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- 50 dozen Bleached Linen Napkins at 49c, 59c, 75c and 98c a dozen.
- 75 dozen Very Fine Setin Damask Napkins, at \$1.19, \$1.39, \$1.47 and \$1.75 a dozen.
- 25 dozen Linen Towels at 10c each.
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- 75 pairs White and Gray Blankets at 49c a pair.
- 50 pairs Fancy Stripe Blankets at 79c a pair.
- Big Mark-Down on all Fine Wool Blankets.
- 50 Home-made Bed Comforters at \$1.49 each.

SCHAIRER & MILLEN THE BUSY STORE.

POSTAL STATISTICS.

Last Year's Business at the Ann Arbor Office.

OVER 1,500,000 PIECES

Were Sold, Representing a Value of \$31,684.05.

The United States Treasury Was Increased by \$12,888.30, Which Was the Net Profit on the Year's Business.

How many stamps, stamped envelopes, postal cards and newspaper wrappers were sold at the Ann Arbor post office during the year 1896? That is a question which the Argus will answer, but before reading farther let each one make a guess. During the year ending on the night of December 31, 1896, there were sold at the Ann Arbor office over a million and a half stamps and stamped paper, or to be exact the number was 1,661,566. Numbers are hard to conceive. If a man sells five stamps or envelopes in a minute and works ten hours a day without cessation, Sundays included, in a year he will sell 1,085,000, so that counting each day of ten hours, eight stamps, cards, or envelopes went out of the Ann Arbor post office every minute last year. They found their way back in again with interest, for there are more stamps used at the Ann Arbor office than are sold there, many stamps from outside being sent in to different patrons of the office.

The receipts of the Ann Arbor office during 1896 were \$32,203.94, divided as follows: Stamps and stamped paper, \$31,684.05; box rents, \$515.60; sale of waste paper, \$4.29. After defraying all the expenses of the office, the sum of \$12,888.30 was turned into the United States treasury. To show the fluctuation in business here and the big decrease in the summer sales, the stamp sales may be divided by quarters as follows: For the three months beginning January 1, \$8,681.30; beginning April 1, \$8,289.26; beginning July 1, \$5,902.04; beginning October 1, \$8,811.45.

There were over a million two cent stamps sold. This includes the two cent stamped envelopes. There were over 200,000 postal cards sold. To be exact, the stamps sold of the different denominations were as follows: One cent, 189,436; two cent, 892,848; three cent, 7,241; four cent, 5,235; five cent, 10,922; six cent, 6,500; eight cent, 5,253; ten cent, 6,869; fifteen cent, 200. There were sold 262,991 two cent envelopes; 23,250 one cent envelopes; 237 five cent envelopes; 35,932 one cent newspaper wrappers and 2,000 two cent wrappers. The postal cards sold were 200,352 one cent cards and 2,295 two cent cards. There were also 2,920 special delivery stamps sold. The postage due stamps used in collecting deficient postage numbered, 4,347 one cent stamps; 1,875 two cent stamps and 863 five cent stamps.

The newspapers mailed at the Ann Arbor office, by the publishers during the year weighed 96,172 pounds, averaging nearly a ton a week.

There were 2,182 special delivery letters delivered in the city during the year. There were 3,412 registered letters and packages sent out and 4,806 received.

The money order department is run as an altogether separate branch of the postal service and none of the figures above given have any reference to the money order department. Ann Arbor is a paying office rather than a money order issuing office. During the year the money orders paid exceeded the money orders issued by over \$100,000. During the year ending December 31, 1896, there were 10,030 money orders issued, of which 9,629 were orders payable in the United States and 401 orders payable in foreign countries. The domestic orders were issued for \$47,297.61 and the foreign orders for \$3,592.14. The fees collected for the orders amounted to \$540.26, of which \$482.66 was for the domestic orders and \$57.60 for the foreign orders.

The orders paid were 20,628, of which 20,389 were orders originating in this country and 239 were foreign orders. The orders issued here and repaid amounted to 64. The total amount paid out for money orders during the year was \$151,817.83, of which \$147,423.71 was for domestic orders and \$4,394.12 for foreign orders. The average domestic orders issued was for \$4.91 and the average order paid was for \$7.23. The average foreign order issued was for \$8.96 and paid, \$18.38.

Filed His Final Report.

Ex-Prosecuting Attorney Randall has filed his report for the last six months of 1896 with the attorney-general. It shows the following figures: Whole number of prosecutions was 196, of which there were: Convicted 129, acquitted 8, discharged on payment of costs 36, nolle pros 9, settled 4, discharged on examination 5.

The report of the business for the two years of Mr. Randall's incumbency of the office is given below: Whole number of prosecutions, 69. Disposed of as follows: Convicted 638, acquitted 14, discharged on payment of costs 147, nolle pros. 30, discharged on examination 30, settled, escaped, etc., 10.

DEATH OF ROBERT PHILLIPS.

It Was Caused by an Attack of Typhoid Pneumonia.

The people of Ann Arbor were greatly surprised to learn yesterday morning of the death of Robert Phillips, late cashier of the State Savings Bank. He died at the residence of his sister, where he was visiting, in Louisville, Kentucky, of typhoid pneumonia, yesterday morning. He had been in rather poor health for a year or more and some of his intimate friends feared serious results.

Mr. Phillips made many friends during his residence in Ann Arbor. He was a fine business man and seemed fitted by nature for a bank cashier; he was quick, gentlemanly, accurate, and vigilant for the interests of his employers. He was born in Canada, of Scotch parents, and was a prominent member and officer of the Caledonian Society here. He was thoroughly informed in the history and literature of Scotland, perfectly familiar with the Scotch dialect, and could repeat most of the poetry of Burns. Burns was his favorite poet, as he is of all loyal Scotch men and women.

A little over a month ago he resigned his position as cashier of the State Savings Bank to go away for a much needed rest. In view of his sudden death the following letter, written by him at that time, has a touching pathos:

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 10, 1896.
To the Officers and Directors of the State Savings Bank, Ann Arbor, Mich:

Gentlemen,—It is with some feeling of emotion that I submit for your consideration and acceptance this evening my resignation as cashier of your bank. I am impelled to take this step chiefly from motives suggested by ill health and increasing debility. I will not attempt to express just what it means to surrender my connection with an institution that began its existence with my administration of its affairs as cashier, and which has continued to thrive and grow strong and firm in the confidence and respect of the general public ever since. I should be pleased to be immediately relieved of the duties and responsibilities of the office, as it is no use pushing the matter to further experiment. With the kindest expressions of friendship and personal esteem for each of the members of the board, particularly those who have assisted me with their counsel and regard under all circumstances; with sincere wishes for the bank's prosperity through the future, and with a formal, but nevertheless affectionate farewell,

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT PHILLIPS.

Mr. Phillips was very popular with customers of the State Savings Bank, and upon the receipt of the foregoing letter of resignation the board of directors adopted the following preamble and resolutions, which show the very high appreciation in which Mr. Phillips was held by the officers of the bank:

In accepting, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Robert Phillips, cashier of this bank, which he has this day tendered on account of ill health, we, the officers and directors of the State Savings Bank desire to express our hearty appreciation of the fidelity and ability with which he has conducted the affairs of this bank since its organization four years ago. And, whereas, the relations existing between him and the officers and directors have been of the most cordial and pleasant character, therefore be it resolved,

That we take pleasure in testifying to his ability, honesty and thorough knowledge of the duties pertaining to his position, as exemplified to us during his term of service as cashier. We also award him a large share of credit for the highly satisfactory condition in which he leaves the bank's affairs. In severing our present relations with Mr. Phillips we heartily unite in wishing him the highest success in whatever position he may accept elsewhere. And be it further resolved,

That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the bank, and a copy, officially signed, presented to Mr. Phillips.

W. J. BOOTH, President,
E. F. MILLS, Secretary.

Harris Memorial Trust.

The regular annual meeting of the corporation of the Harris Memorial Trust was held at Harris hall, on Monday. The corporation consists of the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Davies, bishop of Michigan, the Rev. Henry Tatlock, of Ann Arbor, Messrs. Sidney D. Miller, Henry P. Baldwin, Sidney T. Miller, Elliott T. Slocum, and Hervey C. Parke of Detroit, and W. H. Withington, of Jackson. All but the last two were present. Among other matters which came before the meeting was the report of the treasurer, showing that the institution is in possession of about \$60,000 of invested funds in addition to the Harris hall property, and that the finances are in a prosperous condition. The trustees were entertained at lunch in Harris hall by some of the ladies of St. Andrew's parish.

A team of horses belonging to C. J. Snyder ran away at the corner of Main and William sts., Tuesday evening, being frightened by a street car. The driver, Otto Schwemmin, was thrown out of the wagon when the horses turned and was severely injured.

MARRIAGES IN 1896

The Washtenaw Brides Out-numbered the Grooms.

ONE 16 YEAR BRIDE

None of the Boys Ventured So Early as That.

Seventy-Three Different Trades and Professions Were Represented in the Ranks of the Grooms—Just 16 Colored Couples.

The year 1896 was quite a prosperous one for the ministers of Washtenaw county in the line of marriages. From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 there were issued from the county clerk's office 30 more licenses than was necessary to make one for each working day in the calendar, or 334 in all. As is usual the fair daughters of Washtenaw county have had the best of the battle and there were 22 more brides who lived within the borders of the county than there were bridegrooms. There were 73 non-resident men who came to this county for their wives, while there were 51 Washtenaw boys who found their wives outside of the county.

There is quite a difference noticeable in the several localities in the number of each sex who were married. In one township the boys are in the lead, in the other the girls. In only three townships, Bridgewater, Lyndon and Salem, are the number of brides and grooms the same. In eight cities and townships, Ann Arbor, Augusta, Dexter, Lodi, Manchester, Saline, Sylvan, and Ypsilanti, the brides are in excess of the grooms. In Lima, Northfield, Pittsfield, Scio, Sharon, Superior, and York the boys forge to the front and the number of grooms exceeds the number of brides. Freedom and York could only scare up one groom each for sacrifice at Hymen's altar, and Lima was in a like plight as regards the brides, there being only one girl there who assumed the matrimonial yoke, however many more there may have been who were willing to do so. Sixteen of the 334 couples were colored. Two hundred and ninety-five couples were married by ministers of the various denominational churches, 19 by Catholic priests, while 20 did not have either of these classes to tie the knot, but were married by justices of the peace.

The men to whom licenses were issued last year gave their residence as follows: Outside of the county, 73; Ann Arbor city and town, 74; Augusta, 11; Bridgewater, 5; Dexter, 8; Freedom, 1; Lima, 7; Lodi, 4; Lyndon, 3; Manchester, 11; Northfield, 9; Pittsfield, 6; Salem, 6; Saline, 12; Scio, 6; Sharon, 7; Superior, 11; Sylvan, 12; Webster, 1; York, 16; Ypsilanti city and town, 59.

The brides whose names appear in the marriage licenses hailed from the following places: Outside the county, 51; Ann Arbor city and town, 82; Augusta, 12; Bridgewater, 5; Dexter, 11; Freedom, 6; Lima, 1; Lodi, 7; Lyndon, 3; Manchester, 17; Northfield, 2; Pittsfield, 5; Salem, 6; Saline, 14; Scio, 4; Sharon, 6; Superior, 7; Sylvan, 16; Webster, 3; York, 11; Ypsilanti city and town, 65.

The native countries of the grooms are given as follows: United States, 279; Germany, 25; Canada, 13; England, 10; Ireland, 3; Australia, Spain, Italy, and Norway, 1 each. The birth places of the brides were: United States, 298; Germany, 19; Canada, 12; England, 4; Ireland, 2; Scotland, 1.

The ages of the sexes at the time the licenses were issued is widely divergent. Four of each sex were either too bashful to give their ages, or were so far along in years that they did not wish to. Of the remaining 330 brides and grooms, 121 girls were married by the time they were 21 years old and 38 men. The age of the youngest girl married was 16 years, 7 more were married at 17, 28 at 18, 25 at 19, 27 at 20, and 33 at 21. The age of the youngest male when married was 18 and there were two at that age. Two more were married at 19, 7 at 20, and 27 at 21. Four women were married between 51 and 60 years of age, and 7 men. There was only 1 woman married between the age of 61 and 70, but 5 men between those ages found that they wanted a partner. One woman between the age of 71 and 80 was lonesome enough to want a man, but three poor old fellows between those years were willing to again try fortune's wheel as benefactors. Thirty-two of the brides were older than their husbands. Below are the figures: Males—13 years old, 2, 19 years 2, 20 years 7, 21 years 27, 22 to 25 years 109, 26 to 30 years 90, 31 to 40 years 57, 41 to 50 years 21, 51 to 60 years 7, 61 to 70 years 5, 71 to 80 years 3. Females—16 years old 1, 17 years 7, 18 years 28, 19 years 25, 20 years 27, 21 years 33, 22 to 25 years 115, 26 to 30 years 55, 31 to 40 years 20, 41 to 50 years 13, 51 to 60 years 4, 61 to 70 years 1, 71 to 80 years 1.

The occupations of the grooms embraced 73 different trades and professions. Some of them seem to have been peculiar people, too, for one booked himself as "real estate," another as "insurance," another as "employee," while still another called himself

"merchandise." The class which furnished the largest number were farmers, of whom there were 110. The teaching profession came next with 30, followed by the laborers with 25. Then came merchants 11, carpenters 11, students 9, clerks 8, butchers 6, barbers 5, lawyers 5, masons 5, engineers 4, railroad men 4, firemen 3, jewelers 3, bookkeepers 3, minister 3, gardeners 3, saloonkeepers 3, grocers 3, draymen 3, machinists 3, physicians 3, telephone operators 3, agents 3. Of printers, cigar makers, bricklayers, painters, molders, telegraph operators, millers, traveling agents, manufacturers and pressmen there were two each. The following businesses could only afford one representative each: Baker, horse shoer, express driver, liveryman, paper maker, employe, woolen manufacturer, steam fitter, billiard hall employe, waiter, superintendent of electric railway, speculator, hotel manager, merchandise, bicycle repairer, manufacturer, instructor, sheep salesman, cement walk builder, porter, finisher, conductor, dairyman, newsdealer, bookseller, mail carrier, foreman, assistant cashier, salesman, dentist, real estate, steam fitter, insurance, tinner, wood dealer, tailor, electrician and wood turner.

