



This Week We Place on Sale

## 200 Overcoats . . . .

Bought from a house that failed, sizes from 10 to 20 years, divided into two lots, Lot No. 1, \$1.98. Lot No. 2, \$2.48. The original cost to manufacture these goods was twice as much.

Still Another Good Thing,

## . . . Our Men's \$10 Suits

We have made a special price on one hundred suits. These include all styles and colors. We have seen suits that were no better value sold at \$15.

NOBLE'S STAR CLOTHING HOUSE.

35 South Main Street.

## NEW FURNITURE

AT THE NEW STORE

In these days of

### Close Competition

The man who can give you the best goods, at the lowest prices, make quick sales and small profits, is the man you should patronize when you want FURNITURE.

Bedroom Suits,	\$12.50,	never were	\$15.00
"	13.50,	"	17.00
"	16.00,	"	20.00
"	20.00,	"	25.00

All other goods at the honest prices. We do not give you this and that was or is \$5.00 more than the price really is, but we give you the rock bottom at once. We invite you to call and look at the large new stock we have to offer you at our new store.

Respectfully yours,

## W. G. & E. Dieterle,

Nos. 2 and 4 E. Liberty St.

## Christmas Attractions!

A BIG SALE AT THE BUSY STORE OF

### SCHAIER & MILLEN

Don't waste any of your money. Economize and save it. You certainly can do so buying useful presents from us.

Buy a Silk Dress or 5 yards of Fancy Silk for a Waist.

We place on sale 500 yards Fancy Silks, the 75c kind, for 50c per yard.

20 inch Black Satin Rhadame, worth \$1.00, 10 yards for \$7.50.

24 inch Black Figured Silks, worth \$1.00, 12 yards for \$9.00.

Black Satine Duchesse, worth \$1 25, 14 yds. for \$12.50.

50 Dress Patterns, 7 yards each, Scotch Mixed Suitings, at \$1.69 a pattern.

38 Dress Patterns, Plain and Fancy Suitings, at \$2.69 a pattern.

Handsome Plaids at 25c, 39c and 50c a yard.

50 pieces Black and Colored all wool Serges, 25c a yd.

25 pieces Black and Colored 45 inch Wool Serges at 39c a yard.

50 inch Storm Serges and 50 inch French Serges, the 75c kind, 50c a yd.

## Christmas Aprons.

The greatest Bargains in Aprons ever offered.

50 Dozen Gingham Aprons with border at 12 1/2c each.

50 Dozen Large White Muslin Aprons at 12 1/2c each.

25 Dozen Ladies French Embroidered Aprons the 50c kind at 25c each.

10 Dozen Very Pretty Dress Aprons Trimmed with Lace at 50c each.

FEATHER BOAS and COLARS for

Christmas we have them at 48c, 75c,

98c and \$1.50.

CHRISTMAS UMBRELLAS in Silk

at 98c, \$1.35 and \$1.50.

KID GLOVES for Christmas at 49c,

79c and \$1.00 a pair.

## Christmas

### Handkerchiefs

A Great Sale commencing Friday Morning, December 13. A Stock of over \$2,000 purchased for this sale.

HANDKERCHIEFS for Ladies. Handkerchiefs for Men. Handkerchiefs for Children. The Greatest Variety ever shown in Ann Arbor.

You are all invited to attend this sale.

## SCHAIER & MILLEN

Leaders of Low Prices.

## WHAT IT COSTS

To Run A Big Railroad For A Whole Year.

### THE EARNINGS OF ANN ARBOR'S RAILROADS

The Annual Business of the Michigan Central and the Ann Arbor Roads. They Would Make Lots of Money if It Didn't Cost So much to Run Them.

### Earnings and Expenses of Our Railroads.

While many people discuss the earnings of railroads, the fares and freights charged and kindred topics, but few have any idea of the figures, which represent the business done, the receipts and expenses. As an interesting item of news, the Argus gleans from the annual report of the Inter State Commerce Commission received this week the following facts and figures relating to the two railroads which pass through this city. The figures given are for the year ending June 30, 1894, and are the latest contained in any official publication.

The Michigan Central owned on June 30, 1894, 270 miles of road and operated 1,633.52 miles, including 378.91 miles not in the United States. The passenger receipts for the year amounted to \$5,214,037 or \$2,095 per mile of road operated. The receipts for carrying the mail were \$317,893 and for express \$407,016, while the receipts from freight were \$8,202,890, or if in the freight receipts, the amounts received from the stock yards, elevators etc., is included, the total amounted to \$8,242,517. The telegraph rents brought in \$69,025, and there were a few other little items, which brought the entire revenue of the road up to \$14,250,488. The passenger earnings per train mile figured out \$1,251,194, and the freight earnings per ton per mile to .671 cents.

The operating expenses of the Central amounted to \$10,812,160, or .99215 per train mile, or 7236 per cent. of the earnings. The operating expenses were divided as follows: For maintenance of way and structure, \$1,661,000; for maintenance of equipment, \$1,641,000; for conducting transportation, \$5,764,000; general expenses, \$1,244,000. Besides these operating expenses, the other expenses of the road were as follows: Interest on funded debt, \$1,067,800; rents paid for lease of roads, \$1,671,777; taxes, \$343,875. This brings the total expenses up to \$13,395,612.

The road paid its stockholders a dividend of five and a half per cent, which amounted to \$1,080,601. The cost of the road and equipment is placed at \$31,116,257. The capital stock of the road amounts to \$18,730,204 and the funded debt amounts to \$18,376,000, including \$8,376,000 on the Detroit and Bay City, Grand River Valley, Kalamazoo and South Haven and Michigan Air Line.

The Ann Arbor road at the date of the report was in the hands of a receiver and the figures as to stock, etc., are those of the old company and not of the company which at present owns the road. The road owned 298.8 miles and operated 302.73. Its stock was \$6,500,000, and its debt \$8,393,413. The revenues for the year were: Passengers, \$236,167; mail, \$38,602; express, \$18,000; freight, \$688,443, making the total earnings \$1,029,624. The passenger earnings per mile were .7795, or about fifty cents a mile less than the Michigan Central. The freight earnings per ton per mile were 86 cents, or a fifth of a cent more than the Central.

The operating expenses of the road were \$864,625, divided as follows: Maintenance of way and structures, \$255,000; maintenance of equipment, \$149,000; conducting transportation, \$372,000; general, \$88,000. Besides these there was \$385,955 interest on bonded indebtedness; \$5,963 interest on floating indebtedness; and \$24,081 taxes, bringing the total expenses up to \$1,260,613. It is needless to say that the receipts not sufficing to pay interest, there was no dividend declared. The cost of the road was \$12,474,409, and of the equipment, \$1,998,803. These figures are well worth pondering over.

### Put Over Another Week.

At the meeting of the common council Monday night the following communication was received and placed on file, and further consideration of the laborer's sewer claims went over another week:

To the common council:

Whereas, one Henry Collins did on the 19th day of June, A. D. 1895, enter into certain contracts with the City of Ann Arbor, through its duly authorized representatives, for the construction of two certain lateral sewers known and designated as the Hill street lateral sewer, situate in the lateral sewer district number three, and the Huron street lateral sewer situate in lateral sewer district number four of the said City of Ann Arbor, and whereas, section 113 of the sewer specifications of the City of Ann Arbor, the same being a part of the said contract of Henry Collins with the City of Ann Arbor provides:

The contractor shall well and truly and promptly pay as the same may become due and payable, all indebtedness which may be one due to any person, firm or corporation, on account of any

labor performed, or material furnished in the construction of any sewer for the City of Ann Arbor, and in case any claims for failure to so well and truly pay for materials and labor as above, the Board shall retain from any monies due or to become due to the contractor, a sufficient sum to pay such claim or claims, and shall pay the same therefrom when such claim or claims, is or are fully proven to the satisfaction of the Board.

And, whereas, said contractor, Henry Collins, has failed to pay certain claims that have become due for labor and material used in the construction of said sewers, which failure has been brought to the attention of this Board, therefore: Be it resolved, that this Board deems it expedient to exercise the authority vested in it by said section 113 of the sewer specifications of the City of Ann Arbor, and hereby declare that the Board does retain all money due, or to become due said contractor, Henry Collins, for the construction of said sewer; said money to be held for the benefit of said claims for labor and material, furnished in the construction of said sewers, said money to be paid on such claims as the Board may deem expedient, when the same are proven to its satisfaction. And be it further resolved that the clerk be instructed to notify the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor, and said contractor, Henry Collins, of this declaration.

T. A. Bogle was, on motion employed to assist the city in the suit of Herman Hutzle vs. the city. Contractor Hutzle's claim against the city according to his figures, is \$3,427.91. The city figures it at \$516.84, and ordered the clerk to make tender of that amount.

John F. Lawrence was employed to assist the city attorney in the case of Ann Walker vs. the city, now appealed to the supreme court.

### Death of Wm. McCreery.

William McCreery, an old settler and highly respected man, closed his eyes in the long sleep Saturday afternoon. He had been ill but a short time, although he had been failing fast a day or two previous to his death.

Mr. McCreery was an old settler indeed. He was born in Londonderry, May 28, 1810, being the third son in the family of John McCreery, who had been a justice of the peace in his section for many years. When he reached his majority Mr. McCreery decided to come to America. He came up the St. Lawrence and across from Montreal to St. Albans, Vermont. He remained there three years, when, like so many New Englanders of his time, he emigrated toward the setting sun. Then he began the struggle of life in earnest. He worked in the summer and went to school in the winter. Then he became interested in a tannery, made it a paying investment, and later became a dealer in leather findings. As early as 1867 ill health drove him out of business.

Mr. McCreery was married in 1849 to Miss Margaret Bush, of this city, whom he survived ten years. Three daughters were born to them, two of whom are still living, Mrs. A. F. Hanson of Toledo and Mrs. Philip Stinson of this city.

It is remarkable, in connection with Mr. McCreery's death, how many of the directors of the National bank in which he was one of the original stockholders, have died within the past three years. The list started with John M. Wheeler, who was president of the bank at the time of his death at St. Augustine, Florida in the winter of 1893. Charles H. Richmond was the next director to be laid low, to be followed by Edward Treadwell. Within three months the names of Philip Bach, James Clements and Wm. McCreery are to be added to the list, Mr. Bach having been elected president of the bank to succeed Mr. Wheeler. The last three gentlemen were original stockholders in the bank. Besides his banking interests, Mr. McCreery owned a valuable peach orchard just outside the city, besides other valuable property.

The deceased was a Republican, preceding that party affiliation with a membership in the old Abolition party, prior to which he had been a Whig. He cast his first vote for Wm. Henry Harrison and his last for "Tippecanoe's" grandson.

In 1832 Mr. McCreery joined the Methodist church. The funeral services occurred at two o'clock from the home on Fourth avenue, Rev. Dr. Coburn officiating.

So closes the life chapter of another old settler, who has gone to the reward of a well spent life.

### A Young Girl's Trouble.

A button and a piece of cloth from a cloak were the clues that placed Helen White, aged 16, behind jail bars on Monday last. For some time articles have been missed from the Congregational church parlors. They were mostly silverware and, because they were gifts of the late Dr. Corydon Ford, they had a value to the church more than their intrinsic worth. In addition to these articles Miss Hallock a short time ago had her cloak stolen from the church. The button and piece of cloth were given to the marshal and the cloak found in the girl's possession. Whether there is any connection between the theft of the cloak and the taking of the silverware remains yet to be disclosed.

## OLD SANTA CLAUS.

He Was in the City This Week Making Preparations

### FOR HIS ANNUAL REINDEER SLEIGHRIDE.

He Found Many Articles Which He Will Use when He makes His Pilgrimage Christmas Eve.—The Stores and Bazaars and the Things He Saw.

While all the children in the city were asleep the other night, when the frost was cracking in the snow and the bells pealed forth from the court house belfry and the library tower, there was a merry jingle of sleigh bells down the lower town hill. The man who drove wore a heavy beard and in his sleigh were empty bags and boxes and upon his back was a great bag larger than the rest. His sleigh was drawn by reindeer and he drove merrily; and the more the sleigh bells clanged and rang and beat in merry tintinnabulation the broader became his smiles. He swept down past the Sinclair mills and across the Michigan Central bridge, singing in a low tone to himself; and what the notes were strange, but the words told of a Bethlehem star and a little babe that was born and cradled in a manger.

Then he cracked his whip and up the hill he came, and jingled along at the side of the street car tracks, which looked so cold and chilly in the white frost. Up to the court house square he sped and tied the reindeers to one of the great elm trees. "I have a night's work here," he said. And then he loosened the bag from his back and garbed up the smaller bags and the boxes and quickly stole away, leaving the reindeers in the cold starlight while he went in quest of the wonderful things he should bring Christmas eve to the little folks and the big folks and all the folks in great Washtenaw county.

The first place Santa Claus visited was across from the square at Beal's shoe store. "They have everything for holiday wear, haven't they?" said he, as he opened the front door with his magic key. "I knew I had struck the right place," said he, as he proceeded to stow away ladies' and childrens' slippers in varied colors; party shoes and patent leathers. "I see the prices are right too," said he, picking up a placard on the prettiest slipper in the window. "It's a good place to trade, I've always heard, and the firm is reliable and painstaking with trade."

It was a jump from Main street over to 17 East Washington, but St. Nicholas whistled himself over and didn't stop to walk. Santa Claus is an old shopper and is shrewd enough to visit the side streets, knowing that there one may often get better goods for the same money than they can on Main street. Besides he had heard of the beautiful things to be found at Mummy's drug store, No. 17 East Washington street, corner of Fourth avenue. Such lovely out glass bottles and atomizers filled with the sweetest and most lasting perfumes. Bottles of all sizes and shapes worth from 10 cents to \$10 each. Then he bought a knife each for all the boys and a pair of scissors for each of the girls and a box of Gunther's Chicago candy for everybody.

"Now, here's where I get in my heavy work," chuckled the old man as he began to gaze about him at Eberbach's hardware store. "The kids will want a toy tool chest, for there never was a boy who didn't, and I'll take along a few grown up tools for the fathers. Eberbach is an old timer. I've found him every visit for a good many years and he sells more goods, I am told, than all the other hardware people in town. Wait, I think I'll nail one of those mantels for that big farm house in Webster. That's all they need to make it the handsomest home in their town."

"Oh, say, there's Palmer, the new druggist, up on State street. They say he knows a thing or two about Christmas goods." After he had safely let himself down the chimney he laid in a good stock of perfumery and toilet goods. "Now, these boys and girls in this county who have heard of Plow's candies and will take no other kind," he said. "It is mighty good candy," he ran on, sampling a brandy drop, "and I can't blame them for their choice. Fathers and mothers always come here, too, to have prescriptions filled, for they are sure of accuracy and care in their preparation."

"Watt's this? Ah, now I'm where what I take counts. Jewelry is my special line with which to please. And here is everything in silver and plated ware that I ever saw—watches, rings, brooches, plate, lockets, chains. Say, I understand, too, that Mr. Watts is going to sell from now on to January 5 everything in his big store at cost, on account of the extreme dull season. Now, if he does that he'll have people tumbling over each other to get into his store, for he, too, is one of the old timers on the street and when he announces a reduced sale everybody knows that he means exactly what he says." "Camp Bros.," said Santa C., looking up at the sign at 57 South Main street. "There's that family in Scio that have needed a leather covered lounge so many years. I think I can carry one of them very easily, although

there are so many beautiful things here in the way of dressers, bed room suits, commodore, center tables, divans, oak dinner tables and easy chairs that I could make up my whole pack from here. Nothing pleases the recipient of a Christmas present more than to have it some article in the furniture line, and I am tempted to take my whole pick from here."

"Oh, and here's a great place! Everybody wants my picture, the kids especially, so I think I'll proceed to touch the button and take my own photograph. Fred Berryman's gallery! I've heard of him. He takes a mighty good picture and you can get cabinets at a figure about half as big as other photographers will give you the same thing for. He is his own operator and takes personal interest in each sitting, from the pressing of the button to the last touch of the retoucher. Let's see, I don't forget this place when I come back for my photos—66 East Huron street."

Santa Claus adjusted himself to Staebler & Co.'s chimney at 41 South Main street. "I can stay here the rest of the night," said he, as he gazed at the stock of lamps, crockery, chandeliers and fancy groceries. "It's the best place of all, because it is here that I can get my stock of goods for the pies and the fruit cakes, the nuts, grapes, oranges and sweetmeats that all the children in Washtenaw county are more desirous of finding in their stockings than anything else." And it was at this juncture that Santa Claus filled all the little bags and boxes that were to go into the homes of the very poor, "for not one shall be forgotten," said he, "while I can find such a complete stock as this to draw from."

