional men.

A CROWN OF FAITH

CHAPTER XIV.—(Continued.)

"Then what do you mean to do? Have you told Mrs. Weyerly how much you detest being made a prisoner of for life?"

"Ah! you do not know mamma," replied Ella, with a shudder. "You think me daring, defiant, full of spirit? So I am when not in her presence; but before her I am cowed, abject, frightened. Have you not seen it? I cannot account for this. I have been afraid of my mother ever since I can remember. I never dare to tell her how mad and miserable the idea of this imprisonment makes me, or if I hint even at it, she annihilates me, scorches me, withers me with her scorn."

"What an awful woman!" said Lionel passionately.

"She is my mother," said Ella, with a dreary smile; "and she fancies she is doing right."

"How can she fancy so?" asked Lionel excitedly. "Any clergyman of any denomination would tell her she was doing evil. Only what crime is this which has to be expiated?"

"Do not ask me now," said Ella. "I was about to tell you, but I have lost the courage. Some other time I will tell you."

She looked at him strangely, sorrowfully, and his blood curdled at the unaccountable thought that this delicate creature should in any way be tainted so much as the shadow of evil. He longed to say, "Whose crime?" But he dared not ask the question, nor dare he allude again to that love of his—that strong passion for Ella Weyerly, the roots of which were in his very soul, and twined about the very fibers of his being. Something in her look conveyed to him that he was not the ideal hero whereof she had spoken.

"But you ask my help, Miss Weyerly," he said. "You know how far you may command me."

"I know," she answered quickly; "and now we come to the pith of the subject. I am only eighteen, and my mother can claim possession of me for three years longer. Now she designs this autumn to take me over to Italy. I must escape long before then. I must earn my own living. I should like to go upon the stage. Will you assist me?"

"Willingly. But a public career is full of difficulties. You would need money."

"I will give you my jewels to sell for me," said the girl quickly; "they are my own, and worth two thousand pounds. I wish to be independent."

"I see you do," replied Lionel, with a sigh. "But have you thought of the fact that in presenting yourself in public, there is danger of your being recognized and claimed by Mrs. Weyerly?"

"I was only talking nonsense," she said. "I do not wish to go upon the stage. I only wanted to observe how my grave and reverend tutor would like the idea of my becoming an actress. No, Mr. Leigh; I should like to do something. Let me give lessons in singing; that is my forte; and let me earn my living quietly under another name. I have been well taught in London and abroad."

"But to cast yourself upon the world of London—alone?" hesitated Lionel.

"Ah! I am sure I could take care of myself," said Ella.

"Harden me; you know nothing of the world. Is there no one—no woman friend whom you could trust where you would be safe?"

"I hate women friends!" cried Ella, in a burst of temper, for which Lionel was at a loss to account. "No! I have no friends—women friends, nor any of the nobler sex. I see I must depend upon myself."

"I am not deemed worthy to be called a friend, of course," said the tutor.

"No," replied the capricious Ella. "I think you mean well, of course; but it would be quite impossible that you should comprehend me, or sympathize with me."

Lionel was wounded to the core by this caprice. He flushed hotly.

"You are Miss Weyerly, of Weyerly," he said proudly. "That constitutes a barrier between you and a mere teacher of languages."

"I am Miss Weyerly, of Weyerly," she replied, flashing on him a look of intense scorn; "and I will have the honor to wish you good afternoon."

She pointed to a path across the fields.

"If you follow that," she said, "it will take you to Weyerly. I shall return through the wood."

And without another word she swept down the narrow woodland path, leaving him in sorrowful amazement to watch her receding form.

CHAPTER XV.

Lella Leigh still taught French and German at the Ladies' College of St. Martha's. She used to receive letters three or four times a week from Arthur Calthorpe; but she seldom met him. She was not happy. How could she be with the terrible suit in the future, which Ellen Watson was about to bring against Arthur Calthorpe, claiming to be his lawful wife, although he had never addressed one word of love to her in his life? If she established her claim, and was recognized as his wife in the eye of the law, there was reason to believe that the Earl of Beryl would entirely disinherit his young kinsman.

The old noble had been most solicitous in regard to the recovery of his nephew. Every care and attention that skill and affection combined could devise had been paid to the invalid; and now Arthur Calthorpe was about again as well as ever.

It was hot July. In four months the case was to come on for hearing. Ellen Watson had become a celebrity. There were not wanting persons who advanced this cunning, ambitious woman large sums of money at exorbitant interest; and she lived in a pretty villa, which she hired furnished, about a mile out of Abbotshold. She kept a groom, a gardener, a cook, a housemaid, a little carriage with a pair of ponies, which she drove herself.

She dressed in the gayest and most fashionable attire. She was sufficiently young and good-looking to create a certain species of interest. Various old bachelors, retired majors in the army,

and lieutenants in the navy, who lodged in the town or neighborhood of Abbotshold; many young drapers' assistants, a few lawyers' clerks, and auctioneers' clerks; and many young apprentices to milliners and dressmakers in the old cathedral city, girls with romantic fancies and ambitious hearts, looked with wonder and admiration on Miss Watson—Mrs. Calthorpe, as she called herself.

When she dashed into town, driving her little ponies, she was always smiling, gracious and affable as a young princess. She wore the prettiest and most fashionable costumes now, during the brilliant July weather. Sometimes of an evening, just as the sky was red, she would come into the town. If it were a cool evening, she would wear a complete costume of black lace and gold. She had copied this fanciful dress from a pretty lady reclining in a chariot in Hyde Park, while a troop of cavaliers crowded about her to pay her homage. At other times Miss Watson would appear in white entirely, with no other ornament than a scarlet rose at her breast.

She was always gracious, cheerful and in excellent spirits. She paid ready money for all the goods she ordered; never asked the price of anything; flung down her sovereigns with a smiling air, and seemed to thank everybody, and beam upon everybody, like a beneficent fairy.

There were even a few—a very few people who ventured to call upon the so-called Mrs. Calthorpe, at Geranium Villa. Dr. O'Night, a physician of repute in the cathedral town, having a certain grudge of long standing against the old Earl of Beryl, actually took his wife and daughters to call upon the adventuress, and invited her to dinner on the following Thursday.

Ellen went to the fine old house in the High street, and really won the hearts of the doctor's wife and rather passed but most amiable daughters. Her vivacity passed for wit, her affectations for refinement. She was exquisitely dressed in white, with a gold cross and necklace, and a scarlet flower at her waist.

Ellen was clever. She had received an education rather superior to that which a girl in her sphere would be likely to receive in England, and she had read much for her station. She could sing and even play, nor was she wanting in a certain degree of taste. Besides all this, it was popularly supposed that this young person had very solid grounds on which to found her pretensions.

She was really so—she said, and her lawyers said the same—married to Arthur Calthorpe, according to Scotch law. She told a tale plaintively and well—and every word of it false—of his love-making and perjured vows. One proof she looked—letters which breathed love, and acknowledged the marriage. In reality, Miss Watson did not possess one line of Arthur's handwriting.

However, this was only July, and the trial did not come until November; therefore, Ellen Watson, being a young woman of resources, did not fear. She had told her lawyer she would be able to produce some letters by the time of the trial, and her lawyer believed her.

It was on a lovely evening that Lella Leigh, the tasks of the day being ended, sought and obtained permission from Miss Pritchard, the proprietress of the College of St. Martha's, to walk into Abbotshold, to the library, there to seek a particular book.

Lella walked along between the hedges. There was a certain depression in the air; or was it in the girl's own heart? Between the branches of the trees she could see the yellow sunset sky. The heat had been intense all day; but now a cool breeze rustled the corn, which grew on the other side of the tall hedge. Suddenly she heard voices behind her. Looking round, she perceived the roan ponies of the so-called Mrs. Calthorpe. The lady was alone. She wore a scarlet silk cloak, a white straw hat and a dainty white skirt. She was holding the reins lightly, leaning back among her cushions, smiling her usual smile.

Lella felt her cheeks flush and her heart beat when this woman appeared. Ellen Watson slackened the reins of her ponies, and looked still smiling at Lella Leigh, and Lella flushed again. The contrast was painful. Her rival leaned back elegantly dressed amid soft cushions. Her well-stopping little roans bore her along with grace and spirit. She was actually called in the neighborhood Mrs. Calthorpe. She had money, she had parties, she had ease, and style, and luxury.

Lella wore a dress of plain striped muslin. Her salary was small; her life was toilsome. She was poor and obscure. Her very beauty was, as it were, hid under a bushel in the seclusion of St. Martha's. Arthur Calthorpe's love for her was just now a thing to hide, and be even a little ashamed of, until the claims of the woman who drove the roan ponies were annulled.

Ellen Watson came to a standstill and beckoned Lella Leigh imperiously with her whip. Lella drew herself up, and was passing on haughtily, when the other called after her.

"Miss Leigh—Miss Leigh, I wish to speak to you."

Lella turned round. The flush had left her cheek; she was pale now; but her eyes flashed. She did not speak.

"Oh!" said Ellen Watson, "I want your brother to give me lessons in French. Will you ask him? I know he could give me four hours a week; and those people at Weyerly could well spare him, when you eat in church?"

"Of course I can mention it," said Lella coldly; and she would have walked on, but the other stopped her again.

"You know I am Mrs. Calthorpe, of course?"

"No! I do not know it. It is not known yet, madam. It will require to be established before it is acknowledged."

Miss Watson's face grew pallid. She clenched her teeth, and the smile died away from her lips.

"What I have heard is true, then, Miss

Leigh. He pretends to love you, eh?"

"Madam, I answer no questions. Mr. Calthorpe can be nothing more than a friend to anybody until your claims are proved or disclaimed."

"They will never be disclaimed," replied Ellen Watson calmly. "I have an uncle, a lawyer, who knows every turn of the Scotch law; and he tells me to rest perfectly secure."

A chill of dread—a conviction that this woman spoke the truth, that her claim would be made valid, and that though Arthur Calthorpe might never live with this Scotch woman, she would have a right to bear his name, and share his fortune—look absolute possession of Lella Leigh.

She turned her face resolutely away from the driver of the ponies. Her heart swelled tumultuously. Despair laid its cold, clutch on her. It was useless to reproach this clever adventuress, who had contrived to make the heir of a vast fortune and noble title marry her according to the laws of her country. She clenched her teeth once more.

"Stop! tell him from me that I shall not trouble him with my presence; only call myself first Mrs. Calthorpe, and next Countess of Beryl. I shall have several thousands a year, and lead a happy life abroad."

Lella did not answer, but turned her face resolutely toward Abbotshold. The pony carriage went dashing by her swiftly. Soon she emerged into a wide road, on each side of which stood fine old houses in large gardens. The towers of the old cathedral stood dark against the primrose evening sky, from which the golden and purple glow had faded by the time that Lella entered the town.

