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JUNIUS E. BEAL,
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

The Michigan Division L. A. Whose men has given out its unalterable opposition to Sunday racing. The L. A. W. is right.

If Spain has an idea that she can whip your Uncle Sammel, how would she do for her to show off a little of her fighting qualities in Cuba?

The republicans at Port Huron are fitting themselves for a democratic victory once again. They should leave dissensions to the enemy.

The Emperor of Germany may strut around on this side of the Atlantic spreading out his peacock feathers, and cackling over having whipped the little defenseless darkey, until he gets a hole plumped through Hohenzollern.

D. D. Sinclair, of Adrian, father of Mrs. T. S. Applegate, of the Adrian Times, is now 93 years old, and yet in good health. He was a state senator in 1848. There are two other men living who were members of that legislature, Messrs. Henry Chamberlain and J. H. Farnum.

Attorney General F. A. Maynard is of the opinion that the M. C. R. R. by not conforming to the law passed by the legislature in 1891, compelling railroads to sell 1,000-mile tickets for \$20, had put its foot in it. He believes that the Central has forfeited its charter by consolidating with other companies.

Bryan is being wined and dined in Mexico. He will see the bright side of the country. But will he see the working people? The people who work for a few cents a day and are then paid in a debased currency that is worth only one-half what it should be? The employers are showing him Mexico. They will not show him the laborer's side.

Baron Von Frankenthurn, the new prime minister of Austria, is a man who has risen from the ranks by his own exertions. His father was a captain of police, and not of the nobility. The Baron is now considered one of the best orators and ablest scholars of the empire. But he has a difficult task on his hands to unite the discordant classes of Austria.

Emperor William has now proven himself a great soldier! He has sent his war ships over and bullied the poor little Island negro republic of Hayti into scuttling his flag and making them pay for the trip. Great, daring and noble deed that! Billy's name will be herded down the ages! He is a powerful fighter against weaklings. Now he has sent some of his soldiers and gunboats over to whip the defenseless Chinese, and to grab everything in sight they can lay their hands on. Bully Billy Kaiser!

That the people of the United States desire the annexation of Hawaii was shown, beyond any misunderstanding, by the manner in which Mr. Cleveland's acts in preventing the same were received. No act of his administration tended more to his unpopularity than that one. The great American people are not to be easily bluffed or bullied, and if it is true, as reported, that Speaker Reed is opposed thereto, he should remember the fate of Mr. Gresham and Mr. Cleveland, and learn by their bitter experience. Should he oppose the annexation of those Islands, his political feature, as far as the great west is concerned, would be sealed.

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The Bishop of Havana, appeals to the people of the United States for aid for the thousands of starving reconcentrados. The bishop goes about it in the right way. Now let the people appeal to the president, then let the president appeal to the sugar, tea and tobacco trusts, and if the latter are willing, the reconcentrados will receive aid.—Ann Arbor Democrat.

Indeed! Quite ingenious! But why not appeal to the charity of that great man Bryan who gave(?) the Kansas democrats so much? But then, perhaps wind wouldn't help the Cubans after all.

That the mother of the president survived a stroke of paralysis so long when not far from 90, is a splendid commentary upon the vitality and powers of endurance that spring from a hardy ancestry and a well-ordered life. The passing of Mother McKinley is an event, but her disquietion appeals to the nation because of the great honor the year of her death has brought to her distinguished son. Not that her patriotism, her splendid intellectual powers and her devotion to her children are rare attributes in this land of noble mothers—but because the events of the past year and a half brought her lovely qualities into a prominence that has been a natural, as it has been stimulating, to worthy deeds of American motherhood.—Detroit Free Press.

The dispatches tell us that an effort will be made once more to establish a National University at Washington, D. C. The idea of this University as we gather it, is for the U. S. Government to build and own and run the establishment. There are some advantages no doubt to be obtained from such an institution because of the great national library, the Smithsonian institute gardens, etc., but there are disadvantages also. At Washington the institution would become a political football, filled with sincere positions, and many senators and congressmen would seek to get some kind of political cared for, without regard for the fitness of the man for the place. It would be another sinkhole for the people's money and it surely seems as if there were enough ways to dispose of all the cash the government can get hood of already.