COUNTY FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

A Well Attended and Interesting Meeting at Chelsea.

The Farmers' Institute held at Chelsea, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, under the auspices of the county society and aided by members of the state society, was a good success, being well attended at all its sessions and great interest manifested. John L. Shawver, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, discussed fertilizers and farm buildings in a very instructive manner. R. M. Kellogg, of Three Rivers, imparted valuable information on small fruits. H. E. Van Norman, of the Agricultural College, gave a very instructive practical illustration of butter making and talked on the dairy. Prof. H. K. Vedder talked about bridges and culverts and Dr. Howard Edwards on markets. Mrs. E. W. Crafts, of Sharon, presented an excellent paper on "Possibilities for the farm." Mrs. Mary A. Mayo, of Battle Creek, gave an excellent address on "Home life on the farm." Many other good papers and talks were given with some fine music. Some of the papers and talks were more theoretical than practical, but there was food for thought and much worth remembering in all of them.

These institutes are of great interest and value to farmers and ought to be more generally attended. It is evident that farmers need better educations, not only in methods of work, but in business and commercial transactions.

Washtenaw Teachers' Association.

The next meeting of the Teachers' Association of Washtenaw county will be held at Saline, Saturday, Feb. 6. The following program will be carried out:

Forenoon Session, 10 o'clock—Music; paper, "Qualifications of the teacher," Prof. R. O. Austin; paper, "Composition in the district school," Miss May Wheeler; paper, "Language work in the lower grades of the district school," D. A. Townsend; music.

Afternoon Session, 1:30 o'clock—Music; paper, "How I manage a large school," Miss Linnie Fosdick; paper, "How I manage a small school," Miss Mellie A. Briggs; paper, "Teaching history in the district school," W. H. Schlicht; paper, "English and composition," Miss Idalene Webb; paper, "How I teach percentage," Prof. C. M. Fuller; music.

All teachers are earnestly requested to be present at this meeting, which promises to be a profitable and interesting one.

Appointed Deputy R. R. Commissioner.

On last Saturday W. W. Wedemeyer, our school commissioner, was called into Detroit, and urged by Gov. Pingree to accept an appointment as deputy state railroad commissioner. This he finally concluded to do. The salary is \$1,500 a year. His term of school commissioner expires next July and it is believed that he will pattern after his chief and retain both offices until that time. Mr. Wedemeyer is not yet twenty-five years of age, but he has had an exceptionally brilliant career as a politician. He has attained a considerable reputation around the state as a political speaker—especially by his speech seconding Pingree's nomination. As long as republicans have to hold the offices the Argus is glad to see Mr. Wedemeyer remembered, as he is one of the best of them. The Detroit Free Press announces that Governor Pingree intends to hold the wardenship of the Jackson prison open for Sheriff Judson.

I. O. O. F. Mutual Benefit Association.

At the annual meeting of the Oddfellows' Mutual Benefit Association held in Lansing last week, Andrew Harsha, of Alpena, was elected president; John Northwood, of New Lathrop, vice president; B. D. Pritchard, of Allegan, treasurer, and George L. Davis, of Lansing, secretary. The association has only had four losses during the year, but it has paid all claims upon the day on which the proofs of death were received. It has made a gain in membership of 45 per cent during the year.

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WASHTENAWISMS.

Rev. J. H. Girdwood has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church, in Chelsea.

Conrad Finkbinder, of Dexter, had the misfortune to break his leg in three places one day recently.

Mort. Hendershott and Fred Schaible have rented the Unterkirker store in Manchester, and will open up in the grocery business Feb. 1.

Mrs. John Flynn, of Sharon, died Saturday, Jan. 9. Her funeral was held at the Catholic church in Manchester.

Hon. Frank S. Burton, of Detroit, who died in Ann Arbor, Jan. 8, of consumption, was a nephew of R. P. Copeland, of Dexter.

Mrs. Helen Davis, wife of George Davis, of Chelsea, died in South Bend, Ind., Jan. 7. Her remains were brought to Chelsea and interred there.

The following have been elected officers of the Sylvan church: James Beckwith chairman; B. Millsbaugh, secretary; William Fletcher, treasurer.

A pleasant and well attended New England social for the benefit of the Webster Congregational church was given at the residence of W. E. Boyden, Webster, Wednesday evening.

Rev. Mr. Hicks, of Whitmore Lake, will deliver a temperance lecture at the Dexter Baptist church, this evening after which the lodge of I. O. G. T. in that village will be reorganized.

C. E. Parker and J. Croarkin, of Dexter, have gone into partnership in the ice business and will harvest a crop as soon as Jack Frost shall condescend to make the congealed fluid of sufficient thickness.

Eight cases of diphtheria have been reported to Health Officer Wilkinson, of Ypsilanti. Six houses are now quarantined in the city by reason of diphtheria and one from scarlet fever. There are some fears of the latter disease breaking out among the school children.

One day last week a tramp called at the home of Frank Leach, in Chelsea, while Mrs. Leach was alone and demanded dinner at the same time threatening the lady. She picked up an unloaded revolver and told the fellow to clear out. The bluff worked and he went. The gun has now been placed in working order.

The following young men each gave up a portion of his anatomy for the purpose of having the operation of skin grafting performed upon Howard Canfield, who recently lost his leg in a hay press: James Canfield, Wm. Canfield, Chas. Stapish, John Stapish and Elmer Bates. The operation was performed by Dr. G. W. Palmer and promises to be successful.—Chelsea Standard.

Davis Bros. & Co., of Dexter, are seriously annoyed in their business by young women who congregate in the front part of their store and make it a gossiping place. In last week's Dexter Leader they had a communication politely asking a discontinuance of the practice. If the notice fails to do its work other measures will be used.

In the lawsuit between Mrs. Walker and T. J. Farrell, tried in Justice Kelly's court at Manchester, over the ownership of a horse, the jury returned a verdict in favor of Mrs. Walker for \$24 and costs \$7. Mrs. Walker's husband traded a horse to Farrell which she claimed as her property and subsequently took from his stable. He recovered the horse by process of law, hence the suit.

The shipment of farm and other products from Manchester during the year 1896 make quite a good showing. Here is a list of the full carload shipments made: Of flour there were 7 carloads, grain 113, stock 7, wool 6, hay 12, apples 20, eggs 5, feathers 1, live poultry 1, celery 13, lumber 9, straw 5, household goods 6, oil 5, agricultural implements 1, and of scrap iron 1, making in all 282 full carloads.

Mrs. E. L. Negus entertained the following old people at her home in Chelsea, Friday, Jan. 8, the occasion being the 83d anniversary of the birth of her father, Curran White: Daniel Tichener, 94 years of age; F. M. Hooker, 96 years; Mrs. E. Skidmore, 69 years; E. Skidmore, 79 years; Mrs. T. Jewett, 86 years; T. Jewett, 79 years; Mrs. E. Keyes, 69 years; E. Keyes, 69 years; Mrs. Brown, 72 years; C. White, 83 years; Mrs. Stocking, 78 years; Mrs. B. Arnold, 75 years; Mrs. Fletcher, 69 years. The total age, 988; average 76. The old people had a very enjoyable time.—Chelsea Standard.

The court of Independent Order of Foresters in Milan is booming.

Amos Phelps, died at his home in Dexter, Saturday. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon.

Aubrey Royce, of Hamburg, has signed with the Youngstown, Ohio, baseball team, at a salary of \$90 a month.

A fire company has been organized in Chelsea and a large number of firemen have been enrolled with John Cole as fire chief.

The fall fair at Dundee in 1896 was not a financial success, still the directors are not discouraged and have decided to have another this year.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bersuder, of Freedom, died Tuesday of last week, and was buried in St. Francis' burying ground, Freedom, the next day.

Mrs. Henry Bartow, the wife of a prominent farmer, of Dundee, dropped dead Wednesday of heart disease. She leaves a husband and five children, the eldest aged 16.

During the year ending Dec. 31, 1896, the Ypsilanti Dairy Association has taken in 5,110,000 pounds of milk, and has distributed between \$34,000 and \$35,000 among the farmers in return for it.

Mrs. Charles Simpson, mother of the Jones boys who created so much excitement in Ypsilanti, a couple of years ago when Deputy Sheriff Peterson, of Ann Arbor, was shot in the hand, died Sunday morning.

Mrs. James Anderson, wife of the janitor of the Normal, died Monday night, aged 50 years, at her home in Ypsilanti. The funeral was held yesterday from the house and was under the auspices of the Michigan Mutual Benevolent Association.

Mrs. George B. Young died Friday afternoon at her home in Ypsilanti, after a long and painful illness. The remains were taken to her former home, Clinton, Iowa, for interment, Sunday. The deceased had been a resident of Ypsilanti for about three years.

Miss Nellie Grey, of Manchester, has made a success of raising cotton in Michigan. She exhibited to the editor of the Manchester Enterprise a fine species raised from seed planted last April. She will this year endeavor to raise some from the seed taken from that plant.

James Sootney, who left Ypsilanti about two months ago to go south on account of his health, died Sunday near Cincinnati. The remains were brought home Tuesday night and funeral services were held at the home of his brother, in Superior, Wednesday. The interment took place in the Spencer burying ground.

The Whitmore Lake correspondent of the Oakland Excelsior says: "One of the most staid and respectable members of our church, who is, by the way, fond of praising God with his voice came to church last Sunday morning and by mistake brought his grammar instead of the hymnal to sing out of. He failed to find the hymn or meter."

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at Milan, has elected officers for the year as follows: President, George Caswell; vice president, Miss Jessie Auten; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Stella Gould; recording secretary, Mrs. Lyra Auten; treasurer, Ernest Caswell; organist, Miss Mertie Auten.

Mrs. Bridget Daucher, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Michael St. George, one mile east of Milan village, was 89 years of age, and came to Michigan from Canada 22 years ago. She leaves two sons, who reside in Canada and her daughter, Mrs. St. George, besides 26 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. One other son was killed in the war of the rebellion.

Workmen are tearing down the two story brick store on Huorn st., Ypsilanti, formerly occupied by Fairchild's market. It is one of the oldest stores on the street, and in place of it, W. B. Clarke will put up a fine three story building with plate glass front and all modern improvements. Work will probably be begun as soon as the old building is out of the way.—Ypsilanti.

Mrs. Albert Day, of Willis, recently celebrated her 63d birthday among a party of invited guests, one of whom was the "bard of Willis," and this is how Ballard described the dinner, in the columns of the Ypsilanti: "Good cheer seemed to pervade the atmosphere of the home, and to each it seemed an oasis in keeping with the ideals of friendship. A sumptuous dinner, the perfection of the culinary art, seemed to throb with the beatitudes of taste that was gratifying to the inner man. Mr. David Campbell invoked the divine blessing that seemed to pervade amid halos of esteem, the sanctities of the hour."

Mrs. Wm. Jackson, of Saline, during the year 1896 kept a list of the pioneers who died in that vicinity, together with their place of nativity, date of death and age, and last week handed the list to the Saline Observer for publication. The Argus reproduces the list, omitting the names of those whose age would hardly entitle them to be called pioneers: Melissa Lindsley, Jan. 20, 81, N. Y.; Caroline Stevenson, Jan. 25, 58, Vt.; Milo Clark, Jan. 30, 71, N. Y.; Phidella Watson, Jan. 20, 45, Ohio; Deborah Tower, Feb. 9, 80; Squires, Feb. 29, 87; Mrs. Hartman, March 5, 91, Germany; Maria Herbert, March 30, 86; Eliza Haight, April 2, 81, N. Y.; Mrs. Lawrence, April 8, 75, N. Y.; Mrs. Toliver, April 6, 56, Canada; Sidney Tripp, April 7, 63, Michigan; John V. Himendinger, April 19, 73, Germany; John Haunestine, May 10, 74, Switzerland; Martha Clark, May 25, 85, N. Y.; Augustine Hotchkin, Nov. 30, 86, N. Y.; Sarah A. Tate, Dec. 19, 55, Michigan; James Seely, Dec. 16, 77, N. Y.

The Bridgewater band gave a public dance at Bridgewater station, Friday evening, which was very well attended.

The Manchester cheese factory is equipped with a full line of printed stationery from the Enterprise office and will soon be ready to fill orders for full cream cheese.—Enterprise. We've heard of full cream paper and of filled cheese before, but never supposed there was any connection between them. We can't even yet see the advantage of using printed paper.—Ypsilanti.

At a meeting of the Webster Farmers' Club, held at the home of J. W. Wing, Jan. 9, the society was reorganized, and Geo. W. Merrill was elected president for the ensuing year, with Wm. Ball and Mrs. Geo. W. Merrill as vice presidents, Miss Julia Ball recording secretary, and John Cushing treasurer. The attendance was large and the interest taken unusually good. J. W. Wing, delegate to the state association at Lansing, gave a report of the doings at that meeting, and criticized Prof. B. M. Thompson's address to that body on the needs of the university. H. D. Platt, of Ypsilanti, told of the nineteen state institutions and referred especially to the Coldwater state school and the loose manner in which it is run with an employe to four inmates. Mr. Smith, of the Salem Club, spoke words of greeting from his club. Geo. A. Peters, of Scio, spoke on the income and inheritance tax, and expressed feelings of sorrow that the people should not only refuse to stop the vast concentration of capital but actually vote with them. Prof. A. B. DeWitt, of Dexter, gave an interesting talk on peach culture, and Miss Smith gave a humorous recitation. The next meeting will be held at the residence of W. D. Smith, of Dexter township Saturday, Feb. 13.