All at once her thoughts came down to everyday matters. It was a simple cause which recalled them—the rumbling of a cab in hot haste down the High street of Abbotshold. Lella walked along the pavement half carelessly, watching the cab and wondering whether it was bound.

It stopped before a stately old house, the residence of a Dr. Marks, the most eminent medical man in Abbotshold.

By the time Lella reached the front door, the passenger from the cab stood on the step, ringing and knocking. It was some little time before the impatient summons was answered. The man turned round and looked at Lella, and she recognized a valet of Arthur Calthorpe's, a man whom his master had once or twice sent to St. Martha's with presents of fruit and flowers for Miss Leigh and Miss Pritchard, the principal of the college.

"The man touched his hat. Lella's heart seemed to stand still, the quaint street reeled around her, the great towers of the cathedral rocked, the blue hills receded. She clutched at the pillar of the portico for support. She was giddy and faint from emotion. Her first thought was, Arthur Calthorpe is ill, and Wade is sent for the doctor.

"Is—Mr. Calthorpe ill?" asked Lella.

"No, miss; the earl, his lordship, is in a fit—a stroke, something of that kind!"

Lella walked on now, feeling that sense of relief touching the one life which was precious to her. Pity for the old earl was the next sentiment; and then came the quick thought, if he should die! Arthur would then be his own master—he would be Lord Beryl. Would his heart remain faithful under his new honors? But if so would Ellen Watson be made the legal Countess of Beryl?

Lella felt one of those dull, heavy, persistent convictions which assail us all at times. She walked on sorrowfully. The High street was nearly deserted in the cool of the evening. The inhabitants of the town were in their gardens, or on the river, or in the woods and lanes. She reached the door of the librarian and book seller, Mr. Corfield. At the door of the shop stood the pretty open carriage and roan ponies of Miss Watson, as Lella persisted in calling the ambitious schemer, in her heart. A boy was holding the ponies.

Lella did not choose again to encounter that woman. She walked on, glancing back every now and then to make sure that Miss Watson was still in the shop. She walked on some distance. To the left was a quaint old street, in which stood the "Black Wolf" inn, opposite to the ancient Abbey church. She still walked on. She was struck by the picturesque aspect of the old inn. She paused a moment to look at it, and Arthur Calthorpe advanced from under the porch to meet her.

(To be continued.)

Through the Telephone.

"Are you there?"

"Yes."

"Who are you, please?"

"Watt."

"What is your name, please?"

"Watt's my name."

"Yes; what is your name?"

"I say my name is Watt."

"Oh, well, I'm going to see you."

"All right. Are you Jones?"

"No; I'm Knott."

"Who are you then, please?"

"I'm Knott."

"Will you tell me your name please?"

"Will Knott."

"Why won't you?"

"I say my name is William Knott."

"Oh, I beg your pardon."

"Then you will be in if I come round Watt?"

"Certainly, Knott."

Then they were cut off by the exchange, and Knott wants to know if Watt will be in or not—Tattler.

What Caused It.

Horace—Miss Jolly gave me a cold look this morning.

Helen—Mind at you?

Horace—No, she was running her touring car without the glass front and her face was frosted.

How Mean!

Jennie—She's horrid. That nasty Wilson girl has been saying that I paint.

Clara—Don't you care. If she had your complexion maybe she'd paint, too.

Boyce—I understand that Smith was disappointed in love. Joyce—Yes; he thought the girl he married had money.

Civil War Stories

A Southerner sends a story of an adventure during the Civil War in which the heroes were two boys, the youngest only 10 years old. A load of wheat was hidden under the floor of their uncle's barn, about twelve miles northeast from Richmond, and the boys volunteered to go and get it. It was in August, 1863. They started with a wagon and two good nudes, approached the farm from the southwest, and made a detour over ditches and through fences because they did not dare to go by the regular road. The Federals were encamped about two miles east.

We reached the barn without having been seen, and driving into a shed attached to the building, succeeded in loading the grain, and secured the sacks by crossing ropes tightly over the top, to the high sides of the wagon.

To reach Richmond we had to drive within sight of the Yankee camp. At this point the road turned at right angles toward the south. We had put ropes round the axles next the shoulder, so as to stop the "chuck" of the wheels, and so reached this turn without being seen, but had traveled only a short distance on the old station road when we found that we had been discovered, and could see a party of horsemen coming after us at a rapid pace.

My cousin, who was an expert driver, although so young, told me to hold on tight while he mounted the rear mule, and then commenced the race of our lives.

For some distance the road was corduroy, and at the rate we were going, it was only by the most dexterous movements and tightest grip that I could stay on the sacks. Our pursuers were gaining on us. At first they fired only a few shots, but soon a shower of bullets punctured the sacks all round me, and sent the wheat flying into my face. My coat and hat were struck several times.

It seemed that a few moments would surely settle the matter. I shall never forget the yells of those Yankees, accompanied by the incessant thup! thup! of the bullets as they came faster and faster; but strange to say, not a bullet touched us or the horses.

At a sharp turn in the road, a blind road led off into the woods, and as we were driving on the side of the road in the grass, Paul took this chance, and dashed into this road, where the high bush huckleberry grew rank and thick. We were now out of range of the Federal guns, but we did not slacken our pace. Grazing a tree here and missing a stump there, we dashed over logs, through hollows and up hill until we were sure that our pursuers had kept to the main road.

We were congratulating ourselves when "halt!" brought us to a stop, and a soldier, with gun ready, demanded, "Who comes here?"

"I answered, 'A friend.' Then came the order, 'Advance and give the counter-signal!'"

It was now dusk, and we could see the blue overcast, and thought that this was a Federal picket; but as we came nearer, I saw gray trousers, so I told my cousin to risk the words with which we had been furnished for the night—"R. E. Lee."

"Oh, you can pass," the sentry said.

"Oh, what a relief! The sentry called the corporal of the guard, and we were conducted to headquarters.

Just a short time before this we had heard a discharge of arms in the direction of the road that we had left, but we were surprised to see a dozen or more Yankees lined up as prisoners when we reached headquarters.

Some of them swore lustily at us for the trap which we had run them into. We were glad indeed to rest by the camp fire inside of our lines, and the next day about 10 o'clock arrived in Richmond, with a loss of comparatively little of the wheat.

Old Richmond never looked more beautiful, nor could there have been two more thankful boys. We enjoyed the fruits of our trip, too, for we had a change to wheat bread, which was a treat, after months of nothing but corn bread.

Made Bad on Soap.

Some of the incidents of a war play now running in New York suggested to a civilian of the present generation that the playwright of to-day takes a while lot of license. A veteran with an empty sleeve took issue with him.

"The incidents you mention," he said to the young man, "may not have occurred as here presented. But the struggle had its comedy situations. It was not all grim, and it was a good thing it wasn't."

"There wasn't much time in the closing days of the war for farcical incidents, but while the masters of the great trouble were formulating plans, Paistuffs were plentiful in remote places. One of these whom I knew had got up to the title of major. He was a German."

"His battalion consisted of the rawest lot of recruits that were ever huddled under one command. The aggregation was mounted. It was assigned to duty at a post in close proximity to a settlement of bushwhackers."

"These were not the bushwhackers of later days. They were for the most part young men who were banded together awaiting an opportunity of getting to the front. Pending that soldiering with them was a frolic."

"The big German major took his part with all the seriousness of a division

commander on the eve of a battle. Once a week, sometimes oftener, the major sent hurry orders for the recruits to ration up for a two days' scout, and then took them out solemnly into the country.

"As often as the column went out on scout as often did it return, a day or two later, usually splashed with the mud of the country roads, the horses looking jaundiced and uncurried. If they ever brought back a prisoner that fact was kept concealed by the major."

"On one of these scouts the column had an experience that was not down in the major's tactics. The bushwhackers, who always knew of the coming of the column and scattered, concluded to give him a surprise."

"The column had halted at the end of its first day's ride and was bivouacking in a corn field. The camp fires had been lighted and the air was redolent with the odor of noodle soup. The bugles had sounded for the serving of rations. Even the pickets had come into camp for grub."

"Without warning the bushwhackers rose up out of the fodder shocks and the fence corners; with one combined rush they swept down upon Major Joseph's soup line and captured it. The colonel of the bushwhackers, a former school teacher, and his staff appeared simultaneously, as the major reported it to his superior officer, before the major's slack and demanded his rations."

"The colonel saluted the major and begged his pardon for the intrusion. He said he and his men had not come to fight, but they were ably hungry, and the odor of the noodle soup had made them furious."

"If permitted to have their fill they would retire in good order and the major could do likewise. If the major wanted fight, he could have it, but they were not there with any hostile intentions, other than those mentioned."

"The major was virtually a prisoner. He submitted gracefully and asked the colonel and his staff to be his guests as long as the grub held out. The colonel regretted to say that he and his staff would need all there was, and as the major could go back to town and get more, they would have to sweep the board."

"They devoured every morsel. When the feast was finished the colonel's eye fell on the major's spurs; he allowed that as the government had plenty on hand and the article was scarce in the Confederacy he would have to take it. The major removed the field glass from his uniform and handed it over."

"The major was then politely requested to send word to his men in camp that they were to allow the visitors to depart in peace. This was done, and the bushwhackers scattered as only bushwhackers know how to do."

"Major Joseph broke camp that night and returned to the city before day-break. It was his last scouting expedition from that post. He was ordered to the front soon after, and, I believe, under the watchful eye of his superior officer, who was at old West Point, he did some creditable fighting until he was mustered out."

"The story of the bushwhackers' raid on Major Joseph's noodle soup got to the headquarters of many commanding officers, but I do not think it ever had general circulation."—Detroit Free Press.

How Sickles Got His Medal.

The presentation to General Sickles by the War Department, after a long delay, of a medal for meritorious conduct at the battle of Gettysburg, recalled an interesting incident. At the national G. A. R. encampment at Buffalo, General Ruggles of the regular army and General Sickles were two of the conspicuous old generals in attendance. Ex-Governor Upham of Wisconsin, together with E. A. Shores of the same State, were guests at the same hotel with General Ruggles. On the third day of the encampment Mr. Shores was presented to the general. The conversation turned upon the subject of badges, several of which General Ruggles was wearing, when he remarked that it was unfortunate that General Sickles was unable to get a medal from the War Department.

"Sickles deserves the badge," said he, "for he commanded his regiment to the end of the engagement after he had lost his leg by the explosion of a shell; but unfortunately there is no one living, so far as is known, who was an eye-witness of the general's action, and the testimony of an eye-witness is absolutely necessary before the medal can be awarded."

When General Ruggles had ceased talking Mr. Shores said: "General, I think I can furnish the evidence that is desired. I was General Birney's orderly in that battle, and was sent with a message to General Sickles to say that General Birney was ready to take command at any time. It was then well known among the Federal soldiers that General Sickles had lost a leg, and it was supposed he would be taken from the field. When I found General Sickles he was on a stretcher with a clamp on the stump of his leg to prevent loss of blood, and he was giving orders while sitting on the stretcher on which he had been carried to the front. I delivered General Birney's message, when with a vigorous adjective General Sickles said: 'You tell General Birney that when I want him to take command I will let him know.'"

