

ALL SORTS OF PEN-SCRATCHES. —This is what that model Democrat, Thos. H. Benton, said in 1837: "I have repeatedly given it as my opinion that the French currency is the best in the world. It has had money for the government, hard money for the common dealings of the people, and large notes for large transactions. This currency has enabled France to stand two invasions—two changes of dynasty, and the payment of a milliard of contributions, and all without any commotion or convulsion in trade. It has saved her from the revolutions which have afflicted England and America for so many years. It has saved her from expansions and contractions, and ruinous fluctuations of prices." And after another destructive and losing war it has again saved France.

—In 1867 Mr. Blaine proposed an amendment to a pending bill, of which Thad. Stevens said: "It lets in a vast number of rebels and shuts out nobody." And again, "It is a proposed step towards universal amnesty and universal Andy-Johnsonism." In the last Congress, Mr. Speaker Blaine, as chairman of the Committee on Rules, permitted a bill to be reported which conferred full amnesty and pardon upon every rebel, not excepting Jeff. Davis, and then permitted a Republican House to pass it without his opposition. These being facts, the late speeches of ex-Speaker Blaine remind us of Butler's parody on a famous couplet: "For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, I name Speaker Blaine."

—We commend the following sentence from the Philadelphia Press (Forney's paper) to those Republican journalists in this State who throw very small pebbles at the new Mississippi Senator: "Mr. Lamar is a gentleman of the best type of the post rebellion Democrat, and would probably have been the choice of the Northern people had the selection of a Mississippi Senator from the Democratic ranks been left to them." But, to elect a Democrat at all, that is what sticks in the crop of those exceedingly "loil" men who have forgotten that the war closed over ten years ago.

—The funeral of the late Vice-President took place at Boston, Jan. 27, 1876, at which \$400 was for decorating Panoull Hall, \$250.50 for carriages for the "city fathers," etc. The cost to the National Government is not yet reported, nor that to municipalities between Washington and Boston. The tax-payers, many of whom find it difficult to pay for "just a decent funeral," foot the bill. Isn't it time such display at public expense was stopped; and should not aidersmen, and other public functionaries, pay for their own rides like ordinary mortals?

—The House on Wednesday passed the bill amending the Nationalization laws, or rather "correcting a mistake" made by the compilers of the "Revised Statutes." The amended bill authorizes "declarations of intentions" to be made before the clerk, as prior to the revision, and legalizes such declarations as have been so made up to the time of the passage of the amending law.

—The counsel of Stokes is making the circuit of the several Supreme Court districts, endeavoring to find a judge who will give his client a writ of habeas corpus and a discharge. It is a defective judicial system that will permit one judge to review the acts or reverse the decisions of another judge of equal jurisdiction, or even to select his judge without regard to territorial or district limitation.

—The Democrats of the Ohio House voted for a disabled soldier, resident at the Old Soldiers' Home, Dayton, for one of the clerks, a soldier confessedly well qualified for the position; but the Republican majority elected a hale and hearty colored man, who never smiled and never tired of howling over the sins of the Democratic majority in the House at Washington.

—The Flint Globe doesn't like the votes of Mr. Durand on the Amnesty bill, and is quite confident that the beaten Begole wouldn't have given any such votes. And isn't that the very reason why Begole wasn't re-elected? Wanting a change the district elected Mr. Durand, and we presume that that gentleman will ask neither Mr. Begole nor the Globe how he shall vote.

—That New York "Grey Nun bill" which has divided the Republican anti-slavery with the Ohio "Geghan bill," was introduced by a Republican Senator—Tohey—representing one of the strongest Republican districts in the State. And yet the Republicans have sought hard to make political capital out of its passage into a law by a vote having no political significance.

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If you wish to have your Probate or other legal advertising done in the ARGUS, do not forget to ask the Judge of Probate and Circuit Court Commissioners to make their orders accordingly. A request will be granted.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

No ice has yet been hested and two winter months gone. A fine rain Wednesday evening and bright and beautiful sunshine yesterday.

"Willard Duce" swagged the York flour mill at Saline for the farm of J. Hoyt, of Louisa, and Mr. Hoyt has taken possession of the mill.

