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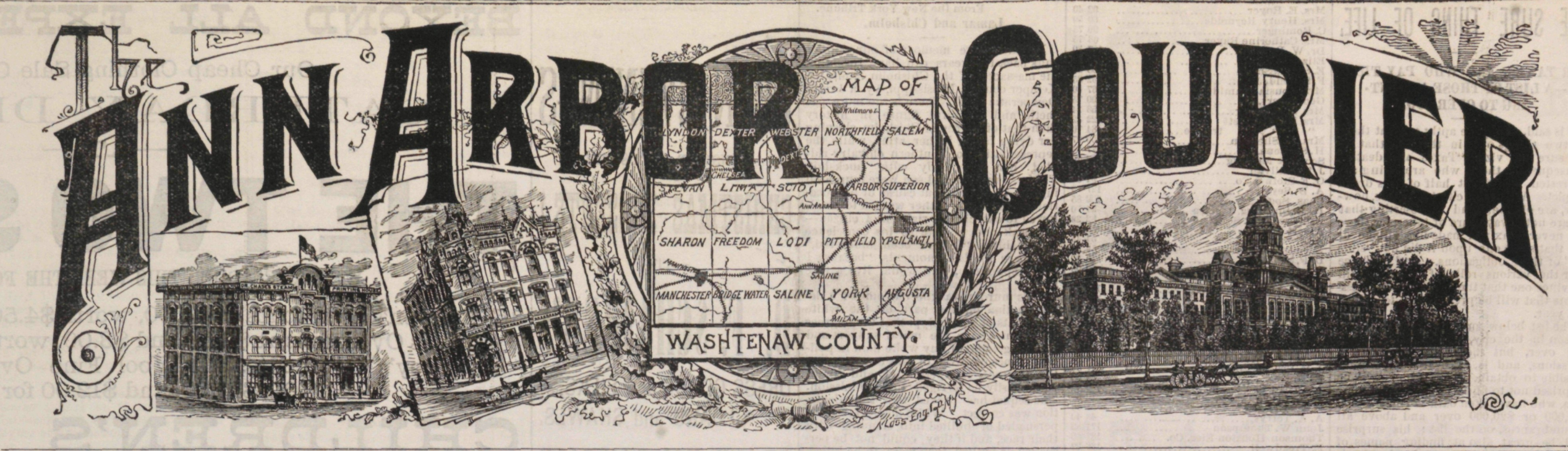
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'Twas the eve before Christmas, 'Good Night' had been said, And Annie and Willie had crept into bed— There were tears on their pillows and tears on their cheeks and cheeks.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

When Christmas bells are ringing Around us everywhere, And snowy gems are swinging Like stars in the air.

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Old and brown, stripped of its 'a', here and there a bit of string or scrap of tinsel, this little tree stands in the corner of the room.

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Advertisement for White Bronze Monuments, showing a large stone monument and text describing the quality and variety of the products.

Advertisement for Kidney Pains, featuring a diagram of the human body and text describing the symptoms and treatment of kidney issues.

Advertisement for Barber Shop, located over the Postoffice, offering clean shaves and baths.

Advertisement for Real Estate Transfers, listing various properties and their owners.

Advertisement for White Bronze Monuments, similar to the one in the middle column, highlighting the craftsmanship and durability of the monuments.

Advertisement for Kidney Pains, similar to the one in the middle column, providing detailed information about the medical condition and the effectiveness of the advertised treatment.

Short advertisements not to exceed three lines, of Lost and Found, Houses for Sale or Rent, Wants, etc., inserted three weeks for 25 cents. Situations wanted, free.

WANTED—To rent by a responsible party who will deal with care, a good farm of about 100 acres, with a good house and barn, near A. A. preferred. Address, giving description and terms, to J. P. KING, Ann Arbor, Mich.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE OR RENT.—Real estate and lots valued from \$1,000 to \$50,000 and containing from one-fifth of an acre to twenty acres, are for sale or rent on reasonable terms in central localities. Apply to J. P. KING, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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THE REPUBLICAN LEAGUE.

The first meeting of the Republican League held last night in New York was attended by about 1,500 delegates. It was a grand success, and it started a club for a complete organization of clubs throughout the country.

As in England, the formation of the League has given the conservatives power, so it is expected here to make of this league a political engine of great influence.

The convention showed such unity and harmony of purpose, such an enthusiasm among the leaders, such aggressiveness in adopting lofty principles and such true Americanism that the people of this land cannot but appreciate and back up at the polls by rousing majorities.

A majority of the delegates were young men, active, energetic and red-hot republicans. They go back to their several localities with renewed zeal to build up their clubs, thereby to interest and save the thousands of young voters just coming on.