Santa Claus stopped when he came to Hangsterfer's confectionery store. He looked in at the windows and his own mouth watered and when he entered the door he sampled all sorts of creams, pan candies, caramels, and bon boms. "I always eat my fill here myself," he said. "The Hangsterfer name has always stood for everything delicious in sweets and I would no more leave town without coming here than I would cease my annual visit. By the way, I'll stop at his place at Ypsilanti, too, and get some more. His candy won't last farther than to fill the stockings between here and Geddes."

Santa was letting up a little in his hurry when he found under the electric glare at 8 North Main street a colored bill which arrested his attention. "Well, I guess I'll drop in here," said he, "and make lively work too. I have heard of the Fair and all the little girls want one of the dolls from there and I'll take along that \$3 genuine English porcelain dinner set for the hotel at Whitmore lake. I see the Fair gives away an enlarged crayon portrait with \$1.00 worth of goods. Don't see how he affords it but that is his business and he is catching the trade by it, all right enough."

"Edward Duffy. That sign has been there a long while, hasn't it? He is one of my regular annual pilgrimages and I know what I get here will be good honest goods, with no looking for little apples in the middle of the barrel. Mr. Duffy's line of glassware, lamps, china candies, groceries, canned goods, game, coffees are always of the best and purest. I always come here for coffee for Mr. Duffy has his own roaster and long experience has made him perfect in the preparation of it. His line is of such a general character that I can find anything I desire in the way of preparations for the Christmas dinner."

### Love Cannot be Estimated in \$\$\$.

Dr. Clinton W. Meade is the name of a Detroit physician who resides at 36 1/2 East Park place. Miss Catherine Sherman resides at Ypsilanti. They were the hero and heroine of a little romance that bobbed up in circuit court last week and in which Don Cupid is said to have played a part. In Chicago World's Fair time Miss Sherman broke her limb—one of the lower limbs. When brought to Ypsilanti Dr. Meade was called in. He removed to Detroit shortly afterward and Miss Sherman paid his railroad fare to Ypsilanti. She thought this was enough considering the fact that he was affectionate and loving. It is said that she figured love was worth something like \$104, the bill Meade presented for professional services. The jury didn't think so. They thought love was all right, but it didn't cost anything before marriage—after that it was worth divers spring bonnets and milliner dolls. So on Friday they gave the doctor a judgment of \$52.50.

### Bank Directors Elected.

Three of our banks held their annual elections Tuesday evening with the following results:

Ann Arbor Savings Bank—President, Christian Mack; vice president, W. D. Harriman; cashier, Chas. E. Hiseock; assistant cashier, M. J. Fritz; secretary of the board, W. B. Smith. Directors, Christian Mack, W. D. Harriman, Daniel Hiseock, William Deubel, W. B. Smith, David Rinsler, L. Gruber.

State Savings Bank—Directors, John V. Sheehan, John Haarer, D. A. Mac Lachlan, Eugene E. Beal, D. Zimmerman, Christian Martin, George P. Glazier, James H. Wade, N. J. Kyer, V. C. Vaughan, John Koch, Wm. Arnold, Eugene F. Mills, Wm. J. Booth, John Heinzmann.

Farmers & Mechanics Bank—Directors, Rueben Kempf, Chas. E. Greene, Ambrose Kearney, W. P. Breakey, W. C. Stevens, O. M. Martin, G. Frank Allmentinger.



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**WASHTENA WISMS**

Dexter had so many guests Thanksgiving that the turkey supply ran short.

Miss Mary Storey, an esteemed young lady of Dexter township, died last week of consumption, aged 17 years.

W. E. Smith, formerly of Ypsilanti, has the proud distinction of having been financially interested in a laundry which burned recently in Chicago, with a \$3,000 loss.

The Congregational church at Chelsea has been provided with some new hymns and the young ladies are attending church more regularly than they did.

Chelsea people are perusing the one copy of the life of Savonarola which the village library contains and will be all posted on that Florentine maker of soap when President Crawford lectures there about him next Monday night.

Rev. W. H. Walker is talking about Germany at Chelsea, where he is pastor of the church. If one remembers rightly Rev. Walker had a lecture upon the Germans which he delivered in Ann Arbor once upon a time.

Mark Vining of Ypsilanti, has hung onto a berth in the auditor's office at Lansing under democratic Stone and republican Turner. He has a "heagle heye" which makes the clerks fly to the cat hole and scratch off "land's heidules" at lightning speed. Vining's son in Washington was also hanging on to a bit of political pap, but he isn't any more. It is claimed that he has been removing stamps from letters belonging to the government and has felt the descending of the axe.

A new hardware store will be located at Dexter in the spring.

Ypsilanti has been having a "Mrs. Jarley's wax works" this week.

J. A. Eiseman will make cigars in Owosso hereafter instead of at Chelsea.

Newcomb Mead died last week Thursday at his home two miles southeast of Milan.

Chelsea's real swell young men had to wear their shirts all last week without a change. The village laundry was being repaired.

Mrs. A. Streeter went to Detroit Wednesday morning of last week to visit her daughter Mrs. P. C. Pettengill. That night the building in which they were living was burned, and the occupants had a narrow escape, not having time to save any of their possessions.—Chelsea Standard.

The Milan Leader, in view of the "Sundayed" expression, goes the Courier one better on its "Mondayed" and called attention to the fact that one of its townsmen "Ypsilantied" several days last week.

"Were you ever through rhetoric?" she asked. A puzzled look stole o'er his face. "Er—only in the night," he said; "I saw but little of the place."—Milan high school notes.

Thieves are so thick at Ypsilanti that the men sleep with revolvers under their pillows and the wives awake their husbands at the wee sma' hours with that delightfully feminine "what's that!"

Found in the Pinckney Dispatch. "Are you the man who runs this paper?" "No sir, I'm spimly the editor and proprietor. The non-subscribers run it."

The effete editors of the Detroit press have an idea that the state is a howling wilderness beyond the river Rouge. The Tribune t'other day had a caribou killed near Pinckney, "the first seen in that vicinity in a number of years." The only thing the people of Pinckney caribou that item is that it gives them a halo of notoriety which they cannot wear and feel real honest in the ornament.

Talk about your fish stories! Hear this from the Dexter Leader: Township Clerk Barley was not a little amazed last Saturday to have a little girl about 12 years old call for the bounty on 18 woodchuck scalps, stating that she and her dog captured them all.

Thanksgiving day a woman whose name is unknown, narrowly escape serious injury and perhaps death, while making a trip on the motor line. She was seen to walk deliberately out of the car and step from the platform. Conductor Maria and a passenger seized her in time to retain their hold until the train could be stopped.—Ypsilanti Sentinel. Which reminds us once more that however much womankind may know she never has yet settled the laws of equilibrium, as a sex. She can never fully satisfy herself whether she is going to or from until she has tried—and usually with disastrous results.

Mrs. R. H. Teeple spent the first of the week with her sister, Mrs. C. B. Eaman, of Ann Arbor. Her sister Miss Villa Marlin, who has been visiting there for several days, returned with her.—Pinckney Dispatch.

Talk about Pinckney being dull and slow if you will, but we who are here know better. H. H. Swarthout starts his poultry picking establishment this week and says he has got to have 80,000 pounds of poultry to fill his orders.—Pinckney Dispatch.

The Pinckney Dispatch arises to remark, "and it's language is plain," that "for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain," the press that said that the village would have electric lights before Christmas is peculiar. The only lights for Pinckney are to be the flickering street lamps.

One of Ypsilanti's ministers took for his text Sunday night, "Where shall I trade?" Easy enough; with the man who advertises, of course.

The Livingston Herald man can digest anything in his paper. It has a "patent inside." Last week one of the internal organs slipped a cog in Detroit and the Livingston organ was a day or two behind in getting out.

Five brothers, residing a couple of miles out of Saline, amused a large and select audience recently by filling up with budge and having a free fight on the street at Saline. They were fined before Justice How.

The Dundee cornet band will proceed to foot another year, and have re-elected officers. A great note!

Dundee will have a masquerade ball Christmas.

The armature of the incandescent dynamo at Dundee went on a spree the other day and refused to work longer. The merchants hustled around and made their wives give up the parlor lamps with those cunning spring bonnets on, and these with lanterns and a few kitchen lamps lighted their stores until the armature was fixed at Toledo. Then there was a second break, a second repair, and at last accounts about half of the population was worrying along out of sight.

Now if we were like Mr. Stearns, of the Adrian Press, we would denounce the Grass Lake News hip and thigh for printing a lengthy death notice from these columns and giving credit to the Register. We don't believe that the News is edited by a blind man either, as the Press thought the Argus was recently, because in a similar way an Adrian item was credited to the Times instead of the Press. We believe that he simply got things slightly twisted and that, nevertheless, he is still clothed and in his right mind. But, oh what chastisement and pen lashing he might have received if the mistake had been made with respect to "that genial humorist and affable gentleman," Mr. Stearns.

The ice on the pond at Pinckney, it is given out, is 12 feet thick. How do they make that calculation where the sand bar is?

L. L. James and Ed. Croarkin, of Dexter, contemplate going into the clothing business at Belding.

acob Bower, of Webster, who committed suicide last Thursday week, at the home of John Mast, his brother-in-law, was determined to end his life. When found with his throat cut he tore the wound open with his hands in the faces of those who would stay him in his madness. He is believed to have been temporarily insane from long illness.

Not long since Doc Snyder, of Webster, became seriously indisposed, and it was feared that he would go into a decline. He appeared haggard, and wan, and his mind seemed to wander occasionally. One day he stole away with his team, but his family were not apprehensive of self injury, as his taking the team did not indicate suicidal intent. After an absence of half a day he returned with what bore a slight semblance of a windmill. It then developed that some one had reported to him that a farmer, a few miles out, had a windmill that he wanted to give away, or pay for its removal from his premises. Doc had been and got it; but how much he got with it he has never told. His arrival with the thing rendered a diagnosis of his ailment possible. He had "windmill on the brain." But the machine looked as though the wind had all been knocked out of it. He had faith in it, though, and believed that it could be resuscitated; so he sent for Dr. Holmes and between the two they succeeded. It does good business. Doc is again in a normal condition, and the neighbors have fooled away all their ridicule.

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Very fine assortment of Gloves and Mitts, Initial Handkerchiefs, in Silk, Linen and Japanette; in fact a complete line of Gentlemen's Furnishings.

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EASTERN POLITICS.

Ex-Secretary Foster's Views on Turkey, China and Japan.

HIS LECTURE IN ANN ARBOR WEDNESDAY.

An Accomplished Diplomat Talks of What He Has Seen.—An Entertaining Synopsis of Asiatic Politics.

Hon. John W. Foster, who succeeded Blaine as Harrison's secretary of state, lectured in the S. C. A. lecture course on Wednesday evening. The ex-secretary came here from Detroit, where he lectured the night before upon the same topic that he did here, "Asiatic Politics." The ex-secretary is getting along in years but is still well preserved. He might be taken for a well-to-do Englishman rather than an American diplomat of distinction. After Harrison's term Mr. Foster added to his reputation by his services in bringing about the sea treaty between China and Japan. It is stated that for this diplomatic service he received \$100,000. When reporters ask him about it he winks his other eye (which is the eye toward you) and says that just exactly what he got for his services should not concern the public sufficiently for it to have its curiosity gratified. The ex-secretary had a large audience to face at University hall and he held its attention well during the delivery of his lecture. He said that the European countries, especially Great Britain, Russia and France had great influence upon the political conditions of Asia. The Turkish empire, he said, was characterized by a government the most efficient in Asia. In reference to Turkish affairs he said: Upon the British government must rest a large share of the responsibility for the existence and continuance of the recent outrages in Asia Minor, which have so justly awakened the indignation and horror of the civilized world. But for its interposition the Turkish power would have been completely broken, as the result of the Russian war of 1877-8. At that time it accepted the cession of Cyprus as the price of its guarantee of protection of the Ottoman empire against the further encroachments of Russia. It was the controlling party in the Berlin conference, which exacted from Turkey a stipulation or reform in Armenia, for religious liberty in its widest sphere, and protection to the Christians of its Asiatic provinces; and it has been the party most culpable for allowing these stipulations to be practically unrealized. I do not doubt that the present government of Great Britain, stimulated by the indignation and sentiment of its Christian constituency, has been sincerely exerting its influence at the ports to stop the barbarities in Armenia and to bring about the long-promised reforms; but its relations with Russia and France in the levant and the far east are of such a strained and delicate nature it dare not press these reforms to the necessary extreme without the concurrence of those powers. There is nothing which illustrates more vividly the conflicting interests and policy of England and Russia than the recent conditions of affairs at Constantinople and in Asia Minor. But for these international jealousies the Christian world might to-day bid the expulsion of the Turks from Europe and the establishment of autonomous principalities under European protection in Asia Minor, Syria and Palestine. Egypt, however, had been improved in its condition by England's policy toward it. He thought that the result of the China-Japan war, inasmuch as it favored the latter, was a natural result, inasmuch as Japan was progressive while China stood still. The war forced the recognition of Japan as a great military power. The future of China looks ominous. The statesman who could best lead the empire out of its difficulties, Li Hung Chang, lost prestige during the war and his service as peace negotiator added to his unpopularity. The conservative party seemed to dominate the government at Peking and to have profited little by the late adversities. While no readiness is being shown to construct railroads, to introduce western methods in the army, the government and business, still these changes must come in time, through the pressure of European powers, the perseverance of foreign commerce, and the teaching of the missionaries. If one judged only by present conditions he might think that empire was destined to an early dismemberment. But the Chinese are a people not only great in population, but in intellectual capacity and home energy. They have passed through many changes of dynasty, have been over run by foreign foes and torn by civil strife; but they have survived all changes and convulsions. What ever may be its political future, it may safely be predicted that the race will remain practically intact and an important factor not only in the affairs of Asia, but of the world. The speaker paid Great Britain a tribute, saying that wherever the British flag went, orderly government, honest taxation and impartial administration followed. Of the future extension of the United States, Mr. Foster said: While I should welcome a peaceful union with the neighbors to the north of us, because they are kindred in race and institutions, I am not a follower of the school which believes our manifest destiny to be the absorption of all the nations of the continent. The annexation of the Hawaiian lands should be made only because they are necessary to the defense of our Pacific coast and in property, ownership and local control are already practically American territory. There is for our country a great future and a glorious destiny, but it could be an English speaking race, developing within our own domain the institutions of our fathers, with no spirit of aggression or hostility towards any other nation or people of the globe.

A FATAL MISTAKE.

It Was Made by a Profuse Frenchman in His Leave Taking. A citizen of France who has an ingrained habit of confounding everything which is said to him and has been endeavoring to acquire a knowledge of our vernacular was about leaving his boarding house for a more comfortable quarter. All the little mysteries of his wardrobe, including his last nether garment and umbrella, had been packed up, when he bethought to himself the unpleasant duty now devolving upon him—that of bidding "ze folks" goodby. After shaking his fellow boarders cordially by the hand and wishing them, with incessant bowing, "ze verree best success in ze virl" and "ze benediction du chief," he retired in search of his "dear landlady," to give her also his blessing. He met her at the staircase, and advancing, hat in hand, with a thousand scrapes, commenced his speech: "Ah, madame, I'm going to leave you. You have been verree amiable to me, madame. I will verree forget you for zat. If in my countree, I would ask zer government to give you a pension, madame." The good lady put down her head and blushed modestly, while our Frenchman proceeded: "Vell, I must go. You know in zeese life it is full of pain and trouble. If Got adopted ze virl vich Lamartine made in his poesie, zen zere should be no more pain. Adieu, madame—adieu! Perhaps forever." Thereupon the Frenchman was making his exit, when he was suddenly called back by his landlady, who interestedly inquired, "Why, Mr. C—, you have forgotten your latchkey." Mr. C— appeared amazed, apparently not understanding his interrogator. "Yes," continued Mrs. M—, "you know it is the rule for all boarders to give me their latchkeys." "Oh, madame," interrupted the Frenchman, with enthusiasm, "I will give you not one—not one, but zonzands!" and, applying the action to the word, he sprang toward Mrs. M—, and embracing her tightly in his arms, kissed her most heroically. The affrighted Mrs. M—, recovering herself at length, cried out, "The key, Mr. C—, the key!" Frenchy, looking confused, confounded, ejaculates with heavy sighs: "Oh, madame, I zot you ax me for one kees, and I give it to you. Vat a fatale mistake!"—Scottish American.