The next day at the suggestion of General Ruggles, Mr. Shores called upon General Sickles, and repeated the statement made the day before, which evidently reached the War Department, for General Sickles afterward received the much-desired medal."

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

CHICAGO.

Trade conditions in Chicago for the week are summarized by R. G. Dun & Co. as follows:

"Seasonable conditions have imparted a more hopeful tone to industry, and new demands make an improving exhibit in iron, steel, metal and woodworking, there being also steady additions to the machinery and lands employed. Building operations and heavy construction open promptly, the work in sight assuring a busy year, with heavy capital investment, and the outlook strengthens the buying of structural needs, lumber and quarry products. Navigation between nearby lake ports is effected, thereby widening the general movement of freight, which aggregates heavier tonnage by rail than a month ago, although marketing of grain has slackened. Farm reports indicate widespread preparatory work and improvements."

"A healthy indication of the improvement under way is a better offering of commercial paper and an easier tendency in the cost of money. Currency shipments to the interior have fallen behind those at this time last year, but larger sums are being reserved for use in manufacturing and other property extensions, while savings deposits are on the upturn. Few commodities disclose any significant decline in prices."

"Merchandise conditions generally reflect increasing promptness, and credits are less distributed by the lower commercial mortality this week. Retail trade progresses encouragingly, and is relatively very good at outside points, where higher temperatures have prevailed. Wholesale dealings in the principal staples include a very satisfactory gain in the number of new accounts, and the aggregate sales of textiles, footwear, men and women's wear, food products and hardware compare favorably with a year ago, although many buyers anticipated forward requirements more conservatively."

"Failures reported in the Chicago district number 52, against 30 last week and 20 a year ago. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number 10, against 11 last week and 6 in 1907."

NEW YORK.

Improvement in sentiment and in actual demand continues, but it proceeds under the check rein of conservatism, which limits output to small lots of staple goods. Spring jobbing trade has apparently passed its zenith with a total trade larger perhaps than was expected some months ago, but smaller by far than a year ago. Fall trade is four to six weeks late in opening up. As hitherto, the chief activity has been in dry goods and allied lines, especially millinery, which, so far as spring trade preparations are concerned, makes relatively one of the best showings. In industrial lines there is a good deal of irregularity. About 50,000 mill hands in New England have had wages reduced in the past ten days, and production is only 65 to 75 per cent of the fall possible output. The reduction in output in all textile lines has been so great as to cause question as to its being overdone. As regards the future, it might be said that while the outlook is hopeful, prospects seem to indicate a fluctuating trade in forthcoming months, or at least until probable crop yields can be pretty well measured.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending March 10 number 208, against 278 last week, 137 in the like week of 1907, 170 in 1906, 201 in 1905 and 215 in 1904. Canadian failures for the week number 30, against 31 last week and 22 in this week a year ago.—Bradstreet's Commercial Report.

THE MARKETS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$4.00 to \$6.65; hogs, prime heavy, \$4.00 to \$5.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$6.25; wheat, No. 2, 94c to 96c; corn, No. 2, 64c to 65c; oats, standard, 52c to 54c; rye, No. 2, 80c to 81c; hay, timothy, \$9.50 to \$16.00; prairie, \$8.00 to \$12.00; butter, choice creamery, 25c to 26c; eggs, fresh, 14c to 17c; potatoes, per bushel, 65c to 74c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$6.25; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$2.50 to \$4.95; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 96c to 97c; corn, No. 2, 64c to 65c; oats, No. 2, 53c to 54c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.50 to \$6.40; hogs, \$4.00 to \$4.90; sheep, \$5.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.00 to \$1.02; corn, No. 2, 63c to 64c; oats, No. 2, 52c to 53c; rye, No. 2, 83c to 84c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.85; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.05; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.01 to \$1.02; corn, No. 2, mixed, 65c to 66c; oats, No. 2, mixed, 53c to 54c; rye, No. 2, 86c to 87c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.60; hogs, \$4.00 to \$4.65; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 96c to 98c; corn, No. 3, yellow, 65c to 67c; oats, No. 3, white, 53c to 55c; rye, No. 2, 84c to 85c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2, northern, \$1.07 to \$1.09; corn, No. 3, 63c to 64c; oats, standard, 53c to 54c; rye, No. 1, 80c to 81c; barley, No. 2, 80c to 90c; pork, mess, \$11.90.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$4.00 to \$6.10; hogs, fair to choice, \$3.50 to \$5.35; sheep, common to good mixed, \$4.00 to \$5.50; lambs, fair to choice, \$5.00 to \$8.35.

New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.95; hogs, \$3.50 to \$5.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2, red, 96c to \$1.01; corn, No. 2, (8c to 70c; oats, natural white, 57c to 60c; butter, creamery, 25c to 27c; eggs, western, 13c to 15c.

Colo.—Wheat, No. 2, mixed, 95c to 97c; corn, No. 2, mixed, 63c to 65c; oats, No. 2, mixed, 53c to 55c; rye, No. 2, 81c to 83c; clover seed, prime, \$12.00.

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THE ANTI-BRYAN CAMPAIGN.

Certain newspapers are very much inclined to accuse the democratic party of being a party of negation. That is to say, they insist that the party is always against things and never for anything. Of course the charge is unfounded, but it is rather amusing to find these same newspapers now pressing a personal campaign not for anybody, but against the nomination of Mr. Bryan. The only man whose nomination is seriously urged by the anti-Bryan newspapers is Gov. Johnson of Minnesota, and four months ago he was not heard of. But certain newspapers and certain men who think that the control of money means control of politics, are begging for any man to be nominated in order that Bryan may not be nominated.

Do you know the reason why they are now so excited? It is because they know if nominated, Mr. Bryan will be elected. James J. Hill, Thomas F. Ryan, Sheahan and the other men who were back of the ill-fated Parker campaign did not worry particularly about the Bryan candidacy until it became perfectly apparent that his election would follow his nomination. That is the case today, and that is the reason why they are trying to defeat his nomination. The men who put Parker in the field and who then deserted and left him to an ignominious, though possibly merited defeat, are ready now to put Gov. Johnson forward as a sacrifice. They do not want to elect Johnson, what they want to do is to prevent the election of Bryan. They have never failed to profit under a republican administration, but they dare not risk their trusts, their railroads, their monopolies under a democratic administration. It is for that reason that they are fighting the only demagogue who can be elected, and urging with apparent sincerity the candidacy of a man, who however estimable himself, is not known beyond the boundaries of his state and cannot by any possibility be elected. The combination of Jim Hill, Tom Ryan and Joe Pulitzer is enough to make democrats who can remember politics for twelve years back hesitate concerning the qualifications of the beneficiary of these unselfish democratic leaders. WILLIS J. ARBON.

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Tourist Club.

Members of the Tourist club, with their invited guests, met at K. P. hall March 18 to enjoy an Irish evening. To really enjoy an Irish evening it is necessary to live in the United States, hence the audience appeared to greatly appreciate the effort of the committee to entertain those who, in spite of the icy storm, were present.

The opening music, Irish Melodies, rendered by Miss Marguerite Kerns; Miss Ethel Adams and Roy W. Adams upon violin, piano and flute, was a fitting prelude to the good things that followed and was heartily applauded and encored. Miss Titus read

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a poem telling of the origin of St. Patrick's day. Masters Charles He-man and Henry Adams, in the charade that came next, in hunting for a snake among the rocky fastnesses of the platform, fell through a "sham-rock" and thus introduced the recitation by Miss Irene Henderson, which described the revered trefoil.

Mrs. Mickelson then sang a sweet old song in her own way, a way that always captures an audience, as it did on this occasion, and of course was encored. An original poem eulogistic of the Irish, written by Hon. L. T. Hemans, was read by Mrs. Hemans, as the poet was unable to be present. All who are familiar with Mr. Hemans' efforts on other subjects can appreciate what a poem from his pen would be, with the wrongs of the Irish people as an incentive to his muse.

Miss Alice Lyon gave an exceedingly interesting description of the home life of the better class of wage earners in Irish towns. A residence of eight years in Ireland gives Miss Lyon a ripe and perfect knowledge of the things whereof she speaks. One thing especially emphasized by the speaker was that the innumerable blessings and privileges enjoyed by American children, women and men are so much a part of the daily life of the people, so much a matter of course, that they are accepted and enjoyed but very imperfectly appreciated. One thing the speaker said that more than any other statement received the most heart-felt approval of the married men present, was that the married women of America do not appreciate their husbands. We always had suspected it, but now we know and have official authority for our belief. At the same time the reporter, "kinder" bashful, wants to record his belief that in some isolated instances the converse may be true. It may be possible that all American husbands do not appreciate their wives. It is hoped the Tourist club may be able to persuade Miss Lyon to present to the members some time in the near future papers containing her experiences, not only in relation to the better class of working people, but also her knowledge obtained by actual residence in Ireland concerning the peasantry and the "gentry."

At the close of Miss Lyon's remarks Norman Phillo said "Since Arrah Wanna Married Barney Carney" and emphasized the song by a shuffle similar to that employed by older members of the club in "Jube" dances.

The song that followed Miss Lyon's talk on Irish conditions was by Mrs. Kerns and was well received by the audience although it was not on the program.

While Miss Laura Fullerton upon the piano delighted the souls of that portion of the audience who did not know classical music and did know "The Irish Washerwoman," Miss Ethel Adams in an exceedingly suggestive pantomime, delineated so successfully the physical contortions of American women in their weekly washing of the family wardrobe, that the act was one of the most successful of a series of highly successful performances presented at the special Irish evening. All the manual, or more properly, "womanual," acts necessary to take the soiled family linen from its receptacle and place it, cleansed and renewed upon the clothes line, was so successfully simulated by Miss Adams that the "washerwoman" received hearty applause from the audience.

Mrs. Mickelson treated the assembly to another charming song which was encored and was followed by one of the strongest recitations upon the evening's program, "The Fighting Race," by Mrs. Kerns.

Mr. Shirley Field, who has often appeared in a musical role upon the programs of the past year, sang "Colleen Bawn," and for an encore gave the audience that good old Scotch-Irish song, "There's Mony a Schlip," both of which were greeted with applause.

It is a well known fact that St. Patrick was born in Scotland, England and Wales, as well as in France and Germany, besides being a full blooded Irishman. Any man who in a company of Irishmen, should hint St. Patrick was other than a good Catholic would be immediately dismembered, and yet the Baptists, with considerable weight of evidence, claim him as one of their own. And there is plenty of documentary evidence to show that he was a Presbyterian, with the Methodists, Salvation Army and Christian Scientists still to be heard from. St. Patrick drove all reptiles from England, his work being somewhat lessened by the fact that no baccharion or ophidian ever existed in the Emerald Isle. One thing however is sure, that of all the saints canonized by the people of other days, St. Patrick was the best. A man who reckoned his life of no account if by any means he could bring christianity to the pagans of Ireland.