This can be done by seizing fast hold upon the great principles of America for her own and not for England, and in the saloon in politics, fair representation in congress; fair expressions by ballots; justice to the old defenders of the union; education of illiterates and death to anarchists.

You may haul the saloon out of politics, but it is doubtful if you can haul the politician out of the saloon.

Geo. Washington Childs, of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, is announced as a candidate for president—too Child-like, altogether.

The telegraph informs us that Congressman E. P. Allen, of this district, is sick with malarial fever, at Washington, but not serious.

Congressman Seth C. Moffat, of the 11th district, is lying at death's door, in Washington, from a malignant carbuncle on his chin.

When Utah conforms to the laws and customs of civilized people, the world over, she perhaps ought to be admitted as a state, but not till then.

The first train through from Minneapolis to Sault Ste. Marie arrived in the latter place last Friday. There was much rejoicing over the event by Sooties.

Col. John Atkinson, of Detroit, came near being chosen president of the Republican Club convened in New York. He would have honored the position.

If Russia and Austria cross swords and get up a red hot war, this country will kick itself for not solving twice as much wheat as he did last fall.

Our Thursday contemporary, the Register, believes in burning up the case, but the majority of people here to escape incineration.

Branch county swung into the prohibition line Monday by nearly 8,000 majority and Hillsdale county by about 2,500. And yet some of our prohibition friends seem to be unhappy.

W. E. Barker, a Detroit man, offers \$2,000 to promote the establishing of furniture manufacturing in Adrian. The Adrian folks seem to have a friend in Detroit, even if he is a Barker.

No one desires war, but if those fellows over in Europe must fight, Uncle Sam would be pleased to furnish all sorts of arms, ammunition and provisions, just as long as they can pay for them.

Six miles north of Alma they dip up crude petroleum by the bucket full as it boils out of the ground. The standard oil company will soon plug up that leak, if it bids fair to amount to anything.

The Detroit Evening News says that the Detroit Evening News prescribes free trade for other folks, but practices protection in its own business, by attempting to make the news agents drop the Journal.

Would you like to know who the next vice-president of the United States will be? Russell A. Alger, and he is a C. V. of Michigan. He will sweep Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and the entire country, in fact, like a whirlwind.

The republican club convention at New York City organized a national league with Hon. James P. Foster, the present head of the New York republican club as president. Ann Arbor and the COURIER were honored by the selection of Janus E. Beal as the member of the Executive Com. of the National League.

The Ypsilanti Commercial is inclined to think that the men who buy Bohemian suits do so in the hope of heating some one else out of their money, and that they are not so guiltless as people generally consider them to be, and that, after being caught at their own game, they ought not to be let off merely because they squeal. The Commercial is not far from right, either.

Governor Joseph R. Bodwell, of Maine, who died last Thursday at the executive mansion in Augusta, was another example of how pluck and brains come to the front in this country. When a boy his father was so poor that he couldn't support him, and so he went to live with an uncle. Without any assistance but his own head and hands he rose to be one of Maine's most honored citizens.

The New York Tribune dissects thusly upon Michigan's favorite son: "Michigan however, is the only State where an out and out vice-presidential boom is in full progress. The Michiganers desire to see General R. A. Alger, of Detroit, nominated for that place. He is not a candidate for President, is not mentioned in connection with that office, but is in the field for the vice-presidency. His public career has been noteworthy and full of honors. He is a man of great wealth and strong business position."

It is earnestly to be hoped by all lovers of their country that L. Q. C. Lamar will not be confirmed as Judge of the U. S. Supreme Court. For not only is he too old and without the necessary experience in the law (not having practiced in twenty-five years) but his past utterances show him to be so against the amendments of the constitution which the war introduced that it would be utterly folly for a man who has been against secession to vote for an unconstructed secessionist.

It is decidedly unwise to put a man in as interpreter of the constitution who hates a part of it and who still glories in the men who tried to pull it down. We hope our Michigan senators will not vote for the man who might be able to tear down all that was built up at so much expenditure of Michigan blood and money.

THE SURE THING OF LIFE.

OUR TAXES, AND WHO PAY THEM—A LIST OF THOSE AMOUNTING TO OVER \$50.

It is said, and quite aptly so, that there are two things only in this life that we are sure of, viz: "Taxes and death." Consequently those who are living are interested in the first half of this dread couplet. All of our city treasurers, however, are of one mind in asserting that we are not always sure of our taxes, for there was never a tax roll made in a village or city that some one upon it did not "slide out" of their obligations. And a glance over the various rolls of this city will convince one that there are some assessments that will be pretty hard to collect this year.