Judge Lawrence tells that he made thorough inspection of his peach orchard on Monday last and found no buds killed. Last year the buds were killed in November.

Company B visited Jan. 25 from two entertainments given last week by the McKee Hankin combination troupe. The playing of the company gave the best of satisfaction to all.

Among the old relics on exhibition at the Centennial tea party was a copy of the first number of the paper printed in Ann Arbor, the Western Emigrant, Dated Nov. 13, 1825.

Get your Letter Heads, Note Heads, Cards, Circulars, etc., at the ARGUS Office. We have just got in a new stock of paper and card board. Work and prices warranted to please.

Cheever's Probate Practice is the title of a new law book which is being rapidly run through the press. Richmond Backus & Co., of Detroit, are the publishers. Judge Cheever, of this city, is the author.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Washtenaw County Agricultural and Horticultural Society has been called for tomorrow, the 29th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Court House. "Important business."

As Waterman, the milk man, was going his rounds on Wednesday forenoon, a wheel gave out, the wagon upset, the milk was spilled, and the horse broke loose and ran away. He promptly ordered a new stock of "pure country milk" and supplied his customers with but little delay.

The Free Press of Wednesday says: "At the concert at Gies' Monday evening, an old man named Eckert, now a resident of Ann Arbor, was present. He was years ago, and was lost of a hand at Leipzig, in which were the father and two uncles of Carl Beck, director of the German Military Band."

Belle Dorsing has turned up again. This time pretending complaint of bastardy against Charles W. Crafts, of Manchester, who was arrested and brought to this city on Tuesday, on a warrant issued by Justice Beckwith, and committed to jail in default of \$300. And that is the way our local lawyers turn the cold shoulder to a rural brother.

Mr. Bach, treasurer of the school board, has negotiated that five years' \$5,000 8 per cent loan (to take up maturing bonds), at a premium of 2 per cent, or \$100,000 3 per cent. The massed bid, however, was the most favorable one accepted. "Annos Cloos" and "others" made the successful bid.

Jeff Davis says that he was recently visited by a committee of the Ladies' Charitable Union, but that they found his table well supplied, with "chicken fixins," etc., and were assured that he was "as fat as anybody."

It was another Davis they were looking up, the "religious" one Jeff says. Jeff took no offense, on the contrary bears tribute to the faithfulness of the ladies.

Sometimes during Sunday night the window to Supt. Perry's room at the central school building was broken, and a bottle of foul perfume thrown in which drove out the class on Monday and scented up the whole building for days. The worthless perpetrator of the outrage was by all odds, convicted, and sentenced to banishment to some out of the way place for 90 days with an exclusive diet on just such stuff.

REAL ESTATE MOVING.—A real estate sale of unusual magnitude has been made in our city the present week. J. D. Baldwin having sold his homestead and farm to Israel Hall; 21 acres adjoining the fair grounds, with buildings and orchards, at \$500 an acre, and 45 acres, with wheat on the ground, at \$100 an acre, or \$15,000 for the entire purchase. We are not advised as to whether Mr. Hall intends to personally turn fruit-grower, nursery man, and farmer, or has made the purchase for some one else.

THE PIONEER SOCIETY.—A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Washtenaw County Pioneer Society was held last Friday at the office of E. C. Clark, Esq., of this city, and the following delegates appointed to attend the annual meeting of the State Pioneer Society, to be held at Lansing on Wednesday next, February 24:

Delegates—J. D. Williams, A. K. Clark, E. D. Lay, Chas. H. Wines, and John J. Robinson. Alternates—J. Q. A. Sessions, Wm. M. Gregory, Josiah Newell, Samson Parker, and J. D. Cory.

INSURANCE KINKS.—In the United States Circuit Court at Detroit, on Monday last, the suit of James S. Reynolds, of Manchester, against the Globe Insurance Company, terminated in the plaintiff submitting to a non-suit, with leave to move to set aside the same within ninety days. The insurance was effected through Chas. Holmes, Jr., an insurance broker at Ypsilanti, who took the application, with others, placed the insurance, and divided the commission with the regular agent at Detroit. Defendant claimed that the company or its authorized agent had never waived the condition of the policy prohibiting repairs upon the property—a paper will—and that the verbal permission given by Holmes to proceed with such repairs, and the court held such to be the law. In view of this decision will be well for parties to give a wide berth to sub-agents or brokers and contract only with those agents who counter-sign their policies. A short form policy is a necessity, framed in such language that the ordinary man may understand its provisions and restrictions. There are more holes in most policies, like as well as fire, than in a skimmer of manhood discernment.