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CURRENT TOPICS OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

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The present impression in congress is that whatever may be the demand from the White House for legislation, congress will adjourn about the middle of May. The leaders in both houses say that it is necessary to adjourn in order that members and senators may go back to their states and attend to the political needs of their parties. It is asserted now that the long session, coming just before a presidential election, must not be used for the enactment of any legislation other than appropriation bills and possibly such measures as the employers' liability bill and currency legislation. Eight months ago when the short session was growing to a close the plan was that the session was too short for careful consideration of the legislation which had been urged.

How long is this farce to continue? The short session is too short for the enactment of laws demanded by the people; the long session comes just before either a new congressional election or a presidential election. Therefore it is urged that nothing must be done in a long session lest it should affect unfavorably the chances of the party in power in the pending election. For nearly 12 years the republican party has been playing this game of procrastination and promising always that something would be done when the next congress should meet. Nothing has been done, nothing will be done. The tariff has not been revised, the railroad question has not been handled truly, the issues raised by President Roosevelt, however meritorious they may be, have not been given attention. There has been much oratory and little action; much wind but the ship of state has not thereby been wafted into any safe harbor. Now the republican leaders plan an early adjournment without having given attention to the business brought before them. The one reason for this early adjournment is that they must go home and attend to the election of delegates to the national convention.

THE TAFT CAMPAIGN FUND.

When a New York newspaper of Sunday last printed a two-column story to the effect that not less than \$750,000 had been spent already to force the nomination of Sec. Taft upon an unwilling party, nobody in Washington was surprised. As a matter of fact public men in Washington thought that the amount was under-estimated. The estimate here has been \$800,000 and \$900,000. Indeed the gossip is that even the campaign made by the late Mark Hanna for the first nomination of William McKinley did not approach in lavishness of expenditure that which is now being made to compel the nomination of Taft. The Taft money comes from his brother, Chas. P. Taft, who married an enormous fortune and who by thriftily acquiring

most of the public service corporations of Cincinnati has greatly multiplied that fortune. That Taft family hopes ultimately to amount to something great. The election of William H. Taft to the presidency would make his brother the Mark Hanna of that administration and the brother's characteristics are of such a sort that all men who know him, know that he would like greatly to be the power behind the throne. Socially and financially he would dearly love to be the man next to the administration.

Today the probabilities are that Sec. Taft will be nominated. The bushels of money poured out in his behalf are having their effect in every state. Thus far the president has not shown any sign openly of treachery to the man whom he selected as his successor. And it may be doubted whether now even if the president should attempt to defeat Mr. Taft in the convention, it could be done unless in a moment of hysteria, which comes occasionally to these great national conventions, there would be a stampede for Mr. Roosevelt. As matters now stand Sec. Taft is the most probable nominee, and the hundreds of thousands of dollars invested by his brother in his behalf will be multiplied largely by funds contributed from Wall Street to which he has been devoting his special attention in the last two months.

THE FUTURE OF SENATOR LAFOLLETTE.

Report has it that Senator LaFollette is going to abandon the republican party with which he has ostensibly been affiliated for some time, and which has made him governor twice and senator once, and become the leader of Mr. Hearst's personally financed independence party. It is difficult to believe the report, and it would hardly be worth commenting upon except for the fact that while it has been printed in Washington and New York papers, Senator LaFollette has sequestered himself and refused audiences to even his best friends. His private secretary informs all callers that he is preparing a speech under adverse circumstances and cannot pay attention to what newspapers are saying about him. This is a new attitude for the senator to take, as a rule he has paid very friendly attention to what the newspapers said.

In default of any direct statement from Senator LaFollette himself, one must be inclined to doubt the truth of the assertion that he is going to throw himself to William R. Hearst. Nothing in the past that Hearst has done has been friendly to LaFollette. One can search the Hearst newspapers in vain for years past without discovering any applause for the Wisconsin leader of the republican party. It is true that nobody can change front faster than Hearst, but the men who looked upon LaFollette as one of the leaders of the forward movement in politics did not believe that he could be quite as quick to turn his coat—and they do not believe it now. Yet he himself must speak or remain under suspicion. LaFollette has held his state, not because of republican votes, not because of Hearst votes, for Hearst has never made himself felt in that state, his strength has been the sympathy either expressed or silent of democrats who felt that he was essentially a democrat forced by circumstances to co-operate with the republican party. Nobody knows this fact better than he, and it is incredible that he now should lend himself to an effort to disrupt the party to the

while the other hand gripped the last representative of the serpents driven from Erin. Mrs. Webb then read the only paper of the evening, an exceedingly interesting character sketch of Ireland's patron saint.

At different times during the evening violin, piano and flute enlivened the meeting, and during the social hour that followed the elaborate refreshments the audience tried with more or less success to kiss the "Blarney Stone," which was located upon a high box in a convenient room and required considerable agility on the part of the would-be kissers.

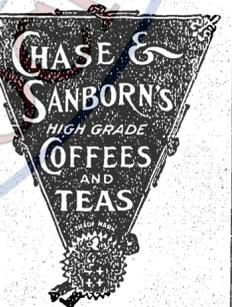
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CATTLE, per hundred.....	1 5/8
BEEF, dressed, per hundred.....	5 00/100
VEAL, CALVES, per hundred.....	5 00/100
HOGS, per hundred.....	5 00/100
PORK, dressed, per hundred.....	5 00/100
HAMS, per hundred.....	15
SPRINKLING, per hundred.....	11
SPRING CHICKENS, dressed, per lb	12
CHICKENS, live, per pound.....	10
TURKEYS, live, per pound.....	12
TURKEYS, dressed, per pound.....	15

BUILDING MATERIAL.

PORTLAND CEMENT, per barrel.....	1 75
CALCINED PLASTER, per 100.....	45
PLASTERING HAIR, per bushel.....	25
SHINGLES, per thousand.....	2 00/100
LIME, per barrel.....	80
LATH, per M.....	2 00/100

Notice of Hearing Claims Before Court.

State of Michigan. The Probate Court for the County of Ingham.
In the matter of the estate of Catherine E. Atwood, deceased.
Notice is hereby given, that four months from the 10th day of March, A. D. 1908, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against and demand to said court, for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office in the city of Mason, in said county, on or before the 10th day of July, A. D. 1908, and that said claims will be heard by said court on the 7th day of July, A. D. 1908, at ten o'clock a. m.
Dated March 10th, A. D. 1908.
1294 HENRY M. GARDNER, Judge of Probate.

Registration Notice.

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Mason: Notice is hereby given, that the several ordinances of the several wards, acting as a board of registration, under and by virtue of an act entitled "An act to further preserve the purity of elections, and to guard against the abuse of the elective franchise by the registration of electors," approved Feb. 14, 1892, as amended by Act 191, Session Laws of 1903, will meet on Saturday, April 4th, 1908, from eight o'clock a. m. to eight o'clock p. m. In the First Ward at Nelson & Williams' agricultural store on Ash street east, and in the Second Ward at the common council room, for the purpose of completing the list of electors, when and where all persons entitled to use the elective franchise under Article 7, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, whose names are not now registered, must register their names to entitle them to the privilege of voting under said act.

The Enrollment Board will also be in session at the same time and place as board of registration, for the purpose of enrollment, as provided by Section 5, Act 675, of Primary Law.

Dated Mason, Mich., March 21, 1908

L. R. WHITE, City Clerk.

Election Notice.

City Clerk's Office, Mason, Mich., March 14, 1908.
To the Qualified Electors and Voters of the Republican Party of the City of Mason:
You will take notice that petitions have been filed with the County Clerk of said county, signed by 25 per cent of the enrolled voters of the Republican party of said county, requesting the resubmission of the question of direct nomination of candidates for county officers on the Republican ticket. You will further take notice that on Monday, the 6th day of April, A. D. 1908, the question of direct nomination of candidates for county officers on the Republican ticket will be re-submitted to the qualified, enrolled Republican voters of the County of Ingham. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 14th day of March, A. D. 1908.
L. R. WHITE, City Clerk.

Election Notice.

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Mason, County of Ingham:
Notice is hereby given, that a general election will be held at the following named places, to-wit: First Ward, at Nelson & Williams' agricultural store; Second Ward, at Common Council Room, within said city, on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1908, when the following officers are to be voted for in the City of Mason: City Officers—One Mayor, one Clerk, one Treasurer for the term of one year, one School Inspector for the term of three years, one Alderman-at-large for the term of two years, one Justice of the Peace for the term of four years.
First Ward Officers—One Supervisor and one Constable for the term of one year, one Alderman for the term of two years.
Second Ward Officers—One Supervisor and one Constable for the term of one year, one Alderman for the term of two years.
The polls of said election will be open at 7 o'clock in the forenoon and will remain open until 6 o'clock in the afternoon of said day of election, unless the Board of Election Inspectors shall, in their discretion, adjourn the polls at 12 o'clock, noon, for one hour.
L. R. WHITE, City Clerk of said City.
Dated this 24th day of March, A. D. 1908.

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY

Will Surely Stop That Cough.

FIFTEEN YEARS OF ECZEMA.

Terrible Itching Prevented Sleep—Hands, Arms and Legs Affected—Cuticura Cured in 6 Days.

"I had eczema nearly fifteen years. The affected parts were my hands, arms and legs. They were the worst in the winter time, and were always itchy, and I could not keep from scratching them. I had to keep both hands bandaged all the time, and at night I would have to scratch through the bandages as the itching was so severe, and at times I would have to tear everything off my hands to scratch the skin. I could not rest or sleep. I had several physicians treat me but they could not give me a permanent cure nor even could they stop the itching. After using the Cuticura Soap, one box of Cuticura Ointment and two bottles of Cuticura Resolvent for about six days the itching had ceased, and now the sores have disappeared, and I never felt better in my life than I do now. Edward Worell, Band 30th U. S. Infantry, Fort Crook, Nebraska."

Where the Shoe Pinched.

It was easy for Mr. Randall to hear with his wife's remarkable decision of character at all times, but her obstinacy he found most difficult to endure. "I can't quite comprehend her," he confided to his brother after one trying experience. "Many years as we have been married, she still surprises me. Why, all in the same day, sometimes in the same hour, she will settle a disturbance in the kitchen, put the children just where they belong, adjust some matter in the church, and then, when her judgment ought to be at its best, display the most astounding obduracy in attempting to regulate my goings out or comings in. It's—It's incomprehensible."

A REMARKABLE MAN.