The list below may not include every person in the city who pays \$50 taxes and over, but there are few if any omissions, and is as near complete as possible to obtain. The reader will be surprised to find the names of some men, who have taken oath to be worth \$15,000 or \$20,000 and above all encumbrances on the list; his surprise will be great, also, at finding names of some people who are not supposed to be worth very much, and many who are considered quite wealthy assessed at a small amount. In perusing these figures you will come to the conclusion that there is not a great deal of justice in direct taxation, as at present carried on, but you will wrack your brains in vain to find a method whereof justice is done to every one. The figures and the length of the list will compare favorably with other cities of the size of Ann Arbor. The number of persons however, whose taxes are just a trifle of coming within the \$50 limit is very great. But here they are, peruse and study them at your convenience:

Table listing names and tax amounts for various individuals in Ann Arbor, Michigan, including John Allen, J. M. Ashley, W. L. & J. M. Ashley, etc.

From the New York Tribune. Lamar and Chisholm.

No one whose memory of our politics runs back ten years can have forgotten the massacre of the Chisholm family in Kemper county, Mississippi, by a brutal Democratic mob. There is no more pathetic and beautiful figure in history than that of Correllia Chisholm clasping her dying father in her arms, while the representatives of Southern chivalry ridiculed her fair body with buckshot. Father, daughter and son were murdered in cold blood without cause or provocation, because the father wanted to be allowed to exercise his rights as a citizen—to speak and to vote as his conscience taught him. "I have been murdered," said he in his last moments, "because I am a republican, and would live a free man."