A Law Student "Explains." EDITOR ARGUS:—Something that finds their way into the newspapers need straightening, and among others a short notice of the way the medical students represent themselves to have been misstated by the law department. When the first lecture was announced at the law department, Prof. Wells said that the faculty had so arranged it that the senior law class should occupy their own places, and the senior medical class the first four rows immediately back of those of the senior law class. This virtually took the matter out of the hands of the law class before they had an opportunity to make arrangements. It was all left in the hands of the medical class by their own faculty, so that an opportunity was open to them to act. As to the charge of the medical class that they could not get seats, it was quite noticeable that many senior laws gave up their own places to accommodate medical students of either class. A. E. M.

ANN ARBOR, Jan. 22, 1876. NO ADULTERATION.—Best Chemical Salerates, made by Deland & Co., is absolutely pure, hence is much cheaper and better for cooking purposes than any other brand, and most other brands of Salerates. Try and convince yourself.

See what the druggists say about Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs and Colds. It never fails to cure the worst cough or cold.

The City Churches.

The Presbyterian Church observed yesterday a day of prayer.

Rev. Mr. Hall, of St. Andrew's Church, preached at Flint last Sunday, exchanging with the Rev. Marcus Lane.

Rev. F. T. Brown, of the Presbyterian Church, preached in Westminster Church, Detroit, on Sunday last, morning and evening.

Mrs. Lathrop, of Jackson, a very popular lady preacher, is to occupy the pulpit of the M. E. Church on Sunday next, morning and evening, and is expected to assist in conducting the evening meeting during the week.

Services have been held in the M. E. Church during the week as follows: Monday and Tuesday evenings, prayer meeting in the parlors; Wednesday and Thursday evenings, preaching in the Sunday school room; and there is to be preaching in the same room this evening.

Subjects of discourse of Rev. C. H. Brigham, at the Unitarian Church next Sunday: Morning—Skepticism and Doubt; evening—Islam and the Koran. Students class at 9:30 A. M.—The Character of David.

The Rev. Mr. George, a newly arrived Englishman, preached in the Fifth ward Church last Sunday afternoon and in the M. E. Church in the evening.

The Rev. Mr. Hubbell, of the Congregational Church, writes from Clifton Springs, N. Y., that he should leave for Amherst, Mass., last Monday. He has considerably improved in health.

The Centennial Tea Party held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the Unitarian Church, under the auspices of the Ladies of the Congregational Church, was a pleasant and successful affair, netting about \$300 to the organ fund. Mr. Israel Hall gave the ladies \$100 (which is in addition to the above amount) and the expenses for the church were paid—either by Mr. H., or other generous friends. We chronicle the generosity of Mr. H. and the good luck of the ladies with pleasure.

POSTAL REGULATIONS.—Postmasters are sometimes blamed for doing their duty, because the people do not understand the laws and regulations which govern matter of the second and third classes, which include all mailable matter except letters, postal cards, booklets and book proof. We print below a few extracts from the postal laws, for the information of the people.

Page 167, Sec. 86.—Matter of the second and third classes, containing any writing whatever, except the address, will be charged with letter postage.

Page 173, Sec. 122.—It is the duty of the postmaster at the mailing office, as well as at the office of delivery, to examine all printed matter, in order to see that it is charged with the proper rate of postage, and to detect fraud.

Sec. 123.—If postmasters cannot make the examination without destroying the wrapper, they will render the packages open and collect the same on delivery.

Sec. 24.—Postmasters will collect postage at the rate of three cents for each half ounce, on any newspaper or periodical, marked or written upon as to give any other information than that contained in the print. The same charge will be made, and is not included that it cannot be examined without destroying the wrapper. The same rule applies to any other matter which may be sent at less than letter rates.