Active and Bright, Though Almost a Centenarian. Shepard Kollock, of 44 Wallace St., Red Bank, N. J., is a remarkable man at the age of 93. For 40 years he was a victim of kidney troubles and doctors said he would never be cured. "I was trying everything," says Mr. Kollock, "but my back was lame and weak and every exertion sent a sharp twinge through me. I had to get up several times each night and the kidney secretions contained a heavy sediment. Recently I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, with fine results. They have given me entire relief."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

New Vegetables.

Norely is the spirit of the age today, and our agriculturists are not behind in fostering and rearing new products of the earth. From Australia we hear of a new species of cabbage, said to be proof from the diseases peculiar to their kind, and which, after the heart is cut, throws out a number of small hearts and loose leaves, which are tender and of good flavor, and, as they rapidly reproduce themselves after cutting, one cabbage lasts a considerable time.

Another vegetable worthy of attention is the "African cucumber," which comes from Rhodesia. The fruit is six inches long, of a bright orange color, and covered with spikes. Even for ornamental purposes alone the fruit is worth growing, but it also makes good eating, being soft and juicy.

A new vegetable comes from Java called the "mongri," or edible podded radish. It is grown as easily as the ordinary radish, producing enormous crops of long pods, which are crisp and tender, and of delicious flavor. It makes an excellent salad—it is also very tasty when boiled, having a delicate asparagus flavor.

No Privileges.

The business agent stuck his head inside the shop door. A solitary man was at work. "What are you doing here?" he demanded. "Don't you know this is a holiday?"

Happy Old Age

Most Likely to Follow Proper Eating. As old age advances, we require less food to replace waste, and food that will not overtax the digestive organs, while supplying true nourishment.

Such an ideal food is found in Grape-Nuts, made of whole wheat and barley by long baking and action of diastase in the barley which changes the starch into sugar.

The phosphates also, placed up under the bran-coat of the wheat, are included in Grape-Nuts, but left out of white flour. They are necessary to the building of brain and nerve cells.

"I have used Grape-Nuts," writes an Iowa man, "for 8 years and feel as good and am stronger than I was ten years ago. I am over 74 years old and attend to my business every day. "Among my customers I meet a man every day who is 92 years old and attributes his good health to the use of Grape-Nuts and Postum which he has used for the last 5 years. He mixes Grape-Nuts with Postum and says they go fine together."

"For many years before I began to eat Grape-Nuts I could not say that I enjoyed life or knew what it was to be able to say 'I am well.' I suffered greatly with constipation, now my habits are as regular as ever in my life. "Whenever I make extra effort I depend on Grape-Nuts food and it just fills the bill. I can think and write a great deal easier."

"There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville" in pkgs.

FROM THE COMMONER

MR. BRYAN'S PAPER

Who Is Copying?

The Washington Post may not regard it as a serious mistake, but in a recent editorial it says that the Nebraska platform "repeats many of the paragraphs of the Taft platform adopted at Columbus—not word for word, of course, but meaning for meaning," and then it proceeds to specify. It quotes the Republican platform as favoring "prosecution of illegal trusts, monopolists and all evil doers, both in the public service and in the commercial world, together with the enforcement of all wholesome measures which have made safer the guarantee of life, liberty and property." The Nebraska platform is quoted by the Post as follows: "We favor the vigorous enforcement of the criminal law against trusts and trust magnates, and demand the enactment of such additional legislation as may be necessary to make it impossible for a private monopoly to exist in the United States." This, the Post alleges, "is twofold and twofold drawn to a fine point."

In the first place, the language quoted from the Democratic platform of March 5 was copied verbatim from the Nebraska Democratic platform of last September, so that if anybody "copied," the Taft managers have copied the Democratic platform.

Will the Post make the correction and admit that the Nebraska Democrats were in the field first, or will it allow the mistake to stand?

But, as a matter of fact, the two paragraphs are not at all alike. The Republican platform asks for the prosecution of illegal trusts and monopolies. It does not ask for the enforcement of the "criminal law against trusts and trust magnates," neither does the Republican platform demand "the enactment of such additional legislation as may be necessary to make it impossible for a private monopoly to exist in the United States."

There is no suggestion in the Republican plank, quoted by the Post, of additional legislation, while the Nebraska platform demands additional legislation. It not only demands additional legislation, but it specifies certain legislation which is demanded, as follows: "Among the additional remedies we specify three: First, a law preventing the duplication of di-

Censorship of the Press.

The Democrats of the Senate and House will do well to watch the bill in-

ter the convention adjourns they pick out their candidate and proceed to help elect him, ignoring entirely the other candidate, even if they helped to force him upon the convention. That is just the situation at this time. There are certain monopolistic influences that are demanding that the Democrats nominate a man friendly to predatory wealth. These men have their representatives in the various States and they are working underhand. When they talk to a man they say: "Of course, we cannot prevent instructions, but we can get the right kind of men on the delegation, and then watch our opportunity." These men are speaking in whispers; they are working underhand. If they can control the Democratic convention and nominate some one in whom the predatory interests have confidence, they will then feel sure that the Democratic party has no chance, and proceed to help the Republican candidate.

Can they fool the voters? Not this time. The experience of four years ago has not been forgotten and with that experience fresh in memory, the Democrats will put none but the trustworthy on guard. If the Democratic voter wants to understand the real purpose of the trust papers, let him compare the eulogies of Judge Parker which appeared before the convention with the denunciations of him that followed. These papers that told what a splendid man he was and how strong the party would be under his leadership turned against him as soon as the campaign opened. The New York World, one of his loudest champions, received money from the Republican campaign committee for an advertisement (unless the World published it gratuitously) for space for a scurrilous cartoon the Sunday before election.

The interest of predatory wealth in the Democratic party is only temporary. It is manifested just before the convention because it would cost less to defeat the Democratic party in the convention than to defeat it at the polls, and the defeat of the Democratic party is the only thing which it desires.

Is this a sop to the negro in the hope

A HOME-MADE SIDEBOARD.

A sideboard is an expensive piece of furniture to buy, but there is no reason why a substitute should not be made which will answer the purpose very well and yet cost less than two dollars—with the extra advantage that it can be unscrewed and packed up in a small compass when the owner has to change his place of abode. The main body of such a construction consists of three boxes firmly screwed together with a strong board fixed on the top. This last should be beveled at the edge, and should project at least three inches at the sides and front, leaving the back quite level. The lids of the boxes can be utilized as shelves, as seen in the sketch of the sideboard when completed. A pottery rack with an ornamental rail can be bought ready-made for a trifle; this is nailed on the wall about twenty inches above the sideboard. It is provided underneath with a small brass rod having a screw socket, and a similar rod is placed beneath the slat of the sideboard. Curtains of some

rich color are hung so as to conceal the contents of the shelves, and also to give a good background for the silver trays, etc., which generally stand here ready for use. The wood can be stained oak or walnut. Of course if the sideboard is made out of well-planned white wood you will get a better looking article at a slight additional expense. Where only a few tools are at your disposal and no room exists suitable for a workshop, the boxes will certainly be found easier to manipulate and will save a good deal of time and trouble, while producing a wonderfully good effect when finished.

LONDON'S DREAM.

Britishers Are Anxious to Have a City Undeluged by Smoke. A movement is on foot to make London, the dirty and fog-ridden, a smokeless city, and it is believed that when London shows the way other great towns throughout the world will follow suit. The idea is to make it unnecessary to haul a ton of coal into the town. In other words, all the coal turned out at the mines is to be transformed into gas and supplied through pipes to all those who desire it for power, heating or lighting.

You can see that it is a gigantic scheme—one in which failure is more likely than success, and yet conservative London believes that it is feasible. Of course, in order that the plan may carry through it is necessary to make the gas-fuel cheaper than coal. Otherwise, there is no way in which those who desire power, heat or light can be made to dispense with the fuel which they now employ. This the projectors of the scheme think can be done. It is said that they can make the gas, pipe it to the city just as oil is now transported for many miles in this country, and sell it at the rate of 40 cents a thousand feet. By so doing they expect to undersell the coal man, and thus make the smoke a thing of the past.

In this country, for some years, efforts have been made continually to reduce the volume of smoke in the cities. Various laws have been passed, and any number of contrivances have been put on the market for the purpose of preventing the issuing forth of great volumes of smoke. But the smoke still goes out of the chimneys just the same—to twist the words of the song a bit. In this country there has been considerable discussion of the project started in London—mainly, of course, among those who seek the city beautiful, but so far as is known no attempt has been made here to do what the Londoners propose.

Not Hard Work.

Prof. William Frear, of the Pennsylvania State College, discussed in Harrisburg the 53 kinds of breakfast foods that he recently tested for the government.

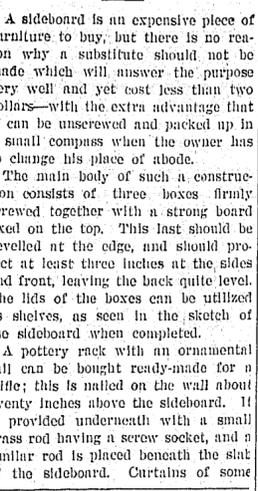
"Most of them were very good," said Prof. Frear. "The taste test, in most cases, was pleasure rather than work. To make work out of it would be to act like a little boy I knew in Bellefonte. This little boy's mother went, last Washington's birthday, to a reception, leaving the baby in Jimmy's care. With an injured look Jimmy said on her return: "Mamma, I wish you wouldn't make me mind baby again. He was so bad that I had to eat two mince pies and half the fruit cake to amuse him."

A Bad Impression.

"And how does her mother regard you?" "She despises me." "Oh! What's the trouble?" "I was her partner at bridge last night."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A wise man has been known to do a foolish thing: Try to reason sense into a fool.

THE FINISHED SIDEBOARD.



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Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna

Cleanses the System Effectually; Dispel Colds and Headaches Due to Constipation; Acts naturally, acts truly as a Laxative. Best for Men, Women and Children—Young and Old. To get its Beneficial Effects Always buy the Genuine which has the full name of the Company.

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A Delicate Tonic.

"The newspapers," said the orator solemnly, "do not tell the truth." "Perhaps not," answered the editor regretfully. "We do our best; but, you know, there is nothing more difficult than to tell the truth in a way that won't put it up to some one to challenge your veracity."—Washington Star.

How's This?

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Sharks were unknown in the Adriatic Sea until after the Suez canal was opened.

Garfield Tea—a simple and satisfactory laxative! Composed of herbs, it regulates liver and kidneys, overcomes constipation and brings Good Health.

Animal life exists at all depths of the ocean, but vegetation will not thrive at great pressures.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething; softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25 cents a bottle.

Papers written with the ordinary inks in use to-day will be legible twenty-seven years hence, say chemists.

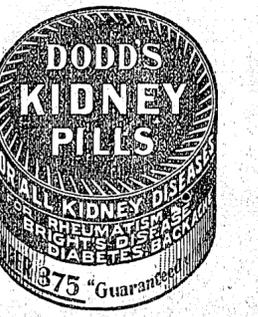
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Mrs. Austin's famous pancakes make a hearty, wholesome breakfast. Fresh supply now at your grocers.