This murder was the outcome of a detestable ruse on the part of the white democrats of Mississippi that the negroes should not have the moral support and encouragement of any white man in politics. Once deprived of this support, the negroes, inexperienced and timid, could easily be terrified into submission. The sequel has proved that the calculation was correct. White men were to be roused or bullied into standing with their race, and if they could not be persuaded or bullied, they were to be killed. Hundreds of pages of testimony before Congress, dripping with blood, prove that this is not an exaggerated statement. Who was the mouthpiece and leader of this movement in Mississippi? We will let the Yicksburg Herald, good democratic authority, answer: "At Aberdeen last Saturday Colonel Lamar read an eloquent speech. A better document was never acknowledged in any of our papers. He was in many and ringing tones he declared that Lamar was the acknowledged and unqualified and unconquerable Saxon race. We are glad to hear this and to see that Lamar was not the only one who was so. We have never seen men more resolute in their determination to keep the white race pure than those who were in the audience. Does anybody say, 'O, but this is a peaceful movement. Mr. Lamar could not have countenanced any violence?' Well, read this from the paper: 'If the killing of anybody is necessary, we reply in our own defense—Let the poor negro pass, and let the white scoundrels hang the murderers, to our everlasting national disgrace.' These were the sentiments openly expressed in the campaign in which Lamar was the acknowledged leader. Can any one imagine James G. Blaine or John Sherman taking part in a campaign in which the leading newspapers of his party accused the murderer of political opponents? Mr. Lamar spoke in Kemper county at a meeting at which Judge Chisholm was mentioned as the man who had killed the white race. Professor D. S. Garthright, spoke at De Kalb, within sight of Judge Chisholm's home, and said: 'Gentlemen, if you ever expect to have peace and harmony in your country you must get rid of this man. I will not undertake to do anything but what is necessary, and as well as I, but you must get rid of him. Then followed a gesture imitative of hanging, and the crowd laughed and cheered. These are Mr. Lamar's friends and supporters ten years ago in Mississippi. These were the sentiments he countenanced, against which he never protested in any of our newspapers. William E. Chandler, now Senator, said of this at the time: 'Such men as Lamar and Garthright and many, many others, make the ignorant Southern white man of Kemper county, and the white Chisholm tragedy and the failure to hang the murderers, to our everlasting national disgrace. Every man knows this to be the truth. If it is not proposed to make the leader and associate of this red-handed rascal a judge of the supreme court of the United States. If you talk about a free ballot and a fair count, you are waving the bloody shirt.' The Holly Advertiser will not pay that \$5,000 to Mr. Watrous. The Judge considered that nothing libelous had been published. Ex-Secretary Daniel Manning is again critically ill at his home in Albany, N. Y. The people of this nation would be greatly to the benefit of his recovery. The Masonic home to be erected at Reed's Lake, Grand Rapids, will be a beautiful structure, if the cut published in the Detroit Journal is a correct one. It is to cost \$60,000, and the location was purchased last year for \$10,000. C. C. Chamberlain, of Muskegon, has invented a wonderful fire arm that he calls the "Congress gun," and Gen. Cutcheon is endeavoring to help him get a \$100,000 appropriation for constructing a large work for the government, which would allow a fellow could have on \$100,000, wouldn't he? It is a thing to be regretted, bitterly so, that a man so extremely disloyal as Mr. Lamar has been, should be placed upon the U. S. supreme court bench. It is not exactly the thing to place men of his ilk where their opinions may become law. He is a lover of Jeff Davis and the cause Jeff Davis represents. No republican can afford to support a man who cannot read a great deal of self-respect. The Off Told Story. Of the peculiar medicinal merits of Hood's Sarsaparilla is fully confirmed by the voluntary testimony of thousands who have tried it. Peculiar in the combination, proportion, and preparation of its ingredients, peculiar in the extreme care with which it is put up, Hood's Sarsaparilla accomplishes cures where other preparations entirely fail. Peculiar in the unequalled good name it has made at home, which is a "tower of strength abroad," peculiar in the phenomenal sales it has attained. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the most popular and successful medicine before the public today for purifying the blood, giving strength, creating an appetite, "I suffered from wakefulness and low spirits, and also had eczema on the back of my head and neck, which was very annoying. I took one bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I have received so much benefit that I am very grateful, and I am always glad to speak a good word for this medicine." Mrs. J. S. SWYDEN, Pottsville, Penn. Purifies the Blood. Henry Biggs, Campbell Street, Kansas City, had scrofulous sores all over his body for several years. Hood's Sarsaparilla completely cured him. Wallace Buck, of North Bloomfield, N. Y., suffered eleven years with a terrible varicose ulcer on his leg, so bad that he had to give up business. He was cured of the ulcer, and also of catarrh, by Hood's Sarsaparilla. Marriage Licenses. No. Name. Age. John E. Gale, Ypsilanti, 69. Mrs. Elizabeth Fuller, Ypsilanti, 69. Sidney Harwood, Pittsfield, 32. Mary H. Stevens, Pittsfield, 32. Hugo R. Arndt, Ann Arbor, 29. Flora B. Hall, Ann Arbor, 27. Jay D. Corey, Manchester, 27. Nettie R. Tuttle, Manchester, 21. Martin W. Sawyer, Lima, 21. Agatha Wurster, Chelsea, 21. Fred S. Seybolt, Solo, 21. Mary W. Sawyer, Solo, 21. Judson Mulder, Ypsilanti, 21. Sarah Simons, Ypsilanti, 21. Philip N. Simons, East Saginaw, 25. John McCreary, Ann Arbor, 25. The Why of It. The new "Red Star" oil we are now selling is beyond controversy the best oil ever offered in this market. First: Because we pump it directly from our tanks on the railroad, thereby avoiding contact with the coating of the oil barrels, and thus leaving the oil as clear and clean as distilled water. Second: The oil is, so speak, from the heart of the well, which leaves it free from paraffine and of a lighter gravity than ordinary "Water White" oil. For these reasons it will all burn out of the lamp, will not crust the wick, does not smoke when burning, gives a white light, and will save your eyes by the purity and brilliancy of the light. Ask for "Red Star" oil. Buy of a dealer you will be sure to get what you ask for. DEAN & CO., 41 South Main Street.

OPEN EVENINGS

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS! SENSIBLE and USEFUL. D. F. SCHAIRER'S DRESS GOODS and SILKS, CLOAKS and SHAWLS. GRAND HOLIDAY SALE.

Handkerchiefs and Mufflers, Kid Gloves and Silk Umbrellas. Take Advantage of the Big Bargains we place on sale this week. Gotten up for our Christmas Trade. Our Wearing-Resisting Silk Umbrellas, the Latest Style Handles at \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00. We show by the Handsome Line of Silk and Cashmere Mufflers in the City at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 to \$3.50. Don't think of buying a Muffler until you examine our Immense Stock. We make the Largest Display of Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs in the City at 3c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c. 100 Extra Fine Black Dress Patterns at \$5.00 each. Positively the best Satin-Finished, heavy weight all wool Cashmere ever shown in this city, and you get 10 yds. for \$5.00. 18 yards Haskell's Rich Heavy Black Gros Grain Silk Every Yard Guaranteed for \$17.50 Each Pattern. Prepare Yourselves for Christmas and buy Useful Presents. Come in the morning and avoid the afternoon rush.

D. F. SCHAIRER. If you are looking for USEFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS IT WILL PAY YOU TO EXAMINE OUR BARGAINS IN WOOL AND COMBINATION DRESS GOODS SILKS! PLAIN and FANCY VELVETS and PLUSHES CLOAKS, SHAWLS, MUFFLERS and HANDKERCHIEFS TABLE COVERS and SCARFS, LINENS and SETS, FANCY TOWELS and NAPKINS Mack & Schmid.