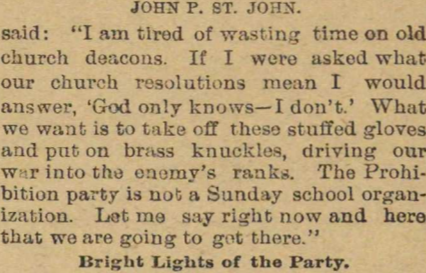
THE PROHIBITIONISTS.

Cold Water Adherents Hold a Massmeeting.

REMARKS OF JOHN P. ST. JOHN.

Says the Prohibitionists Must Take Off Stuffed Gloves, Put on Brass Knuckles and Drive the War into the Enemy's Ranks—St. Louis Delighted Over Securing the National Republican Convention—Democrats Carry Boston.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—"What we want is to take off these stuffed gloves and put on brass knuckles, driving our war into the enemy's ranks." So spoke ex-Governor John P. St. John of Kansas at a massmeeting of Prohibitionists in the Association building. Ex-Governor J. P. St. John, once candidate on the Prohibition ticket for president, after reviewing the political situation, said: "I am tired of wasting time on old church deacons. If I were asked what our church resolutions mean I would answer, 'God only knows—I don't.' What we want is to take off these stuffed gloves and put on brass knuckles, driving our war into the enemy's ranks. The Prohibition party is not a Sunday school organization. Let me say right now and here that we are going to get there."



Bright Lights of the Party. Nine hundred people assembled to hear the brightest and best known speakers of the party, who had been called here to attend the national committee's meeting in session at the Sherman house. On the stage were seated the speakers and the delegates to the convention. The audience was addressed by Samuel Dickey of Michigan, chairman of the national committee; Hon. Volney B. Cushing of Maine, ex-Governor John P. St. John of Kansas, Mrs. Helen M. Gougar of Indiana, James B. Canfield of Texas, M. B. V. Bennett of Kansas, and George C. Christian of Arkansas.

Old Parties. Mrs. Helen M. Gougar wanted the children "to be educated by means of scientific temperance instruction," and to the Labor Congress said: "If you want to solve the labor question go to the ballot box and crush the liquor traffic." Two dominant political parties, she said, were in existence—one organized plunder, the other organized incapacity. "Expect to see," she said, "a wonderful political revolution within six months. There are two elements in the saloon traffic—the one behind the bar and the one in front, and the one in front is the worst."

James B. Canfield declared that he was through with both the "old parties," and that he was with the Prohibitionists until he died. At the meeting of the Prohibition national committee Pittsburg was selected as the convention city.

BOSTON GOES DEMOCRATIC. Republicans Defeated in the Municipal Election at the Hub. BOSTON, Dec. 12.—At the city election here the Republicans were defeated for everything. Hon. Josiah Quincy, the successful Democratic mayoralty candidate, showed greater strength than even his party expected and made heavy gains in nearly every section of the city. Over seventy-five thousand voters went to the polls, the largest number ever recorded in an election in Boston, and representing over five-sixths of the total registration. The campaign was fought on straight party lines, the Democrats making every effort to redeem last year's defeat and their opponents seeking an endorsement of the reforms enacted by them during the year.

The mayor-elect will serve two years, it being the first election since the legislature doubled the length of the ordinary term. Mayor Curtis' administration was generally satisfactory to the business men of the city and they gave him their support. The Democratic party, however, put their strongest men in nomination, and were not hampered by any great extent by divisions in the party. Josiah Quincy, the mayor-elect, is well known throughout the eastern states, having served as assistant secretary of state during Mr. Cleveland's present term and also as a member of the Democratic national committee. The city declared in favor of license by over 15,000 majority. The new board of aldermen will consist of seven Democrats and five Republicans. The common council is strongly Democratic.

ST. LOUIS REJOICES. The People Ticked at Securing the Next Republican Convention. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—There is general rejoicing in St. Louis over the action of the national Republican committee in selecting this city as the place for the holding of the next national Republican convention, in June, 1896. Not alone those who will be directly benefited by the convention and its attendant crowds showed their interest in the action of the national committee, but everybody seemed enthusiastic. Long before the bulletins announcing the vote of the committee on the location had been posted in newspaper office windows large crowds of people assembled, and when the final ballot was put up announcing that St. Louis had won the prize the enthusiasm was unbounded. At the office of the Business Men's league, which has a committee in

Washington, bulletins were received by telegraph every few minutes after the voting commenced, and when it was seen that St. Louis was steadily gaining there was much rejoicing. It is planned to hold the convention in the exposition building, the north half of which will be fitted up at a cost of \$15,000 and when finished, will seat at least 15,000 people. Every effort will be made to present to the convention a hall perfect for its work. Hotel managers were kept busy all afternoon and evening answering telegrams from different parts of the country asking that rooms be reserved during the convention week. New York Republican Primaries. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Republican primaries were held in every one of the 1,392 election districts of this city to elect delegates to the assembly district conventions, which are in turn to choose the members of the Republican county committee. Faction feeling between the followers of Thomas C. Platt and those of William Brookfield ran strong in many of the districts, and a heavy vote was polled. The Platt men went into the fight confident of victory, while their opponents believed themselves to be leading a forlorn hope, and were in consequence not enthusiastic of success. The indications point to a majority of two-thirds Platt men in the county committee. CHARGES AGAINST CAPTAIN HEALY. Trial Board to Be Convened Early in the Month of January. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Captain Shoemaker of the revenue cutter service has received full and specific charges signed by three officers of the Bering sea patrol, against Captain Healy in the cutter "Bear." General charges were sent forward some time ago to which Captain Healy made a general denial. A trial board to consist of three or five officers of equal rank with Captain Healy will be convened in San Francisco early in January, at which a large number of officers and men will testify. Lieutenant White who was one of the signers of the original charges, now being out of the service will not appear at the trial. It is probable that only two officers now on the Pacific coast will be designated as members of the board, as many of them will be called as witnesses. The other members will be sent from the east. DECEASED THE COUNTY. Three Ex-Officials Placed Under Arrest and Another Is a Fugitive. ROSCOMMON, Mich., Dec. 12.—The people of the township and county were amazed when it was learned that ex-Treasurer R. C. Huntley, ex-Highway Commissioner N. T. McDonald and Alexander Robinson, ex-clerk, were under arrest for defrauding the county of large sums of money and that ex-Supervisor William Finney was a fugitive from justice. The men, while in office, issued bogus township orders on the highway commissioner and made them payable to themselves, scattering the orders all over the county. The amount of the fraudulent transactions will reach \$50,000. The fraud was made possible by burning the school house in which the original orders and stub books were kept. Wealthy Michigan Man Dead. UNION CITY, Mich., Dec. 12.—Ezra Bostwick, the richest man of this city, died in the Presbyterian hospital at Chicago. He had been operated upon for cancer by Dr. Senn. Ezra Bostwick was 60 years old and had lived in Michigan forty-nine years. He was representative in the Michigan legislature in 1889 and 1870. He was a philanthropist as well as a millionaire. In 1887 he gave \$100,000 to Albion college and \$50,000 in 1890 to Olivet college. His contributions to religious societies also were large. Football Team Arrested. MEXICO, Mo., Dec. 12.—Sheriff Ames and deputy of Cooper county arrived in this city and placed under arrest and took to Booneville the football team of the Missouri Military academy, and all the cadets who accompanied them to Booneville on Oct. 17, when they played the football team of the Kemper Family school. The warrant for their arrest was sworn out by Mrs. E. Helfrich, proprietress of the Commercial hotel at Booneville, who charges them with disturbing the peace and destroying personal property. The military academy officials are indignant. President Crespo Not "Jingoish." LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Times prints a dispatch from a correspondent in Caracas giving the result of an interview he had with President Crespo of Venezuela. The president said that he understood that the question of the outrage upon British Guiana police and the boundary question were to be treated distinctly as between Great Britain and Venezuela. He added that the Venezuelan officer who had arrested the British officers would be punished for exceeding his instructions and that the Englishmen would be compensated. No Cause for Action. DETROIT, Dec. 12.—The damage suit of James F. Tryon, secretary of the fire commission, against Mayor Pingree, was decided by the jury, who found "no cause for action." Mayor Pingree had Secretary Tryon, Chief Elliott and Commissioner Goodfellow arrested on a charge of conspiracy in having refused his honor access to the department records. All three officials brought suit for damages. Goodfellow's suit has been continued until the next term of court and Elliott's withdrawn. Moloney After the Ferry Companies. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Attorney General Maloney, State Senator Green and ex-State Senator Merritt of Illinois arrived in this city from Springfield, Ills., for the purpose of securing evidence preparatory to filing suit against the Merchants Bridge and Terminal company, the Eads Bridge company, and the Wiggins Ferry company, for entering into and maintaining an unlawful combine. Two Women Burned to Death. TROY, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Mrs. H. E. Sliter, aged about 70 years, and a nurse, Mary Harris, aged 50, who was attending her, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the frame dwelling in which they were housed. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the explosion of a kerosene oil lamp. Penetrated His Brain. NILES, Mich., Dec. 12.—John Vorgan of Lawton was leading a cow to pasture when he stumbled and fell upon the stumps of some blackberry bushes. One of the canes penetrated his brain, causing instant death. EXIT HARRY HAYWARD He Exhibits No Fear When on the Gallows. EXECUTION ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL. The Murderer of Catherine Ging Takes Great Interest in the Sheriff's Preparations for the Plunge to Death—After Bidding All His Friends Farewell He Exclaims, "Pull Her Tight; I'll Stand Pat"—Was Game to the Last. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—Harry Hayward, murderer of Catherine Ging, was hanged here at 2:05 o'clock in the morning. The time of execution had been fixed by Governor Clough at "between midnight and dawn." On the scaffold Hayward made a statement of five minutes' duration. While not making a confession, he said he hoped God would forgive him for all the harm he had ever done. Shortly after midnight the deputy sheriffs entered his cell and the march to the gallows was commenced. Hayward showed no fear on the trip. When he arrived at the foot of the fatal object that was to end his career he said: "Pull tight. I die pat." He was dressed in immaculate evening suit and looked as if he were ready to go to a party instead of going to his death. He mounted the gallows with a laugh on his lips and went down with the trap, just as he uttered the words "Let her go, Megard." The words were directed to the chief deputy. Tripped on the Gown. Harry Hayward entered the death chamber with the same easy stride that marked his promenades when he was a swaggering youth in society. "Good evening, gentlemen," he said, in clear, even tones, as he bowed his way into the room, wearing his somber garb so jauntily that his grotesqueness was forgotten. As he made his way up the stairs to the scaffold he tripped on his unaccustomed gown. This amused him and he laugh at the first step. Carefully placing his feet on the marked spots, he drew his splendid figure to its greatest height and glanced about with a calm face, occasionally brightened by a smile of recognition as he desecrated some friend in the crowd. Upon being asked if he had anything to say, he replied in a careless, drawing tone: Farewell to His Friends. "Well, yes." He moistened his lips with his tongue. "Well, to you all," he began. "There has been a good deal of curiosity and wonder at my action, and some of you think that I am a very devil"—with a peculiar drawing accent on the first syllable of that word—"and if you all knew my whole life you would think so all the more. I have dictated the full statement on all my life to Edward Goodsell, J. T. Minnix, and a stenographer—let's see, what's that stenographer's name?"—and Hayward peered down over the edge of his scaffold as if expecting some one to answer. After remembering all the friends to whom he wished to say farewell, and expressing his forgiveness of his brother Adry, Hayward stood a moment in thought, as if telling the names of those he wished to remember in his last words. Satisfied apparently that all had been done that he had intended, he half turned and said: "I guess that's all. Now, Phil Megard, go ahead." His Face Purpled Slightly. The straps were quickly adjusted. As the noose settled down over his head, he said: "Let's see, where does the knot go, under the right ear? No, it's the left, isn't it? Please pull it tight. That's good. Keep your courage up, gentlemen." The prisoner's face purpled slightly as the noose tightened and the visor of the black cap was turned down. It was Harry's last glimpse of earth. "Pull her tight; I'll stand pat." Megard stepped back, raised his hand in the fatal signal, and like a shot the body dropped through the opened trap. There was not a tremor or struggle, and the spectators waited while the doctor listened to the fluttering heart. Thirteen long minutes passed. Dr. Burton stepped back, and the spectators began to file out. Railway Sued for \$50,000. DAYTON, O., Dec. 12.—Dr. A. H. Blossom of Miamisburg, this county, has sued the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad company for \$50,000 damages. He alleges that on April 11, 1893, he got aboard a passenger train to return from this city to his home, and that when he reached Miamisburg the train "slowed up," but did not stop; that he attempted to get off at the station, but was thrown beneath the train and his right leg was crushed and had to be amputated, for which he asks \$50,000. President's Expected Return. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The president is expected to return to Washington Friday or Saturday. At present the Viola is lying in the sound, back of Cape Hatteras. Notice of the approach of the prevailing stiff blow was served upon her skipper in due season and the boat was placed in a sheltered anchorage where she lies in perfect safety, and the only untoward effect of the blow is to make the shooting uncomfortable for the time. Oil Works Destroyed by Fire. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—The oil works of Crew, Lovick & Co. of Osage street and Snyder avenue were completely destroyed by fire which originated in the engine room from some unknown cause. Three large oil tanks exploded, but nobody was hurt. The building was a two-story brick, 125 by 60 feet, and the loss is estimated at 75,000, probably fully insured. Twenty-seven horses were rescued from the stables. Fired into a Train. CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.—A special from Louisville, Ky., says a train containing the Garfield club of Louisville returning from Frankfort, was fired into at Eminence, Ky. About thirty shots were fired and windows shattered. The inmates fell on the floor and escaped injury, except by broken glass. It was at Eminence that Bradley refused to continue further in the joint debate during the campaign. Ex-Congressman Bundy Dying. WELLSTON, O., Dec. 12.—H. S. Bundy, ex-congressman from this district, and father-in-law of ex-Governor Foraker, is dying. He was a member of the first Ohio legislature. Bayard Will Not Resign. LONDON, Dec. 12.—Although Mr. Bayard refuses to be interviewed regarding the action of Mr. Barrett, he has stated that he does not intend to tender his resignation. FEDERATION OF LABOR. Officers May Not Be Elected Until the First of Next Week. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—So slowly has the work of the American Federation of Labor progressed that instead of adjourning being reached on Friday or by Saturday noon at the latest, which was the original programme, that it is not likely that the election of officers will be reached before Monday and possibly Tuesday of next week. The main obstruction is the contested seats in the convention, a matter which is usually disposed of on the first days of the annual conventions. The credentials committee reported at the convention concerning that W. E. Ward, claiming to represent a painters' union, a dual organization, be denied a seat. Subsequently, the subject of quality of organization within the ranks of the organization was brought up by Vice President T. J. Elderkin, who predicted that unless the condition was corrected, the federation would fall under the control of antagonistic elements. Instancing the case of the 119 lodges of the Brewery Employes' National union, a small majority of which are attached to the Knights of Labor, Mr. Elderkin said: "These K. of L. assemblies have a national trade assembly and meet in national convention and secretly legislate for the National Brewery Employes' union. As a result a great national union attached to the federation is controlled absolutely by an inner circle of the K. of L." As a remedy for this condition a resolution was offered to the effect that hereafter a seat shall be refused to any representative whose organization has within its ranks any other organization composing less than the total membership. THE OLD MAN WAS UGLY. He Attempts to Murder His Wife and His Stepson. EMMETT, Mich., Dec. 12.—There was the wildest kind of a time at the home of Henry Pettis, a farmer living four miles from here. The old man went home at midnight and was ugly. He soon got into a dispute with his wife about who should do certain chores, and the dispute grew to a quarrel in which the old man tried to strangle his wife. He was not able to do this, and hunting up his revolver, began shooting. Mrs. Pettis ran out of the house into the snow after her husband had fired two shots at her, one of which took effect and that inflicted only a slight wound. His stepson, who interceded, did not escape as luckily, as the old man opened fire on him and sent a bullet into his breast near the heart, from which the boy is likely to die. The other stepson, Alexander Stimson, ran for help, but before it arrived Pettis had disappeared and showed up later at the home of the village marshal and gave himself up, saying he had shot his wife and stepson. Suicide of a Speculator. OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 12.—U. S. Brock, well known as a speculator on the Board of Trade, committed suicide or by accident turned the gas on in his room in a local hotel. He is said to have lost heavy recently. His friends believe it was an accident, yet one theory advanced is Brock grieved over the loss of the money until it unbalanced his mind. He had lost considerable money on the Board of Trade at times. Brock was a single man about 35 years of age. Under the pillow was found \$40 and several promissory notes from parties at Avoca, Ia. Hancock, Ia., is his old home. The House Committees. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—There seems to be no possibility now that the committees of the house will be announced this week, and the house may adjourn until Monday. Speaker Reed has expressed more difficulty than was anticipated in making up the membership of the committees owing to his lack of personal acquaintance with the new members, of whom there are 163. From a source close to the speaker the information is given out that the committees will probably not be announced until the latter part of next week, just before the Christmas holiday recess. Great Strike Settled. GLASGOW, Dec. 12.—The great shipbuilding strike has been settled. The masters have agreed to grant the Clyde men a shilling a week advance immediately and another shilling advance in February. The strike has also been settled at Belfast. The settlement was undoubtedly brought about by the fact that both the Clyde and other shipbuilding firms were in danger of losing important contracts to build foreign warships, orders for which have already been transferred to German concerns. Tendered His Resignation. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—W. W. Blackmer, president of the National Association of Railway Postal Clerks, whose run is between Chicago and Detroit, has tendered to the postoffice department his resignation from the latter position. His action is the result of the recent order of Postmaster General Wilson directed against organized efforts of employees to procure legislation. Blackmer says he will remain with the association and urge legislation. Indians Murder Another Family. DEMING, N. M., Dec. 12.—Another murder of a family is reported from the San Simeon valley in Arizona by the renegade band of Indians from the San Carlos reservation, but details cannot be had. The father, mother, and three children were slain on Thursday following the killing of Merrill and daughter. They were Germans who had recently come to this section from the east for the purpose of taking up a homestead. Poolseller Fined \$1,500. CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.—John A. Payne of Payne & Sharp, proprietors of a Covington poolroom, pleaded guilty to an indictment for carrying on that business, and was fined \$1,500 by Judge Perkins. His partner, Sharp, was fined \$500 and twenty days in jail a short time ago. The cases of five other poolroom proprietors are to be disposed of. Boiler Explosion Ends Four Lives. GREENVILLE, Pa., Dec. 12.—By the explosion of a boiler in the sawmill of Ezra Post, about ten miles from here, Engineer Frank Perkins and Solomon Eastings were instantly killed and Stephen White and Curtis Johnson fatally hurt. Failure in Clothing. MANSFIELD, O., Dec. 12.—Israel Shonfield, the leading clothing merchant here, made an assignment. Assets, \$65,000; preferred claims, \$39,000. Liabilities unknown.