The Grandest Remedy.
Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair, was induced to try Dr King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at Eberbach Drug and Chemical Co., Ann Arbor, and Geo. J. Haeusler, Manchester.

Real Estate Transfers.
Wm. C. and Agnes M. Gerstner to Frederick J. Gerstner, Ann Arbor, \$3,050.
Julius Barth to George Barth, Sylvan, \$1,200.
Chas. H. Kempf and wife to J. S. and E. L. Cummings, Chelsea, \$576.
Robert G. Barnes and wife to Herbert H. Smith, Ann Arbor, \$1.
Herbert H. Smith and wife to Robert G. and Nettie E. Barnes, Ann Arbor, \$1.
Angelica Fluhman, by heirs, to Frederick E. Layher, Bridgewater, \$355.
Frederick E. Layher and wife to C. F. Krapp, Bridgewater, \$350.
Timothy Kinnie and wife to Eva K. Anderson, Ann Arbor, \$1,000.
George Rudman, by executor, to John Rose, Ann Arbor, \$643.
Junius E. Beal and wife to Emma V. Freeman, Ann Arbor, \$500.
Caroline and Oscar O. Sorg to Arthur Brown, Ann Arbor, \$6,500.
Frank Dunlavy and wife to John Dunlavy et al., Webster, \$1.
Frank Dunlavy and wife to Annie and Edward Dunlavy, Webster, \$800.
Wm. Court to Esther W. Court, Ypsilanti, \$500.
Charles D. Stoup and wife to Thomas D. Kearney, Ann Arbor town, \$1.
Thomas D. Kearney to Charles D. Stoup and wife, Ann Arbor town, \$1.
Jason W. Rogers to Karl A. Bruch, Ann Arbor, \$300.
Johanna Heeney et al. to James Heeney, Salem, \$1.
James Baker to Sarah Baker, Ann Arbor town, \$1.
Sarah Baker to James Besch, Ann Arbor town, \$1.
Hudson T. Morton to C. S. Wortley, York, \$100.
Margaret Salsbury to R. Salsbury et al., York, \$1,600.

Makes the Weak Strong.
Cadillac, Mich., Dec. 29, 1896. "I did not have any strength and my husband procured a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla. I have taken a number of bottles of this medicine and now I am feeling well and am able to do all my work. My husband has also taken Hood's Sarsaparilla and it has done him good." Mrs. Robert Dell, Box 216.

Cities Buried by Sand Storms.
Sven Hedin, the Norwegian traveler, has discovered on the north side of the Kuen Lun mountains, and in the edge of the great desert of Gobi, the ruins of towns which he thinks were buried by sand storms about 1,000 years ago. The largest town was nearly 2 1/2 miles long, and a canal connected it and the surrounding country with the Kerija river. The houses had walls of plaited reeds, covered with mud and then coated with white plaster, and on these plaster walls were well executed paintings of men, animals and flowers. Poplars, apricots and plum trees had evidently flourished there before the invasion of the sand.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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Adrian Press Items.
The council of Dexter has passed a curfew ordinance, calling in all children after 9 o'clock p. m. It is a tyrannous enactment, and cannot but disadvantageously affect the Romeo and Juliet industry of the village.

Referring to the remodeling of the Cook hotel, Ann Arbor, by Mr. Nowlin, the Ypsilanti says: "It takes an Ypsilanti hotel man to redeem Ann Arbor's reputation in the matter of hotels." Thus, forever, are the inhabitants of the twin cities bitten by the bedbug of jealousy.

A rich Washtenaw farmer, crazy drunk, was jailed at Ann Arbor, and released when he sobered, without court proceedings. Name not given. Property does make a difference. Had it been Jos Journeymen, the printer, the poor devil's name would have been embalmed by the "art preservative" mighty quick.

A tramp at Dexter stole an umbrella, and tried to sell it. The second man he approached, was telegraph operator Bostwick who recognized the article as belonging to his daughter, and so informed the hobo, who called him two dashes and a liar. At this point, it is established by the testimony of the Leader, that "Mr. B. is no 'summer coon,' and if there's anything that will upset his statures repose, it's that kind of stealing accentuated with that kind of talk;" and, it further appears that after that there was a confused mixture of tramp and telegraph operator; of legs and arms, and flying coat tails, and general chaos, during which the combination gradually moved off the railroad grounds and separated—the hobo severely injured at the southern terminal of the trunk line, and Bostwick in the socket of the great toe, but will recover.

Well Meant.
American wheelmen traveling alone in Europe have many queer experiences. A young man who was bicycling in southern France was pushing his wheel up a steep hill when he overtook a peasant with a donkey cart who was rapidly becoming stalled, though the little donkey was doing his best. The benevolent wheelman, putting his left hand against the back of the cart and guiding his wheel with the other, pushed so hard that the donkey, taking fresh courage, pulled his load up to the top successfully. The summit reached, the peasant burst into thanks to his benefactor. "It was very good of you, monsieur," he said. "I should never in the world have got up the hill with only one donkey."—Youth's Companion.

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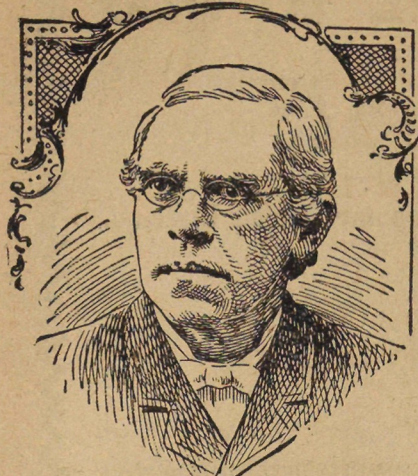
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VILLAGE DOINGS.**Milan.**

C. M. Blackmer is quite ill. Roads are in fine condition for teaming.

This is the third week of revival meetings at the M. E. church. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gauntlett are entertaining guests from Dundee.

The Presbyterian sewing circle met at Mrs. Mesio's Tuesday afternoon.

A. H. Lewis has purchased a burial lot in the Marble Park Grove cemetery. La Grippe has struck Milan. T. Barnes and E. W. Blackmer are victims.

Mr. and Mrs. Elon Gauntlett are visiting friends in Traverse City and Elk Rapids.

The Presbyterian society has added three handsome pulpit chairs to the church furnishings.

Rev. J. P. Hutchinson delivered a grand sermon Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church.

The Young People's Club will have a dancing school with C. Sheldon, of Ann Arbor, as instructor.

The F. & A. M. will hold their annual valentine party Feb. 19 this year. A grand time is expected.

Messrs. Pierson, of Detroit, and R. Rouse, of Saline, were looking up insurance business in Milan the last of the week.

The weather has had a freeze up. We are still looking for the copious fall of snow that the weather bureau has promised us.

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Willis.

There seems to be a great deal of sickness around, mostly colds.

E. S. Clay has sold out his store and meat market in Willis to A. Simmons, from Detroit.

D. A. Hammond and son Percy, of Ann Arbor, were visiting relatives in Augusta last week.

Mrs. Charles Morgan has been numbered with the sick ones and seems rather slow to recover.

Revival meetings are being held in the M. E. church at Willis. Services conducted by its pastor, Rev. Benoni Gibson.

Mrs. Geo. W. Hammond has been ill for some time with bronchial and asthmatic affection. She now seems to be slowly recovering.

James Bunton had a narrow escape from being seriously burned the other day. The head of a boiler blowing out and burning one of his feet quite badly.

On Friday evening last Joseph Pearson came to Willis to meet a friend on the 5 o'clock train. While there he spoke of a pain around his heart. He drove home and Dr. Post was sent for, but ere he reached the house Mr. Pearson had passed away. He was a cheerful, kind man, and leaves many friends.

Mrs. S. B. Abbey, visited her sister, Mrs. P. Talcott, on the 7th of the present month, it being Mrs. Talcott's 89th birthday. Mrs. Abbey is in her 86th year. Mrs. Talcott resides in Ypsilanti, with her daughter, Mrs. Mereness. These two are all that remain of the family. They were born in Madison town and county, N. Y. Their maiden name was Simmons. A brother died July 4th last in his 91st year.

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IN THE PAWNSHOPS.**QUEER INCIDENTS NOTED BY PROPRIETORS OF LOAN OFFICES.**

An Insignia of the Legion of Honor Often "Soaked"—Trying to Pawn a Glass Eye. The Secret Which a Few Half Inch Boards Kept Dark.

The pawnbroker, the banker of the spendthrift and the unfortunate, the custodian of family skeletons and the receiving teller of hard luck stories, runs across a deal of the pathos of life mixed up with not a little that is strikingly ludicrous.

Stories of former opulence and present need of reckless speculation, of dissipation, of oppression, are given over to his safe keeping, along with valued keepsakes and family heirlooms. Some of these heirlooms have strange histories.

In the vaults of a Clark street pawnbroker is a bit of soiled ribbon that was once pinned on the breast of a gallant general by no less a person than Napoleon. The ribbon is soiled and crumpled, but from the bottom of it, bright as the day it was first worn, hangs the insignia of the Legion of Honor. Along with it are papers giving the name of its first holder and the fields of battle on which he achieved the right to wear it. How it made its way to Chicago is unknown history, but time and again has it found its way into the vaults of the broker, only to be redeemed again and brought back. A few doors away is deposited a belt of fine gold and silver interwoven, the last relic of a once distinguished Russian family.

Not long ago a woman, past the prime of life, tall and stately, and with the dark, imperious eyes and haughty bearing of a Castilian, called on a Clark street broker. She said she was of a Spanish family which had been compelled to leave its country for political causes. She would not give her name. "If I did," she said, "you would be incredulous." Then she handed the clerk a casket of jewels—tiaras, bracelets, pendants, all set with gems of the first water. She wanted \$30,000—for only a short while, she explained. Not a cent less would be of use to her. The jewels had doubtless cost a great deal more than this sum, but the broker feared he could not realize that amount on them, and the woman left and never returned.

A few days ago a well dressed, dignified man walked into this same establishment and said he would like to secure a loan of a few dollars. On being asked what security he had to offer he gave the dapper broker a fit of nervous prostration by calmly removing a glass eye.

"This is remarkably fine eye," he explained, leisurely wiping the discolored optic on his handkerchief. "I have been told it becomes me better than my own, but if you would let me have a few dollars on it I think I could get along with the other for a day or two."

The broker admitted that he had once assisted in putting pennies on the eyes of a deceased relative, but couldn't see his way clear to place dollars on the glass eye of a live man, and the visitor secured the address of a second hand clothes dealer, replaced his eye, bowed stiffly and walked away.

In the higher class of pawnshops—those that restrict themselves solely to diamonds, watches and jewelry—the place loans are negotiated and goods received are separated from the front show-room by a partition. To give greater privacy to customers there is a little row of stalls along a counter. These are fitted with spring doors, giving them the appearance of a line of telephone boxes. Into one of these a person can step and transact his or her business unseen by any save the clerk behind the counter. Last summer, about holiday time, a fashionably dressed woman was in one of these stalls in a down town broker's office. She wanted to borrow \$30 on a ring. "It's my engagement ring," she explained, "and I wouldn't have my husband know for the world."

While this was going on a man in the compartment next to her was dicking with another clerk over a loan of \$50 on a watch. The owner's initials were on the back of the watch, and as this lessened its selling value the clerk hesitated in advancing so much.

"Oh, that's a point in your favor," explained the would be borrower. "My wife had those put on there when she gave it to me, and I'll be bound to redeem it shortly, for if she knew I was soaking her present there would be insomnia in our family till I brought it home."

By this time the woman in stall No. 1 had secured her money and departed. After a little delay the man did likewise. When the usual list was made out for police inspection, it was found that the names and addresses of the two tallied, and that they were, in fact, man and wife. The ring and the watch have long since been redeemed, and neither guesses that only a few half inch boards stood between two awful revelations.—Chicago Record.

A Distance Table. A lady spending summer at a fishing village on the south coast asked one of the male residents:

"How far is it to Mr. Dibson's house?" The seafaring man pulled his topknot politely and answered:

"Just about a dog's trot, mum."

"How far is that?" the lady asked again.

The man hesitated an instant, as if searching in his mind for an exact measure of distance, and then replied:

"About as far as it would take ye to smoke an even pipeful o' torbacker, mum!"—Pearson's Weekly.

One Day at a Time. It seems as if life might all be so simple and so beautiful, so good to live, so good to look at, if we could only think of it as one long journey, where every day's march had its own separate sort of beauty to travel through.—Phillips Brooks.

The Ways of Providence.

A benevolent looking gentleman was walking along the Bowery, when the most ragged, woe-begone specimen of the tramp species of the genus homo approached him. The citizen stopped to listen to the story told by Wandering Willie, looking so sympathetic that the hobo put in his best work.

"I'm a victim o' hard luck. On the dead. See? I hain't got nothin but the marble heart for a week. My father was rich, and soon as he died the executor ran off to Europe with the estate.

"I followed him, and the ship got wrecked, and after ten days my boat landed on an island where there was cannibals. My ten companions was eaten, and the cannibals was so full they went ter sleep, and while they was snoozin I went ter sea in their boat; picked up by a boat, went ter Spain; pinched fer bein with pirates and got five years in quod. 'Scaped an got back ter Ameriky; worked in a coal mine blowed up by dynamite. Arter got out o' hospital I tried railroadin, an first trip fell through a bridge and broke a few o' my ribs; hired out ter a farmer an fell out o' the barn an broke the rest o' my ribs and an arm. Jess got out o' ther hospital a week ago, an hain't had a hand out since."

"My poor fellow," said the benevolent gentleman, "it does seem a shame that in a country where there is plenty for all you should be so afflicted, but the ways of Providence are inscrutable. I would help you gladly, if it was not so plain that Providence has a special object in view with you, and it would be sinful for me to interfere. But I am sincerely interested and would be glad to hear what happens to you next."—New York Journal.