BEYOND ALL EXPECTATION!

Our Cheap Clothing Sale Closes SATURDAY DEC. 24, -AT- THE TWO SAM'S WE HAVE ADDED THIS WEEK THE FOLLOWING:

15 Children's Overcoats at \$2.00, worth \$4.50 and \$5.00. 19 Children's Overcoats at \$2.50 and \$3.00, worth \$5.50 and \$6.00, Boy's Overcoats, All Wool Fine Overcoats sold at \$8.00, \$10.00, and \$12.00 for \$5.00.

CHILDREN'S SUITS!

We still have by actual count 275 Children's Suits left, which we have reduced to less than one-half of regular price. \$2.50 will buy an Elegant Child's Suit. \$3.00 and \$3.50 buys an English Cheviot French Worsted or a Cassimere Suit worth \$7.00 or \$8.00. \$4.00 will buy the Finest Child's Suit we have; these goods are well worth \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$12.00. Last Saturday we had our store so crowded with Ladies, Gentlemen and Children that our present help could not wait upon them. Remember our \$3.50, Men's Suits, our \$4.50, our \$5.00.

SALE CLOSES NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT.

Our Men's Overcoat Sale, \$3.50, every Overcoat left in this lot is All Wool, no cheap satinet, but all wool, or we refund the money. No house in the State can beat them. We have added to our Overcoats 15 All Wool Fine Blue and Black Castors; Overcoats worth \$15.00 at \$7.00.

FUR CAPS,

We shall have a great sale of fine Fur Caps next Saturday. It will pay to attend this Great Sale of Fine Holiday Presents at

THE TWO SAM'S.

ANN ARBOR SAVINGS BANK, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, Transacts General Banking Business. CAPITAL, \$50,000. Opening Day, December 12th. Having told this story for twenty-six years, it is a surprise to ourselves that we are able to say truthfully that we have very many new and beautiful goods in our usual line of Holiday presents. We have added a fine line of Plush Goods, which are marked at prices which distance all competitors. Formerly toys were mostly of German manufacture, now our best and most novel ones are made in the United States. This season Brother Jonathan has produced a greater number of new goods than ever before. We shall this year, as heretofore, sell better goods for less money than any House in Central Michigan. EVERYTHING IS BETTER and CHEAPER than LAST SEASON. Come and examine the largest and finest line of Christmas Goods ever shown in Ann Arbor. From Dec. 15th to the 25th we shall sell ordinary mixed candy at 8c per lb. and the usual assortment of creams at 10c per lb. We solicit a careful examination of our stock.

INSURANCE AGENT!

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FOREST HILL CEMENTERY COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Forest Hill Cementery Company will be held on the railroad, between the grounds, January 3, 1888, at 10:30 a. m. for the purpose of electing three trustees for full terms and full trustee in place of Emanuel Mann deceased; and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. DEAN & CO., W. W. WINES, Sec. Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 20, 1887.

Friends of the Courier, who have business at the Probate Court, will please request Judge Hastings to send their printing to this office.

LOCAL.

Now in working slippers neatly. Girls prepare for Christmas. By and by they'll work them neatly in a more emphatic way.

Matt Stinson, the sign writer, is now with O. O. Sorg. Wm. P. Groves pays the highest tax of any man in Northfield.

The clothing stores are open evenings now during the holidays. What a horrible thin pocket book paperfamilias carries now!

This is the season of delight for the American people, old and young. In the latest list of pensions published is one for Edward L. Negus, Chelsea.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCall, of Webster, and Monday. Next Sunday the E. Church Sunday school will have a special Christmas service.

Perry F. Powers is said to have paid \$1,600 for the Cadillac News. Cheap enough.

Some people have yet to learn that all drop letters under free delivery require a two-cent stamp.

Mary E. Marlett was granted a divorce from Charles Marlett in the circuit court yesterday.

A divorce has just been completed at this office, containing 236 pages, in the case of Howe vs. North.

Rev. Dr. Steele filled the pulpit of the Jefferson ave. Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and evening.

The desirable Christmas gifts have been mostly selected and laid away in a pretty package marked "paid."

Emily Defries, aged about 10 years, died at the home of her parents in the 2d ward last Thursday, of diphtheria.

It is quite noticeable that but few of our young men are emigrating to Canada because of the dread of leap year.

The regular monthly mother's meeting will be held in the Baptist church, Wednesday, Dec. 28th, at 3 o'clock p. m.

The Temperance Union will hold a social at Crosey's hall, Friday evening, Dec. 23d. Come all and have a merry Christmas.