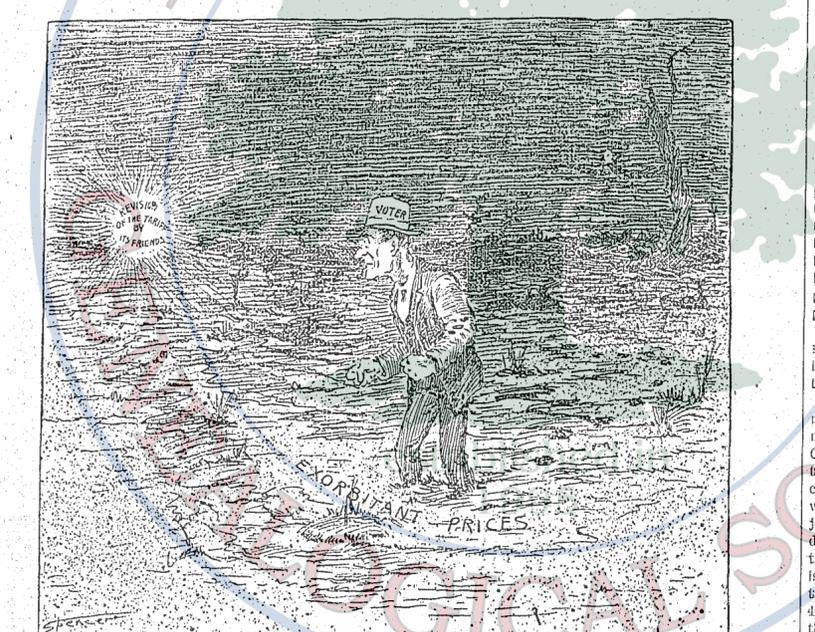
On German Tables.

It is pleasant to learn that our German cousins are diversifying their cheese and sausage diet by importations from without. During the present year they bought from other countries twice as many oysters as the year before and one-quarter more crabs. Figures at hand for nine months of 1907 indicate that when the year's full tale has been told the German importation of oysters will reach 646 tons; of crabs, 1,011 tons; of lobsters, 1,005 tons; of caviar, 202 tons, and of tropical fruits, 168,755 tons.



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rectors among competing corporations; second, a license system which will, without abridging the right of each State to create corporations, or his right to regulate business within its limits, make it necessary for a manufacturing or trading corporation engaged in interstate commerce to take out a federal license before it shall be permitted to control as much as twenty-five per cent of the product in which it deals, the license to protect the public from watered stock and to prohibit the control by such corporation of more than fifty per cent of the total amount of any product consumed in the United States; and, third, a law compelling such licensed corporations to sell to all purchasers in all parts of the country on the same terms, making due allowance for cost of transportation."

The Commoner is mailing a copy of the Nebraska platform to the editor of the Post and asks the Post to compare it with the Ohio platform. It will be seen at a glance that while the Democratic platform is clear, emphatic and specific on each point, the Republican platform is general, ambiguous and evasive. No matter what subject is dealt with, the Nebraska platform stands for something that can be understood, while the Republican platform stands for something or nothing, according to the construction placed upon it, and anyone can place upon it the construction he likes.

A Temporary Interest.

Just after the election of 1904 a man who was prominent among the advocates of Mr. Parker's nomination at St. Louis remarked that a great many people who were advocating Mr. Parker's nomination, showed very little interest in the campaign after the nomination. It is true. There are certain financial interests which are always active before the convention; they want to dominate both; they and nominate both candidates. Af-

Plutoerney's Defenders.

Leslie's Weekly is one of the papers that habitually seek to deceive and mislead the public. It recently published an article entitled "Then Panic Stood at the Threshold," and the article has been published in the Official Time Table (No. 212) of the Pennsylvania railroad (which went into effect in February).

Leslie's Weekly condemns the Sherman anti-trust law and declares it a failure; it finds fault with the passage of that law and claims that it was enacted under pressure of "public clamor." It complains of the "denunciation of the wealthy" and declares that the railroads "want to be sure that for some simple and perhaps innocent infraction of a complicated law they cannot be mulcted for millions." It attacks the courts and the judge who imposed the \$29,000,000 fine for "a technical violation of the law." It calls these and other "decisions" "on-

of soothing his wounded feelings? If it is not mere buncombe then why does not the Republican Congress, now in session, proceed along the proposed line?

It is "to-morrow" for tariff revision; "to-morrow" for currency and banking reform; "to-morrow" for vigorous and effective prosecution of trust magnates. And to the negro with respect to the proposition referred to it is "to-morrow" and it will be "to-morrow" forever and forever, because it is well understood that the Republican party would not dare to reduce the representation as suggested.

"The Best and Only Polley."

George Harvey, editor of Harper's Weekly, reputed to be owned by John Pierpont Morgan, made an interesting answer to the New York World's query, "What is the best principle and what the best policy to give the Democratic party new life?" Here is Mr. Harvey's answer: "The best principle: The constitution. The next best: Tariff for revenue only. The best and only policy: Beat Bryan." GEORGE HARVEY. New York, March 10.

Under the Guarantee System.

A reader of The Commoner sends in an item in regard to an Iowa bank which failed. The amount on deposit was about \$200,000, of which \$7,000 belonged to the county. The county had security and as soon as the failure was known, the county compelled the bondsmen to make good the deposit, but the individual depositors, not having any protection, lost a considerable part of their deposits.

Under the guarantee system all of the depositors would have been paid in full and the community would not have suffered from embarrassment.

I AM A MOTHER



How many American women in lonely homes to-day long for this blessing to come into their lives, and to be able to utter these words, but because of some organic derangement this happiness is denied them.

Every woman interested in this subject should know that preparation for healthy maternity is accomplished by the use of

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Mrs. Maggie Gilmer, of West Union, S. C., writes to Mrs. Pinkham: "I was greatly run-down in health from a weakness peculiar to my sex, when Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended to me. It not only restored me to perfect health, but to my delight I am a mother."

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For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?

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And each dose is more effective than four times the same quantity of any other cough remedy, however well advertised and however strongly recommended that remedy may be.

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160 Acres Grain-Growing Land FREE. 20 to 40 Bushels Wheat to the Acre. 40 to 80 Bushels Oats to the Acre. 25 to 50 Bushels Barley to the Acre. Timber for Fencing and Building FREE. Good Laws with Low Taxation. Splendid Railroad Facilities and Low Rates. Schools and Churches Convenient. Satisfactory Markets for All Productions. Good Climate and Perfect Health. Chances for Profitable Investments.

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WORK OF CONGRESS

The Senate was not in session Saturday. Members of the House were afforded an opportunity, under license of general debate, to express their views on topics of the day. Among other subjects, the recent financial panic, the tariff and the Sherman anti-trust law were discussed while the pension appropriation bill technically was under consideration. Among the speakers were Mr. Hamlin of Missouri, who placed on the shoulders of the Republicans the responsibility for the recent panic; Mr. Langley of Kentucky, who wanted pensions granted to certain persons in Kentucky who aided in suppressing the rebellion; and Mr. Hughes of New Jersey, who desired the Sherman anti-trust law amended so as to work less hardship on labor organizations.

Under the guise of discussing legislation the session of the Senate Monday was devoted to a political discussion, in which Senator Tillman of South Carolina and Senator Beveridge of Indiana were the chief participants. The conference report on the Indian appropriation bill was disagreed to and another conference asked. The House bill appropriating \$103,000 to pay the archbishop of Manila, as representative of the Roman Catholic Church, for damage to church property during the Spanish war, was passed. The session of the House was devoted to the consideration of bills under suspension of the rules. A number were passed, including one providing for the restoration of the motto, "In God We Trust," on American coins, and another increasing the efficiency of the medical department of the army. Other bills passed were the following: Granting to local steamboat inspectors authority to pass upon the fitness of officers and crews of steam vessels; recognizing the consular service and amending the game laws of Alaska so as to substitute the license system for the present permit system.

After speaking for two and a half hours in the Senate Tuesday on the pending currency bill, Senator La Follette asked permission to suspend his remarks and conclude Wednesday. Senator Aldrich reported from the committee on finance amendments to the bill exempting railroad bonds from the classes of bonds to be used to secure emergency currency, limiting the retirement of such currency and providing that such issues should be permitted up to the par value of bonds used to secure them. Praise of President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft and William J. Bryan was heard in the House during general debate on the pension appropriation bill.

After a ten-minute session the Senate Wednesday morning adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Whyte of Maryland. General debate on the pension appropriation bill continued for over four hours in the House. The subjects discussed took a wide range: politics, finance, the trusts and the President's last special message all receiving attention. Mr. Messer of Ohio predicted the election of Secretary Taft for President, while Mr. Hull of Tennessee in an arraignment of the Republican party appeared equally confident that William J. Bryan would be the successful candidate. At 4:24 p. m. the House adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Whyte.

Continuing his speech begun in the Senate last Tuesday, Senator La Follette of Wisconsin Thursday devoted considerable time to discussing a proposition for the physical valuation of railroads. The Senate devoted part of the day to the consideration of the omnibus claims bill, and then referred it back to committee for further consideration. After several hours of spirited discussion over the proposition to abolish seventeen of the eighteen United States pension agencies, and consolidate pension disbursements in Washington, the House passed the pension appropriation bill, carrying \$150,000,000, the largest sum ever authorized by that measure. In the course of the debate Mr. Fitzgerald of New York accused the President of using federal patronage to further the candidacy of Secretary Taft. Messrs. Harrison of New York and Williams of Mississippi criticized the President for having, as they stated, exceeded his constitutional authority in making laws for the Panama canal zone by executive order.

Nearly the entire session of the Senate Friday was consumed by the consideration and final vote on the ship subsidy bill, which was passed without a division being called for. A bill was also passed increasing the salaries of men employed in the life saving service. President Roosevelt was roundly denounced in the House by Mr. Hardwick of Georgia for failing to send to Congress all information regarding corporations which had come into his possession. Mr. Mann of Illinois asserted that the President had acted with the utmost good faith in sending to Congress all information that had come to him. The discussion arose over a resolution by Mr. Hardwick to require the President to supply the House with all data so far obtained by the bureau of corporations. It was tabled, 145 to 115. The fortifications bill was taken up, but sidetracked for general debate.

NATIONAL CAPITOL NOTES.
President Roosevelt declined an invitation to speak at Galesburg, Ill., Oct. 7, when the fiftieth anniversary of the Lincoln-Douglas debate will be celebrated. The President has decided to make no speeches next fall.
A special committee to consider bills for the establishment of a postal savings bank system was appointed by the committee on postoffices and post roads in the Senate. The committee is composed of Senators Carter, Proctor, Burrows, Clay and Bankhead.