What a Stamp Collection Did. They are telling an interesting little story in Toronto, which, if not true, is certainly ben trovato and will furnish philatelists with a greater justification for the indulgence in their craze than any they have probably had before.

The receiving cashier of the Bank of British North America, when he was appointed, was required to give bonds to the amount of £2,000.

He did not find this a particularly easy thing to do, for he had no friends to whom he could go. In thinking over ways and means, it struck him that perhaps his collection of stamps made when a lad might help him out of the difficulty, as he had some rare specimens. He accordingly hunted out his album, which had lain unregarded for over 20 years in an old drawer.

Then he made a catalogue and sent it to a rich stamp collector of his acquaintance. In due course came a reply from that gentleman saying he was prepared to give the sum of £2,000 for the collection.

Dramatic coincidence! The cashier thereupon took the letter and his stamps to the bank directors and offered them as the security he was required to furnish. They were accepted, and the bank has had the stamp-book locked up in its vault ever since.

An estimate has just been made of the value of its contents, and the lucky cashier finds that his stamps are worth the snug little fortune of £7,000.—Pearson's Weekly.

The Sunflower and Its Uses. The sunflower is a native of America. In 1569 it was introduced into Europe and is now extensively cultivated there, particularly in Russia, where it has been grown for 50 years, principally for the oil contained in its seed. The seeds, after the shells are removed, contain 34 per cent of oil. This oil is clear, light yellow, nearly odorless, and of a peculiar pleasant and mild taste. It is said to be superior to both almond and olive oil for table purposes and is used in making soap and candles. In Russia the larger seeds are sold in immense quantities to the lower classes of the people, who eat the kernels as we do peanuts. The stalks furnish a valuable fertilizer, while the green leaves are dried, pulverized and mixed with meal as food for cows. The stalk produces an excellent fiber. It is said that Chinese silk goods commonly contain more or less sunflower fiber. The so-called Niger seed oil is made from a species of the sunflower family which is a native of Abyssinia. It furnishes the common lamp oil of upper India, where it is largely cultivated.

Clock Inscriptions. In former times it was the custom of clockmakers to inscribe on the dials of their clocks quaint verses, one of the most common being the following:

I serve thee here, with all my might, To tell the hours by day, by night, Therefore example take by me To serve thy God as I serve thee."

Another favorite inscription was "Tempus fugit," or "Time flies," and thereby hangs a tale. A well known English clockmaker who flourished toward the close of the last century, on being asked by a customer whether a certain clock was of home manufacture, replied: "Oh, certainly. Don't you see the name, sir—Tummas Fugit? I offer here my clocks through my hands."—New York Times.

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Something to Know. It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at Eberbach Drug and Chemical Co., Ann Arbor, and Geo. J. Haeusler, Manchester.

The civil crown was a Roman honor given to the soldier who saved the life of a citizen by slaying an enemy.

MOTHERS, GIVE HEED!

A Word of Counsel From Dr. Hartman, Whose Name Has Become Known to Thousands of Mothers.

Midwinter is here. The nights are long and cold. The days are short and changeable in temperature. Cold creeps in at every crevice and draughts occur in spite of the utmost vigilance. The tireless patience and sagacity of mother even, fails to keep the household safe from climatic diseases. Colds soon develop into chronic catarrh. A cough rapidly becomes consumption. La Grippe undermines the system dangerously. Influenza leaves injuries to head and throat, hard to remove. All these things the mother strives in vain to guard her household against. How can she best do it? First, get some Pe-ru-na. Second, send to The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio, for a free copy of Dr. Hartman's latest book on the climatic diseases of winter. This book, in plain and direct language, informs the mother exactly what to do in all of the liabilities and emergencies resulting from wintry weather. Not only will she be able to prevent diseases, but she knows exactly how to cure them. In case she is doubtful on any point, if the book does not fully explain it, she has only to write a letter to Dr. Hartman at any time, and she will receive a free answer as quickly as possible. What untold misery this would save the world if every mother would heed this advice. Pe-ru-na cures a cold quicker than any medicine in the world. Pe-ru-na is a sure cough cure. Pe-ru-na is the best, if not the only, internal remedy for catarrh yet devised. Pe-ru-na cures La Grippe and influenza. A book of testimonials sent free.

Artificial Ice Making. Notwithstanding that artificial refrigeration has so largely taken the place of ice, it is often desirable, even in small plants, to make some ice for table and other purposes. In hotels and restaurants this is particularly true, and nothing but the poor results that have been obtained in the past has prevented this from being done more extensively.

The old method was to put common filtered hydrant water into cans and freeze it into white, unattractive ice, useful only for cooling purposes, and hardly suitable for the table. Distilling and purifying apparatus is found necessary to make acceptable ice by this process, and the manifold duties of the operating engineer usually prevent the giving of proper care and attention to the various purifying devices, with the result that the quality of the product is quite inferior.

There is now developed, however, a practical method of making ice in large or small quantities on the "plate system," freezing outwardly from the refrigerating coils, excluding impurities into the residual water, circulating this water by means of a circulating pump through filters to remove air and impurities, giving clean, pure crystal ice from water of almost any reasonably good quality. The ice is then harvested by a steam cutter, which pushes its square nose down in the tank and cuts off a slab of ice whenever required. A tank of this character, added to a refrigerating plant, is a most useful and profitable adjunct, especially considering that the high quality of the product is chiefly a function of the method rather than the skill of operation.—W. O. Kerr in Cassier's Magazine.

INAUGURATION EXCURSION. Via Pennsylvania Short Lines. Tickets on sale March 1st and 3d, for through trains leaving Ft. Wayne, 5:40 a. m., 7:00 a. m., 1:10 p. m., 7:45 p. m.; Toledo 7:05 a. m., 3:00 p. m., 9:00 p. m.; Cleveland 1:40 p. m., 11:10 p. m. Full particulars furnished upon application to Traveling Passenger Agent F. M. BUSHONG, 66 Griswold st., Detroit, or C. L. KIMBALL, A. G. P. Agt., Cleveland, O.

An Embarrassing Gift. Lord Leighton's house is to be presented to the nation, which in turn is to maintain it in its present condition as an artistic monument of its late owner. It is ungracious to discuss matters too closely, and every one will recognize the good intentions of the ladies who make the generous gift, but some day it will be necessary seriously to discuss this business, now so much in fashion, of keeping up the houses that are associated with the memory of our great men. One day it is Carlyle, another it is Turner, and so on.

There is a little "boom," a few of the faithful pour in on the opening day and examine the hat stand, and the walking stick, and the dining room table, and then they go away and straightway forget all about it. For a year or so stray Americans and provincials keep up a show of interest, and then the thing becomes a mere white elephant of interest or of use to nobody. Lord Leighton's house is out beyond Holland Park, and, as it is not to be either a school, a museum or a home, who is likely after the first few weeks to take the trouble to go three or four miles to visit it?—St. James Gazette.

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Incongruity. The Mississippi river flows up hill. Its mouth is higher than its source—that is, farther from the center of the earth, on account of the bulge of the earth toward the equator.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

THEY DO NOT SIT. Some Birds That Hatch Their Eggs by Queer Devices. It is well known that the Australian megapod is a bird that is accustomed to sit on its eggs. In certain parts of Australia are found numerous mounds of considerable size and height which the first explorers took to be burial grounds. These were made by the Megapodius tumulus, which uses them for hatching its eggs. They have sometimes considerable dimensions. A nest that is 14 feet high and 55 feet in circumference may be regarded as large.

Each megapod builds its own nest with material which it gathers from all sides, and these are exactly what the gardener uses in the month of March to make his forcing beds—namely, leaves and decomposing vegetable matter, which, by their fermentation, give off an appreciable amount of heat. In the forcing beds this heat hastens the sprouting of the seeds. In the nest it suffices for the development and hatching of the young birds, and the mother can go where she likes and occupy herself as she wishes without being troubled by the duties of sitting.

In the small island of Nainafu, in the Pacific, another bird has a somewhat similar habit, in so far as it also abandons its eggs, but in place of obtaining the necessary heat from fermentation it gets it from warm sand. The leipoa, or native pheasant of Australia, acts like the megapod and watches the temperature of its mound very closely, covering and uncovering the eggs several times a day to cool them or heat them as becomes necessary. After hatching, the young bird remains in the mound several hours. It leaves on the second day, but returns for the night, and not until the third day is it able to leave for good the paternal abode.—Revue Scientifique.

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At Ann Arbor, Michigan, at the close of business, Oct. 6, 1896.

RESOURCES. Loans and Discounts, \$507,856 47; Stocks, Bonds, Mortgages, etc., 504,758 15; Overdrafts, 831 37; Banking House, 20,500 00; Furniture and Fixtures, 8,417 32; Other Real Estate, 19,020 98; Total, \$1,233,228 80.

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in, \$50,000 00; Surplus fund, 150,000 00; Undivided profits less current expenses, interest and taxes paid, 4,085 41; Dividends unpaid, 460 00; Total, \$1,233,228 80.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss. County of Washtenaw, ss. I, Charles E. Hiscock, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. CHAS. E. HISCOCK, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of October, 1896. MICHAEL J. FRITZ, Notary Public. CORRECT ATTEST: Christian Mack, W. D. Harriman, W. B. Smith, Directors.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1897.

Democratic County Convention.

The Democrats of Washtenaw County will meet in county convention in the court house, in the city of Ann Arbor, on Thursday the 11th day of February, 1897, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of school commissioner of Washtenaw County and for the further purpose of electing 23 delegates to the Democratic State Convention which meets in the City of Grand Rapids on Wednesday, February 17th.

All persons who endorse the principles enunciated in the Chicago platform are cordially invited to participate in the respective caucuses.

Townships and Wards will be entitled to delegates as follows:

Ann Arbor City:	Northfield.....7
1st ward.....8	Pittsfield.....6
2d ward.....10	Salem.....6
3rd ward.....10	Saline.....9
4th ward.....9	Solo.....5
5th ward.....4	Sharon.....10
6th ward.....6	Superior.....6
7th ward.....4	Sylvan.....13
Ann Arbor Town.....7	Webster.....5
Augusta.....11	York.....6
Bridgewater.....6	Ypsilanti.....7
Dexter.....4	Ypsilanti City.....7
Freedom.....6	1st ward.....8
Libra.....6	2d ward.....6
Lodi.....7	3rd ward.....6
Lyndon.....4	4th ward.....5
Manchester.....12	5th ward.....7

MARTIN J. CAVANAUGH, Chairman.
CHARLES A. WARD, Secretary.

Dated at Ann Arbor, Jan. 22, 1897.

Senator Andrew Campbell is called by the Lansing correspondents "the good Senator Campbell."

The tariff is to be pushed to the front by the McKinley administration. Is this a pleasing fact to the democrats whose votes elected him?

Boss Platt, of New York, has been elected United States senator from New York. At the same time Senator Puffer failed to receive a re-election.

Let the democrats send up good delegations to the coming county convention. We need a good candidate for county school commissioner and a good delegation to Grand Rapids. In defeat the democracy always comes out strong and this spring is a good time to redeem old Washtenaw.

The state senate finally passed two bills yesterday. They were bills changing the names of citizens of the state. This changing of names by the legislature reminds one of the old Texan, whose name was Hogg and who was annoyed by the boys following him in the street and yelling "Hogg, Hogg." He had his name changed by the legislature, but the boys still followed him shouting "Hogg by name and hog by nature, only changed by the legislature."

County School Commissioner Wedemeyer has accepted an appointment as deputy state railroad commissioner. The appointment is a good one and a fitting recognition of Mr. Wedemeyer's yeoman work for the republican party. This appointment clears the field for a new school commissioner in this county. Without any reflections, the Argus desires to ask if it would not be a good idea this spring to elect a first class school man, as county commissioner and one who is not a politician.

In discussing the recent election, Walter Wellman in speaking of the 14,000,000 votes cast, makes the following comparisons:

"If 14,000,000 men were placed in single file five feet apart, they would make a line 13,258 miles in length, or considerably more than one-half way around the world at the equator. Marched in platoons of four, the line would reach from New York to San Francisco, with enough to spare to place 80 officers to the mile outside the line. If the 14,000,000 voters were marched in company order, 16 men abreast and ten feet apart, they would make a column 1,656 miles long, or from New York to the interior of Nebraska. Such a procession, marching at the rate of three miles an hour, would require 23 days and nights to pass a given point. Massed as closely as men can conveniently stand, allowing 5 square feet to the individual, the 14,000,000 voters of last November would cover a field containing more than 2 1/2 square miles of ground—2 1/2 square miles of solid humanity. If loaded into railway cars, 233,300 passenger coaches would be required to hold them, or more than eight times as many such coaches as there are in the United States."

He Was From Ypsilanti.

A Jackson dispatch to the Sunday News-Tribune says: "William Kersey, a colored ex-convict, who figured last year in an amusing wife trade, gave the officers a lively chase Saturday morning and escaped. He was accused of robbing Frank Marzeski's hen house of five fat chickens Friday night. The police found one of the birds cooking in a pot on his kitchen stove, and the other four were recovered at a meat market where Kersey had sold them. He is known in local colored circles as 'that Ypsilanti Coon.'"

WHO ARE THE WORKERS.

Some Census Figures of the Population of This Country.

Much interesting data about the occupations of the American people is given in a delayed bulletin of the eleventh census, which has just been furnished the press. It shows that the total number of people engaged in occupations of all kinds in 1890 was 22,735,661. This is an increase of over 5,000,000 working people in a decade. This whole number of working people consists of those ten years old or over and makes up over 36 per cent of the entire population and almost 47 per cent of all persons 10 years old and over.

Of the whole number of working people the females form 17.22 per cent. Divided by classes, the working people of the country are as follows: Agriculture, fisheries and mining, 9,013,336; professional, 944,333; domestic and personal service, 4,300,577; trade and transportation, 3,326,122; manufacturing and mechanical industries, 5,091,293.

The domestic and personal service includes hotelkeepers, soldiers, sailors and marines, laborers, barbers, detectives, etc. The first-named class is a 10 years' gain of over 1,000,000, or of almost 3,000,000 for a score of years.