At the Congregational church next Sunday forenoon the Sunday school of the church will hold its special service in commemoration of the day.

Mrs. E. E. Beal has an Oleander tree, over 25 years of age, which is now putting forth buds and blossoms, something unusual for this time of year.

The Cotnam wishes you all a Merry Christmas, and hopes that the sun will not go down next Sunday night on a sad heart in all its circle of readers.

Fred Brown, the Main street saloon keeper, had his left leg broken by being thrown from a buggy near Cup-and-Saucer hill last Sunday evening.

The board of directors of the Washburn Fire Ins. Co. will meet next Friday at 10 o'clock a. m., to adjust some small losses and make their annual report.

And now is the time of year when Express Agent Ames has his hands and head and wags and office full—all pressed. Why wouldn't he make a capital Santa Claus?

At the Unitarian church next Sunday there is a Christmas sermon in the morning; and in the evening the fifth of Mrs. Sanderling's lectures on "The Book of the Bible."

At the meeting of republican clubs in New York City, the telegraph tells us that the Washburn delegation called upon Roscoe Conkling while there, and were very cordially received.

When some of the parents of boys who play foot ball on the streets have to pay for a smashed carriage or an injured child, they are usually very sorry.

Chauncey Orcutt lost his handsome black horse Monday night, he thinks from the result of over-feeding. The animal was valued at \$250, but could not have been bought for two or three figures.

Children's Christmas services at St. Andrew's church Sunday p. m. at 3:30 o'clock. On Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock a festival for the members of the Sunday-school will be held at Hobart Hall.

Last Thursday night Mrs. C. Corwell, of Ypsilanti, had her pocketbook grabbed from her hand while walking upon the street, and the thief escaped. This was the second robbery of the kind within a day or two. Verily the "gilded youths" of Ypsi. are on a lark.

There was not Mrs. Mary J. Spaulding whose death occurred in Kansas City, Mo., as stated last week, but her husband Alphonso Spaulding, Mr. S. was formerly a resident here in business with Fred Eslinger, and was well known to many of our people. He was about 40 years of age.

The tax levy of the first district of Ann Arbor has been declared invalid on account of irregularities in assessing the tax-exempt property.

This item is all right except that the Leader man will find out if he has any property in that district.

The school board has settled with DeWitt and Meier, giving them \$150 for their preliminary plan and \$100 for the plans, specifications, etc., that were partially adopted. Each architect was paid \$50 for the plan submitted. In the Tappan school building, architect Pond was paid \$200, although his plans were not adopted.

It is a cold day when Bro. Blosser, of the Manchester Enterprise doesn't get on to some new ideas. Hear him use the corners of envelopes for book marks. Just slip the triangular pieces over the corner of the leaf, or of two or three leaves together, and it makes the best kind of a book mark. It does away with dog-eared leaves.

Last Thursday evening a large number of visiting brothers were present at the meeting of Golden Rule Lodge, from Ypsilanti and Chelsea to witness the raising of Fred W. Howlett, our genial clerk, to the degree of master mason. After the work had been completed the brothers repaired from labor to refreshments, and a very acceptable and palatable repast was handsomely provided.

An attempt is being made to organize a company to be known as the Ann Arbor Mutual Fire Insurance Co., to take detached risks in cities and villages in the counties of Washington, Wayne and Jackson. The company to have its business office at Ann Arbor, and the officers to consist of president, secretary, treasurer and seven directors, to hold office for one year. The paper is being generally signed by householders and the project bids fair to be successful.

The new light at the corner of State and Fuller streets, shines out in a manner courtly, and its management is in the hands of the city.

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There's a box in the cellar, a bundle upstairs, And the family cherubs are whispering in pairs. It's all about Christmas, and how to celebrate it. Old Christmas once more.

When I venture to enter where laughter is rife, "You cannot come in," cries the voice of my wife. 'Tis the sweetest sign of Christmas, the coming of Christmas, that brings me once more.

When I open a closet to look for my hat I find—but no matter, it is not the cat. It is something for Christmas, a comfort for Christmas, an Old Christmas once more.

New York Morning Journal. The pulpit of the Congregational church will be filled by Rev. Dr. Steele next Sunday.

Harkins & Willis have got a patent on their bread toaster. They have a dead sure thing on it all the time.

Fred. Barrett, of Houghton, has arrived in the city to enter the employ of the Thompson-Houston Electric Co.

There is to be a course of lectures during the month of January, by Dr. Edward Eggleston, on Dante, at Hobart Hall.

Next Tuesday evening the Episcopal Sunday school at Geddes will have a Christmas tree, at which there will be singing and recitations.