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The question of paying for the sewer has occupied considerable attention in city circles the past week and an esteemed correspondent in a communication in another column takes strong grounds for paying labor now instead of the assigned claims of the sewer contractor. But there is strong ground on the opposite side of the case. Certainly the resolution to pay money to the board of public works or one member of it was illegal under the charter. The claim of the bank is for money already paid labor. If it is not not recognized and the bank after paying laborers is to see other claims preferred, such accommodation will certainly no longer be extended for the payment of labor and the laborers would be the losers in the long run. Whether founded on law or not, the custom of recognizing such assigned claims as the one in question has been growing up in the council. As we said before there are two sides to the question and the council should move cautiously in the matter.

The death of Allen G. Thurman yesterday afternoon removes one of the stalwart democrats of the old school, a man of strong convictions and the courage to express them, of unimpeachable integrity and of great ability. He was the democratic candidate for vice president in 1888, and had previously been talked of in connection with the presidency. His fame was made as a United States senator. He was a good man and was affectionately known as the "Old Roman."

Our republican brethren have dropped the discussion of the fact that the county paid out \$9,000 more money in the year ending October 1, 1895 than was paid out in the year ending October 1, 1894. It is a hard fact for them to encounter.

The governor is trying hard to explain away the \$3,000,000 state tax this year. He has not succeeded in doing it, for the simple reason that the tax is over a million dollars higher than it was in any one year before.

That Sewer Question.

Editor Argus:—

There is an impression about that the payment of the claims of the sewer laborers by the city will in some way interfere with rights acquired by the Farmers & Mechanics bank of this city and violate the good faith of the municipality, inasmuch as the city clerk had previously received and placed on file an assignment made by the contractors to the bank. But an examination of the contract under the authority of which the city attorney advised the payment of the laborers and of the circumstances which make such action necessary, will convince any one open to conviction that such an opinion is an erroneous one.

In the first place the acceptance and filing by the city clerk of any document is a mere notice of the claim which cannot bind the city. A cord of assignments would be worthless until the assignor had something to assign. Even the judgment of court is inoperative until the party against whom it is directed has something subject to execution. Let us see what the contractor has, at the present time, under a strict construction of his contract with the city, that the city is bound to turn over to him or his assignee.

The sewer ordinance vests the control of all public sewers entirely with the Board of Public Works and the contractor the construction of the Hill street lateral sewer made by that board, acting under the provisions of that ordinance and the powers conferred by the city charter, provides: 1st: That completed sewers only shall be estimated and paid for. 2nd: That should the contractor abandon the work the Board of Public Works may enter upon the same and complete it at the expense of the contractor and his bondsmen, 3rd: That if the contractor fails to pay promptly all claims for labor and material the board may retain from monies due or to become due to the contractor, a sufficient sum to pay such claims and pay the same when proven to that said faction of the board. This contract executed under the provisions of the charter and the ordinance relative to sewers and as approved by the council has all the force of municipal law and must control the action of both the board and the council. Justice to the tax payers of the third sewer district requires strict compliance with its provisions.

The contractor to abandon the work has a considerable amount of sewer partially completed. But estimates are to be upon completed sewer only, hence nothing is due the contractor and no

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assignee of the contractor can have a claim upon the city.

Next, should inability to pay his labor cause the contractor to abandon the work, the city could exercise the right, upon due notice to the bondsmen to enter upon and complete the work. In this case nothing could become due the contractor or his assignees until the sewer was completed and the city's expenses paid.

Should the board stand upon its undoubted right and refuse to approve estimates upon uncompleted work, the laboring men must wait indefinitely for their pay. Neither can they secure immediate relief if the board takes charge of and completes the work on city account. The clauses in the contract providing for the payment of labor and material claims that the discretion of the board was designed to meet just such an emergency as the present. It is to the manifest interest of the city, the contractor and also all of his creditors to have the sewer completed and the transaction closed at the earliest possible moment. This result can best be accomplished by prompt payment of the labor. The fact that the contractor or his assignee can lay claim to nothing at the present time does not however, prevent the board from retaining from any monies due or to become due (such is the language of the contract) to the contractor a sufficient sum to pay such claims for labor or material as will best conserve the interests of the city, and pay the same when they shall have been proven to the satisfaction of the board. The work partially completed is ample protection for the city in enforcing this stipulation and paying the labor bills of the contractor, and as it is understood that that gentleman stands ready to acknowledge the claims and receipt for the payment of the money there is no valid reason why the dictates to humanity and good public policy should not prevail.

The argument that the council would be doing one of our city banks an injustice in paying these claims is untenable. The council could not if it would, under the existing circumstances, lawfully pay other than labor and material claims. The contract protects no other claims. The claim in question is for money loaned. That the funds may have been used for the payment of labor is not material. Then the question resolves itself to this: The council can pay only upon estimates approved by

the board; the board can approve estimates upon completed work only. There is no completed sewer hence there is no money due the contractor, which the council can lawfully order paid either to him or his assignee, but the board may retain monies due or to become due" and the council can lawfully order such monies paid upon properly adjudicated claims for labor and material.

From the estimates of the city engineer it would seem that there will be enough coming to the contractor when the sewer is completed, to protect all creditors and if allowed means to complete the work he can soon effect full settlement. So the proposition to pay the laborers is not only expedient, but the only lawful means whereby the city can afford relief under the existing circumstances.

Justice.

Marriage Licenses.

- Dec. 10—Frank Fullington, Augusta; Lucy Fullington, Ypsilanti. Dec. 10—Mathew S. Duffy, Ypsilanti; Florence Schavon, Algonac. Dec. 11—E. Hoppe, Ann Arbor; Carrie Ertmann, Ann Arbor. Dec. 11—Clare Westfall, Ypsilanti; Ida G. Van Horn, Ypsilanti. Dec. 12—Fred Pfeife, Lodi; Christina Feldcamp, Lodi.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Ann Arbor for the election of Directors will be held at their banking house on Tuesday, January 14, 1896.

Polls will be open from 10 o'clock a. m. to 12 m.

By order of the board. S. W. Clarkson, Cashier. 74-78

His Prize.

Father (who has given his consent)—I hope, young man, that you know the value of the prize you will get in my daughter?

Young Man—Well—er—no, sir I don't know the exact value, but, as near as I can find out, it's in the neighborhood of £5,000.—London Answers.

Though Vermont has increased in population but 2,000 in 25 years, Massachusetts has added nearly 1,000,000 to its inhabitants in the same time, and Rhode Island and Connecticut also show a steady growth.

20 LBS. Granulated Sugar For 50 Cents.

For one week only I will sell for \$2.50 cash the following bill of groceries:—

Table listing grocery items and prices: 1/2 lb. best Japan Tea (25c), 1/2 lb. Pepper (15c), 1/2 lb. Cinnamon (8c), 1/2 lb. Mustard (8c), 1/2 lb. Allspice (8c), 1/2 lb. Cloves (8c), 1/2 gal. Syrup (20c), 12 boxes Matches (20c), 1/2 lb. Baking Powder (13c), 8 lbs. Rolled Oats (25c), 6 bars Soap (25c), 3 packages Muzzy's Starch (50c), 20 lbs. Sugar (25c). Total \$2.50.

Remember the place,

CHARLES DWYER, 9 NORTH MAIN STREET.

It is not BAD to have a new deal.

Commencing October 10th, '95, I will do a strictly cash business, which will allow me to make a reduction of from 10 to 20 per cent. in the retail price of Implements, Buggies, Wagons, etc.

Not having to contend with the cost and trouble of collecting

bad DEBTS I can therefore

afford to make this liberal discount. Therefore it will pay you to get prices on my goods.

Also the best grades of hard and soft coal, wood, etc. Satisfaction guaranteed.

HENRY RICHARDS,

Junction Detroit, Fourth and Catherine Sts. TELEPHONE 163. ANN ARBOR, MICH.



Save Your Dollars

We must dispose of some half dozen special pianos before January 1st.

Our new factory has made it necessary to raise more money by several hundred dollars than we had expected.

We have contracted to take the entire output of the CLIFFORD PIANO CO.,

and must close out all other pianos to enable us to push THE CLIFFORD PIANO.

We will sell at cost the following pianos over than inventory them January 1st.

7 SPECIAL PIANO PRICES

These pianos are all Uprights, new or but slightly used, and sell regularly at prices first named.

Table of piano prices: 1 \$275 Allmendinger, used 18 months (130), 1 300 Stone piano, a bargain (169), 1 425 Chickering Bros., good as new (300), 1 425 " " rented six months (335), 1 450 " " new (360), 1 450 Boardman & Gray, used by teachers (350), 1 450 " " rented 8 months (340).

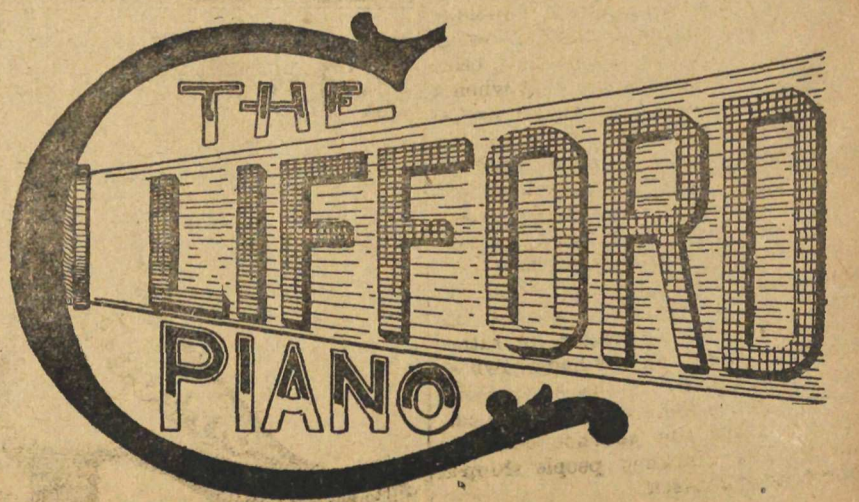
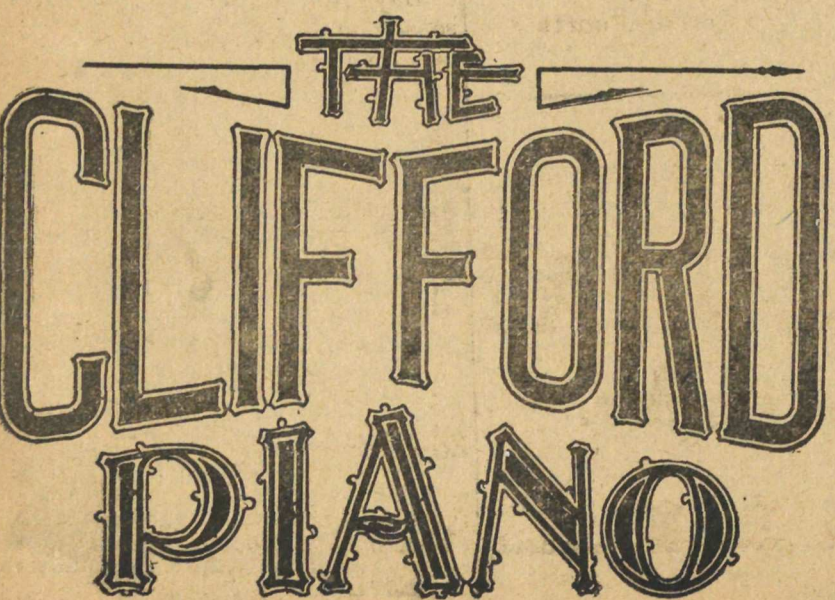
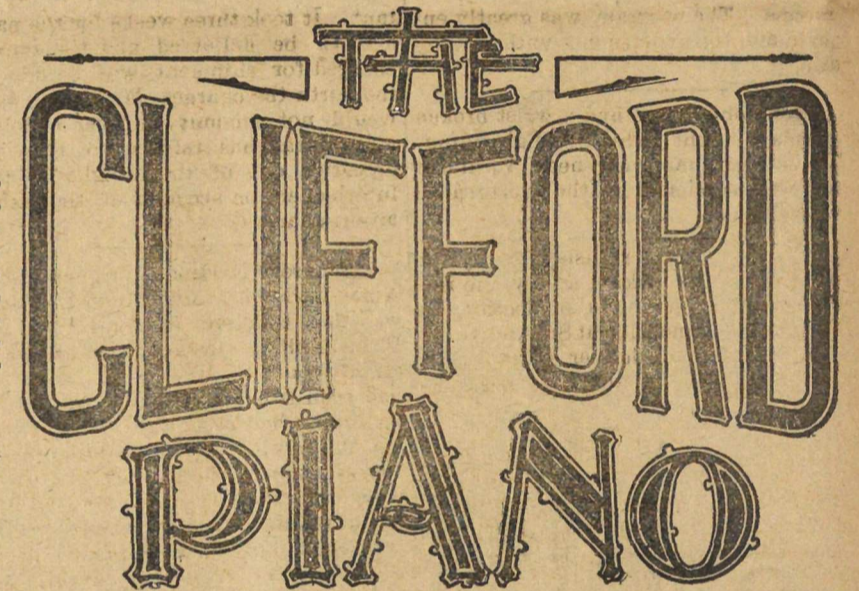
The five pianos last mentioned are instruments of the very highest grade, absolutely guaranteed, and pianos which represent the highest art of piano building. They are truly bargains, because they give honest value for every dollar spent.

3 Square Pianos

Table of square piano prices: 1 Excellent Hazleton piano, fine condition (125), 1 Fine Everett piano, good tone and case (110), 1 Jewett piano, in good order (40).

We also have a number of second hand organs. If you ever mean to buy a piano or an organ, NOW is the time to save your dollars.

ANN ARBOR ORGAN CO., 51 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor, Mich.





Ladies, your attention is called to the elegant Bath and Toilet Rooms OF MRS. BAILEY.

LOCATED AT 32 E. Huron Street, Where you can get an excellent medicated bath, with massage treatment by an expert. Physicians acknowledge these baths to be the very best known method of treating rheumatism.

Come and Test Its Virtues.