Considerably more than four-fifths of the illiterate male portion of the country and one-fourth of the illiterate female population are working. Over 59 per cent of the workmen are married, over 37 per cent single, over 3 per cent widowed and one-quarter of 1 per cent divorced. Of all foreign whites at work here, 4 per cent of the males and 13 per cent of the females cannot speak English.

In manufactures and mechanics the carpenters and joiners, numbering 611,482, make up the greatest element, with dressmakers and milliners following with 499,690. There are a little over 1,000,000 bookkeepers, clerks and salesmen, 690,658 merchants and dealers, 5,281,557 farmers, planters and overseers, and 3,004,061 agricultural laborers, 349,592 miners and only a little over 60,000 fishermen and oystermen.

Professors and teachers aggregating 347,344 form the most numerous of the professional classes. Physicians and surgeons, 104,805, come next, then lawyers 89,630, clergymen 88,203, government officials 79,664, musicians, etc., 62,155; engineers and surveyors 43,239, artists and art teachers 22,496, journalists 21,849 and actors 9,728.

"The Girl I Left Behind Me"

Which comes to the Grand opera house, Jan. 26, is a thrilling play, whose dash, action, deeds of gallantry, woven into which is a pretty romance, well explained to those who witnessed it why it scored such phenomenal runs in large cities.

The scene is a post on the frontier and the time during the weird ghost dances of the Indians, which roused them into a frenzy of wrath and impelled them to declare war against the white man. The beautiful daughter of the post is affianced to Lieutenant Parlow, but loves Lieutenant Hawksworth. Parlow knows of this love, but is not gallant enough to relieve his promised wife of a tie that is odious. The two lieutenants and a detachment of men engage the Indians. Some of the party are cut off and are massacred, because Parlow proved too cowardly to go to the rescue. He lays the cowardice at the door of his rival, who proves the charge false by riding at midnight through the Indian line for succor for the post. As he leaves his sweetheart, who had therefore been too womanly to tell him her heart, she throws her arms around him and says: "I love you" while Parlow sulks, in the knowledge that the general knows he has lied. There is a battle with the Indians, plenty of blood and powder, and the hero once more proves his gallantry, while the poltroon is disgraced and resigns. Of course the hero wins his lady love.

The Art Amateur.

The January issue of the Art Amateur appears in a new dress of type, and presents a very rich and handsome appearance from the typographical point of view. Two excellent color plates, "The Old Mill," a soft and beautiful landscape by Bruce Crane, and an instructive study of Violets by Mand Stumm, are given free with this number. Wood carvers, pyrographers and china painters will find many valuable practical designs in it, and some excellent reproductions of famous Lawrence and Gainsboroughs are scattered among the next, together with instructive examples of the work of the painter, Madrazo. Miss Hallowell treats of drawing from photographs, and Mr. Shull of flower analysis, both papers being illustrated by their authors. There is an especially valuable, illustrated article on remodeling a city house, two pictorial pages of ideas for furniture, and a timely paper on Economy and Art in the Home. The doings of all the artistic societies are chronicled, the picture shows described, and, in a word, no one interested in Art, either from the practical or the aesthetic point of view, can afford to be without The Art Amateur. Art students, in no matter what department, will find it to their advantage to send to the office for the circular announcing the specially handsome premiums offered this year to new subscribers. (Price 35 cents, or \$4.00 a year. Montague Marks, 23 Union Square, New York.)

Marriage Licenses.

3205. George H. Bloom, 24, Ypsilanti; Emma Klaveter, 32, same.
3206. John M. Gauss, 24, Manchester; Nellie Gray, 18, same.
3207. Myron Robbins, 50, Augusta; Rosalie Yew, 46, Augusta.
3208. Charles H. Freer, 22, Chagrin Falls, O.; Elbertine Kilbourne, 22, Ypsilanti.

THE DAY OF RECKONING.

Fortified by Unexpected Information About Her Husband's First Wife.

A little woman wearing a last year's wrap got on a Wells street car the other morning, and as she paid her fare she recognized the woman sitting next her. "I haven't seen you for an age," she said.

"That's so," replied the other woman, "and it isn't my fault either. I was at your house last."

"So you were. Well, the truth is, I'm kept at home pretty close now."

"The children, I guess. That's what comes of marrying a widower."

"Oh, it isn't that. They're as good as gold, and they're in school most of the time too. No, it's my husband. He is so particular about the way the house is kept. Why, a speck of dust on a table or chair almost gives him a fit, and as for his food—well, it's about impossible to please him."

"You don't say. Got dyspepsia, I guess. His first wife?"

"Oh, no; he's just particular. I wouldn't so much mind, but he's always talking about the way his first wife kept house. Seems to me sometimes I wish she hadn't been such a good cook. It ain't wrong, I hope."

"His first wife was such a good cook!"

"Yes, that's what he always says when anything goes wrong. I'm on my way to the South Side now to see my aunt. She always makes such good pumpkin pies, and I want her to tell me just how she does it. John nearly had a fit over the last ones I made, and yet most folks think my pies are good. But John says his wife's first pies—"

"Look here, Almira Johnson, did you ever know John's first wife?"

"No; I never saw her that I know of. She must have been a first rate housekeeper, judging by the way he talks. Sometimes I wonder how he ever came to marry me after—"

"Oh, you didn't know her! Well, I did; lived next door to 'em on Webster avenue for two years, and if that woman ever made a pie—yes, or a bed, either, until it was time to get into it—I'm mistaken. And the way she did treat him! Why, he was afraid to call his soul his own!"

The meek looking little woman gasped. "You don't mean to say that—that she wasn't a good housekeeper?"

"Not if I know what a good housekeeper is!"

"And she didn't make first class pies?"

"Didn't make any at all. Bought 'em at the baker's! What you going to do?"

"Do? I'm going to get out and go home, that's what I'm going to do. I guess after what I know now I can make John's pies without any teaching from my aunt."

"Well, I should think so," said the other woman, "and," she added, "you might just mention while he's eating them that I've been telling you about old times when we used to live next door on Webster avenue!"—Chicago Tribune.

Extracts From the Peking Gazette.

Imperial orders, when printed in the Peking Gazette, are peremptory; there is no ambiguity about them. An article in Longman's Magazine presents certain extracts from the Peking Gazette, and one shows how rife is superstition in China:

The governor X reports, a number of incompetents; the prefect A. is an opium sot and too fond of actors; the magistrate B. is a fellow of low and mercenary spirit. Let each be reduced one grade. The prefect C. is no fool, but he is getting old and feeble. Let him retire on his present rank. The magistrate D. is simply an idiot. Let him take charge of the local education department instead. The viceroy of Hukong reports the descent to the earth from the clouds of a green lizard and the consequent sudden stoppage of the floods in nine districts. We are infinitely touched by this gracious evidence of the gods' intervention. The academy has been ordered to compose a suitable aphorism for engraving on a gorgeous tablet. The viceroy will proceed in full uniform, followed by the whole official body, to hang this tablet in the Moth's Eyebrows hall in order to prove to the local deity that we are not indisposed to requite his services. When the eclipse of the moon takes place tomorrow, let the proper authorities set up the usual howls and save the moon in due legal form.

Frankly Explained.

"I believe I saw you coming out of a rumshop this afternoon," said the Rev. Mr. Wilgus.

"I guess you did," said the parishioner.

"On business, I hope?"

"No. I will be candid with you. I went in to get a drink. You see it was this way. I had a plugged quarter passed on me."

"Yes."

"And there are only two places a man can get rid of a plugged quarter—a church and a saloon. And of course I didn't want to pass it on the contribution box."

"Ah!"—Indianapolis Journal.

Some Comical Bulls.

A very absentminded German professor named Johannes Amer lately died at Vienna, and the following are a few of his remarkable bulls:

"Julius Cæsar, disguised as a slave, swam naked across the Tiber."

"Covered with innumerable wounds, Cæsar fell dead near Pompey's statue. With one hand he covered his face with his toga, with the other he called for help."

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Dated, January 7th, 1897.
NELSON J. KYER,
COMSTOCK F. HILL,
CHARLES H. WORDEN,
Commissioners.

Manchester.

The Alpha Sigma meets next Monday evening. An interesting program is being prepared.

The stockholders of the cheese factory have had a rare treat of the first Manchester cheese, which proved to be very good.

The yearly meeting of the Young Ladies' Society was held at Miss Julia Schoettle's last Thursday. The following officers were elected: President, Lena Schaible; vice president, Julia Schoettle; secretary, Marie Kurfess; treasurer, Julia Kirchofer.

Wednesday afternoon of last week a very sad accident occurred in our village, which cast a gloom over the entire community. George Miller, aged 12 years, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, was drowned while skating. George had been at home for dinner and asked his parents whether he might skate on the pond near Mr. Achille's for a short time before the ringing of the school bell. Permission was given and with two or three of his companions he started off. While skating very strong, he was carried along by it. A boat was obtained and half an hour afterwards the body was found, about 30 feet from the shore. The funeral, held last Saturday morning, was largely attended. The fifth and sixth grades attended in a body and the remaining grades of the school were well represented. Rev. Yokom and Rev. Schoettle officiated. The floral offerings by the school were beautiful and showed the love of the children for their departed schoolmate. He was a member of the Junior Epworth League, a bright child, and appeared much older than his years would indicate.

Chelsea.

The markets remain steady, about as they were one week ago.

Calvin J. Thorpe, of Coldwater, attended the farmers' institute.

Some cutters and sleighs are out again but the sleighing is not good.

The revival services continue with increasing interest and power.

A farmer sold 557 bushels of oats in the market this week for \$64.02. His wages in raising them must be very thin.

Business in town is very quiet now and will be for a month to come, and yet the business of one of these quiet days aggregates more than one would think to judge from outward appearances.

A Thermometer Free.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Seyler, Friday evening, a 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ pound baby girl.

Two eclipses of the sun are scheduled for this year. They will occur Feb. 14 and July 29.

The celebrated comic oper "Wang" will be produced at the Grand opera house tomorrow evening.

The next meeting of the Washtenaw teachers' association will be held in Saline, Saturday of next week, Jan. 30.

John Girtbach, an old Ann Arbor boy, died at Chelsea, Friday. The funeral services were held Monday morning.

The state convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held in St. Paul's church, Flint, Wednesday and yesterday.

Ann Arbor ferry No. 1 plowed her way through 30 miles of ice in 10 hours in Green Bay to get to Menominee one day last week.

At the meeting of the Michigan Millers' Fire Insurance Co. held in Lansing last week, N. J. Kyer was elected vice president of the company.

A. B. DeWitt, superintendent of the Dexter schools, is being mentioned as a candidate for the nomination on the democratic ticket for county school commissioner.

At the meeting of Golden Rule Lodge, F. & A. M., Thursday evening of last week a class of 16 candidates received the first degree in Masonry. On Friday evening Fraternity Lodge conferred the second degree on eight.

The Y. M. C. A. state convention will be held in Owosso, Feb. 25 to 28. C. C. Michener will be the representative of the international committee at the convention. Alma is already in the field as the place for holding next year's convention.

The Wayne County Review says the Flint and Pere Marquette Railway is the only road on which 500 mile mileage books can be purchased. Guess, that editor never heard of the Ann Arbor Railroad, which has for years followed that practice.

McClure's Magazine for February will contain a sea poem by Rudyard Kipling, illustrated by Oliver Herford. Since the publication of Kipling's new book of poems, "The Seven Seas," there is a special interest in him as a poet, and particularly as the poet of the sea.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Farmers' Vigilance Association of the townships of Superior, Ann Arbor and Salem, will be held at Dixboro, Friday, Jan. 29, at 1 o'clock p. m. Everybody invited to attend. There will be some important questions that will interest you.

The mortgage on the farm is big, the style on the people's back is thick, and their excuse for much squandering of time is thin, so we shall have a hard (times) winter. These signs are also authentic, and also form as good a basis for climatic forecasts as any above named.—Addison Courier.

Fraternity Lodge, No. 262, F. & A. M., has accepted an invitation from Phoenix Lodge, of Ypsilanti, to work the third degree at Ypsilanti on the evening of February 22, Washington's Birthday. Phoenix Lodge has invited other lodges in the county to work the first and second degrees on that day.

Three new divorce cases have been commenced in the circuit court. They are Catherine Schoun vs. Jacob Schoun, both of this city, charge, habitual drunkenness and cruelty; Hattie M. Smith, of Ypsilanti, vs. Anderson J. Smith, cruelty and non-support; Adie M. Wheaton, of Ypsilanti, vs. Amassa C. Wheaton, desertion.

On New Year's day William G. Doty stepped down and out of the office of probate register, which he had held for 20 long years. During that time Mr. Doty acquired a knowledge of probate court procedure that makes him one of the best posted men in that work in Michigan. He has now hung up his shingle as an attorney and will do a general law business, in a neat suite of rooms in the Savings Bank Block, making a specialty of practice in the probate courts. He is already picking up a large number of clients and his ripe experience will rapidly add more to the list of his patrons.

Twenty-seven students will be graduated from the state Normal school this semester.

Mayor Walker has vetoed the transient traders' license ordinance passed by the council Monday night.

Warren Lewis has bought the Canada cocker spaniel "Ino Oho," C. K. C. 3511, winner of numerous prizes on the show bench.

"The Choice of a Profession" will be the subject of the sermon to be delivered by the rector of St. Andrew's church next Sunday morning.

The southern convocation of the diocese of Michigan will hold its winter session in St. Andrew's church on Thursday next, Jan. 28.

Dr. J. A. Wessinger has had his office rooms at No. 12 S. Main st., remodeled and they are now a great deal more convenient than before.

Mrs. Earl Hoisington, of Shiawassee township, Shiawassee county, is in the city to undergo an operation to remove a tumor from which she has suffered for many years.