The old story of Prometheus was on terms of intimacy with the gods. From them he stole fire, and gave it to men. For this sin he was bound to the rocks of Mount Caucasus, and vultures were set upon him. They only ate his liver. This grew again as fast as it was pecked away. Are his sufferings to be imagined?

Take a modern interpretation of the parable. There is no cooking without fire. In cooking and eating the mischief lies. The stomach is overtaxed, the bowels become clogged, they cannot dispose of the food that is given them. The impurities back up on the liver. Then come the vertigoes—the torments of a diseased liver. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is more than equal to the vultures of dyspepsia and its kindred diseases. There is no more need of suffering from dyspepsia than there is of hanging one's self. Sold by all medicine dealers the world over.

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Crop Report for December.

The average condition of wheat in the State, December 1, was 88 per cent. of condition in average years. The figures for the southern counties are 84, central 91, and northern 101. The average condition in the State is three, in the southern counties five, and in the central counties two, per cent. lower than on December 1, 1896.

These figures represent as accurately as it is possible for figures to represent, the judgment of correspondents as to the condition of the growing wheat crop. From the statements of correspondents in the southern counties, it is clear that the fields in that section are unusually spotted, the plant has made small growth, and does not cover the ground as in average years. Wheat sowed early on thoroughly well cultivated ground is in nearly full average condition. This is particularly true of level fields, or those moderately so. But a large percentage of Michigan wheat was sowed late on ground that it was impossible to properly fit owing to its extremely dry condition. No small amount of seed lay in the ground a long time before germinating, and some of it has never germinated. The warm, wet weather that prevailed the early part of November was exceptionally favorable and of marked benefit, but it was too late for wheat to make its usual fall growth.

The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers since the November report was published is 2,064,321, and in the four months, August, September, October and November, 7,662,316. This is 2,966,642 bushels more than reported marketed in the same months last year.

Fall pasture has been fairly good. The percentages for live stock are, horses and cattle 97, and sheep and swine 98.

In answer to the question "Are there any diseases prevalent among live stock," 67 correspondents in the State answer "yes" and 502 "no." Of the 67 correspondents answering "yes," 51 name hog cholera as the disease, and of the 51 reporting hog cholera 43 are in the southern counties.

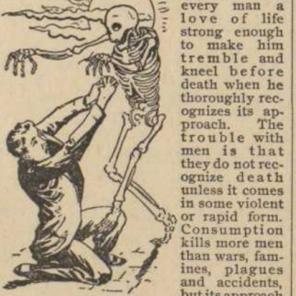
To Classify an Artist.

A clever person who recently attended an art exhibition has drawn up a set of rules to enable the novice to know what kind of a picture he is looking at. He says that if a painter paints the sky gray and the grass brown he belongs to the old school.

If he paints the sky blue and the grass green he belongs to the realistic school. If he paints the sky yellow and the grass purple he is a colorist.

If he paints the sky black and the grass red he is an artist of great decorative talent and may make posters if he perseveres.

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is insidious, and men do not realize that they are in its clutch. While consumption is a germ disease, the bacilli will not invade sound and healthy lungs. The lungs must first be in a diseased condition.

First a man feels a little out of sorts. Probably he is overworked and has given too little time to eating, sleeping and resting. His appetite falls off. His digestion gets out of order and his blood does not receive the proper amount of life-giving nutriment. The liver becomes torpid and the blood is filled with impurities. These are pumped into every organ of the body, building up unhealthy, half-dead tissues. The most harm is done at the weakest spot, and most frequently that spot is in the lungs. A slight cold leads to inflammation, the bacilli invade the lungs and we have a case of consumption.

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Mrs. Ursula Dunham, of Sistersville, Tyler Co., W. Va., writes: "I had a pain in my side all the time, had but little appetite and grew very thin. The Golden Medical Discovery promptly cured the pain, restored my appetite and increased my weight."

NEW YORK FASHIONS.

Black Lace Dresses—Thin Fabrics—Sashes—Shirred Liberty Silk—Ties—Gloves.