Sensible Christmas Gifts. We can show you a fine assortment of goods, durable toilet articles suitable for gifts, and the prices are not fancy. Better look them over. Palmer's Pharmacy, 46 S. State St.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The coldest day of the new winter. The sewer work is expected to be completed in a week or so. Guy Bros' minstrels give a performance at the opera house tonight. Mrs. Mary E. Johnson has been granted an original widow's pension. Rev. Mr. Horner, of Battle Creek, and Rev. J. C. Kimball, of the Unitarian church, will exchange pulpits Sunday. Patrick, eight months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Leonard of 22 1/2 Ashley street, died Tuesday afternoon of whooping cough. The Festival of Holidays at Harris Hall this and last week has been a great success. The program was greatly enjoyed and the articles met with a ready sale. Mrs. John Moore had a wrist broken Monday night while sleigh-riding. The accident happened near Ypsilanti and was occasioned by the overturning of the sleigh. Rev. T. F. Gailor bishop coadjutor of Tennessee, is making a very fine impression with his series of lectures in the Slocum foundation at St. Andrew's church. He will deliver two sermons Sunday. They should be heard by everybody. Monday night there was a dog fight and cock fight about four miles out Liberty street. There was a futile attempt to have a similar fight one night last week but the police broke it up. This time the men were successful in getting away from the police although the latter were aware of the attempt, and the sheriff's force made an unsuccessful attempt to locate the fight. Prof. John W. Langley will lecture in the Unity club course Monday evening upon Electricity. Prof. Langley has charge of this subject in the Case School of Applied Sciences at Cleveland and there are few men better qualified to speak upon the subject in this country. He spent last summer in Europe to learn the latest knowledge upon the subject among scientific men there and his lecture is likely to be very interesting and instructive. We are pleased to learn that Dr. Gibbs, whose large, varied and successful practice as physician in the hospitals of London and whose great acquirements and extensive investigations of the origin of diseases eminently qualified him for the appointment by the English government to India for the study of cholera, has decided to open a down town office and establish a pathological laboratory over Schleicher's store on Main street for the general practice of medicine, with special reference to chest diseases including also cancer and consumption the cure of which he has been unusually successful. Wm Filley, a tramp, struck Pinckney the other day and told the following fairy story: He claimed to have been born in Jackson county, that when a small child he had been stolen by the Indians and taken far west. A big chief, when he shuffled off this mortal coil for the happy hunting ground, told him he was no red man but a pale face. Shocked by this awful intelligence, Filley took a 2:10 trot for the states, saying it was a horse on him. When he arrived at Jackson the place of his youth knew him no longer, or rather knew him shorter for he had grown so since he left there. Filley became discouraged when there was no fatted cattle to be killed and at once became a tramp. The Pinckney people shipped him back to Jackson.

Miss Soule is looking up the early history of Michigan and was in Lansing last week for that purpose.

Mrs. Arthur Furlong died in Pontiac last Saturday. She was formerly Miss Gertrude Hamilton of this city.

The Masonic lodges have appointed committees to distribute baskets of provisions to the poor and needy New Years day.

The merchants are of the opinion that if the sleighing will only continue two weeks they will have an unprecedented Christmas trade.

Jacob Schnitter pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny before Justice Pond on Monday and was sentenced to 60 days in the Detroit house of correction.

The remains of the late Charles Schultz, formerly an Ann Arbor coal dealer, will be brought here next Tuesday for burial in Forest Hill cemetery.

Miss Carrie Erdmann and Emil Hoppe were married at the home of the brides' parents, 66 W. Third street, Wednesday evening, Rev. John Neumann officiating.

There was a very heavy fall of snow on Wednesday, which improved the sleighing wonderfully. It delayed street cars and it was nearly noon before the cars got to running at all regularly.

Paul Tessmer has brought suit in the circuit court against Michael Staebler et al for \$10,000 damages. Tessmer was arrested on a charge of larceny on defendants' complaint and he was discharged before Justice Pond. The suit is brought in consequence.

The Light Infantry will give a genuine circus at the rink in February. Ross Grainger, Dean Seabolt and Fred Hutton have the arrangements in hand. The entertainment will be under their supervision and that of Lieutenant W. F. Armstrong and H. O. Walters.

Uncle Sam's weather bureau on Saturday last, advised people there would be a falling of 30 degrees in the temperature that night. The coal stoves and the furnaces were redoubled in heat, there was a general hustling into the warm corners, people did not dare go out into the streets—and then it grew warmer.

The case of Dr. Christian F. Kapp, of Manchester, vs. George Hemendinger was placed on trial in the circuit court on Wednesday, and is still grinding. The suit arose over a bill of \$1500, which the doctor claims is due for medical attendance upon defendants family while they were ill with smallpox. The defendant thinks the bill too high.

S. A. Moran, of the Register, does not think much of the southerners and their ways. He tells the following story: While south this fall he shipped a package of groceries, weighing 200 pounds, to his family at Interlachen, Florida, from Atlanta, 300 miles distant. It took three weeks for the package to be delivered and the amount charged for shipment was \$4.63. In the north the charges, Mr. Moran says, would not amount to over a dollar. Mrs. Moran has refused to take the groceries out of the freight office at Interlachen, on account of the exorbitant charges.

The case of F. Hickey, guardian for Amanda, Robert and Maud Holstern, vs. the Fidelity Insurance Co., of Philadelphia, was discontinued in circuit court on Wednesday. The case had been tried to the extent that all the testimony had been put in. Some years ago the mother of the children died of consumption. She had her life insured with the Fidelity company and upon her death the company claimed that she had consumption when she took out the policy and was aware of that fact, and took out the policy expecting that she would not live much longer. The amount of the insurance was \$2,000 and the suit was instituted for the full figure. It is said that by the terms of the settlement that the children will receive \$400. W. E. Garry, an insurance adjuster from Philadelphia, who was here in connection with the case, was the first person to discover traces of the Holmes murders, and it was largely through his endeavors that the law was first put in motion against the noted criminal.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

YOU WILL REGRET IT! If you fail to examine the fine selection of HOLIDAY GOODS which will be placed on sale Monday next at Brown's Drug Store.

Ease, Elegance, Economy. All are combined in our SHOES. You can save money in buying all your footwear of us. Hundreds of people in Ann Arbor and vicinity know this to be a fact by actual experience. Sample of our prices: Ladies' Good Rubbers... 22c. Gilt Edged Shoe Polish... 08c. Gents' Fine Dress Shoes, 97c. Men's Felt Boots... 32c. Men's Rubber Boots... \$2 00 All other goods in proportion. No matter what others may offer, we can and will do better. WM. C. REINHARDT 42 South Main street.

If you want 20 pounds of sugar for fifty cents, read the advertisement on another page.

The best Christmas present is a year's subscription to the Argus. It costs a dollar and will remind the receiver of you for a whole year.

Mrs. Beulah Wagner, wife of John Wagner, residing two miles west of Ann Arbor, died Wednesday night of last week, of kidney trouble. The funeral services were held Saturday.

We commend the advertisements in this issue of the Argus to our readers. If you want to do the best for yourself you will deal only with advertisers, for they are the wide awake business men.

There has been some talk on the streets to the effect that Marshal Peterson was lax in his duty in not having breaking up the recent cock fight. The fight took place out side of his jurisdiction, being outside of the city.

The will of Ezra Carpenter will be decided by the circuit court as to its validity. The probate court recently decided that the will was valid and the matter has been appealed to the circuit. The claim is made that Carpenter never executed the instrument.

The board of public works held a session behind closed doors yesterday afternoon. There will be another meeting this afternoon and everyone who has an order against Contractor Collins must be there to file his claim. The council will then be asked to draw individual warrants for the payment of the laborers.

Miss Valera Campbell died in this city Tuesday, in her 81st year, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Louis Hall. The deceased was a sister of the late Mrs. Wm. P. Wells and of the late Chief Justice James V. Campbell. Mrs. S. T. Douglas, of Grosse Ile, was also a sister. She was born in Buffalo, N. Y., April 21, 1815, her father being Judge Henry M. Campbell. In 1836 the family removed to Detroit and Miss Campbell resided there for 65 years. Throughout the war she was secretary of the Soldiers' Aid and Sanitary Commission of Michigan. She was the oldest communicant of St. Paul's church in Detroit. The funeral took place at St. Paul's church, Detroit, yesterday afternoon and the remains were laid at rest at Elmwood.

Rev. John Snyder gave a very interesting lecture before the Unity club last Monday evening upon the Evolution of American Humor. He is a delightful reader and impersonator and the audience greeted him with repeated applause. It is a great treat to see and hear in one evening Hosea Bigelow, Mark Twain, Artemus Ward and Uncle Remus, to say nothing of Royal Tyler in his Fourth of July ballad of one hundred years ago and the almost forgotten Morton, who made the serious and pious Pilgrims of Plymouth laugh with his profane and double meaning wit. Mr. Snyder is a born actor and his representations of the negro dialect and murrain was nearly perfect. It was one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the Unity club course so far given.

Patrick Farnum, a former well known stock buyer of this county especially in the western portion, died very suddenly on Thursday afternoon of last week, while driving to his home in Pinckney. His death occurred on the road three miles west of Dexter. He had been at Dexter that day to attend the funeral of Miss Storey, and he was returning home when he fell from his cutter. It is supposed that he died of apoplexy, although his neck was broken when he was found. It is supposed that life was extinct when he fell and that the neck was broken by striking on the frozen ground. The deceased was a former resident of Dexter and for a time bought stock in company with John Smith of Ann Arbor township. He removed to Pinckney several years ago. He was about sixty years old, and leaves a wife and three children, two sons and a daughter. The funeral occurred on Monday.

Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Hendricks 70 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, Mich. P. S.—Too busy to quote prices this time.

SOLID STERLING SILVER SPOONS. Absolutely given away for nine days at E. F. Mills & Co. 20 MAIN ST.

Our Christmas Sale of Japanese Novelties. Fans, Fancy Articles etc., for Presents, opens SATURDAY morning, December 14th, and closes at 10 P. M. Christmas Eve.

To induce every one to visit our store, view its beautiful decorations and secure some of the Bargains we are to offer, we shall give to every purchaser of \$2.00 worth or over for Cash a SOLID STERLING SILVER SPOON, with gold lined bowl. This will not be a "pewter" imitation but the genuine article. We have too much care for our reputation as merchants, to offer you "solid silver" in an advertisement and then present you with an imitation worth one-tenth as much. Only one spoon will be given to anyone person on any one day.

E. F. MILLS & CO. 20 S. Main Street. DRY GOODS, CARPETS, CLOAKS.

NOW MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS. We are almost giving away. Call and see the line of trimmed Hats we are selling for \$1.00. Untrimmed Hats 19c worth 75c to \$1.00. Walking Hats and Sailors 49c worth \$1.00 to \$1.75. Closing a lot of Yarn at half price, also a lot of stamped Linens one-third off regular price. The Warner Catarrah Cure Co., Ann Arbor, Mich.

For Christmas. CUT GLASS BOTTLES AND ATOMIZERS, empty or filled with the choicest perfumes, and at prices ranging from twenty cents to ten dollars. POCKET KNIVES for everybody from 15 cents up. SCISSORS of all sizes and styles, and all warranted, your choice for 25 cents. POCKET BOOKS from five cents to two dollars each. Toilet sets, manicure sets and many other useful presents. A. E. MUMMERY'S DRUG STORE 17 E. Washington St., Corner Fourth Ave.

CLOSING OUT SALE OF CHOICE CHINA! A RARE CHANCE—AT COST. H. RANDALL, WASHINGTON BLOCK.

FIRE! FIRE! OUR LOSS, YOUR GAIN—Our Entire Stock Consisting of \$35,000 WORTH OF SUITS, OVERCOATS, MEN'S FURNISHINGS, HATS AND CAPS. Damaged by smoke and must be sold in the next 20 days. This is a chance of a life-time and it will pay you to come miles to attend this sale. Most of the goods are but slightly damaged, but all will be sold at a great sacrifice. SALE BEGINS DECEMBER 13.

WADHAMS, RYAN & REULE.

Schaller's Bookstore! TOILET CASES PHOTO ALBUMS FANCY BOOKLETS XMAS CARDS CALENDERS STATIONERY CHILDREN'S BOOKS BIBLES

Never Known Before. Such a sale as we will start Monday, Dec. 14th, was never known before in the shoe business at this time of the year. Our entire stock, (nothing reserved) will be offered at reduced price until Dec. 28th.

Martin Schaller Bookseller and Wall Paper Dealer. 19 E. Washington Street

Nothing Will Be Charged During This Sale. We must have cash for everything. We assure you we are not having this sale for pleasure, it is simply a matter of business. It's certainly not pleasant to sell such goods at reduction in price, especially when goods are said to be advancing at the factories, but we have said it and they must go.

A NEW REMEDY AND A GOOD ONE. One of the best cures for catarrh ever known is made by the Warner Catarrah Cure Co. This company has a formula from which they prepare a remedy that has worked some wonderful cures in this terrible disease, and so far as is known no one has ever used it without being benefited. This medicine does not attempt to cure everything, but IT WILL CURE CATARRH, as thousands of people can testify. It is taken internally and cures the disease by its action on the blood. If you are afflicted with the disease give it a trial and you will never regret it. Large bottles \$1.00. Sold by druggists or address The Warner Catarrah Cure Co., Ann Arbor, Mich.

JACOBS & ALLMAND Dealers in Fine Shoes. "The Little Store Around the Corner." Washington Block, Washington St., Ann Arbor

KOAL. ORDER YOUR COAL OF M. STAEBLER. OFFICE: 11 W. Washington St., Phone No. 8. YARDS: M. C. R. H., Phone No. 51.

FT. WAYNE Oil Meal. Feed Cutters, Root Cutters, Corn Shellers. Buy your tools now for next season and get them at cost or less than cost.

K. J. ROGER'S Farm Implement and Seed Store. 25-27 Detroit St., Ann Arbor. PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.



Adrian Press Impressions.

J. B. Allen, in a card to the Record says that consistency compels him to seek a place in the republican party.—Petoskey Democrat. What's he been doing, stealing sheep, or does he want an office?

The Washtenaw Times is a "romancer." It says the potato crop near Hart this year is 100 millions bushels. We have the best of reasons for believing that this is more than 153 bushels too high.

Had Miss Fitchel, the lady who teaches in Dexter's schools, been a newspaper, she would not have lost \$30, as she did a few days ago—when she missed her wallet on the train, as she was on her way to her home in Ann Arbor. In the first place she would not have been on the cars; in the next place she wouldn't have had \$30 in her wallet, nor any where else. That's where a newspaper man has the bulge on all other professions or vocations.

It is stated on pretty good authority that the row in the Agricultural College will never be settled permanently till a clear understanding is reached between the board and any future president as to whether a cow's off spring should be learned to drink, by giving it three fingers, or the whole hand. This is vital. There has also existed, it is true, a difference between the board and the last two presidents on the question of whether the cornucopia and the common outworn were identical, or were germinated through separate protoplasm; but the difference was never serious enough to precipitate an open rupture.

The alacrity with which candidates have sprung up in Washtenaw for the office of register of deeds in case Register McKinstry, now under arrest for embezzlement, should be removed, is astonishing to the democracy, who had been led to suppose that none but democrats had that "organized appetite" for do. On the mere suggestion of McKinstry's removal a dozen candidates have ranged along the line like Oklahoma boomers on the border, ready for a rush, the instant the ax falls. This shows a vitality and business enterprise that recalls an incident of a funeral. Said the parson, as he returned from the grave to court the pretty widow, "Be mine." "Awful sorry, Elder," sobbed the bereaved, "but you see the deacon proposed at the grave, and I have accepted him."

Hives are not dangerous to life, but they are a prolific breeder of misery and profanity. Doan's Ointment gives instant relief, even in the worst cases of this and other exasperating diseases of the skin.

Monroe Democrat Extractions.

The repeated rows in the Agricultural College have at least rendered the intestine war in the "little pill" department of the University entirely respectable.

A "toe social" was recently held in Rome, Lenawee county. The ladies each struck a toe from behind a curtain and an auctioneer sold the toe, including a supper privilege, to the highest bidder. The purchase of the toe included the foot—and the other also went under the table with it.

J. W. Clement explains to the Adrian Press how he came to cut his foot. He says: "My wife was suffering a temporary illness which kept her indoors, and I was obliged to split the wood myself or freeze."

Ypsilanti youths have formed a whiskey club and the one who looks like Pepper first will be given a red necktie.—Ann Arbor Argus. At last accounts none of them yet looked like Pepper, but several looked like thunder, and their girls were searching for co-partnerships among the alumni of the association.

Hiding behind a piano in the society room of the Normal were a couple of school girls, when a smitten pair of coeds entered, felt that they were alone and a loveydovey scene followed that would have turned the glow of the Romeo and Juliet affair to the straw hue of an oil lamp in the blaze of the midday sun. Then the girls went and told of it, "the mean, nasty things" and choked with glee at seeing the heart stricken pair called up on the floor and reprimanded.