The Royal Neighbors, the ladies' auxiliary of the Modern Woodmen, held a meeting preliminary to organization at the hall on Monday evening. It will have a charter membership of 50 to begin with.

Joe Seabolt drew the bicycle at the Midwinter Circus spinning jenny on Saturday night. Ed. H. Eberbach held the lucky number 309, which took the bicycle donated to the Light Infantry by James E. Harkins.

It took the Ann Arbor car ferry No. 2 from 4:30 p. m. Monday, until 12:30 p. m. Wednesday to cut its way through the ice from Frankfort to Menominee, by reason of her encounter with heavy windrows of ice.

There is a good joke being told on one of our young lawyers. He called on a client at the jail Saturday. The turnkey forgot that he was there and went off, leaving him locked up for an hour or two longer than the young attorney needed to complete his business.—Times.

The calendars gotten out by the Goebel Brewing Co., of Detroit, and distributed among its friends and customers, are the handsomest that we have seen this year. They are evidence of the fact that the company has good goods to advertise and knows how to do this class of advertising in an artistic way.

Mrs. Maria Cook, of Ann Arbor town, died Thursday evening of last week, aged 84 years. The funeral services were held at the house Saturday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Moore officiating. The remains were interred in the Dixboro cemetery. The deceased lady was an aunt of Mrs. L. S. Pryer, of 37 E. University ave.

The Presbyterian Church Society has re-elected Dr. W. J. Herdman, Dr. Jackson, and S. W. Clarkson, elders, and elected Spencer D. Lennon to serve for the unexpired term of John Moore, deceased. Horace Purfield takes the deacon's place made vacant by the death of Joseph Clark. The society has decided to create a board of deaconesses.

The "Matron's Elocutionary Contest" under the auspices of the W. E. T. U., will be held Thursday evening Feb. 4. The contestants will be Mesdames Chas. Worden, Hendrickson, Kapp, B. F. Schumacher, Johnson, Kilbourne, Hurry, Hess, Doig, Crozier and Miss Emma E. Bower. The names of the judges will be announced later.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Michigan Furniture Co. held Tuesday the following board of directors was elected: W. D. Harriman, G. Gruner, Moses Seabolt, Chas. E. Hiscok, E. E. Beal, Paul Snauble, Martin Haller. The board organized by electing W. D. Harriman president, L. Gruner vice president, C. E. Hiscok secretary and treasurer, and Paul Snauble superintendent.

The "Too Much Johnson" company which played at the Grand opera house Saturday night made a clean jump on Sunday morning from here to Providence, R. I. Besides the fares of the company, the manager planked down to the railroad company \$350 for excess baggage. There was a whole freight carload of scenery and it was hitched right on and taken along with the regular passenger train.

Mrs. Ella Kelly, a dressmaker residing on N. Fifth ave., died on Thursday evening of last week, after a lingering and painful illness, of cancer, aged 40 years. The funeral services were held at St. Thomas' church Saturday morning, Rev. E. D. Kelly officiating, and the remains were interred in St. Thomas' cemetery. Two boys, the oldest of whom is only 16 years old, are left to mourn the loss of a devoted, affectionate mother.

"Railroad Jack, the Hammock Rider," who is too lazy to go to work and earn an honest living, but is very fond of relating his experiences in beating railroad companies out of their legitimate fare delivered one of his bombastic, egotistical "lectures" at the opera house, Dexter, last Saturday evening. He is the same fellow, presumably, who talked so glibly on the court house square, in this city, during the fall election campaign, in the interest of the republican party.

Some person or persons, who did not make themselves acquainted with the truth or falsity of what they were talking of, circulated the report Monday and Tuesday that J. A. Brown, the grocer, at 37 E. Washington st., had filed chattel mortgages on his stock. The report had no foundation except in the minds of those who made it and Mr. Brown is justly indignant about it. He has no occasion or intention of doing any such a thing, having always been able to pay his bills when presented and from present outlooks will be able to do so. He says he will pay \$25 for proof as to who was the author of the malicious report.

The democratic state convention will be held in the city of Grand Rapids, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

The semi-annual business meeting of the Epworth League of the M. E. church will be held next Monday evening.

There is a project on foot to establish an ice making plant in this city to make artificial ice, should the ice crop be a failure.

About fifteen couples enjoyed the Wolverine Cyclers' social dance at the club rooms Wednesday night. Dance music was furnished by a harp.

Dr. B. B. Sudworth has been again awarded the contract of furnishing medical service to the inmates of the county poor house during the coming year.

The records in the county clerk's office show that there were 334 marriage licenses issued last year and that the supervisors reported 656 births and 485 deaths.

Rev. J. T. Sunderland will lecture in the Unity Club course next Monday evening on "Picturesque India." The lecture will be illustrated with stereopticon views.

Business on the Ann Arbor railroads is steadily on the increase. For the first week in January its earnings were \$4,056; in 1896, \$17,902 and this year they were \$21,162.

The young people of St. Thomas Catholic church have organized a dramatic club and will put a historical drama on the stage at the Grand opera house in the near future.

Officer Armbruster arrested Charles Clark, Saturday, for violating the transient traders' ordinance by selling gold spectacles. Justice Gibson let him off with the costs, \$4.25, and he left town at once.

The democratic county convention to elect delegates to the state convention and to nominate a county commissioner of schools has been called to meet Thursday, Feb. 11, at the court house in this city.

The Light Infantry Midwinter Circus will net the boys nearly \$600. The total receipts were \$2,014.75 as against \$1,632.15 last year. The salary roll called for about \$400 more expenditure this year than last.

Phoenix Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M., of Ypsilanti, has passed the 50-year mile stone, its charter having been granted January 13, 1847, thus making it the oldest lodge in Washtenaw county and the 13th oldest in the state of Michigan.

The third and last of the Memorial Services in the Unitarian church in honor of the great dead of the past year, will be held next Sunday evening. There will be addresses by Rev. Mr. Sunderland, Mr. B. A. Finney and Mrs. Sunderland.

Miss Nina Wagner died at the home of her mother Mrs. Mary A. Wagner, 27 W. Washington st., of consumption, on Saturday, aged 25 years. The funeral services were held at the Bethlehem church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. John Neumann officiating.

Henry Judson, a former resident of Dixboro, died in Davisburg, on Sunday last, aged 70 years. His remains were brought to Ann Arbor at noon Wednesday, and were interred in Forest Hill cemetery. He was an uncle of J. P. Judson, of 89 E. University ave.

A series of protracted meetings has been in progress at the Church of Christ during the past week, beginning at 7:30 o'clock each evening. They consist of an opening praise and prayer service of 15 minutes, conducted by a member of the C. E., then followed by a 30-minute sermon by the pastor, on some great theme of the gospel.

At the meeting of the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons held in Saginaw, Tuesday and Wednesday, Lewis C. Goodrich, of this city, was re-elected grand lecturer. A salary of \$500 per year and traveling expenses has been attached to the office and the grand lecturer will hereafter visit every chapter in the state. C. L. Stevens, of Ypsilanti, was elected grand principal sojourner.

The class in dressmaking at the Y. W. C. A. rooms in charge of Miss H. J. Salyer and assisted by Miss Maud Miller, has done such excellent work that it will continue to meet Friday evenings indefinitely. They expect to begin lessons in garment cutting by the best tailor system in use one week from this evening. The class is still open to new members and visitors are welcome.

H. E. Puddy, of Adrian, was in Ann Arbor, Tuesday, looking up the system in vogue here of paying the taxes in two installments during each year, also looking over the board of public works, with a view to the adoption of these features in that city. He likes the system of collecting the taxes twice a year, but has no use for a board of public works in cities the size of Adrian and Ann Arbor.

The parents of Mabel Stanton, of Adrian, who eloped with Actor Charles Bishop, recently, received a letter from her Saturday, dated Louisville, Ky. In it she said that she and Bishop were married a week ago last Friday, the 8th of January, at Louisville. She states that her parents need not write to her as she will not be in Louisville to receive a reply. She very cautiously omitted to state where they were going.

A meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's church was held at Harris hall, Thursday evening of last week, at which the question of raising a much needed sum of money was discussed. The old fashioned fair with its bothers and vexations was put aside as out of the question and it was resolved to have, some time within the coming month, an experience social, at which each lady is to come forward with a hard and honestly earned dollar, accompanied by a truthful little story of how the dollar was earned.

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Charles H. Ludlow, of Detroit, has purchased the drug store of the late John Moore, on E. Huron st.

Superintendent of Poor E. P. Mason has furnished lodging to 120 tramps during a little over two weeks just passed.

Mrs. Mary Durall has been granted a divorce from her husband, Anthony Durall, in the circuit court by Judge Kinne.

Mrs. Philo Parsons, aged 89 years, a resident of Pittsfield township since 1825, died Sunday morning at the residence of her son, Roswell Parsons, Pittsfield.

W. H. Owen will move his barber shop Feb. 1 to the store now occupied by the Cook house bar. S. W. Burchfield will then occupy the store now occupied by Mr. Owen.

Next Thursday evening, Jan. 28, the third of the enjoyable socials being given by the I. O. O. F. in their new hall will take place. Minnie's orchestra will furnish the music.

Frank Camp was surprised by a party of friends Wednesday night at his home on W. Ann st. They dropped in to wish him many happy returns of his birthday. It was the 25th anniversary.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance expects Gerald F. Stevens, of Detroit, to speak at their weekly meeting to be held at 26 Elizabeth st., corner of Fuller st., Tuesday evening, Jan. 26.

A library social will be given at the north side chapel this evening. There will be a program and refreshments will be served. Everybody invited. Admission 10 cents. Proceeds for the new church fund.

Chas. A. Sauer has been awarded the contract for the erection of the new building for Germania Lodge, No. 467, D. O. H., at \$6,554.74. The building will be located at the corner of Second and W. William st.

At its meeting yesterday the board of regents of the U. of M., prepared a formal reply to the recent petition of Dr. D. A. MacLachlan, of Detroit, asking for the removal of the homeopathic department to that city. The request was denied.

The next number on the "Four Evenings Abroad" course will be "The ups and downs of a bicycle trip," by C. W. Noble. It is an account of journeyings awhel through England, Germany and France. It is full of interesting things happily told. Don't fail to hear it. At M. E. church this evening.

Co. A will have resolutions drafted which will be signed by every member in the company and forwarded to Hon. A. J. Sawyer, petitioning the legislature to provide for the relief of Privates Kelly and Lent, of Co. E, Lansing, the two men who each lost part of a hand and received other injuries at the last state military encampment.

Charles Trempler, the ex-convict who tried to kill his wife in a house of shady reputation in this city, on Nov. 3, 1896, and who has since that time evaded arrest, was captured Tuesday night and is now in jail. His wife made complaint against him Wednesday before Justice Pond and the hearing was set for yesterday. Trempler demanded an examination and it was set for tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Joe Parker was surprised at her home 18 E. Liberty st., Wednesday evening, by a party of between 30 and 40 friends. The first part of the evening was spent in playing progressive pedro, the prizes being won by Miss L. Covert and Wm. Walsh, sr., and the booby prizes by Mrs. H. Walters and T. McNamara. Light refreshments were then served and after a few songs by James E. Harkins, dancing was indulged in until an early hour in the morning.

Next Thursday evening the new rooms of the Lyra Singing Society will be formally opened with a concert followed by a dance. Among those who will take part in the program are Freddie Daly, the boy soprano, Fred McOmber, flute soloist, Frank Smith, violinist, Ypsilanti, Miss Flora Koch, soprano, the Lyra Maennerchor, under the direction of Prof. R. H. Kempf, and others. Tickets to the concert will be 25 cents each and they will admit to the dance also. They can be obtained at Schumacher & Miller's and Mann Bros.' drug stores, and at Haller's jewelry store.

Would Shorten the Collegiate Year.

Prof. George Hempf will read a paper on "The three-year undergraduate period as affecting our scholastic organization" at Tappan hall, this evening at 8 o'clock. Prof. Hempf thinks that the general error that the collegiate course is too long is justified, and that a shortening of the period would, not only be of advantage to the individual student, but also be of the greatest value to our higher institutions of learning themselves. All interested in the subject are welcome.

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CIRCULARS SENT OUT BY WYMAN. No Hope from Cold Weather, as the Disease Does Not Diminish Then—Spain to Grant Amnesty to Political Prisoners Confined in Cuban Jails—Doings in the National Legislature—The "Free Home" Bill—Washington News Notes.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The great epidemic of the bubonic plague in Bombay has compelled the authorities of the Marine hospital service to take steps to secure the utmost possible vigilance by officials of the United States to prevent its introduction into this country, although no fears are felt at present. Surgeon General Wyman of the Marine hospital bureau, after consulting with Secretary Carlisle issued a circular calling the attention of United States consular officers, masters and owners of vessels, collectors of customs, national, state and local quarantine officers and others to quarantine regulations to prevent the spread of epidemics. The regulations referred to in the circular compel the disinfection of merchandise and personal effects from infected ports before their shipment and similar precautions in regard to immigrants from ports where plague, cholera, typhus, yellow fever or small-pox prevails.

No Great Apprehension Here. Speaking of the plague Dr. Wyman said: "No great apprehension is felt of its introduction into the United States, though special measures to prevent it have been in operation for more than a year. The present outbreak may be traced to China in 1894, and two years ago the quarantine officers on the Pacific coast were instructed to be specially vigilant with regard to it, and have disinfected the baggage of all Chinese and Japanese immigrants, and an understanding was had with the Canadian government by which they agreed to do the same, so that immigrants landed at Vancouver and coming thence into the United States would be equally safe with those coming to the United States ports direct. Cold weather is not a protection against the plague, as it brings about the crowding together of more people in houses. The bacillus was discovered in 1894 by a Japanese scientist. The germ is easy to kill, and can be destroyed by sulphur fumatation. The thermal death rate is 176 degrees Fahrenheit. When this plague prevailed in Russia in 1878, it was found necessary to burn a large village, which was its stronghold, in order to stamp it out."