As a dress material, black Chantilly lace and black net, have been ignored for several seasons; now however they are classed among the most stylish fabrics for evening or other dressy occasions. To middle aged and elderly persons, black lace is a boon, softening the ravages of time, and relieved by a judicious intermixture of white lace and a becoming color, the result is surprising. Where it is possible, a colored silk underskirt is advisable, and almost every one has some kind of half worn black, white or colored silk in reserve for such an occasion. Black net over white silk is very attractive, and a stylish skirt trimming is three rows of black spangled passementerie, at the lower edge, one near the waist, another midway between these two. The waist may be a combination of black or white lace and net, with a bunch of pink or crimson roses on the left shoulder, and another bunch on the first and second rows of passementerie.

Thin fabrics in white and pale hues will be worn by young people at evening entertainments, always over a silk or satin lining, and high or low neck is an optional matter and both round and square necks are fashionable. If long sleeves are desired, they should be in mousquetaire style, if short, two very small puffs close together and edged by a bias trim, or simply platings of gauze or net set in the arm-holes, are the two prevailing styles. Sashes of all kinds are worn of plaid or striped ribbon or of plain white or colored silk, the handsomest with rows of lace insertion near the end; the finishing touch however is given by a wide knotted fringe.

These last however are very expensive, particularly when in Roman colors, and it is best to buy wide ribbon, and have it fringed and knotted to order. With a fancy black braid or jet boue, (described in a previous letter) plaid or striped ribbon tied around the waist and ending in a smart bow at the left side, is a pretty addition. Gauze sashes are yet another novelty, but white net sashes are economical as they are edged by narrow colored satin ribbon, which is in addition, run across the sash in diamonds or squares, and a net bertha on the waist should be in harmony.

The demand for a soft, shiny fabric, yet more durable and cheaper than chiffon has brought about the manufacture of Liberty silk, and it now holds a foremost position for evening dresses, coming forty-eight inches wide, and shirred the whole width, except two or three panel spaces at one edge between rows of shirring, give the effect of boue. Black or every fashionable that is shown, and waists may be as fairly as desired by simulated ticks of this lovely material.

In the wake of sashes come very wide neckties of chiffon, sheer lawn or mousseline-de-soie, passed once around the throat, and tied in a large, flat bow at the front. The ends are trimmed with lace, plaided ruffles, or fine white lace is applied on colors, or black on white, which in every department of fashion is particularly stylish. In view of such this, and those in Roman colors, collars are less aggressive, at the same time they are by no means out of style. The open blouse has given rise to a multiplicity of beautiful fronts, and shirred Liberty silk fronts are in great favor, especially in shaded effects, the lighter hue being used at the upper part. Beaded or spangled chiffon is also much employed, and nothing is too glistening or too gay for this purpose. Long, white gloves with plain white stitching, either of suede or glace kid, divide popular favor for short sleeved evening costumes, and contrasting stitching is noticeable in four button gloves for afternoon wear. Black gloves, with fancy white stitching on the back and white seams, are rendered fashionable by the strong demand for black and white mixtures.

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A Georgia editor says: "Times are not improving very fast. We are juggling along in the old way." He probably wrote it "jogging," but permitted it to fall into the hands of a compositor who was determined to tell the truth, even if he lost his job.—Cleveland Leader.

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CHANCERY SALE.

IN pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the county of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, in chancery, made and entered the 20th day of March, 1897, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Mary L. Bailey is complainant and Nicholas Senger, Elizabeth Senger, Warren Kimble, Irene Kimble, Nathaniel Schmidt, Johanna Schmidt, William J. Arnold and Caroline Arnold are defendants.

Notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction at the east front door of the court house in the city of Ann Arbor, in the said county, (that being the building in which the circuit court for the said county is held) on Wednesday, the 26th day of January, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, the following described real estate:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the village of Manchester in the county of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: A certain part of block number forty (40) of the original plat of said village of Manchester included within the following boundary, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the westerly line of Water street six (6) rods and nine (9) links southerly from the south line of Jefferson street in said village; thence westerly parallel with the south line of said Jefferson street forty feet; thence northerly parallel with said Water street twenty-four feet; thence easterly parallel with the westerly line of said Jefferson street two rods to other lands owned by said Kimble; thence southerly on east line of said other lands of said Kimble four rods to the center of an alley or way fourteen feet wide leading across said block number forty (40) eastward to Water street; thence eastward on the center of said alley or way ten (10) rods to the westerly line of said Water street; thence northerly on the westerly line of said Water street four rods to the place of beginning. Together with the right of way of said alley or way in common with others entitled thereto, and subject to right of way or easement for the northerly half of said alley or way along upon the southerly side of said land; also subject to any and whatever easements of way and other purposes that may heretofore have been acquired by the public and individuals along and upon the westerly portion of the above described land.

O. ELMER BUTTERFIELD,
Circuit Court Commissioner.
Dated December 8th, 1897.
A. F. & E. M. FREEMAN,
Solicitors of Plaintiff.

Real Estate For Sale.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw, ss.

In the matter of the Estate of Hugh Hudson Reid, minor.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order granted to the undersigned guardian of the estate of said minor, by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the county of Washtenaw, on the 28th day of October, A. D. 1897, there will be sold at Public Vendue, by the highest bidder, at the east front of the court house in the city of Ann Arbor in the county of Washtenaw in said state, on Friday, the 17th day of December, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock in forenoon of that day (subject to all encumbrances by mortgage or otherwise existing at the time of said sale, the following described real estate, to-wit:

All that certain piece of land situate and being in the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, and described as follows: Commencing twenty-two feet south of the northwest corner of the block one north of Huron st., and range five east, running thence south along the east line of Fourth Avenue twenty-two feet, running thence east at right angles to said last mentioned line, one hundred feet, running thence north at right angles to said last mentioned line twenty-two feet, running thence west at right angles to said last mentioned line one hundred feet, to place of beginning, together with a right of way to and along the east line of said last mentioned line, one hundred feet, commencing on Ann st. at a point one hundred feet east of the northwest corner of block one north of Huron st., and range five east, running thence south at right angles to the south line of said Ann st., to Huron st., to be used in common with the other owners of said described premises, as a foot path, who may or shall hereafter own or occupy land or tenements in said block one north of Huron st., for the purpose of passing or repassing with teams and vehicles necessary to be used in the business in which said party of the second part has his heirs or assigns may be engaged in said premises.

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Estate of Susan E. Soule.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw, ss.

In the matter of the estate of Susan E. Soule, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Ellen Carhart, praying that the administration of said estate may be granted to herself or some other suitable person. Thereupon it is ordered, that Thursday, the 18th day of December, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the Probate office in the City of Ann Arbor, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted: And it is further ordered, that said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ann Arbor Courier, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

H. WIRT NEWKIRK,
Judge of Probate.
P. J. LEIMAN, Probate Register.

Mortgage Sale.

Whereas, Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage bearing date the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1878, made by Hugh McLaughlin and Mary Ann McLaughlin his wife, of the township of Sylvania, county of Washtenaw, Michigan, to Rice A. Beal, of the city of Ann Arbor, county and state aforesaid, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Washtenaw county, a newspaper published and circulated in said county, on page 324, and

Whereas, by reason of said default there is now claimed to be and is due on said mortgage the sum of two thousand nine hundred dollars (\$2,900) and no suit or proceedings at law have been taken to recover the same or any part thereof.

Now therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained, and the statutes of the state of Michigan, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the 23rd day of February, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the west door of the Court House in said city of Ann Arbor, (that being the building wherein the circuit court for the county of Washtenaw is held) the premises described in said mortgage, or sufficient thereof to satisfy said indebtedness, costs and expenses of sale, and also any and all other moneys due on or before said sale by the undersigned in the way of taxes or insurance to protect his interests in the premises described in said mortgage, to-wit:

All those certain pieces or parcels of land situate in the county of Washtenaw, and state of Michigan, known, by the following description as follows, viz: The southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section thirty-five (No. 35), in township one (No. 1) south of range three (No. 3) east (Lyndon).