A ruling of the department says: "If a mailing postmaster is called upon to rate or affix additional postage on mail matter insufficiently prepaid, such inadvertence does not constitute a fault, and the postmaster is not liable on the duty of collecting the amount due."

A ruling relative to postal cards says: "Anything whatever, except an address, written upon the side of a postal card, which contains the word 'write the address on this side,' the message on the other, renders it unmailable as a postal card, and cannot be mailed unless prepaid at letter rates. But if by inadvertence the card reaches its destination without such payment it is chargeable with double letter rate, under Sec. 162, page 64."

The members of the Episcopal Church in the State of Michigan are rejoicing together that they have two fine boarding schools for their children at Penton-Lattimer Hall, for boys; Ridley Hall, for girls. The latter will be opened on Feb. 1st and 2nd with appropriate exercises. We are requested by the Rector of the Schools to invite those interested in this work to be present at that time.

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The Saline Oracle gives the shipments from the station in that village for the year ending Dec. 31, 1875. Some of the items are: Apples, 14,691 bushels; 1,200 bushels of dried apples, 77,736 lbs; cider, 7,088 bushels or 61,720 gallons; butter, 56,776 lbs; beans, 109 bushels; dressed hogs, 80,480 lbs; wool, 10,000 lbs; corn, 55,395 bushels; buckwheat, 13,235 bushels; oats, 35,000 bushels; wheat, 55,200 bushels; flour, 552 bushels; lumber, 182,000 feet. There were 330 car loads of miscellaneous freight; 487 empty beer kegs (some in full, probably); 175 bags of clover seed; 431 head of sheep; 135 of neat cattle, and 561 hogs.

Appreciation of Judge Huntington. The jurors in attendance at the late term of the Circuit Court, after their discharge last Friday afternoon, signed the following which was afterwards presented to Judge Huntington:

ANS ARBOR, MICH., Jan. 21, 1876. To the Hon. Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, State of Michigan:

We, the undersigned, as Jurymen at the present term of court for Washtenaw county, hereby express our appreciation for the many courtesies that have extended to us from your honor; and hope, should the future again bring us together, that the same good feeling may continue between you and jurymen.

M. J. Noyes, James Jones, John Sandberg, L. C. Boylan, Horace N. Jackson, Michael Foster, M. L. Raymond, Lucius Patched, James Sage, Isaac Wykup, John C. Glaser, Andrew Robinson, Geo. W. Freeman, E. A. Nordman, Joseph O. Preston, and Finley B. Whitaker.

It is safe to say that the members of the bar were as well pleased with Judge Huntington as the jurors. They found him ready, prompt, gentlemanly, but decided, turning off business smoothly and rapidly. No opportunity was given for those "side shows" which have sometimes disgraced the bar and delayed the business of the court.

A Law Student "Explains." EDITOR ARGUS:—Something that finds their way into the newspapers need straightening, and among others a short notice of the way the medical students represent themselves to have been misstated by the law department. When the first lecture was announced at the law department, Prof. Wells said that the faculty had so arranged it that the senior law class should occupy their own places, and the senior medical class the first four rows immediately back of those of the senior law class. This virtually took the matter out of the hands of the law class before they had an opportunity to make arrangements. It was all left in the hands of the medical class by their own faculty, so that an opportunity was open to them to act. As to the charge of the medical class that they could not get seats, it was quite noticeable that many senior laws gave up their own places to accommodate medical students of either class. A. E. M.

ANN ARBOR, Jan. 22, 1876. NO ADULTERATION.—Best Chemical Salerates, made by Deland & Co., is absolutely pure, hence is much cheaper and better for cooking purposes than any other brand, and most other brands of Salerates. Try and convince yourself.

See what the druggists say about Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs and Colds. It never fails to cure the worst cough or cold.

Circuit Court Dockets.

The January term of the Circuit Court terminated on Saturday last. The following are the cases disposed of during the last week of the term:

CONTINUED BY CONSENT. Michael Hackett vs. Albert Stock. Anna W. Adams vs. David B. Ellis. Jacob S. Lazzara et al. vs. John Starkweather et al.

In the matter of the appeal of Mary E. Hines from the decision of the commissioners on claims against the estate of Ernest Hines, deceased, following the claim of Ann Clark.