Spain Offers to Release Political Prisoners on Saturday. Washington, Jan. 19.—The amnesty proclamation to be issued by the Spanish government on the king's saint day, Jan. 23, will, it is said, given pardon in full to all political prisoners now confined in Cuban jails. Among those to be released by its provisions are: The competitor prisoners, Captain Alfredo Laborde, William Gildea, Mate John Melton, Dr. Silas Bedia and Teodoro Mata; Julio Sangulilly, who has just been condemned to what is practically life imprisonment, and whose case is now under appeal; Henry Delgado, said to be a correspondent of a New York newspaper, who was captured in a Cuban hospital, and Dr. Betancourt, who was arrested recently under suspicion of aiding the rebels. Many other American citizens are said to be in jail in various parts of the island, and in the general jail delivery contemplated on young Alphonso's birthday they will be set free.

Death Penalty for Train Robbery. Washington, Jan. 19.—Some interesting facts concerning train wrecking were presented to the judiciary committee of the house Tuesday by Representative Hubbard of Missouri, who has introduced a bill to provide the death penalty for the crime. Mr. Hubbard showed that the number of train hold-ups in six years had been 183, in which seventy-three persons were killed and fifty-eight wounded by shots. The record for 1896 was twenty-eight hold ups, in which thirty-two passengers and trainmen were killed and many injured, four robbers killed, and two injured. The bill is a very severe one and fixes the death penalty or imprisonment for not less than ten years for all hold-ups or attempts at train wrecking.

National Legislature. Washington, Jan. 19.—In the senate Tuesday Hale called up a bill providing for the organization of a naval battalion in the District of Columbia. The bill was passed. A bill was passed for a public building at Altoona, Pa., to cost \$125,000 for the incorporation of the American instructors of the deaf. The day in the house, in pursuance of the special order adopted the previous day, was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills. Under the terms of the order debate on each bill was limited to ten minutes. About 900 private pension bills remain on the calendar.

The "Free Homes" Bill. Washington, Jan. 19.—The free homes bill will be reported back to the house exactly as it came from the senate according to decision reached by the house committee on public lands Tuesday. Chairman Lacey of the committee gave notice that he would make a minority report to the house in favor of exempting from the operation of the bill the lands which the government is selling as trustee for Indians. He proposed the amendment at the committee meeting, but it was rejected.

Francis' Nomination Confirmed. Washington, Jan. 19.—Secretary Francis' nomination has been confirmed by the senate in executive session. No opposition to the confirmation was made and no vote was taken. Senator Vest stated that he could add nothing to what he had already said and that he had no objection in further delaying action upon the nomination. He added that he had not made objection to confirmation in the beginning on any personal ground.

Senators Favor Forman. Washington, Jan. 19.—The senate committee on finance Tuesday voted to report favorably the nomination of W. S. Forman of Illinois to be commissioner of internal revenue. Some opposition was developed in committee, but no rollcall was had. It is expected that there will be opposition to the confirmation in the senate.

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Sherman Calls Upon Olney. Washington, Jan. 19.—Senator Sherman, who is to be the next secretary of state, called Tuesday at the state department upon Secretary Olney and had a short talk with him. It is gathered that the interview was respecting the appearance of the secretary before the senate committee on foreign relations to answer the inquiries of the committee touching the Anglo-American arbitration treaty.

Rev. Conaty Installed. Washington, Jan. 19.—The installation of Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Conaty as director of the Catholic university occurred at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Preliminary to this ceremony Dr. Conaty made the profession of faith at the mass celebrated at the university chapel at 9 a. m. The entire faculty of the university, with the divinity and lay students, were in attendance.

Russia to Take a Census. Washington, Jan. 19.—For the first time in the history of Russia an attempt is being made to count the inhabitants and an imperial decree translated and sent to the state department by United States Consul General Karel at St. Petersburg contains the formal order for a complete census and the supputation must be completed by Feb. 9.

Women Admitted to Practice. Washington, Jan. 19.—Two ladies, Miss Caroline H. Pier of Wisconsin and Miss Alice A. Minnick of Nebraska, were admitted to practice in the supreme court Monday, increasing the number of ladies who possess this privilege to fifteen.

Brigadier General Morgan Retired. Washington, Jan. 19.—Brigadier General R. Morgan, commissary general of subsistence, was placed on the retired list of the army Monday by operation of law on account of age.

BAG OF MONEY STOLEN. Taken While the Expressman Was Not Looking.

New York, Jan. 19.—A bag containing \$5,600 was stolen Tuesday in front of the Pacific State bank, Broadway near Houston street. It was the property of the Metropolitan Traction company and had been sent to the bank in charge of two men as part of the usual day's deposits. It was in \$5 and \$10 bills. Several bags of coin had been carried from the wagon into the bank when one of the men, according to the story told to the police, set this sack, the most valuable one of all upon the sidewalk to be ready for the messenger when he should emerge from the bank. The man at the wagon turned to lift out another bag, and when he looked for the sack on the sidewalk it had disappeared. The street, which is a busy one, was crowded at the time, but none of those in sight was carrying the stolen bag nor was any trace of it to be found. The police are investigating the case. The treasurer of the Traction company says that the two expressmen are old and trusted employes of the company and that he has every reason to believe their story. They are under bonds for ten times the amount stolen.

Big Tin Mill Damaged by Fire. Newcastle, Pa., Jan. 19.—The Newcastle Tin mill, the largest in the world, met with a terrible loss Monday evening by fire. The rolling department of the big mill was almost entirely destroyed. The fire started from the friction of the big rope from the flywheel, and in a very short time the flames gained such headway that no less than five sets of mills were destroyed and the big building badly damaged. The fire will throw over 500 men out of employment. The loss is estimated at about \$50,000; fully insured.

Big Deal in Pine. Menominee, Mich., Jan. 19.—The largest pine deal of the season was closed here Monday, being the transfer of 60,000,000 feet of standing pine in town 48, range 37, Houghton county, from the Cleveland Sawmill and Lumber company to the Sagola Lumber company, for a consideration of \$175,000. The timber will be cut and hauled to the latter company's mill over a new twenty-five mile logging railroad to be built this winter.

Well Known Woman Physician Dead. New York, Jan. 19.—Eleanor C. Leggett, M. D., a well-known woman physician, has died at her home in Flushing, L. I., after an illness of two years. She was 60 years of age and was the wife of Dr. Thomas C. Leggett, now in Los Angeles, Cal. Her son, Thomas C. Leggett, is a consulting engineer of the Transvaal Republic in South Africa.

Arrest of a Forger. St. Louis, Jan. 19.—John L. Young of Pittsburg was arrested in the office of W. J. Totten, in this city, sale agent of the Carnegie Steel company, where, it is alleged, he was trying to pass some forged checks. He is also wanted in Pittsburg on the charge of passing forged checks on H. Baer, a wholesale tobacconist of that city.

To Lexow St. Louis. Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 19.—The Missouri legislature has appointed a committee of seven to investigate St. Louis and Kansas City police affairs. Four of the members of the committee are Democrats, two are Republicans and one a fusionist. There is no St. Louis or Kansas City man on the committee.

Failure in Carriages. Cincinnati, Jan. 19.—T. J. McNamara, Jr., doing business as the Phoenix Carriage works, has assigned to Robert Ramsey. The assets are \$40,000; liabilities the same. The Eureka Carriage and Harness company, under the same management, was also included in the assignment.

Suicided at 75 Years. Gouverneur, N. Y., Jan. 19.—Adam P. Killmar, a wealthy citizen, committed suicide by hanging himself. He was 75 years of age. A son and daughter, the latter Mrs. Willber Barber, are living in California. This was Mr. Killmar's second attempt at self destruction.

Fayerweather Case Decided. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 19.—The court of appeals has decided in the Fayerweather case that the twenty colleges contesting the ruling of the executors to debar them will share in the \$3,000,000 left to educational institutions.

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He Wanted It Cheaper. It was one of those restaurants where they charge according to the service, and you can get anything in the line of service that you want from a private dining room to a cafeteria help yourself counter. And the men in search of something to eat had wandered in among the private dining rooms on the second floor. After he had settled himself comfortably in his chair and had secured the attention of a waiter he glanced at the bill of fare, and the next minute he straightened up as if he had received an electric shock. "Roast beef, 45 cents!" he exclaimed. "Do you serve a whole cow for an order here?" The waiter said that was the regular price. "Well, when I want to be robbed," returned the man, "I'll go out and hire a thug to do it. Just now I'm only after lunch, and I didn't think to bring my checkbook along."

The waiter politely suggested that the prices were not quite so high on the first floor, where the service was a little less perfect. The patron declared that he didn't care whether the service was good or bad, as he never ate it, and then he started for the first floor. "Roast beef, 30 cents," he said, looking at a bill of fare before taking his seat. "That's better. I've come down 15 cents' worth of stairs." Then it was that a brilliant idea occurred to him, and he beckoned to the head waiter. "What's in the basement?" he asked. "Our cafeteria," was the reply. "How much is roast beef down there?" "Twenty cents." He started for the basement, but stopped. "Say," he said, "if you've got a sub-cellar I'd like to eat there."—Chicago Post.

"I am an old soldier of the rebellion. A year ago I was in bed all winter with chronic rheumatism. Three doctors failed to give me relief. Two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters put me on my feet. It is worth its weight in gold." W. B. Knapp, Litchfield Co., Mich.

Climbing. Selfish ambition may help us to climb to the point where we may be seen, but it never aids us in climbing to where we can see. The higher a man gets in the world in pursuit of selfish aims the narrower his field of vision becomes. The higher he gets in the pursuit of unselfish aims the farther he can see around him. It matters little whether we climb in life if we do not climb toward a higher point of vision.—Sunday School Times.

Heliotrope. The name of the heliotrope comes from two Greek words signifying "twining toward the sun." It has long been a belief that the flower of the heliotrope turns, with the advancing day, so as to face the sun. In some species of this plant this curious practice is noticed.

County Teachers' Examinations. The examinations of teachers for 1896-7 will be held as follows: Regular examination for all grades at Ann Arbor, the third Thursday and Friday of August, 1896, and the last Thursday and Friday of March, 1897. Regular examinations for second and third grades, at Ann Arbor, the third Thursday and Friday of October, 1896, and the third Thursday and Friday of June, 1897. Special examination for third grades at Manchester, the third Friday of September, 1896. Wm. W. WEDEMEYER, Commissioner

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PERSONAL.