The north part of the northwest fractional quarter of section two (No. 2), in township two (No. 2), south of range three (No. 3) east (Sylvan) containing eighty-eight acres and twenty-eight one hundredths of an acre more or less. And also that part of section three (No. 3), township and range last aforesaid, known, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of said section three, running thence north on the north line of said section about seventy rods; thence south parallel with the east line of said section, enough to include within a line drawn east parallel with the north line of said section to the east line of said section forty acres of land, thence east to the section line, and thence north to the place of beginning, being forty acres of land taken from the north end of one hundred and forty acres of land sold to and conveyed to Thomas Snow and Elizabeth Snow to James Snow by deed bearing date the 26th day of December, A. D. 1842, and recorded in the register's office for the county of Washtenaw, in Liber W., on page 446, to which deed reference is made for greater certainty of description.

The whole number of acres of land hereby intended to be conveyed being one hundred and sixty-eight and twenty-eight one hundredths acres more or less.

Residuary Legatee and Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Rice A. Beal, deceased.

LORENZO SAWYER, Atty. for Executor.
A. J. SAWYER, of Counsel.

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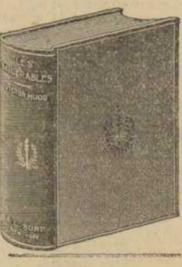
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The "Isle of Champagne," the lively and chic comic opera that gave an entertainment here a few weeks ago, will give a return engagement next Monday evening at the Athens. The entertainment abounds in the spectacular, and some of the scenes are beautiful enough of themselves to warrant the outlay for admission. That the company has secured a return engagement is sufficient evidence of its popularity, and there is little doubt of a crowded house Monday evening.

Clay Clement and his troupe gave "A Southern Gentleman" Monday evening at the Athens Theatre. The play is good and the players are good also. Mr. Clement, had he a voice that was full and round, would make an ideal theatrical star. That is the only impediment, and it is a serious one. And yet, after one becomes accustomed to his sharp and fast, it is not unpleasant, and has the desirable quality of being distinct and easy for the ear to catch. The old mammy, the negro servant "Linda," was fine, could not be excelled, and Hamibal was a very close second. If not a peer. Aside from the shooting—which is annoying to many people with high strung nerves—the evening was a delightful one.

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"Mr. and Mrs. Henschel have come—and conquered. Certainly a more thoroughly satisfying song recital than the one we had the pleasure of hearing Friday, can not be imagined. Although but few of the songs were sung in English, the English translations printed on the programs made them intelligible to all, and each one was a gem. Mr. Henschel, as his own accompanist, has all the charm of Max Heinrich, with none of the latter's unpleasant mannerisms. And as his wife's accompanist he is perfect. The way in which he "feels" the audience while Mrs. Henschel is singing, his delight when she does well and his annoyance when any disturbing element enters in (as when the programs were so needlessly and so noisily turned while she was singing last evening) is simply charming. Mr. Henschel is full of surprises; for without possessing a phenomenal voice, he does everything, seemingly, that can be done with a voice, from the broadest tone effects to light, delicate runs. The combinations of composer, singer and accompanist which we see in Mr. Henschel is as delightful as it is unusual. Especially interesting among his own works last evening was that duet, "Oh That We Two Were Maying," with its delicate canon. While Mr. Henschel sings and plays with perfect ease and finish, he gives the impression of having an endless amount of reserve force which he might call upon if necessary.

"As for Mrs. Henschel's voice and her use of it, both are delicious. Her voice is one of most unusual and beautiful color, even throughout, perfectly under her control; a voice to hear once and to dream of ever after. Everything she sang, from the taxing Liszt setting of "Die Loreley," to "Coming Through the Rye," was most gracefully and artistically rendered. The two voices blended most beautifully in the duets, especially in "Oh, That We Two Were Maying," and the final number of the program."