JUDGMENTS ENTERED. Spencer J. Wing vs. Warren Tremaine, for \$549.25. Mary Watson vs. John and Florian Muehlig, for \$437.00.

People vs. Oliver Augustus; assault with intent to kill; plead guilty, and sentenced to House of Correction for three years.

People vs. J. A. Dolan; uttering forged order; withdrew plea of "not guilty," and plead "guilty," sentenced to State Prison for one year.

Julia A. Comer vs. Margaret J. Owen, decree of foreclosure granted.

Lucy W. S. Morgan vs. Louis R. Bucholz et al., decree of foreclosure granted.

Conrad Redner vs. Philip and Emily Rheinhardt, decree of foreclosure granted.

JURY TRIALS. Wm. Lavey vs. Thos. and John McGuinness; verdict for plaintiff, for \$200.

John W. Babbitt vs. Cornelia Leonard; assumption, for rent; jury disagreed.

David Babcock vs. Addison Fletcher; assumption, on promissory note; verdict, no cause of action.

Elizabeth McDonald vs. Daniel Haas; action to secure damages for injuries received from a runaway team; verdict, no cause of action.

John L. Simey vs. Spencer C. Drake; action to recover value of a watch taken from plaintiff in pawn; verdict for plaintiff, for \$60.

FINAL JUDGMENTS. Mary Estey vs. Lewis Lamborn, for \$250. Elizabeth McDonald vs. David Haas, against plaintiff, costs to be taxed.

Ann Arbor Savings Bank vs. Susannah M. R. Adams et al., for \$316.16. David Babcock vs. Addison Fletcher, against plaintiff, costs to be taxed.

MISCELLANEOUS. Lizzie Traver vs. Nathan Webb; non-suit set aside.

Robert May vs. Edward L. Boyden; to be submitted on briefs.

Maria Ostrowski vs. Albert Cox; motion for new trial, to be submitted on briefs.

Victor Sewing Machine Co. vs. Lewis Banks and Wm. Lose; motion for new trial, to be submitted on briefs.

Odd Fellows Lodge at Saline. During the past few weeks active preparations have been in progress for the establishment of a lodge of Odd Fellows at Saline, and on Thursday last week the lodge was instituted under the name of Saline Lodge, No. 272. The hall of the new lodge is what was formerly known as Burkhardt & Aldrich's Hall, which has been secured for a number of years, fitted up in elegant style, and after a little more furnishing, will be excelled by but few lodge-rooms in the State.

The members composing the new lodge were formerly connected with Wolverine Lodge, No. 197, at the village of Saline, Michigan, and the lodge for the purpose of instituting the new one. There was a large attendance of the brotherhood—about 50 from Milan, 20 from Ann Arbor, and a few from Manchester and other localities.

At about 3 o'clock P. M. the members of the order assembled at the lodge-room to witness the ceremony of instituting the new lodge. The meeting was called to order by Grand Master George Dean, of Detroit, who, after a short address, called to his aid the following Past Grand, representatives of the Grand Lodge of the State:

Deputy G. M.—E. E. Newkirk, Bay City. J. S. Eider, Grand Secretary, Ann Arbor. Grand Marshal—D. Cranon, Ann Arbor. Grand Treasurer—E. W. Mead, Milan. Grand Secretary—Knapf, Ann Arbor. Grand Secretary—J. B. Gilman, Manchester.

The dispensation granting authority to establish the lodge was read, after which the work of institution was proceeded with. The dispensation contained the following names: E. A. Reynolds, J. E. Easterly, M. E. Easterly, J. S. Eider, Geo. B. Fulkerson, Oscar Fulkerson, L. S. N. G., Loren Cole, L. S. N. G., Wm. Derringer, L. S. N. G., J. B. Fulkerson, L. S. N. G., L. S. V. G., Chas. Jackson, R. S. S., E. M. LeBaron, L. S. S., H. McMichael.

E. A. Reynolds was elected Representative to the Grand Lodge. After the ceremony of installation was completed the Grand Master delivered a short address, in which he congratulated the members on the auspicious commencement of their lodge, the fine appearance of the membership and hall, promising a prosperous career, and gave the members considerable advice relative to the successful management of the lodge.