Miss Nellie Brown is confined to the house by sickness. Miss Jennie McIntyre is visiting friends in Grand Rapids. Rev. E. D. Kelly has been quite ill the past few days with a bad cold. Dr. L. S. Crosten, of Edmore, is the guest of Dr. J. N. Martin. Christian Reyer, of S. Fifth ave., is slowly convalescing after a long illness. Miss May Barry, of Detroit, is making an extended visit with friends in this city. Conrad Lehman and Wm. Schatz attended the funeral of John Girbach in Chelsea Monday. Mrs. W. S. Perry has returned home from a five weeks' visit in New York and Washington. Dr. C. W. Root, of Milwaukee, Wis., is visiting in this city for a couple of weeks. Rev. Mother Superior, of St. Mary's Academy at Monroe, is a guest at the St. Thomas school. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Butler entertained a few friends at their home on E. William st., Friday. George J. Haller is doing the Ann Arbor work in the columns of the Detroit Tribune and Evening News. Prof. and Mrs. A. B. Stevens gave a reception to a number of their friends Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6. Dr. F. W. Palmer, of Brooklyn, formerly house surgeon at the University hospital, is visiting friends in the city. Miss Nellie Gaffney, preceptress at the Blanchard high school, is spending the week with her parents on S. Thayer st. Miss Mand Wagner, of Marshall, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Seabolt for a few days, returned home yesterday. Mrs. John Burg gave a green and pink luncheon last week to a few of her friends, in honor of Mrs. James S. Gorman, of Chelsea. The Misses Nellie Wall and Margaret Malloy, of Jackson, who have been visiting Mrs. T. H. Ryan, of N. Fourth ave., have returned home. A number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Geromiller gave them a surprise party Thursday evening of last week, at their home on Gott st. Mrs. L. H. Clements and two daughters, of Wheeling, W. Va., have been in the city for several days visiting Mrs. M. C. Peterson and other friends. Miss Genevieve E. Mills, daughter of F. E. Mills, of Pittsfield, left for Reed City, Monday, where she has secured a good position in the city schools. Mrs. Louis Oesterlin, of Grand Rapids, is spending several weeks visiting friends and relatives in the city, and is the guest of Miss Ida Oesterlin, of W. Huron st. Miss Mary Fischer, will give a "Dickens" party this evening, at her home on S. Main st. The guests will dress to represent different characters in Dickens' works. Miss Carrie Dicken, teacher in the first ward schools, was pleasantly surprised by a party of friends at her rooms on S. University ave., Thursday evening of last week. Mrs. Francis Woodbridge, who has been absent on a two years' visit in Illinois, has returned to Ann Arbor to reside, and has taken possession of her old home, 49 Packard st. Dr. and Mrs. Angell have had as their guest part of the week, the daughter of Geo. V. N. Lothrop, of Detroit, who is now the Baroness Huebne, of St. Petersburg, Russia. L. C. Goodrich, W. W. and B. F. Watts and J. R. Bach were the Ann Arbor contingent who attended the meeting of the grand chapter R. A. M. at Saginaw, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Minnie Olp Stevens and her two little girls will begin a one week engagement with the Andrew Mack company at the Lyceum theatre, Detroit, Feb. 1. They formerly resided in this city. Col. Henry S. Dean has been appointed aide-de-camp on Gen. Porter's staff for the coming inaugural day parade at Washington. Michigan gets two such appointments, Ex-Adjutant General W. S. Green, of Detroit, being the other. Henry A. Herzer, who has been in the late John Moore's drug store for the past five years, has resigned his clerkship and will leave Sunday for Eaton Rapids to take the management of a drug store in that place. Mr. Herzer is a good pharmacist and has the good wishes of a large number of friends for his future success. Mrs. Mary J. Tagge, celebrated her 73d birthday, Monday afternoon, by inviting several of her little friends to a spread, which she prepared for them. The table was beautifully decorated with carnations and smilax and many good things to eat. The guests present were little Mary and Helen Miller, Hazel and Elsa Apfel, Edna and Georgie Roehm, and Willie Holland. N. D. Corbin, who has for the past two or three years been correspondent of the Detroit Evening News in this city, left for Detroit, Saturday evening, having accepted a position on the staff of the Evening News. Mr. Corbin has always been a hustler in the line of news gathering and during the period that the News ran its Ann Arbor column always had some good, newsy items in it each day, while his regular correspondence for that paper has been conducted with equal ability. The Argus offers its congratulations to Mr. Corbin on his appointment and wishes him every success in his new field of labor. His family will remain in Ann Arbor for the present.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The university calendar will appear about the middle of April. There will be no great changes either in form or contents, except those changes which are necessarily made each year. The Oratorical Association will give a public reception to the Hon. Albert J. Beveridge, of Indianapolis, this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mr. Beveridge spoke at the Alger banquet, in Detroit, last evening. A vigorous rush occurred in the dental amphitheatre Friday morning between the junior and freshman dental classes which resulted in the breaking of a door and other minor damages. Six juniors were suspended from bacteriology and physiology for the remainder of the semester by the faculty for their part in the affair. The date of the inter-department debate has been changed to Saturday, Jan. 30. The affirmative side of the question will be supported by the literary students and the laws will have the negative. Each debater will be allowed 18 minutes, the time to be given in the Chicago debate. The winners will receive \$50, \$30 and \$20 respectively, twice as much as in previous debates. The first consignment of books for the law library, purchased under the Buhl bequest, has arrived. It is an importation of 1,000 volumes, mostly English and Scottish reports. The latter are very valuable and Law Librarian Vance says the department is exceedingly fortunate in being able to secure them. They are very nearly complete and the English reports received complete the library's set of those books. Another consignment will be received in a day or two. Judge Newkirk's Borneo Egg Plant. Probate Judge Newkirk, of Ann Arbor, is so stuck on potted plants that he has half filled his office with them. Some time ago a wag, knowing his weakness for rare botanical products, took a beef's heart, painted it plum color, gave it a coat of varnish and half sinking it in muck in a flower pot, presented it to the judge as a specimen of the royal egg plant of Borneo. The judge deluged the rascal with thanks, and proudly added the "oriental treasure" to his cherished office vegetation. For a number of days thereafter he would call in his friends and point out to them the peculiarities of this pet product of the Indies, while joy lay down and wallowed in his very soul. But anon there came a perfume that disturbed that tribunal. It was not the odor of the blushing rose, nor sweet incense from the fairy chalices of the morning glory; nor was it breath of heliotrope, nor exhalations from the chaste censers of the hyacinth or pansy. But it came, that smell, self assertive and saucy. The puzzled court walked among his blooming pets, bending this way and that, curiously sniffing the ambient air, until finally he bought up beside the royal egg plant of Borneo. He paused, he sniffed, he sniffed, again, he sniffed thrice, his face grew dark, he partially uprooted the odoriferous mass, while a seismic disturbance passed through his noble frame from southeast to northeast, rattling the fifty cent dollars in his pocket and shaking up his pugnacity. Then the flower pot and the royal egg plant of Borneo were picked up hurriedly and carried out and pitched into the alley! —Grass Lake News. The Dexter "Ananias Club." A suggestion was made the other night at a certain "hang out" for congenial spirits, who pass the time in burning the proprietor's tobacco and swapping "spell-binders," that it is a shame to have so many edifying narratives going to waste, and that it is a duty to unborn posterity to have a record of the amazing feats of their ancestors kept. For this purpose it is proposed that a club be organized with the regular officers, who are to see that the work is properly done. While it is an axiom that the stories told are always true, in order that no misconception may be placed upon the motives of the members, it will probably be called "The Ananias Club." The officers will be president, secretary and treasurer, and all who may subscribe to the constitution and by-laws may be candidates under the following conditions: At the first meeting, which will be called soon, the member who can tell the biggest fish story will be entitled to the presidency until such time as his story shall be surpassed. The member telling the biggest snake story will have the secretaryship; the one relating the most startling incident of a miscellaneous nature, the treasurer. Both these offices will be governed by the above condition. A committee of four will act as judges. —Dexter Leader. For Suffering Armenians. The mass meeting for the benefit of the suffering Armenians held in the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, by the W. C. T. U., was well attended in spite of the bad weather. Mrs. Jennie Voorheis presided, and remarks were made by Rev. J. W. Bradshaw, E. F. Mills, Dr. Mary Wood-Allen, L. J. Lisemer, Miss Rose Wood-Allen and Rev. T. W. Young. A series of resolutions were offered by Mr. Lisemer which were adopted. Contributions for the suffering Armenians were called for, and \$160 was contributed. Married Fifty Years. January 20, 1847—just 50 years ago today—Alvin Mead and Miss Margaret Charlton were married in Ontario county, New York. Seven years later they moved to Michigan and settled on the farm in Ypsilanti town on what is now the electric line. Wednesday their friends surprised them and helped celebrate their golden wedding. Mr. Mead was presented with a pair of gold spectacles and Mrs. Mead with a pin and gold thimble.—Times.

HOMEOPATHIC DEPARTMENT.

Some of the Best Homeopaths of the State Against Its Removal. The bitter fight that is being waged by some disappointed homeopathic doctors in Detroit against the department of homeopathy of the university and against the board of regents to secure the removal of the department to that city does not meet with much favor among the physicians of that school throughout the state, who are on the top rung of the ladder in their profession. The following letter, mailed to all the homeopaths in the state from Detroit last Friday is explanatory of the position taken in the matter by the gentlemen whose names are signed to it: "Friday, January 15, 1897. "My Dear Doctor:—We write you concerning the homeopathic college at Ann Arbor. Whatever may be our individual views of the question, we consider it unwise to further publicly agitate the removal. "The regents are demonstrating their intention to treat the homeopathic department fairly, and the new faculty members are administering its affairs in a way to command universal respect. So long as this happy combination continues, it seems clear to us that the profession should give unqualified support to the existing order of things. "When there is greater cause and more urgent demand, there is yet time and opportunity to seek legislative action. That the united profession gains its wish is well said, but let us not hazard our future prospects by too frequent demands upon our friends. For the time let us defer action and give, if not support, at least opportunity for favorable developments at the University. "For ourselves we believe it our duty to most cordially and enthusiastically support the homeopathic college as at present administered. "Yours fraternally and for homeopathy, "O. R. Long, M. D., Ionia. "J. C. Nottingham, M. D., Bay City. "R. C. Olin, M. D., Detroit. "J. N. Reynolds, M. D., Grand Haven. "S. G. Milner, M. D., Grand Rapids. "Lancelot Younghusband, M. D., Detroit. "Frances S. Hillyer, M. D., Grand Rapids." The Great Comic Opera "Wang." The comic opera "Wang" which for the last five seasons has gained golden opinions everywhere, will be at the Grand opera house, tomorrow evening for its only performance here. The theatre going public is always in search of novelties, but in this day of so many stage novelties which disappear, the coming of an old and tried friend like "Wang" is indeed a welcome anticipation. Novelty will to a certain extent, enter into next week's production of the merry opera, for there will be many new and pretty faces, many new, fresh and youthful voices, new scenery and costumes more costly than were lavished upon it in the days when it was an experiment. These new features will, however, be but the settings for the same merry opera. Those who say it before will all the more anxiously desire to hear "The Man with an Elephant on His Hands," "A Pretty Girl, a Summer Night," "You Must Ask of the Man in the Moon," and all the other catchy songs that have become so popular, but thank fortune have not yet become part of the repertoire of the hand-organ. The opera's mirth-provoking story, with its complications involving an Oriental prince regent and a Europeanized heir to the throne, French widows and maidens, Parisian dancing girls, Cambodian and Burmese envoys, has never laid claim to depth, but it has given many a person as delightful an evening as he could ask for. Mr. Al. Hart is still playing the part of "Wang," the regent of Siam, and it is unnecessary to comment upon his conception of that famous part. The balance of the company remains about the same as when seen here before. Birthday Notices. The Ann Arbor Argus is 62 years old. Gwup, baldheaded, it's time, and you've earned a rest. But save a seat for us near by. It will be our turn in 29 years.—Ypsilanti Comm. cial. The Ann Arbor Argus has passed its 63d milestone and, notwithstanding its advanced age, is still hale, hearty and up-to-date, and it is moving along at a pace that keeps many of its young contemporaries hustling to keep from getting the distance flag.—Dexter Leader. The Ann Arbor Argus has entered on its 63d year. The painstaking care of its editors, the fairness and intelligence with which matters of public interest are discussed in its columns and its close gleaning of the local field, make the Argus one of Michigan's very best interior papers. Long may it wave!—Grass Lake News. Royal Neighbors Organized. The Ladies' Auxillary to the Modern Woodmen, known as the Royal Neighbors of America, effected their organization Wednesday. Miss Hattie M. Lombard, of Grand Rapids, Deputy Supreme Oracle for Michigan, conducted the ceremonies. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Past oracle (appointed), Emma F. St. Clair; oracle, Ella M. Clark; vice oracle, Mary A. Sweet; chancellor, Sara Sinke; marshal, Elizabeth C. Kitson; recorder, Carrie H. Gates; receiver, Miss Lucy L. Shadford; inner sentinel, Sophia H. Cadioux; outer sentinel, Mary Cleaver; managers, Emma St. Clair, one year; Marie A. Kitson, two years; Emily Armbruster, three years; physician, Dr. Jennie Hughes. Baltimore Oysters at BESIMER'S. Headache bad? Get Miles' Pain Pills.

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MASONIC PARTY. Golden Rule and Fraternity Lodges Will Give One Feb. 12.

The joint committee appointed by Golden Rule and Fraternity Lodges, F. & A. M., is busy perfecting arrangements for a dancing party to be given at the Masonic temple, Friday evening, Feb. 12. It will be a strictly informal affair and a man does not need to be the possessor of a swallow tail coat or a woman of a handsome party dress in order to attend it, although neither of these supposed necessities for an appearance at a party will be barred, if worn. The tickets have been placed at hard times prices—\$1 per couple, and 50 cents additional for each extra lady. N. J. Kyer is general chairman and H. F. Miller secretary of the committee on arrangements. The other committees in charge are as follows: Reception—N. J. Kyer, H. B. Dodsley, F. G. Noy, W. W. Wadhams, H. G. Prettyman, H. F. Miller, Elmer E. Beal. Invitation and Printing—W. C. Hollands, Charles Kyer, C. J. Price, C. W. Greenman and Norman Gates. Music and Programs—S. W. Millard, George Apfel, A. A. Pearsou. Floor—Ross Granger, August Dieterle, Wm. Walz, A. C. Nichols, George B. Rhead, W. W. Watts, John Linden-schmitt. Refreshments—W. T. Seabolt, L. C. Goodrich, H. G. Prettyman, E. V. Hangsterfer, N. Glaser. Decoration—August Dieterle, Oscar Burkhardt, W. H. Butler, Elmer E. Beal and H. F. Miller.

Arbeiter Verein Annual Election. At the annual meeting of the Arbeiter Verein held Monday evening, the following officers were elected: President, Titus F. Hutzel; 1st vice president, George Lutz, jr.; 2d vice president, A. C. Schumacher; recording secretary, E. Sprung; corresponding secretary, John Meyer; treasurer, Christ. Martin; cashier, Wm. Feldhaeuser; trustees, F. Staeb, J. Lohrke, Christ. Weigand, George Reichert, M. Gauss, E. Oesterlin, J. R. Trojanowski; steward, John Webber; standard bearer, August Hinz. The treasurer's report shows that during the past year \$500 has been paid out for sick claims; \$575 for death assessments and state organization; and that with a membership of 162 there remains in the treasury \$3,055.

The Greatest Sale. That has taken place for years is now in progress at Mack & Company's. Extraordinary reductions are being made in Dress Goods, Silks, Kid Gloves, Table Linens, Cottons, Underwear, Hosiery, Blankets, Ladies' Fine Shoes, Boys' Clothing, Jackets, Fur and Cloth Caps. The prices given denote very important savings these hard times and the crowds that come out in attendance show how appreciative the ladies are of genuine bargains.

WANTED—Intelligent persons (both sexes) to take orders for Bryan's book in every town and township in Washtenaw and Jackson counties. Call on or address, HARRY U. KIES, Lock Box 24, Manchester, Mich. Or, Miles' Nerve Plasters 25c. at all druggists.

A Nice Regiment. Soldiers belonging to line regiments are never tired of telling stories at the expense of the militia. Here is one: While a certain militia regiment was encamped on a well known common a woman with her children came out there for an outing. During the time she was playing with the children a militiaman, passing, stole a loaf and ran off. The woman, observing him, commenced calling: "Stop, thief!" The colonel was close at hand, and, hearing the cry, rode up, asking the reason. "That thief has stolen my loaf." "Never mind," said the colonel, giving her a half a crown. "This will get another for you. But for goodness' sake don't call 'Stop, thief!' or I shan't have a man left in the regiment."—London Tit-Bits.

Inns in Hungary. Wayside inns in Hungary generally rejoice in very quaint titles. This one was called the Dropperin, and had the usual sign outside—viz, a long pole, with a wooden ring and a gigantic wine bottle suspended from it. The system of keeping the scores is primitive, but practical. The regular customers and the innkeeper each have a bit of wood called rovas, with the name of the person written on it, and every liter of wine consumed is marked by each making a notch on his respective bit of wood. When the score is paid off, both the rovas are burned. Consequently you hear the peasants inviting each other to ingyorvosmora, literally, drink on my "knotch stick," which sounds most comical.—H. Ellen Browning in "Wanderings in Hungary."

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