Giving an Illustration.

Yolo (over the telephone)—"Professor, I am getting up a special article for one of the illustrated weekly papers on 'The Value of the Comparatively Unimportant.' Please tell me, for instance, one of your methods of saving your odds and ends of time, by which you are enabled to do so much work without having to hurry."

The Professor—"Always omitting the 'good-by' when using the telephone." (Hangs up receiver.)

Billion Dollar Grass.

Most remarkable grass of the century. Good for three rouping crops annually. One Iowa farmer on 100 acres sold \$3,500,000 worth of seed and had 300 tons of hay besides. It is immense. Do try it. For 10c send this notice to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., to pay postage, etc., and they will mail you the only original seed catalog published in America, with samples of Billion Dollar Grass, Macaroni Wheat, the sly miller mixer, SunFon, the dry soil luxuriant, Victoria Rape, the 20c a ton green food producer, Silver King Barley yielding 173 bu. per acre, etc., etc.

Similar Result.

There are certain delicate shades of expression of which a Frenchman is, as a rule, past master. One member of that fluent nation, stranded in New York, was setting forth his troubles to a lawyer.

"I understand from what you say that you are convinced your friend Lecointe has stolen your purse," said the lawyer.

"No, no, monsieur, not so fast!" cried his client. "I only say that if Lecointe had not assisted me to hunt for it, I should have found it again."

Do You Eat Pie?

If not you are missing half the pleasure of life. Just order from your grocer a few packages of "O'Hara's" and learn how easy it is to make lemon, chocolate and custard pies that will please you. If your grocer won't supply you, go to one who will. Put up by D-Zetta Food Co., Rochester, N. Y.

As an Investment.

"A man," said the philosophical boarder, "is like a gold mine. You never know what's in him until you have run drills through him, as it were, and explored him in all his levels."

In a Pinch, Use Allen's Foot-Powder.

A powder to shake into your shoes. It rests the feet. Cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen Feet, Itch, Chafing, Aching, Sweating feet and Ingrowing Nails. Allen's Foot-Powder makes new or tight shoes easy. Sold by all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Suggesting an Improvement.

Customer (at dairy lunch counter)—You have to pay out a good deal of money for the ginger you use, do you not?
Proprietor—Ginger? Why, no; ginger's cheap.
Customer—Then why don't you feed some of it to your waiters?

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

A woman with a pedometer discovered that she covered seven miles a day in doing her ordinary household work.

Easy to buy, easy to try, the best, wholesome, appetizing breakfast, is Mrs. Austin's famous pancakes.

Domestic Amenities.

Knicker—I've waited an hour for you to get your hat on straight.
Mrs. Knicker—Well, I've waited longer than that for you to get your feet on straight.—New York Sun.

WESTERN CANADA CROPS CAN NOT BE CHECKED.

Oats Yielded 90 Bushels to the Acre.

The following letter, written the Dominion Government Commissioner of Emigration, speaks for itself. It proves the story of the agents of the government that on the free homesteads offered by the government it is possible to become comfortably well off in a few years:

Regina, Sask., Nov. 23, 1907.
Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg:

Dear Sir—It is with pleasure that I reply to your request. Some years ago I took up a homestead for myself and also one for my son. The half section which we own is situated between Rouleau and Drinkwater, adjoining the Moose Jaw Creek; is a low level and heavy land. We put in 70 acres of wheat in stubble, which went 20 bushels to the acre, and 30 acres of summer fallow, which went 25 bushels to the acre. All the wheat we harvested this year is No. 1 hard. That means the best wheat that can be raised on the earth. We did not sell any wheat yet, as we intend to keep one part for our own seed, and sell the other part to people who want first-class seed, for there is no doubt if you sow good wheat you will harvest good wheat. We also threshed 9,000 bushels of first-class oats out of 160 acres. Eighty acres has been fall plowing, which yielded 90 bushels per acre, and 80 acres stubble, which went 30 bushels to the acre. These oats are the best kind that can be raised. We have shipped three car loads of them, and got 53 cents per bushel clear. All our grain was cut in the last week of the month of August before any frost could touch it.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have had a late spring, and that the weather conditions this year were very adverse and unfavorable, we will make more money out of our crop this year than last.

For myself I feel compelled to say that Western Canada crops cannot be checked, even by unusual conditions. I am, dear sir, yours truly,
(Signed) A. KALTENBRUNNER.

Beating Beats Working.

It has been proved that no fewer than 32,000 beggars are at present making a better living in Vienna than ordinary workmen. One notorious family of professional beggars recently gave a grand ball and a concert at a local hotel.

WHAT CAUSES HEADACHE.

From October to May, Colds are the most frequent cause of Headache. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes cause. E. W. GROVE on box 25c.

Shaves and Shaves.

When the first excitement attending the railroad accident had subsided and the members of the greatest show on earth that still survived gathered in a group beside the track it was observed that the bearded lady was suffering acutely.

"Are you hurt?" asked the living skeleton solicitously.

"I am seriously injured," replied the lady of whiskers, "very seriously. I have lost my only means of livelihood. I escaped, but at such a cost! Do you not realize, man, that I had a very close shave?"

NO MORE MUSTARD PLASTERS TO BLISTER

THE SCIENTIFIC AND MODERN EXTERNAL COUNTER-IRRITANT.



EXTRACT OF THE CAYENNE PEPPER PLANT TAKEN DIRECTLY IN VASELINE

DON'T WAIT TILL THE PAIN COMES—KEEP A TUBE HANDY

A QUICK, SURE, SAFE AND ALWAYS READY CURE FOR PAIN—PRICE 15c.—IN COLLAPSIBLE TUBES MADE OF PURE TIN—AT ALL DRUGGISTS AND DEALERS, OR BY MAIL ON RECEIPT OF 15c. IN POSTAGE STAMPS.

A substitute for and superior to mustard or any other plaster, and will not blister the most delicate skin. The pain-alleviating and curative qualities of the article are wonderful. It will stop the toothache at once, and relieve Headache and Sciatica. We recommend it as the best and safest external counter-irritant known, also as an external remedy for pains in the chest and stomach and all Rheumatic, Neuralgic and Gouty complaints. A trial will prove what we claim for it, and it will be found to be invaluable in the household and for children. Once used no family will be without it. Many people say "It is the best of all your preparations." Accept no preparation of vaseline unless the same carries our label, as otherwise it is not genuine.

Send your address and we will mail our Vaseline Booklet describing our preparations which will interest you.
17 State St. CHESEBROUGH MFG. CO. New York City

Phew! Salts and Castor Oil!

Why take sickening salts or repulsive castor oil? "Goes through you like a dose of salts" means violence, grips, gripes, gases, soreness, irritation, and leaves your stomach and bowels weak and burnt out. Might just as well take concentrated lye. Then there's castor oil, disgusting, nauseating truck that your stomach refuses unless you disguise the taste. Fool your own stomach, eh? Don't ever believe that anything offensive to your taste or smell is going to do you real good. Nature makes certain things repulsive, so you will not take them. Force yourself to nauseous doses, and you ruin your digestion, weaken your bowels, destroy your health. On the other hand see what a delightful, palatable, perfect modern laxative, liver regulator and bowel tonic you find in

Alcaqua Best for the Bowels. All druggists, 25c, 50c, 1.00. Never sold in bulk. The genuine tablet stamped C.C.C. Guaranteed to cure or your money back. Sample and booklet free. Address 540 Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

No Time for What. Philanthropic Woman (giving him a coin)—You work, I suppose, when you can find employment?
Saymond Storey—Work? When I ain't eatin' and sleepin', ma'am, my entire time is occupied in solicitin' work!

It is possible to read by the light emitted by half a dozen Jamaica fireflies.

F. W. N. U. - - - No. 13-1908
When writing to Advertisers please say you saw the Advertisement in this paper.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES

Color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One 10c package colors all fibers. They dye in cold water better than any other dye. You can dye any garment without tipping spots. Write for free booklet—how to dye. Black and Blue Colors. MONROE DYE CO., Quincy, Illinois.

County News Items

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR READERS

Ingham County Democrat
W. L. CLARK.

Wednesday, March 25, 1908

HOLT.

Fred Helleman, wife and son Ray of Grand Rapids spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Welch. John Samann of Mason has purchased the store buildings belonging to the Wohlfahrt estate.

Charles Fry and family have moved on a farm near Dansville.

Mrs. Sarah McDonald has returned to her home at Hastings.

Miss Rose Thornburn, who teaches at Clare, is home on a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Morrison of Mt. Pleasant is spending the week in Holt.

The school will give an entertainment at the town hall Saturday evening for the benefit of the senior class.

MERIDIAN.

Mrs. Noble Glassbrook is on the sick list.

George Roback and wife of Chapin, who have been visiting friends here, have returned home.

School has closed for the spring vacation.

Mrs. Crissie Miller of East Lansing spent part of last week at this place.

B. F. Wade and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. Martin Fare, at Lansing over Sunday.

Mary Aseltine is home from Harbor Springs, where she has been attending school.

Andrew Watt has his shop completed and is now ready to do all kinds of blacksmithing.

Mrs. Albert Thompson visited Mrs. Frank Roback one day last week.

GOOD FOR EVERYBODY.

Mr. Norman R. Coulter, a prominent architect, in the Delbert Building, San Francisco, says: "I fully endorse all that has been said of Electric Bitters as a tonic medicine. It is good for everybody. It corrects stomach, liver and kidney disorders in a prompt and efficient manner and builds up the system." Electric Bitters is the best spring medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter; as a blood purifier it is unequalled. 50c at Longyear Bros' drug store.

WHITE OAK.

William Robbins of Holt visited his daughter, Mrs. Frank Perry, the first of the week.

Robert Thornburn is very low with consumption.

Chas. Perry has moved into Wesley Carr's tenement house.

Mrs. Chas. Dakin is visiting her people at Grand Rapids.

Charles and Wirt Dakin are visiting their sister Clara in Colorado.

Mrs. Henry Elford will spend a few months in Detroit with her husband, who is working there.

Mr. Gerrow of Canada has moved onto the Phillips farm, which he purchased a year ago.

Fred Maynard will work the Wolcott farm this summer.

Alton Porter will work for Lewis Austin this summer.

Grace Woods is sick with typhoid fever in the Ann Arbor hospital.

NO USE TO DIE.

"I have found out that there is no use to die of lung trouble as long as you can get Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. J. P. White of Rushboro, Pa. "I would not be alive today only for that wonderful medicine. It loosens up a cough quicker than anything else, and cures lung disease even after the case is pronounced hopeless."

"This most reliable remedy for coughs and colds, in grippe, asthma, bronchitis and hoarseness, is sold under a guarantee at Longyear Bros' drug store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

ETCHELL'S NEIGHBORHOOD.

James Cavender is on the sick list.

Mrs. Rose Terrill and Mrs. B. F. Henry and little son visited Mrs. Ada VanHorn last Thursday.