Boys in the postoffice and boys in the court-house corridors are a good deal of a nuisance. Come to think of it, boys are nuisances any way.

The Milan Leader calls them the "She-waughon Orchestra." But then it don't make much difference what you call them, they play just as sweet.

Services in St. Andrew's church next Sunday being Christmas day, as was noted, 7:30 a. m., Litany and Address; 10:30 a. m., Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Address; 3:30 p. m., Evening Prayer and Children's Service. No night service.

The A. M. E. church will give a grand concert in Crosey's hall next week, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The first evening will be a Barley Harvest, and Cotton-Picking the second. Singing, refreshments, social time, etc., will make a good programme.

The following chancery cases were disposed of yesterday by Judge Joelyn: Luke Dake vs. Geo. and Phebe Noller Deering, to the complainant, with costs, for \$525. R. L. Hale vs. Caroline Ferguson; Judgment for plaintiff, six cents, without costs to either party.

At a meeting of the Mystic Circle last Monday evening the following Mystics were selected to mystify candidates for the next year:

W. Ruler-K. Kittridge, East W. Ruler-A. Wilson, W. Ruler-N. D. Gates, W. Ruler-F. H. Bell, W. Ruler-W. A. Tolchard, Medical Examiner-Geo. A. Hendrick, Chaplain-J. C. Fall, Marshal-J. W. Hayler, Wardens-Geo. Williams, Guard-L. D. Wines, Trustees-J. D. Wines, W. W. Nichols, O. Eberbach.

FROM THE PEOPLE. An Invitation—Will It Be Accepted? MR. EDITOR.—The COURIER's remarks on the "Bursting Boom," will doubtless express the disappointment and disgust of many citizens.

It is not unusual for booms to burst from pressure of freshets and overflows. But our little boomlet is set out in a dry time, by a spiteful dig under the banks, by the croakers, who like to cry wolf, if they cannot secure the failure they prophesy, in one way, try another. Without discussing here the question of the tax, which may or may not be legal, just as was the aid to the M. H. R., and just as is asked for the T. A. A. & N. M. I. We only wish to remark that if the gentlemen who enjoyed the payment of the tax, wish to protect the city, why did they not enjoy the first act of the council, and save the expense of an election, even?

Did they not by their tacit consent to the election, and by taking part in it and voting against the tax thus concede the right to submit it to a vote of the people? If they did, they have no right to complain, they have said, "that settles it!" And when they allowed it to go to a vote should they not, to be consistent, have the vote said "I will be R. R., and I will be R. R.," and so on?

But doubtless these gentlemen so watchful of the welfare of the city and the poor tax payer, will now prove their enterprise by liberal personal subscriptions to the fund for the year, and by the example of the city, to encourage manufacturers and business, and give employment to the laborer. We trust the city, through the business association or other body, will do this, and make most public spirited benefactors. Make way for the new boomers! To the front, gentlemen! We salute you!

A Tired Boomer. Washburn County Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

The annual meeting of this society, at the court house yesterday afternoon, was quite well attended.

President Braun, in calling the meeting to order, gave quite an interesting talk. He said that everything was taken into consideration, the failure of the crops, and general depression of farmers, the society could well be congratulated upon being \$200 better off than last year.

This success, he thought, argues well for the future of the county fair. The spring fair was an unsatisfactory experiment, owing to unfavorable circumstances and continued bad weather. The society lost no money, but many members lost considerable valuable time; but had the weather been good he thought the workers would have been liberally rewarded.

Mr. Braun then reviewed the display at the last fair, commenting favorably upon the excellence of the exhibit. He suggested that the county pomological society be invited to take an active part in the annual fair hereafter.

The action of the committee in funding the debt was highly commended. The laying down of a premium list and a strict adherence thereto was necessary to success, as was also a strict account of all moneys taken in and paid out, which is done excellently well. He would recommend that the board appoint some one to assist the treasurer in counting receipts at the end of each day's fair; he would also recommend the same uniform rate be established for those having shows, games, etc., upon the grounds during the year; for pasturing or for the use of the grounds for any purpose; to establish the rent of the dwelling-house on the grounds. All contracts or purchases made by the superintendent or agent of the society should be certified to by him before being allowed, and all money received by him to be paid over to the treasurer at once; the treasurer to give a bond, as the law directs. The president also recommended that the society offer premiums for races, not to exceed two cents each day, without any entrance fee, in order to bring out young and green horses. He thought the premium list should be modified so that every dollar offered could be paid from the receipts promptly. He closed by thanking the officers and managers for their uniform courtesy, etc.