State Editor G. H. Snow, of the Detroit Evening News, is at the height of his glory when writing fictitious tales regarding Pontiac's colored population. The name Snow is decidedly common among this class and possibly may account for the State Editor's familiarity with the doings of "dese individuals."—Oakland County Post. There is a horrible suspicion in many minds that most of those tales grew in chestnut burrs that long ago moldered to earth and some have so intimated to Mr. Snow. Bu' Snow use.

A "smart Alec," of Ypsilanti, journeyed to Ann Arbor, and he spake unto a Gentle from Jackson saying, "Let us have a game of poker, with a one-armed gilly from Ypsilanti and a two-armed ditto of Ann Arbor, and behold we will lick them, even as the hound will lick the skillet."—Thus spake the dissembling, for, in his heart he designed to skin the Jackson Gentle, with the help of the gillies, whom he supposed were his confederates. But it came to pass that they confederated not with him, but joined themselves unto the Jackson Gentle and the three "did him" out of a large sum, to wit—\$200, but gave him back \$85. And now he squealeth and beginneth suit. Let him that thinketh himself a "shrewd kuss" take heed; for behold he is probably a sucker and as for wisdom it abideth not with him.

Does your head feel as though someone was hammering it; as though a million sparks were flying out of the eyes? Have you horrible sickness of the stomach? [Burdock's Blood Bitters will cure you.

Grass Lake News Billows.

We met James B. Watson Thursday and he inclined his head so stiffly that we were surprised. Conduct so unusual caused us to turn after he had passed and look him over. He was wearing a new coat! It is singular how stuck up some people get over new plumage.

The fact that there will be two new moons in December for the first time since the birth of Christ 1896 years ago is the cause of some speculation among those who are superstitious, as to whether or not the event may portend the second coming of the Messiah. We want delinquent subscribers to get their just deserts!

The music of the snow shovel in this village after a big storm is something inspiring. The horny handed sons of toil who constitute the neighbors of the architect of these columns, in their great power of muscle, pitch the snow clean over the telegraph wires in to the street. Being ourself but a frail shadow on the stream of time, these sinewy feats excite our envy as we duck and dodge to get out of the way.

Charlie Jenks, of the big perfumery firm of Foote & Jenks, of Jackson, was in town a few days ago. Charlie is one solid mass of integrity and gentle manhood from the ground up, and there is neither variability nor shadow of turning in the good qualities that compose his make up. You know Foote, don't you? He can tell you more about perfumes—their qualities, durability and characteristics—in five minutes than all the Parisian dabblers in this species of chemistry. Foote is a good one. When we first stumbled into Jackson 16 years ago, he and we ate bread and cheese in our humble quarters together, and the one who had the cleanest paper collar would always loan it to the other to wear on Sunday afternoons, when its owner didn't care about an airing. Now Foote, the prosperous scamp, has a big bank account and money sticking out of both pockets, while we'd now be shivering in the deep, deep woods if Matt Keeler hadn't come in and pad a year's subscription just as we were breaking for the back door to avoid the butcher, two grocers and the man we got coal of. Such is fate!

A Significant Departure

With the departure of another year when a review is made of the condition of affairs, it is only right that some thought be given to the physical body which enables everyone to battle with life's problem and figure for themselves the profit or loss on the trial balance sheet. Though the bank account may be large, and each one's material gain be great it would not be surprising if it suddenly draws upon many that good health has been greatly impoverished by the low condition of the blood. It is in this state that the lactic acid in the vital fluid attacks the fibrous tissues, particularly the joints, making known the local manifestations of rheumatism. Thousands of people have found in Hood's Sarsaparilla the great blood purifier, a positive and permanent cure for rheumatism.

Milan.

A fire occurred in Milan Monday evening. It was found to be at the engine house and was under good headway but the prompt and efficient work of the firemen and citizens soon conquered the flames. Origin of the fire not ascertained; loss slight.

A surprise party fever is raging at present.

Ransom Rouse, of Saline, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rouse, Monday.

Mrs. W. E. Sprague and son, of Ann Arbor, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Williams over Sunday.

H. N. Phillips is clerking for Webb Blackmer at his meat market.

C. H. Wilson has returned from his Detroit visit.

Prof. and Mrs. C. M. Fuller, of Mooreville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Williams.

Mrs. C. M. Debenham gave an interesting tea to a few friends Friday afternoon.

The Presbyterian ladies will open their fair Saturday at Mr. Collis' store on Main street.

The W. C. T. U. meet with Mrs. Shoemaker, December 13.

C. H. Robison is seriously ill.

Miss Eva Clark is quite ill.

J. N. McKay has returned from his Bad Axe sojourn.

Mr. Ferris' lecture Friday evening was a brilliant success.

Grand Lecturer A. M. Clark will be in Milan December 19, and lodges from Dundee, Saline, Lambertville and Bellville are expected. The Masons are anticipating an interesting time.

Died, December 5, Alex. Smith, an old and respected citizen of Milan. Deceased leaves a wife, two daughters and a son, editor A. B. Smith, of the Milan Leader, and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss. The funeral was held at the Union church Monday afternoon. R. Rev. M. H. McMahon, of Pinckney, assisted by Rev. H. F. Shier, the pastor of the Milan M. E. church, and Rev. J. P. Hutchinson, of Ann Arbor, officiated. The G. A. R. were in attendance at the funeral which was a large one.

It May Do as Much for You.

Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a severe kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back, and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so called kidney cures, but without any good result. About a year ago he began the use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to the cure of all Kidney and Liver troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price only 50c. For large bottle. At the Eberbach Drug and Chemical Co., Ann Arbor, and at Geo. J. Haussler's, Manchester.

Emery.

Evart Camp has come back to live with his father, A. B. Camp, after five years in Isabelle county.

H. Laraway and E. Leland have put wind mills on their barns for grinding feed.

Mrytie Robison, our day operator, is spending a few days with his sister at Toledo. Mrs. Sheals, of Samaria, is at the key in his absence.

Mrs. H. W. Bobison has been on the sick list for several days.

Miss Mary Rowden called on her friends in Ann Arbor last Friday.

E. Galligan and son have moved into their new house.

Mrs. Geo. Bunn has returned from a visit to St. Johns.

Chuck Burdock will return to Howell in a few days.

Miss Kate Pfeiffe has gone to Milan to spend a few days with Mrs. Shies.

Fred Zeeb has his new house nearly ready for the bride.

Our blacksmith reports lots of work, but no money.

Dan Sutton is buying all the stock he can get and they say he pays more than any one on the market.

For Kidney Troubles

there is nothing better than Clinic Kidney Cure. Everyone who tries it will agree to this.

A. E. Mummery, druggist, Ann Arbor.

Dexter.

Patrick Farnum, of Pinckney, while returning to his home from Dexter, where he had been to attend a funeral, fell from his buggy dead. He leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter. The funeral was held on Monday from St. Mary's church in Pinckney.

Mr. Newkirk and family spent the Sabbath with Mrs. Newkirk's father at Birkett.

Miss Mary Story died at the home of her mother on Tuesday, December 3, aged 17 years, of consumption. The funeral took place from St. Joseph's church Thursday morning. Rev. Fr. Goldrick, of Northfield, officiating. She leaves a mother and two brothers, with a large circle of friends, to mourn her loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, of Ingham County, are here for a few days.

The social at the home of Miss Alice Devine will be held at her home Saturday evening in place of last Tuesday, as was stated in last week's paper.

Mr. Braidy and sisters and Will Munks and sister, of Pinckney, visited the singing school at Hudson Monday night.

The people in Dexter village were greatly excited last Thursday night by the appearance of a ghost.

Mrs. G. Wall and son, Wm. Connors and daughter, P. McGinniss and son, Dan. Hoey, and Patrick Larey attended Mr. Farnum's funeral at Pinckney Monday.

Mr. Dubois is here looking after his farming interests in this vicinity.

Wm. Larey, sr., was at Chubb's Corners several days last week.

Mr. Andress has been called to Northfield to attend his son who is dangerously ill at the home of Mr. Stein.

Mr. Crane and family are soon to move to Deerfield.

Burt Taylor with his mother and sisters, spent the Sabbath in Northfield.

Alfred Phelps and Miss Anna Whitaker were married at the home of the bride's father in this village, Wednesday, Rev. Blomfield officiating.

Will Brogan, of Marion, was a guest of his uncle, John Lidwidge, Saturday and Sunday.

Dave Stoll, one of our most promising young men, has a position as newsboy on the M. C. R. R.

Will Taylor was at Pinckney Thursday on business.

Clarence Carpenter and Jas. Gregory were guests of Mr. Hooker's family, in Pettysville, Friday and Saturday.

Miss R. Galligan, of Ann Arbor, was the guest of her sister this week.

C. McGinniss made a trip to Pinckney Thursday.

Mr. O'Brien, of Northfield, and Miss Hoey and Will McGinniss visited the Hudson school Friday.

The Misses Maggie and Mary Phelan, of Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Hughes, of Ann Arbor, were called here to attend the funeral of Miss May Story Thursday.

James Lyman and family attended his brother-in-law's funeral in Pinckney Monday.

Business called Henry Schieferstein to Pinckney Monday.

Walter Fredericks at the opera house Monday night.

Mr. Neeb and wife were in Chelsea Friday.

Mr. Teeple, of Pinckney, attended the races here Friday afternoon.

The singing school at the Birkett school house is well attended.

Mr. Wedemeyer, of Ann Arbor, visited our schools last week.

T. Birkett made his friends in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor a call Tuesday.

John Pidd and family had friends from Livingston county visit them last week.

Mr. Marshall and son were at Pinckney Saturday.

Wm. Asquith, of Stockbridge, was here Saturday.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by The Eberbach Drug and Chemical Co., Ann Arbor, and Geo. J. Haussler, Manchester.

Whitmore Lake.

Be sure and come to the play "Sweet-briar," Saturday evening, December 14, at the Lake house. Admission, 10 and 15 cents.

Willard Stark called on friends in Green Oak last Saturday.

George Lomen is still very low. His daughters are with him at the present writing. There is no hope of his recovery.

Mrs. James Burnett and Miss Nellie Willson spent Sunday with friends in Webster.

Manchester.

Walter C. Mack, of Ann Arbor, was in town Tuesday on business.

Mr. August Wuerthner, of Tecumseh, spent Sunday with his parents.

Fred Burtless has gone to Toledo to attend the business college.

Rev. Heidenreich has been in Detroit visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tracy, of Napoleon, spent a few days in town visiting friends. Mrs. N. Schmid and daughters, Louise and Amanda, spent Monday with friends in Tecumseh.

John Engel and daughter Anna from Ypsilanti, drove to Manchester last Saturday to attend the funeral of Jacob Kern.

Knorpp & Meyer have taken possession of their new meat market, which is a fine one.

A number of young people took a sleigh ride to Rogers Corner, last Friday evening, to attend the box social at Breitenwisher's.

The Epworth League gave a social at Leeson's last Tuesday evening.

Walter Fredericks, the renowned orator, impersonator and dramatist, gave an entertainment at Arbeiter Hall Thursday evening.

The W. R. C. have made great preparations for a fair, which will take place in their hall Friday and Saturday.

Senator Smith, of Jackson, was in town Tuesday to attend the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Savings bank.

Mrs. J. Lazell, of Ann Arbor, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. Baumgartur, of Ann Arbor, was in town on business Tuesday.

Weakness and Headache.

"I have been a great sufferer with weakness and female difficulties, and I have tried a great many different kinds of medicine with only temporary relief.

I finally began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and I gained every day on flesh and strength. I am now feeling better than I have felt for 10 years. I have not had a headache since I began taking Hood's Pills nor have I been troubled in any way with constipation."

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New Books.

The following new books have been received by the Ladies' Library Association:

The Real Chinaman, by Chester Holcombe. 615 A.

Windfalls of Observation, by Martin. 616 A.

Brave Little Holland, by Elliott Griffin. 278 D.

The Secret of an Empire, by Pierre DeLano. 441 E.

Margaret Winthrop, by Alice Morse Earle. 442 E.

Townsend Harris, by Elliot Griffin. 443 E.

The Second Jungle Book, by Rudyard Kipling. 227 G.

Two Little Pilgrims' Progress, by Mrs. Burnett. 228 G.

Memoirs of a Minister of France, by Stanley Weyman. 761 I.

The Shadow of a Crime, by Hall Caine. 762 I.

The King of Schnorrers, by Israel Fawcett. 763 I.

The Three Miss Kings, by Ada Cambridge. 764 I.

The Children of the Ghetto, by Israel Fawcett. 765 I.

Pratt Portraits, by Anna Fuller. 766 I.

The Days of Auld Lang Syne, by Jan Maclaren. 767 I.

Esther Waters, by Geo. Moore. 768 I.

My Lady Nobody, by Maarten Maarten. 769 I.

Fét-Geist, by L. Dougall. 770 I.

Peak and Prairie, by Anna Fuller. 771 I.

Pierre and His People, by Gilbert Parker. 772 I.

Under the Man-Flag, by M. E. M. Davis. 773 I.

The Front Yard, by C. F. Woolson. 774 I.

The Bondman, by Hall Caine. 775 I.

Kidnapped, by R. L. Stevenson. 776 I.

Mr. Bonaparte, of Corsica, by J. K. Bangs. 777 I.

Any person may draw a book for one week on payment of 5 cents.

Officers Elected.

Ann Arbor Camp No. 2,796, Modern Woodmen, elected the following officers last week:

Venerable Consul—Enoch Seers.

Worthy Advisor—Frank Cunningham.

Eminent Banker—Will Shadford.

Clerk—Geo. P. Stauch.

Watchman—Geo. Clark.

Sentinel—Wm. Olney.

Escort—Alvin St. Clair.

Forester—Sid. Bangs.

Board of Managers—Chas. Esslinger.

Wm. Mahlke, Wm. Barrows.

Delegate to Grand Camp—Eugene S. Gilmore; alternate—Wm. Shadford.

Physicians—Drs. E. A. Clark and John Boylan.

On Friday evening Washtenaw Lodge No. 9, I. O. O. F., selected the following officers:

Noble Grand—Henry P. Danforth.

Vice Grand—Robert E. Staebler.

Rec. Sec'y—J. D. Vance.

Treasurer—Michael Staebler.

The organization known as the Granite State Building & Loan Association, met Friday evening and selected the following officers:

President—Geo. Haller, Sr.

Sec'y—C. W. Hill.

Treas.—S. W. Clarkson.

Attorney—E. B. Norris.

Ex. Com.—P. O'Hearn, J. W. Bennett, D. E. Carr.

At a regular meeting of Welch Post held at their hall last evening, the following officers were chosen to serve the ensuing year:

Commander—F. Pistorious.

Sr. Vice Com.—H. P. Danforth.

Jr. Vice Com.—M. E. Crandall.

Chaplain—W. K. Childs.

Surgeon—Dr. E. R. Eggleston.

Officer of the Day—J. Q. A. Sessions.

Quartermaster—H. A. Sweet.

Officer of the Guard—H. P. Hill.

I. S.—Harrison Soule.

O. S.—Col. H. S. Dean.

Delegates to State Encampment—J. H. Webb, P. Irwin.

Alternates—W. A. Clark, H. P. Danforth.

The members of the M. E. Sunday School Board gathered at their rooms on Thursday evening last, and selected the following officers for the year:

Superintendent—E. E. Calkins.

Ass't Supt.—Henry Bliton.

Lady Ass't—Florence Sterrett.

Supt. of Primary Department—Ella Bennett.

Secretary—Nina M. Davison.

Treasurer—Bessie Turner.

Librarian—John Schlee.

Ass't Librarian—Walter Bain.

"I contracted a severe cold from exposure. Coughed all winter. Could get no relief. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup broke up the cold and drove away the cold. Never took anything that did me so much good." I. H. Brooks, North Haverhill, N. H.

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Whisk brooms	Baby rings	Curling irons with heaters
Hat brushes	Leather pocket books	Pocket cigar cutters
Silver backed brushes	Ladies' garters	Pocket knives
Comb brushes	Fan holders	Tooth pick holders
Hair brushes	Manicure sets	Cigarette holders
Pocket combs	Cigar cases	Key rings
Combs	Grip marks	Umbrella marks
Side combs	Finger nail polishers	Hat marks
Hair ornaments	Bon-bon dishes	Necktie clasps
Glove buttoners	Suspenders	Bicycle marks
Finger nail files	Hand mirrors	Lapel bouquet holders
Shoe buttoners	Whisky flasks	Photo easels
Shoe spoons	Silver buckles	Letter stands
Paper cutters	Ink stands	Tea balls.
Card cases	Silver picture stands	
Miniature mirrors	Thermometers	

# HALLER'S JEWELRY STORE

## Optical Department.

If you have not the time to have glasses fitted to the eye then purchase the gift and the donee will come in after Christmas and have the proper glasses fitted, free of charge, by a competent and experienced optician.