Adebert and Gertrude Dolbe visited Roy and Dell Hunt the latter part of last week.

About 45 attended the farewell party given to C. VanHorn and family last Friday evening. Cake, coffee and pickles were served and a fine time was enjoyed by all. Bert Hanna, in behalf of all present, presented them with a willow rocker, and every good wish was extended to them for their future success. They have been highly respected neighbors in this community for 14 years and will be greatly missed in the future.

Mrs. Mary Whiting is with her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Bartlett, in Vevay township.

Miss Iva VanHorn was home from Mason over Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Hewes and sons, Clarence and Kenneth, visited at Wm. Rae's Sunday.

C. VanHorn and family and Charles Hanna, spent Sunday at M. Hunt's.

Greatest spring tonic, drives out all impurities. Makes the blood rich. Fills you with warm, tingling life. Most reliable spring regulator. That's Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35c, Tea or Tablets. All Drug Stores.

NORTH LESLIE.

Mrs. Geo. McArthur entertains the L. A. S. this week Thursday afternoon. You are welcome.

C. J. Ingalls lost a valuable colt Sunday.

Mrs. O. Hedstrom has been entertaining her mother and sister from Henrietta.

Mrs. Cruson of Eaton Rapids is visiting her brother, M. Osborn.

School closed last Friday for a week's vacation.

Mrs. Homer Perry of northern Michigan recently visited her niece, Mrs. A. T. Ingalls, Jr.

E. P. Blackmun was in this vicinity part of last week.

Belle Wilcox spent Sunday with Monabelle Proctor of White Oak.

BUNKERHILL CENTER.

The Glensers held a mock larceny trial last Saturday night, but the jury disagreed and next week Saturday the case will be re-tried. The public is invited.

Mrs. Roy Townsend is quite sick.

Obed Hodges has moved to Dansville.

The sweet songs of frogs were heard for the first time March 23d.

James Brooks and wife have returned from California.

Frank Holland and family of Waterloo and B. J. Holland spent Sunday with their mother.

E. C. Green has two very sick children.

Albert Bunker has moved into Jas. Eggleston's house.

Mrs. Patrick McCann fell on the ice one day last week and dislocated her wrist and broke one bone of her right hand.

Mrs. J. W. Nue is better.

We expect to have township meeting this year, one week from next Monday.

The township board is settling with the treasurer today, March 24th.

News is hard to find this week.

Geo. Winters commenced work for Frank Holland Monday.

B. H. Dunsmore and family visited at Herrick Dunsmore's near Mason Sunday.

MILLVILLE.

Miss Erma King of Plainfield visited her mother and sisters from Wednesday until Sunday.

D. Stevens died very suddenly last Saturday evening at six o'clock of heart disease. His death was a shock to the community.

Mrs. Warfle passed away last Sunday evening after a long illness.

Ira King is visiting friends in Plainfield this week.

Blanche Clark visited Maggie Goodwin last Sunday.

Richard Stevens and wife called at G. M. Burden's last Sunday.

Neva Cooper is staying with Mrs. Dell Kitchen for a few days.

School has closed for one week's vacation.

Doctors Brogan and Rowe performed an operation on Fred Gauss last Tuesday. He is doing as well as can be expected.

Rodney Spencer is working for T. Gauss.

Elder Kunsman and wife were guests at Hilliard Bravender's last Friday.

Chas. Moon is putting down a well for H. Bravender.

Next Sunday will be election of officers at the Millville Sunday school. The members are requested to be present.

Rheumatism Cannot Be Cured Unless Uric-O Is Used.

Sudden Deaths, Heart Failure and Paralysis Are Caused by Poisonous Uric Acid and Rheumatism.

The rheumatic person is skeptical regarding the claims of almost any remedy advertised as a cure for rheumatism and one can scarcely blame him for being so. All the plasters and liniments combined never actually cured a case of rheumatism. They may relieve it in one quarter, but it is sure to break out somewhere else. The only true way to cure rheumatism is to drive it from the system, for as long as the uric and rhumatic acid remains in the blood, one is never entirely free from the trouble. This is where the value of Uric-O as a permanent cure for rheumatism comes in. It seeks out the rheumatic poison in the blood, muscles and kidneys, renders it inert and harmless and drives it out of the system. That is why Uric-O is such an admirable and effective cure for rheumatism.

The chief reason that Uric-O is such a wonderful cure for rheumatism is, that it is designed and prepared to cure rheumatism and rheumatism only. It is composed of perfect antidotes for the rheumatic acid poison in the system. That is the secret of its wonderful success. Rheumatism simply cannot exist in a person's system if Uric-O is used.

Uric-O is sold by druggists at 75c and \$1.00 the bottle, but if you still feel skeptical about its efficacy you may test it free of charge by cutting out this advertisement and sending same, together with your name and address, also the name of your druggist, to the Smith Drug Co., 473 Smith Bldg., Syracuse, N. Y., and they will send you an order on the dealer for a 75-cent bottle, free.

Uric-O is sold and personally recommended in Mason by Longyear Bros.

EDEN.

Edson Rolfe was in Jackson Monday.

Carl Hodges and wife of Lansing visited her mother, Mrs. Lucy Breed, over Sunday.

Jim VanDeusen returned from Big Rapids last Friday, where he has been attending school at the Ferris Institute. He will assist his father on the farm during the summer.

Dennis Walton and wife left here last Friday for a visit with relatives in Pennsylvania.

Jack Deconing of Lansing visited

Anticipate Your Wants AND SAVE MONEY.

The success of my last sale and the pleasure which I experienced in meeting so many people whom I hope in the future to count among my friends, has induced me to offer another money-saving sale for this week only, ending Saturday, March 28.

Lace Curtains.

Our large line of Lace Curtains is now ready and we are offering them, this week only, for the benefit of early buyers, at a discount of 20 per cent. from the regular price, which means a saving of 50c to \$1.50 a pair. Buy while the selection is large.

Carpets and Linoleums.

I have just received my new spring line of Carpets and Linoleums and am prepared to sell you the best at the lowest prices ever offered in this city. Come in and let me explain to you why I can do this. You will find your time is well spent. We also carry a very complete line of Draperies, Couch Covers, etc.

Belts, Handbags, Etc.

I wish to call your attention to my new line of Ladies' Belts, Handbags, Back and Side Combs, etc. I have all the newest things.

Wrappers and Dressing Sacques

Ask to see our new Gibson Dressing Sacques. They are the best 50c values ever offered. We have in our new line of Ladies' Percalé Wrappers in all colors and sizes at \$1. They are the best in the city for the money.

Ladies' Walking Skirts.

I am offering all of my \$6.00 Skirts for... \$4.98 \$5.50 and \$5.00 Skirts for... \$3.98 \$4.50 and \$4.25 Skirts for... \$3.49 \$4.00 and \$3.75 Skirts for... \$2.98 These are all new goods in all the latest colors and designs in Panamas, broadcloths, and fancy suitings.

Dress Goods and Silks.

Have you seen our new spring Dress Goods? We have all the newest shades in all the newest cloths. Now is the time to pick out that spring suit. We have all the new things in taffeta and Jap silks and have just received a new lot of Silk Waist patterns in 4 yards lengths, 75c values, which we are selling for 65c a yard. If they are not shown you ask to see them.

Muslin Underwear.

I am showing the best values in all kinds of Muslin Underwear ever shown in Mason. It will pay you to look at our line before you buy.

We carry a full line of Cretones, Art Denims and Silkolens for box coverings, etc, at the lowest prices.

The Best Goods Obtainable for the Least Money.

H. F. MERTZ,

(Successor to H. L. Brown.) MASON, MICH.

Julius Chapin over Sunday.

Lynn Rolfe and Alta Sanders went to Lansing last Thursday night to see Strongheart.

Willie Sanders visited Herbert Sanders Monday night.

Claude Laxton and wife visited her parents in North Aurelius Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Dailey of Jackson visited her parents over Sunday.

Arthur Laxton and wife had a family reunion last Thursday in honor of his sister, Mrs. Homer Perry of Harbor Springs.

Hazel Laxton and Maude Disenroth are visiting in Jackson this week.

STOCKBRIDGE.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. W. S. May next Friday afternoon.

The Epworth League will hold an apple social at F. E. Wright's Friday evening, March 27th.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Wasson of Bellville are visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Will Sly returned to her home in Vantown last Saturday.

There was a crowded house at the M. E. church last Sunday evening to listen to the exercises rendered under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Nathaniel Laird of Sylvan visited her sister, Mrs. L. M. Milner, over Sunday.

Mrs. Susan McCloy is quite sick.

Mrs. Mack Townsend of Ingham came last Saturday to spend a short time with her mother, Mrs. Grimes. She has been sick two or three weeks. She is reported better.

Mrs. Bert Morgan and Miss Alice Morgan visited their brother Ernest at Lapeer recently.

Mrs. Vesta Thompson returned last Friday from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Lansing and Williamston.

WILLIAMSTON.

Fine spring weather these days.

Mrs. John Allen of Lansing was in town Saturday.

S. A. Williams of White Oak was here last Saturday.

Mr. Peavey has moved from this place into W. Carr's house in Wheatfield.

Guy Abbott and wife of Detroit are visiting their parents east of town.

Howard Porter, who is attending school at Kalamazoo, is home for a few days.

The first issue of our new paper, The Commercial News, came out March 20th, it is a clean-cut newsy sheet, and we wish it success and a long life.

Jas. Lamb visited his sister in Grand Lodge last week.

An open meeting was held at the Grange hall Saturday night for the purpose of discussing the good and bad features of the new road law. A portion of the law was read by W. T. Webb and was followed by several speakers pro and con.

'TIS well to be as careful in selecting Wall Paper as in selecting the pictures that are to adorn your walls. Both are to be part of the daily surroundings of the household for some time to come. Something of real beauty never tires. Our Wall Papers are really beautiful. We will please you in Window Shades, Room Mouldings, Crockery, Glassware, Enamel Ware, Books and Stationery.



The teachers' and patrons' meeting held here last week was well attended. The talk by Dr. Henderson of Ann Arbor was fine and several excellent papers were read. A chicken pie dinner was served by the ladies of the M. E. church, which was more than heart could wish.

Quite a big rush last Saturday at the fire sale at Mr. Vanstone's.

Ed. Ochsdlil, a saloon keeper of this place, was arrested for keeping his saloon open after hours last Saturday.

Three tickets will be in the field this spring in Williamston.

Rev. Bradley, pastor of the M. E. church, will go to Lake county to visit his son a few days.

E. N. Law of Detroit, one of the most popular women on the American platform, gave three addresses at the three leading churches last week. Everybody was well pleased with her lectures.

MAPLE STREET MEAT MARKET

We keep on hand the choicest cuts of Fresh Meats of All Kinds. We aim to please our customers and furnish them with the best of everything in our line.

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