The election of officers was then in order, and resulted in the choice of the following:

President—F. B. Braun, Vice-Presidents—W. E. Boyden, T. E. Mills, W. V. N. Gregory, Dr. A. P. McLaughlin, N. E. Sutton, Recording Secretary—John R. Miner, Corresponding Secretary—B. S. Dean, Treasurer—Jesse A. Dall.

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PERSONALS. Dr. Eldridge, of Flint, was in the city yesterday. Dr. F. K. Owen, of Ypsilanti, was in the city yesterday.

Con Hilder and wife will spend Christmas in Detroit. Mrs. Mary E. Johnson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Fall.

Dr. T. J. Sullivan will spend the holidays at his home in this city. Miss Minnie Newby, of '87 spends the holiday vacation at her home in Chicago.

Miss Ella Hancock, of Toledo, is visiting Mrs. Sarah Ellisworth, on N. Thayer st. Miss Allie Curtis leaves for Kalamazoo, Friday, to remain during the holiday season.

Mrs. F. A. Eldred, of Traverse City, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. F. Stinson. There is to be a family gathering at the house of Hon. John J. Robison on Christmas day.

Mrs. Howard, of Springport, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. G. Benham, on E. Huron st. Miss Mary Kordes and Miss Nina Ross, of Farwell, are visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Elida Lovejoy leaves for Rochester, N. Y., Friday to spend some weeks with relatives. Miss May Whedon is expected home Thursday night from St. Clair for the holiday season.

Mrs. Prof. E. Jones gives a reception this evening from 4 to 7 o'clock in honor of Miss Wisner. Evert Scott, M. C. LeBeau, J. E. Beal and the other New York delegates returned home yesterday p. m.

Mrs. Gilbert Daniels and daughter, Mrs. Ella Montague, of Gregory, Mich., are visiting relatives in the city. The wife and children of Mr. B. F. Barlow returned to their home in Muskegon after a four weeks' stay with Mrs. B.'s mother on Huron st.

At St. Andrew's church, next Monday evening at 5 o'clock, Miss Bessie Richardson, of this city, is to be married to Mr. Bert Collins, one of Charlotte's young business men, of the firm of Collins & Son, druggists. Miss Richardson had been married by her mother to the city, whose best wishes will follow her to her new home.

Dr. H. R. Arndt, of this city, was married last evening to Mrs. Flora B. Hall, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. H. M. Clough, on W. Huron st. Rev. Dr. E. H. Adams performing the ceremony. The couple are both well known in society circles, and will have many hearty congratulations in their new relations. They will remain at home to receive their friends.

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ORANGE BLOSSOMS. It is quite fortunate that there is some flower typical of this marriage ceremony. The orange tree blossoms all the year around and consequently is never out of season, on which account it has probably been selected for the present thing which we wish to bedeck brides. This week we have quite a list of these important events to announce:

Mr. Geo. B. Hodge, Ill, '87, of Lescor, Minn., is to be married '87, Dec. 27th, to Miss Mary Champion, of Ypsilanti, in the Baptist church, at that place.

The marriage of Robert Moore and Miss Alice Wheeler, of Saline, is announced for Dec. 27th.

It is announced that Prof. C. N. Jones will be united in marriage, on Saturday, to Miss Sarah Henriques, formerly of this city. The ceremony to take place in Philadelphia.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Mary, daughter of Mrs. N. Hinman, to Lester A. Adams, of San Jose, Cal., at the residence of the bride's mother, 9 E. University ave., on Thursday, Jan. 12th, at 3:30 o'clock p. m.

To-morrow evening will witness the marriage of Mr. Philip N. Stinson, of East Saginaw, but formerly of this city, and Miss Josie E. McCreery, the youngest daughter of Wm. McCreery, Esq., at the residence of the bride's father, on S. Fourth st. Many good wishes will go with the couple to their new home in East Saginaw.

Next Monday, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Bailey, on Division st., Miss Fannie Bailey will be united in marriage with Wm. James Ocutt, of Hurley, Mich., in the upper peninsula, where their residence will be in the future. Mr. Ocutt is a graduate of the University, taking the degree of Ph. B., in 1885.

At St. Andrew's church, next Monday evening at 5 o'clock, Miss Bessie Richardson, of this city, is to be married to Mr. Bert Collins, one of Charlotte's young business men, of the firm of Collins & Son, druggists. Miss Richardson had been married by her mother to the city, whose best wishes will follow her to her new home.

Dr. H. R. Arndt, of this city, was married last evening to Mrs. Flora B. Hall, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. H. M. Clough, on W. Huron st. Rev. Dr. E. H. Adams performing the ceremony. The couple are both well known in society circles, and will have many hearty congratulations in their new relations. They will remain at home to receive their friends.

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