The Grand Master was followed with short speeches by Messrs. Sprague, Newkirk, Gilman, Cramer, Krapf, and others. The speech-making was terminated by E. A. Reynolds, obtaining the floor and, in behalf of the members of Saline Lodge, inviting all present to partake of a supper prepared at the Exchange hotel.

In the evening the first meeting of the lodge was held, at which two candidates were elected and initiated. The regular meetings of the lodge are held on Thursday evening of each week.

Real Estate Sales. The following transactions in real estate have been recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds during the past week: Christian Cook to Christian Wald, 29 acres off section 34 Lot 1, \$17,075.

Aron P. Wood to Jas. McGuire, 24 acres off section 29, Saline, \$900.

Wm. W. Demuth to Christian Schreiner, 49 acres off sections 34 and 35, Bridgewater, \$2,900.

W. D. Harriman to Fred. Graf, the undivided half interest in lots 1 and 2 in block 3 north west 1/4, Maynard's addition to Ann Arbor, \$150.

Reuben Kempf to Risney & Saaboll, strip of land 142 feet on Washington St., west of Fourth St., Ann Arbor, \$140.

John H. Hiram to Hiram Hovey, 22 acres off section 4, Saline, \$484.

Philip Cook to John Hahn, lot 1 near corner West and Jefferson sts., Ann Arbor, \$750.

Edly O. Smith to Alice Dunt, lots 1 and 5, village of Saline, \$1,075.

Troman Carpenter to School District No. 4 of York township, 100 acres of Mooreville.

Mary A. Aylworth to School District No. 4 of York, lot in village of Mooreville, \$50.

The February Magazines.

The magazines for February have come out to our tables as follows:

Godey's Lady's Book has its usual list of stories, by its usual popular writers, with well-filled "Work" and "Domestic" departments. In fashion and working plates Godey always has something that pleases the ladies. \$3 a year with a beautiful premium chromo. L. A. Godey, Philadelphia. Godey, the chromo, and the ARGUS, for \$4.

The Catholic World has: A Sequel of the Gladstone Controversy, Are you my Wife?—chap. XII, The Story of Evangeline in Prose, The Patient Church (poetry), St. Thomas More, Primitive Civilization, Madame's Experiment, The Baquet, The Eternal Years, Missions in Maine from 1613 to 1854, Prussia and the Church, Garcia Moreno, A Revival in Frogton, The President's Message, A Night at the Grand Chateau, New Publications.

THE CATHOLIC PUBLICATION HOUSE, 8 WARREN STREET, NEW YORK.

St. Nicholas has a fine list of stories, sketches, poems, and pictures. The frontispiece is a capital picture by Mary A. Hallcock, illustrating the opening story of "The Black Douglas," by Hezekiah Butterworth. Among the other stories are: The Two Goats, by Susan Coolidge; The Shivering Child, a story in little fable, by R. B. Bowker; Sally Watson's Ride, All for Bijou, a record of a very laughable predicament; and one of Mr. Townbridge's Bass Cove Sketches, of which no commendation is necessary. The serials by Mr. Brooks and Bayard Taylor are continued. Toboggans and Their Use would set the boys crazy if any "coasting" was promised in this vicinity, while the "skating" Hall, "a program" "Valentines," etc., will meet a reasonable want. The tone of St. Nicholas is vigorous and healthy. \$3 a year. SCRIBNER & CO., New York. With the ARGUS \$4.

The Nursery opens with a full page picture of "The Fast Mail Train," and the story of the same is told by Aunt Kitty. The other pictures and stories (both in prose and verse) are capital, and will make the eyes of the little ones' bag out with wonder, and their ears open wide. Every four or six year old girl or boy ought to have the Nursery. \$1.50 a year. JOHN L. SIMS, 39 E. Second street, Boston. With the ARGUS, \$2.65.