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## Suggestions FOR Christmas Gifts

What to give our many friends and loved ones for Christmas is truly a difficult question to solve. The glad holiday season should be one of joy, peace and happiness and not of perplexity, as it is too often. How many people there are who have no taste or judgment when

it comes to selecting gifts for their friends? An exorbitant price is paid for some useless, inappropriate trifle that is not in keeping with the other furnishings, when a useful gift in the way of a chair, fancy stand, easel, screen, or a pretty cabinet might be purchased for less money and would be far more acceptable.

It is usually thought more difficult to select gifts for men than for women. But the difficulty rests upon the mistakes in the field from which selections are made.

Instead of the numerous scarfs, slippers, match safes, smoking jackets or poor cigars with which women so frequently make vain attempts to meet the taste of her liege lord, why not purchase that which you know he will enjoy? It is far more sensible to give him an office chair than a scarf pin—which beyond a doubt he would prefer to select for himself. A foot rest, an easy chair, a chiffonier, or a book case, makes an invaluable present. If he is of convivial turn, give him a buffet to match the dining room furniture, or to fit in the vacant corner of his "den." A leather covered easy chair or rocker will make a very appropriate present and will be a never ending source of delight to the occupant. An office desk, revolving book case, or a chest of drawers, will make a most judicious present.

For a lady, one of the daintiest gifts imaginable is a fancy writing desk. Sofas, fancy chairs, foot stools, screens, odd pieces for the parlor or bed room—any of these may be found here, and no Christmas gift would be more attractive or valuable. An extremely useful gift, and one that would win the heart of any lady, is a French dressing case.

For the good housewife there are so many pretty and useful articles that would help make home more attractive, that one could hardly go amiss. Nothing would be more acceptable than a nice side board, set of dining room chairs, or a china closet in which to display her nice china, silver or glassware.

One of the seasonable novelties is a couch upholstered in fancy figured corduroy. We have these couches made especially to our order in all the latest colors and designs at the prices we have placed on them no one should be without this useful article of furniture.

Fancy rockers are useful, ornamental, and appropriate gifts for all seasons. One of the many graceful styles has a curved seat and with a loose cushion made of mottled kama silk. Red curly birch, finished natural, and mahogany are the woods used, and brown, myrtle, crimson and blue are the favorite colors for the upholstery.

A brass or enameled iron bed for the grown folks or the children, a pretty little rocking chair for the baby, a new crib for the nephew or niece, a folding bed for those who dwell in cramped places, and those who do not, a parlor cabinet, music cabinet, or a tete-a-tete for your wife, sister or daughter; an easy rocker for dear old grandpa or grandma; a reading chair or study table for the student—any of these and legions more will be found in our stock, and the least of them will make a Christmas offering surpassed in beauty, value, or utility by nothing else you might purchase.

An inspection of our large and varied stock of Christmas novelties will be appreciated.

We have arranged our holiday stock early this year — a whole month head of time — because we believe people will buy early if they have a chance at a good full holiday stock, and because by buying early we have secured exclusive control for this city, the products of some of the best manufacturers in the country, goods that have national reputation for Original, Artistic Design, Durability And Low Price. We promise to show you the largest and best assortment of Holiday Furniture ever brought to this city.

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PERSONAL.

Henry A. Kyrle, wife of Seattle, Washington, arrived in the city Sunday night. Mr. Kyrle left for Boston this week and his wife will remain with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Kyrle. Mr. Kyrle will return in time to spend the holidays here.

UNIVERSITY.

The freshmen laws are endeavoring to elect a president, but without much success. They have held two elections, but were unable to make a choice between M. Pettman, the east's candidate, and A. J. Weatherwax, Michigan's candidate.

Prof. Hinsdale addressed the Alpha Nu society last Saturday night on "The Function of the Literary Society in a College Education." He thought the literary circles were declining and attributed it to interest in other lines, notably journalism.

At the vesper service yesterday, Hon. John W. Foster gave a half hour's talk upon "Missions in the Far West." Shakespere's "Julius Caesar" will be produced by the oratorical association in the spring. The cast will be entirely made up from students who had work under Prof. Trueblood.

Wrinkle's Christmas number was issued yesterday. It is a very creditable issue. It is announced that Robert H. Whitten has been awarded the second prize of \$150, given by W. A. Giles, through the Civic Confederation in Chicago.

Ben Metheny, a freshman from Grand Rapids, was this week dismissed from college. Metheny went to the Harvard game after he had asked permission from the faculty and it had been refused him. It is claimed other students went without asking permission have not yet been dismissed.

A Runaway Pair. A foolish girl and a man who was old enough to know better stirred up quite an agitation here and at Ypsilanti Monday and Tuesday nights. Monday night Marshal Peterson received word from Jackson that an eloping couple from that city were on their way east over the Michigan Central and he was asked to make a search of the night train here for them.

The girl, whose name was Jessie Young, aged 17, was from a very good family. The man, who gave his name as L. D. Packard, travelled for perfumes and disinfectants of his own make and stated that he lived in Detroit. He had known the girl but a short time. He is held at Jackson on a charge of larceny, it being claimed that he recently stole a valise and some goods of a room mate.

Former Argus Editor Dead.

Edwin R. Powell died at Stanton, this state, on the 6th inst. His early years were connected with this city's history. In 1835 when a lad of 15 years, Mr. Powell entered the office of the Ann Arbor State Journal and there learned the art of printing.

Only pure Havana used as filler in Gorman's Royal Red Top Cigars.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, 'DR' PRICES BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE. A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Michigan Leads. Michigan leads all colleges and universities in the number of its students who are members of the present congress recently convened in Washington. Senator Cushman K. Davis, of Minnesota, graduated from the literary department in 1857. He was a classmate of ex-Congressman Levi T. Griffin.

NESTING TIME.

Around the chimney swallows fly, And wrens explore the barn and shed, The orioles go flashing by With bits of straw and cotton shred.

A MEAN ADVANTAGE.

The Idea of Colored Maps Was Stolen From a Poor Girl. "I don't know that that is a true story," said the woman in gray, "but it was told to me as such. It happened a great many years ago when the ways and means of acquiring useful knowledge were not so easy as they are today.

What became of her history fails to tell us. With her idea it was different. It so happened that when the young woman had started to undo her bundle the representative had caught sight of the colored maps within. Brief as the glance was he had recognized the value of the idea, as he had also recognized that it was one that might be appropriated by any one.

Driven from the island from which it takes its name, where once it bred in enormous numbers, the shearwater still congregates during the breeding season by thousands in Eigg, and in smaller numbers in others of the western islands of Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and has a home on one, and one only, of the Scilly isles, within a mile or two of the reefs of evil repute among which Queen Anne's fleet on its return from Spain, confused by continuous fogs, and believing itself far to the south of the French coast, found itself entangled with fatal results on the night of the 23d of October, 1707.

The chief part of the island is covered with thrift, which has grown on the dust of its ancestors until it has formed a light, spongy peat of its own, extending in places to several feet in depth, honeycombed, more particularly at the eastern end, with burrows.

On landing—though black backed and herring gulls are in plenty, and the seaside rocks are dotted with puffins and shags—there is nothing to be seen which could suggest to an explorer unwarned that he stands in the chief English breeding place of the most powerful and graceful on the wing, and—excepting perhaps its own smaller near relative, the stormy petrel—the most poetical in association of European birds.

The Argus three months for 25 cents.

The Childs Mansion. Wootten, the magnificent country house of the late George W. Childs, is to be torn down. Such is the intention of its owner, George W. Childs Drexel, who intends to erect on its site a larger and much more magnificent structure. This was the favorite residence of the late philanthropist, and it was there that he dispensed his superb hospitality to the salt of the earth. In that house, it is safe to say, more people of renown have been entertained than in any other private residence in the United States.

A Flourishing Industry. Friend—How are you getting along now? Sharpfello—First rate. Making money hand over fist. "Indeed! You told me some time ago that your trade no longer paid living wages."

Believe nothing against another but on good authority, and never report what may hurt another unless it be a greater hurt to some other to conceal it.—Penn.

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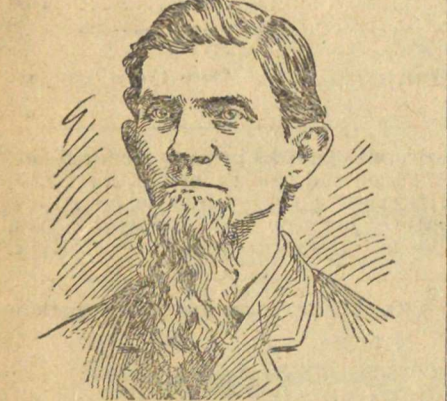
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 "A dentist once came to me for an elephant's tusk, from which a good set of teeth might be made for a wealthy client of his. He was to spare no expense. I found him a tusk, which, being an especially good one, I sold for \$12.50 a pound, the usual price being from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per pound. I afterward learned that the dentist made \$500 out of that set of teeth."  
 "Of course it would be impossible for dentists to sell teeth so cheaply as they do now if the teeth were all made from elephants' tusks. As a matter of fact, so many people are now wearing false teeth that I doubt if the ivory suitable for this purpose could ever be found. I am told that a good many false teeth are now being made from vegetable ivory, ivoryine, etc. If so, the price of teeth must naturally go down, and in time the toothless one will probably be able to replenish his mouth for an absurdly low sum. A set of teeth for \$1.25," concluded the dealer, laughing, "would create a boom in false teeth."  
 —Philadelphia Times.

**The English Great Bread Eaters.**  
 "Bread is one article of food that is cheaper in England and Scotland than in this country," said Mr. John Stephenson of Glasgow. Mr. Stephenson and a brother conduct bakery establishments.  
 The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on — and get 8 bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar (50c.), which always gives relief.  
 A. E. Mummery, druggist, Ann Arbor.  
 "I contracted a severe cold from exposure. Coughed all winter. Could get no relief. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup broke up the cold and drove away the cold. Never took anything that did me so much good." I. H. Brooks, North Haverhill, N. H.

**Epilepsy 20 Years.**  
**Cured by Dr. Miles' Nervine.**  
 A few years ago, Mr. L. W. Gallaher, was an extensive, successful expert manufacturer of lumber products. Attacked with epilepsy, he was obliged to give up his business. The attacks came upon him most inopportunely. One time falling from a carriage, at another down stairs, and often in the street. Once he fell down a shaft in the mill, his injuries nearly proving fatal. Mr. Gallaher writes from Milwaukee, Feb. 16, '95.



"There are none more miserable than epileptics. For 20 years I suffered with epileptic fits, having as high as five in one night. I tried any number of physicians, paying to me alone, a fee of \$500.00 and have done little for years but search for something to help me, and have taken all the leading remedies, but received no benefit. A year ago my son, Chas. S. Gallaher, druggist at 191 Reed St., Milwaukee, gave me Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine, and I tried it with gratifying results. Have had but two fits since I began taking it. I am better now in every way than I have been in 20 years."  
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**RELICS OF HANSE MERCHANTS.**  
**A Museum Full of Curious Reminders of the Old Baltic League.**  
 But one of the most entertaining places was the Hanseatic house, or museum, which stands in the Finnegaard, on the Tydskebygge. It is the last remaining habitation occupied by that notorious ring of German traders who settled down in Bergen, Norway, in the fourteenth century and monopolized its commerce for some 200 or 300 years, until its power was finally broken in the eighteenth century. All the other houses have been burned or otherwise destroyed, and this was the only one left standing.  
 We climbed up to a room in the second story, about 8 by 15 feet square, and here were shown a large number of curious articles formerly used by these old merchants. There were scales and weights, the latter being of two sorts—one for buying and one for selling—clocks, lanterns, candlesticks, snuff-boxes, washing bowls, drinking cups and tankards, machines for chopping cabbage and staves with bags for making collections in church. We were also shown lamps that were fed with cod liver oil, not then used for medicinal purposes; decorations made of strips of dried codfish, and the arms of the league—half an eagle and half a cod, the latter surmounted by a crown which suggested the origin of the term "codfish aristocracy."  
 Then, through a dark, rickety stairway, we continued our climb to the third story and were shown the merchants' business office and the apartments for the clerks and bedrooms for all. These last were the most curious of the whole suit, for the beds are constructed like the berths of a ship and are closed on one side with hinged or sliding doors, while on the other shutters open to a passage beyond to enable the female domestics to make the beds without entering the men's rooms. The Hanseatic community was supposed to be strictly celibate in order to prevent its members from intermarrying with Norwegians, and thus allowing the natives to obtain a share of the monopolized trade.—Boston Transcript.  
 Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup seems sent as a special providence to little folks. Pleasant to take, perfectly harmless, absolutely sure to give instant relief in all cases of cold or lung trouble.

**The World's Fair Tests showed no baking powder so pure or so great in leavening power as the Royal.**

**A Dwarf Takes Second Growth.**  
 Sir Geoffrey Hudson, the celebrated English dwarf of the seventeenth century, was doubtless the most widely known human curiosity of his time. He was born of parents of the normal size at Rudlandshire in 1619. At birth he weighed less than a pound and a half, and was only 8 inches in length. He did not begin to walk until after the end of his third year, his height at that time being less than a foot. At the end of his seventh year he was taken into the family of the Duke of Buckingham, having between the ages of 3 and 7 years added but four inches to his stature. With Buckingham he lived until 30 years old, at which time he was only 15 inches in height when equipped in fashionable high heeled shoes.  
 At the age of 30, however, a remarkable change came over the midget, and for the next five years his growth was as remarkable for its rapidity as it had previously been for its backwardness. At the age of 30 his height had been scant 1 1/2 feet. At 35 it was 3 feet and 9 inches! How or why this remarkable change was brought about was a question too deep for the Society of Royal Surgeons, who, time and again, discussed the phenomenon without arriving at any satisfactory conclusions. Hudson lived to be 63, which is three times the average length of life among giants.—St. Louis Republic.  
 David Gore, township treasurer of Northfield, will be at the county treasurer's office the last three Saturdays of this month to collect the township tax. 1t

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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Hugh McGuire, sr., was the first man to pay his December taxes.  
 The Wolverine Cycle club will elect officers next Tuesday night.  
 Fred E. Hanford has returned to a clerkship with Mack & Co.  
 Dr. Gibbs has opened a down town office over Schleicher's grocery store.  
 C. A. Gale has been appointed postmaster at Pittsfield, vice George Amos, resigned.  
 Martin Haller this week received an order for a writing desk, to be shipped to Cape Town, Africa.  
 The city's broker shop has been removed from the Masonic block to No. 3 East Washington street.  
 Capt. E. P. Allen, of Ypsilanti, has promised to deliver the Memorial Day address next year at Elgin, Ill.

George Fohm, of the American house, received the sad intelligence Monday that his brother had died in Colorado.  
 Rev. L. Cole, of this city, conducted the services at St. Luke's, Ypsilanti, last Sunday, making a very favorable impression.

Deputy Sheriff Canfield took Herbert Walsh to the Jackson prison Monday, where he is to serve two years' sentence for horse stealing.

F. H. Ticknor, treasurer of Pittsfield, will be in Ypsilanti on December 21; in Ann Arbor December 28 and January 4, and in Saline January 7 to receive taxes.

Miss Finley's story club will meet next Monday at 4 p. m. at the residence of Mrs. Schoff, South Division street. A full attendance is requested to discuss plan of work after the holidays.

The Rev. Dr. Ryan, of Ypsilanti, said in a sermon last Sunday that "the rabble should not be permitted to attend these justice court cases." In view of some recent developments at Ypsilanti, Rev. Dr. Ryan's advice is very good.

J. J. Ferguson has been let the contract to build a home for Hon. Reuben Kempf, to be situated on north Thayer, between Catherine and Lawrence streets. The house will have complete modern furnishings.

A praise meeting held last Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church very much delighted a good sized audience. Quartettes and solos were rendered in excellent style. Bible readings and clear explanations of the same were given by the pastor.

"There is a fair prospect," says the Detroit Free Press, "that the complete right of way for the new electric road from Ann Arbor to Detroit will be secured in a few days, and those interested state that there is ample capital at hand for its completion at the earliest possible date."

E. H. LeRoy, of Ann Arbor, a former resident of Pontiac, is spending the week with friends in the city. Mr. LeRoy has been away from Pontiac only about three years, but is greatly surprised at the rapid development of this place during that time.—Oakland County Post.