The Atlantic Monthly has several papers of unusual excellence and importance. The Currency Conflict, by James A. Garfield, is timely and sound; The Railroad Death-Rate, by Charles Francis Adams, Jr., is full of information and called for by the traveler by rail; The Unseen World, by John Fiske, is an essay full of thought; Old Womankind's Gospel, by Mrs. Frances Ann Kemble, is too personal to be really enjoyable; Confession of St. Augustine, by Mrs. Phelps, humorously pictures life in that quaint old Florida city; A Literary Nightmare, by Mark Twain, would have been assigned to the waste-paper basket had its author not been a celebrity; and the "curious story," Mammoth, by Chas. DeKay, is more curious than instructive. Private Theatricals, by W. D. Howells, continues charming. The poems are, by Ralph Waldo Emerson; Phidias to Pericles, by W. W. Story; Under the Moon and Stars, by J. T. Townbridge; and some translations by Mrs. J. B. Fulkerson, Oscar Fulkerson, Franconette, \$4 a year. H. O. Houghton & Co., Boston. With the ARGUS, \$4.75.

The Electric Magazine has a fine list of selections. The leading article is "Modern Spiritualism," the writer not being in sympathy with its "claims and pretensions." The other noticeable articles are one on "Weather," pronounced "charming." The True Eastern Question, by Edward A. Freeman, the historian; Women in the "German Home Life" series—so far full of interest; Charlotte's Birthplace, by Miss Georgiana M. Craik; A Neglected Humorist of the past generation—Foolie, the dramatist; Note from the Crimea; The Wagner Festival of 1876; The Pleasure of Wealth; and Hymns Responsorial, by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone. And we must not forget the liberal installments of the two popular series: Her Dear-est Fox, by Mrs. Alexander; and Jonathan, by C. O. Himes. Tyler, the illustration of the number is a fine portrait of Hon. Wm. E. Evans, accompanied by a brief biographical sketch; and the editorial department present an interesting variety. The Electric is a necessity to the reader who wishes to know something of foreign literature. \$5 a year. E. B. Pulton, 25 Bond street, New York.

Scrubner's Monthly opens with the second paper of the series "New York in the Revolution," by John Miner, to which there are twelve illustrations; "Beds and Tables, Stools and Candlesticks," the third of Clarence Cook's suggestive papers, is also finely illustrated; "A Hundred Thousand Homes," by Charles Barnard, is instructive and pleasant reading, if for nothing more than the cool advice which it refers to money in the "hard times"; Bret Harte's "Gabriel's Cove" and E. Hale's article, "Philip Nolan, Friends," both increase in interest, each in its author's peculiar style. Prof. Tyler's article on "The University of Michigan," with its fifteen illustrations, will of course receive due attention, and amply repay it. "Revolutionary Letters," by John Vance Cheney, second paper; and "A Piece of Secret History," by Charles H. Johnson, of the Historical Society, "The Hollis Bait of Milton," by Clarence Cook, a short story by Kate Putnam Osgood, and a paper on "French Dues" complete the prose. There are poems by Joel Bentzen, Edgar Fawcett, and John G. Saxe. In "Topics of the Time," Dr. Holland touches the "School Question" and philosophizes on "Reform." The Old Children's Home and Society are as pitiful as usual, and "Bric-a-Brac" brings over with fun. On the whole it is an excellent number, \$4 a year. SCRIBNER & CO., New York. With the ARGUS \$4.75.

Boddy's REALITY. By Helen Kendrick Johnson. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 12 mo., 209 pp.

This little book, by the author of "Boddy's Romance," is a story within a story. The hero of the one is supposed to write the other, which latter fills most of the volume and claims most of the reader's interest. The action of the story, limited as it is to a week's time, gives us a clear idea of the boys and girls as if we had grown up with them. The well-known terrible small boy, "bright enough to see the flaws and not world-wise enough to hide them," affords constant amusement to the reader on, and, after the manner of his kind, wins our good will in spite of us; while the more modest, with her admiring longings to be a boy and wear "boots like Harby's," is a most lovable little fairy. No less true to nature is the boy at that peculiar age when nobody understands him and he certainly does not understand himself, "when his heart is made of leather," but all of a sudden begins to turn "soft" on one side. Harby's "New Declaration of Independence" is met with an unqualified approval from the boys, and some valuable hints for games and plays will be found in the book since it talks "the tone of the book throughout is pure and sturdy, and the moral that undoubtedly lies therein is not that of the old-fashioned moralizing school. Written especially for children and young folks, it will furnish a hearty laugh and something for their minds to masticate.