Mrs. John Schrader, sr., of Whiteford Center, recently underwent an operation for the removal of a cataract from one of her eyes. It was successful and she sees again. It was not so very long ago in the history of surgery when such a restoration of sight was regarded as little short of miraculous.—Manroe Democrat.

"All the Comforts of Home" was presented at the opera house last Saturday night to a fair sized audience. It gave good satisfaction and kept the audience in good spirits, with the assistance of the "entre act" clove. By the way, the way the students—some of them—use door checks would be good cause for a Sunday sermon.

Messrs. Colvan and Soper returned last Saturday from the east, where they had been for the purpose of purchasing machinery for the Ann Arbor branch of the Hay & Todd factory. The latest improved machinery will be delivered in Ann Arbor within about six weeks, and it is expected that the branch will be ready for work by March 1.

The U. of M. Glee Club have been singing into a phonograph. This will insure the advance man an attraction which will be an entire novelty to opera house managers. He will be able to turn on a full head of steam, allow the manager to listen to the repertoire and if he doesn't like it he needn't buy, and if he does "he pays his money and takes his choice."

The Ann Arbor Railroad Co. has filed a new map with the railroad commissioner for a line from Ithaca to Alma, and the fight over shutting out St. Louis will be resumed before the crossing board December 23. By the new arrangement the company runs a track parallel to the Detroit, Lansing & Northern, and a spur with one passenger train a day will be run into St. Louis.

Max O'Rell, who is to lecture in the S. L. A. course this year, lectured in the Normal course in Ypsilanti last week Wednesday. The Frenchman's subject was, "Her Royal Highness, Woman." Here were two of his stingers. "If you must choose between living with your mother-in-law and shooting yourself—don't hesitate a moment—shoot—her." And again, "In America there is an entire absence of stupid faces in an audience. In America everybody is intelligent—looking."

A reception was given by the Hobart Guild last evening.

The Ferguson Cart factory is making large shipments to St. Louis.

Superintendent Mason thinks that the crop of tramps this winter will be exceptionally large.

The Elks exhibited a decided partiality for the city fathers in electing their officers in this city.

Oscar Burkhardt, recently with Mack & Co., is now devoting his whole time booming the life insurance business.

Henry Reddway is charged by Edith Morgan at Ypsilanti, with being the father of an illegitimate child. Reddway is married.

Representative Aitken has introduced a bill in congress to correct the military record of Richard H. Marsh, formerly postmaster of Saline.

The Graduate club meet at President Angell's next Tuesday evening to listen to a paper by Professor Spalding on Experimental Evolution of Plants.

Dr. Boone, president of the Ypsilanti Normal school, will address the Students' Christian association in Newberry hall at three o'clock next Sunday afternoon.

Fred E. Palmer, a passenger brakeman on the Michigan Central, died in Detroit Monday evening. He was thought to have been in robust health, but his death was a sudden one. He was brought to Ypsilanti for interment.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 159, F. & A. M., has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: H. B. Dodsley, W. M.; W. W. Wadhams, S. W.; H. F. Miller, J. W.; L. C. Goodrich, treasurer; Norman Gates, secretary; W. H. Butler, S. D.; Chas. Burkhardt, J. D.; O. M. Martin, tyler.

A representative of one of the largest music publishing houses in the country while in the city a few days ago told a lady with whom he was talking that Ann Arbor had forged to the front musically in the last few years in a way that already gained a marked place in the musical world. His house in sending him out on the present trip had to do with him to go to Ann Arbor and Chicago, but it would not be necessary to stop at Detroit.—Times.

There was a large turn out of students at the court house Tuesday morning when Merrill E. Wilson, complainant in the alleged forgery case against Omar F. Neff, of the law school, made an endeavor to get released from the bonds of Michigan. His attorneys endeavored to show that Wilson was inveigled fraudulently into the state for the purpose of getting jurisdiction over him here. Neff filed a counter affidavit to show that there was no fraud and that he had been inveigled out of Michigan at the time of his arrest. Judge Kinney required that the case be presented him on briefs in ten days.

The theatrical path is not one always strewn with roses. When Harrison J. Wolfe presented the "Corsican Brothers" in Ann Arbor recently, he had all kinds of trials. In the first place he had made some miscue and he was not sufficiently advertised and when the curtain was rung up there was hardly a corporal's guard to see the young actor. Mr. Wolfe has shown his business sagacity also by inviting the football team to be present, but unfortunately the eleven had not yet returned from Chicago and Captain Henninger did not receive the invitation in time. The result was a small house, but Mr. Wolfe will be greeted by a good sized audience on his return in the spring, provided he will find a new actress for the old woman part in the play presented here. She spoiled his performance.

I will be at the county treasurer's office in the court house the last three Thursdays in December for the collection of the Scio township tax. On all other days of the month I will be found at my office in Dexter village. Jay Keith, Scio township treasurer. 4t

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**Chinese Calendar.**  
 The Chinese have a singularly complicated calendar. Their cycles have 60 years, each year, month and day having its own name, and by combining these the day, month and year are designated.

Life is made up not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindness and small obligations given habitually are what preserve the heart and secure comfort.—Sir H. Davy.

It is only by labor that thought can be made healthy, and only by thought that labor can be made happy, and the two cannot be separated with impunity.—Ruskin.

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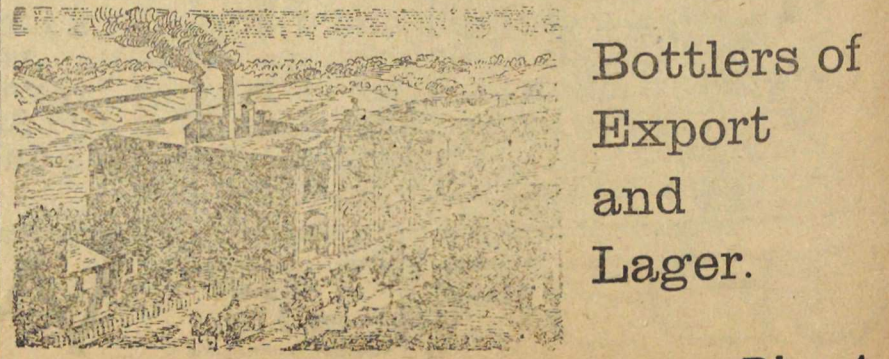
RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts.....\$488,246 44	Capital stock paid in.....\$ 50,000 00
Stocks, Bonds, Mortgages, etc.....509,346 95	Surplus fund.....150,000 00
Overdrafts.....1,329 11	Undivided profits less current expenses, interest and taxes paid.....13,193 29
Banking house.....20,500 00	Dividends unpaid.....119 00
Furniture, fixtures.....8,917 32	
Other Real Estate.....7,607 07	
<b>CASH.</b>	<b>DEPOSITS.</b>
Due from banks in reserve cities.....80,097 20	Commercial deposits, subject to check.....171,156 46
Due from other banks and bankers.....83 60	Savings deposits.....689,061 94
Checks and cash items.....1,976 46	Savings certificates of deposit.....96,947 43
Nickels and pennies.....3 0 14	Due to banks and bankers.....2,925 78
Gold coin.....30,000 00	
Silver coin.....1,000 00	
U. S. and National Bank Notes.....12,498 00	
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 County of Washtenaw, ss.  
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 MICHAEL J. FRITZ, Notary Public.  
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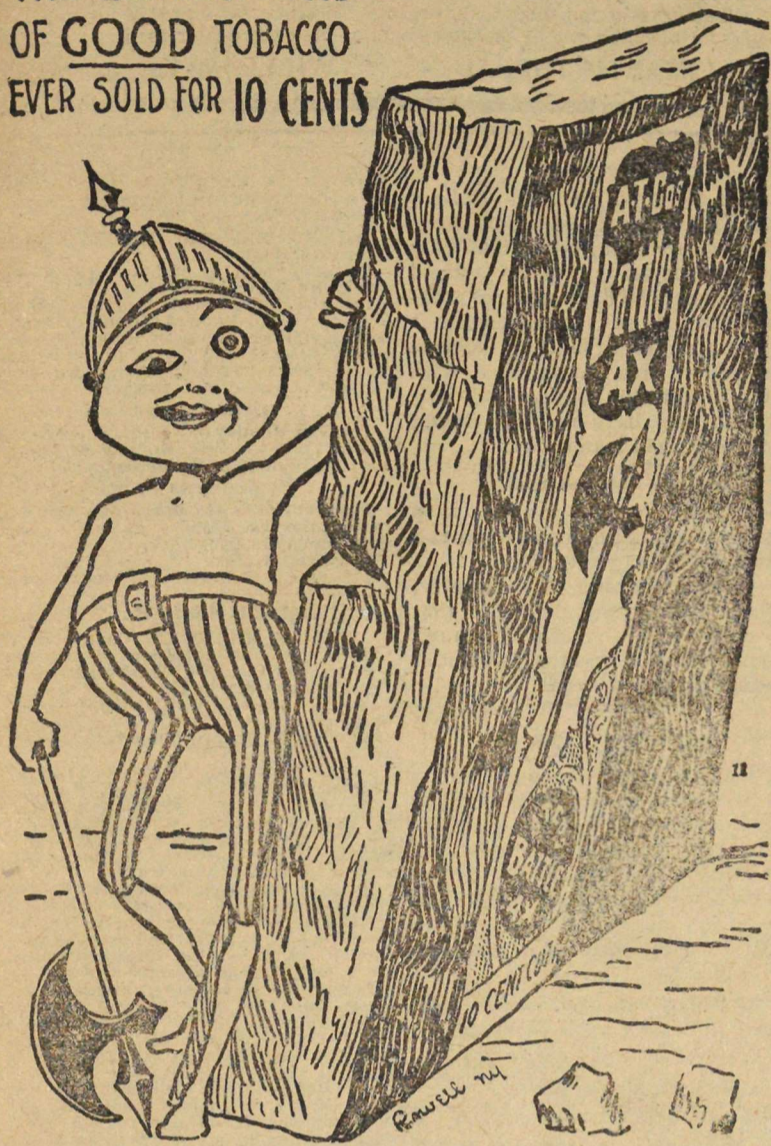


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### MORNING ON THE "HEIGHTS."

A glorious morning! Where the city lies,  
Far down below us, rests a foggy sea,  
Its edges carved around the hills that rise  
Outlined against the west. Far off and free  
Ring out the factory bells, their rhythmic  
sway  
Calling the toilers to a newborn day.  
Then all is still, until a distant train,  
With rust and rattle winds across the plain,  
Invisible, beneath the airy veil, to me,  
As ebbled message passing through the sea.  
I listen to the river murmuring low  
And think of those who listened long ago.  
It seems a thousand miles to awake  
The world once more, and this sweet silence  
break.  
—Clara B. Heath in Good Housekeeping.

### A WASTED LIFE.

I first met the deacon under rather odd circumstances. A persistent touch of rheumatism under my left shoulder, which defied liniments and plasters, sent me to the Hot Springs, seven miles north of Boonopolis, southern California.

To reach the Hot Springs the traveler crosses five miles of desert country, where the cactus flourishes like the green bay tree, and the coyote shrills at night his peculiar lay. Then he climbs "the grade," a rise of 1,000 feet in two miles. This part of the way is over a mountain road which skirts precipices and winds in and out among canyons in a way that makes timid people dizzy.

One beautiful winter afternoon Deacon Hardwicke started for the hotel. That morning he had procured at Boonopolis a livery team and a driver, and had been taken to different points about the valley, looking at lands which were offered for sale. Having completed his inspection, he was driven to the foot of the grade, and there he dismissed the team.

He had in his hands a little black leather wallet containing deeds, and, as he walked along in his slow and dignified fashion, his eyes bent on the ground, he looked like a gentleman of leisure, perhaps a wealthy eastern tourist out for an airing.

At the foot of the grade is a little ranch house, and just beyond the road makes a turn almost at right angles and skirts the edge of a canyon, where the traveler is hidden from view in either direction.

In this angle of the way a man was waiting for the afternoon stage, which was about due. It carried the mail for the hotel and sometimes considerable express matter, to say nothing of the passengers.

But the deacon happened to come first, and as he turned the corner, plodding slowly along, he heard a smooth, clear, firm, but not impatient voice say: "Wait a moment, sir. And kindly hand over that gripsack and your money."

Glancing up, the deacon beheld a big revolver pointed at his head. Deacon Hardwicke was surprised and grieved. He was not a coward. He had lived in many a lawless community, had seen men lynched, had himself been a target for bullets more than once. If he had been armed, he would have fought—as he afterward assured me.

But the appalling fact flashed over him that he had no "gun," and that the gentlemanly stranger "had the drop" on him.

"Come," said the highwayman in a more threatening tone, "I mean business. Drop your wallet. Give me your money, or I'll let daylight through you."

The deacon halted and shook his fist at the man. What he said is not material to this recital. Then he turned and ran down the grade.

The highwayman fired twice, and the deacon afterward stated that the balls whistled by in close proximity to his head. The shots flustered him. He stumbled, tripped and fell. He bruised his shins and tore the skin from his wrists. The wallet flew from his hand, and he lay in the road, howling with rage and pain.

The marauder advanced leisurely and picked up the wallet. Just then the stage, which was a trifle late, as usual, rolled slowly around the turn in the road.

The deacon's assailant leaped down the steep bank of the canyon and rolled headlong among the chaparral.

The remarks of the passengers on the stage, which picked him up and brought him to the hotel, did not tend to make him better natured.

"Guess it was all a fake," "I didn't hear any shots," "More scared than hurt." These were some of the whispered comments that came to the deacon's ears.

"If I had only had a gun," he said to me, "that fellow would never have got out of there alive. It's the disgrace that hurts. I don't see how I was careless enough to leave my gun at home these times," he said, with tears in his eyes.

"Do you think you would know the fellow should you see him again?" I asked.

"I should know him anywhere. He is short and wiry, dark hair, mustache, no beard, black eyes. And there is a great, red, flaming scar across his cheek—knife wound, I reckon."

teur detective hugely. So far there was a pleasant tinge of excitement—or rather an expectation of excitement—and very little danger. But as we scanned the faces of the company without seeing our man the deacon's brow grew black with disappointment.

It was now after midnight. The cigar store was closed, but the bar was kept open all night. Disappointed in our search, we became absorbed in watching the game.

There is something of the gambler in every man, and as I looked upon the tense, excited faces of the players the contagion of their example seized me, and I felt in my pocket for a coin. Finding nothing but silver, which I did not like to stake, as there was none on the table, I was on the point of borrowing a double eagle from the deacon when I heard a quiet but distinct voice at the end of the room say:

"Hands up, gentlemen, if you please!" Glancing around, I saw a man standing at the door leading to the bar, a revolver in each hand pointed at us. He was a short, slight man, with dark hair and a flaming scar across his face.

There was no confusion. One of the loungers quietly placed his back against the door leading to the cigar store and drew two revolvers, which he pointed along the table. Two others, evidently confederates also, stood at ease awaiting the next order. The rest of us lifted our hands simultaneously.

"The gents that are seated will kindly rise," said the voice near the door. The gamblers rose as one man.

"Now, then. Everybody right about and face the wall," was the next command.

We advanced in two rows to the opposite sides of the room and stood, as directed, ranged against the walls. Then the two confederates stepped leisurely to the table and scooped the gold into a couple of little sacks which they produced from their pockets.

Having secured the money on the table, the brigands proceeded to rob our persons. With a great show of politeness they requested us to give up our watches, money and weapons. The fellow tossed my revolver and my few silver dollars into his sack and grabbed at my watch.

Just then there was a crashing, explosive sound, deafening in the narrow confines of the room—then another—another—and another. Then came darkness, a quick rush of feet, a tumult of shouts and groans.

It was the deacon, of course. I knew it before the welcomed hurried arrival of men from outside, with lanterns. He had "turned loose" at the leader. They had exchanged three or four shots before the light went out, quickly and mysteriously.

The men with the sacks and the money were gone, but the deacon was bending over a form that was stretched upon the floor.

The fellow tried to lift himself upon his elbow.

"I know you, pard," he said. "You're the man I stood up this afternoon. You've held over me this time. I'm gone."

The deacon's eyes softened. He dropped his revolver, put his long arm under the other's head and tried to turn him into a more comfortable position.

"I am sorry for you," he said slowly and simply.

"Oh—it's—all—right," gasped the wounded man, evidently speaking with great difficulty. "I came—into—the—game—on—a—bluff—but—you've—called—me—sure."

"Is there anything that I can do for you?" asked the deacon.

"Bend down here," said the man. The deacon lowered his head, and the other whispered something to him.

"I'll do it," said the deacon. The next day in the afternoon the deacon and I sat on the veranda of the hotel at Hot Springs enjoying a sun bath and admiring the diversified landscape before us.

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