For sale by John Moore, 25, H. A.

The District Sunday School Institute of the Lenawee, Washtenaw and Jackson Associations, will be held at Manchester, Washtenaw Co., Mich., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Feb. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 1876. This meeting is designed to be one of great benefit to the Sunday School cause. The people of Manchester extend a cordial invitation to every Sunday School worker, and every one who would be benefited by coming to this meeting. Our hospitality and enjoy the benefit of the Institute. Some of the best men in the State are to address the meeting.

C. M. FELLOWS, S. S. Sup't.

University Items.

Revenge is to photograph the senior law class.

Judge Cooley has a work on "Taxation" nearly through the press.

The Constantine band is to furnish the music for the coming Junior ball.

"Went on the war-path"; that is what the Catholics call exarcing a gentle old cow to spend a night in a college lecture room. "Brave boys are we."

"A Survey of American Literature" is the title of Prof. Tyler's forthcoming book, and it is to be published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.

J. H. Stearns is dividing his time between arranging his collection of birds, etc., and instructing the seniors in Zoology.

On Friday evening last Prof. Tyler said his say of "Old English Ballads" before the Young Men's Society of Jackson.

Two law students—Chas. S. Belser and Benjamin Gore—locked horns on Friday evening last, as the result of which Gore was chosen defendant in an assault and battery case before Justice Clark. Jury disagreed on Saturday, case continued until Tuesday, and then adjourned again. Poor bones for incipient lawyers.

Dr. Spellman, of Detroit, has presented about thirty professional volumes to the Dental College; and Drs. Finch and Adrian Thomas, of Detroit; and Robinson of Jackson, have recently given the college "a look up," the latter giving the class a practical lecture.

A local poet (of Homoeopathic proclivities, we presume), being inspired by the late forced matriculation of a cow in the H. C., contributes the following to this column: Said Gales unto Hahnemann,

"Why covest half a cow," said H., "When Fortune fills your halls with calves?"

F. B. Gregory and M. F. Hitch, freshmen boys, took an inclement bath in the cool waters of the mill pond on Saturday last. As Gregory went through the ice he had presence of mind sufficient to throw his hat to a place of safety, and then to call upon the lookers on, who were too excited to obey speedily, for boards or rails, which were brought after an almost fatal delay. It was too close a call to suit the boys.

In Prof. Tyler's Scribner article on the University he says: "The annual expenses of the University amount, according to the latest official estimate, to \$99,378.32, of which \$37,500 are provided for by the National Government, \$29,000 by fees from students, and \$31,878 by aid from the State." The \$37,500 set down to the credit of the "General Government" is the proceeds of the land grant made by Congress at the time of the admission of the State, and not an annual appropriation to be made or withdrawn at pleasure. It is all the endowment the University has.

A very interesting meeting of the Students' Scientific Society was held on Saturday afternoon last. P. H. Kimball read a paper on "Silk Worms," V. C. Vaughn one on "Eggs of Domestic Fowls," and C. C. Beecher one on "Marks made by the teeth of Mallophaga in feeding." The President, R. W. Corwin, discussed "Brains," dissected the brain of a sheep, and gave magic lantern illustrations of the brains of other animals. The scientific news of the week was read by P. H. Hannas.

Noticing the Scribner article on Prof. Tyler and his illustrations, the Detroit Post speaks of "School-Girl's Glen" as "a branch of the University which unluckily was not recognized." If we rightly mark the critic having married before entering the University, the defect in his reminiscences is easily accounted for. He had no occasion for moonlight strolls over observatory hill and down to the beautiful glen by the Huron.

A Card. The Young Ladies' Working Society of the Congregational Church desire to express their sincere thanks and obligations to all the good friends who so kindly helped them in making their Centennial Tea Party a success. Above all to the trustees of the Unitarian Church for their liberal donation; to Israel Hall, Esq., for the loan of relics and antiquities and by their contributions, aided in making the occasion pleasant and profitable.

Mrs. J. E. SUMNER, President.

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