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Christmas is the Christian Saturnalia when even the strictest and most decorous, countenance some degree of license. The polite leaders of our faith in the earliest days of Christianity thought it wise to graft most of the rites and ceremonies of Paganism upon the doctrines of Christ in order to make the latter popular. Thus they caused His birth to coincide with the Roman Saturnalia which for a whole week from the 18th to the 25th of December commemorated the freedom and equality that existed during the whole of the golden reign of Saturn. We are told that long before the foundation of Rome these heathen feasts were remarkable for their universal liberty. Slaves were permitted to ridicule their masters and to discuss every topic with freedom. Friends made presents to one another, the schools were closed, no criminals were executed, public and private animosity ceased. While they lasted war was never declared, and mirth, riot, and debauchery had full swing. During the sacrifices the priests made their offerings with uncovered heads, which was never done at any other festivals. The fetters were removed from the public statues of the god, to whom every emancipated slave devoted his own. The temples were decked with holy and ivy, and other sacred evergreens, and as profusely as our own were in the last century, when Miss Jenny Simper thus complained to the "Spectator": "Our clerk, who was once a gardener, has this Christmas so overdecked the church with greens that he has quite spoiled my prospect, inasmuch that I have scarce seen the young baronet for three weeks, and unless the greens are removed, I shall soon have little else to do in church than to say my prayers."

The holy and the mistletoe are indigenous although not peculiar to this country, and the latter, as every one knows, was pre-eminently the sacred plant of the Druids, that mysterious, learned, and remarkable caste whose history remains to be written. In the Scandinavian mythology, the mistletoe was consecrated on a memorable occasion and for a most beneficent purpose, to Friga, the Northern goddess of love. For the protection of her son Balder, an oath was imposed on all things of earth, air, fire, and water, not to injure the beautiful young god. The mistletoe alone from its apparent harmlessness, was excepted, and it

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He must be a sour heart that can view these sweet old customs with any other feeling than that of general approbation. Hundreds of generations have enjoyed them and made merry over them, the young and the unlearned in happy and innocent thoughtlessness, while the learned and philosophic have busied themselves with the deeper import that lies beneath their popular surface. These see in them the relics of a universal religion devoted to Nature, whose origin is shrouded in the Cimmerian gloom of the North, and in the myths of remotest antiquity. They observe their close relation, not to the Saturnalia of Rome alone, but to the Egyptian Pamyria, the Bacchic and Dionysian orgies of the Greeks, the obscene festivals of India, Mesopotamia, and South America, and to the other religious mysteries in those and all the rest of the world where Nature-worship has been symbolized and corrupted by superstition; and its pure stream diverted into impure channels. This teaching in mankind's best emotions and subduing worship to gain or power, has slain in succession all the religions of the past just as it will destroy those of the present. It may be that in the cycle of religious evolution the time will come when mankind will reach the point whence they started, and their hearts will be again filled with love and reverence for all nature as the sure and universal manifestation of God to man.

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At a regular meeting of Welch Post, G. A. R. held in their hall last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Commander—Dr. W. B. Smith
Senior Vice—A. B. Markham.
Junior Vice—A. Turner.
Chaplain—Harrison Sontz.
Quartermaster—C. S. Elmer.
O. G.—H. A. Sawyer.
O. G.—Wm. Fisher.
Surgeon—H. J. Pearson.
S.—A. B. Crandall.
Delegates to State Encampment—H. A. Sweet, Wm. A. Clark.
Alternates—S. B. Hill, Nathan Woodmansee.

At the annual meeting of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association Monday evening the following officers were elected:

President—L. C. Goodrich.
Vice President—C. B. Davidson.
Secretary—Norman D. Gales.
Treasurer—Chas. E. Hancock.
Trustees—J. K. Kyrer, W. H. Dorrance, J. E. Best, A. C. Nichols, H. B. Dodsley, George B. Rhead.

Otsinengo Lodge No. 295, I. O. O. F.
Noble Grand—John Fischer.
Vice Grand—Royal Jenney.
Recording Secy—T. A. Gwinner.
Financial Secy—John Wahr.
Treasurer—Geo. H. Miller.

J. T. Jacobs' Camp, Sons of Veterans:
Captain—W. H. Krapf.
1st Lieutenant—John L. Cox.
2nd Lieutenant—E. J. Kockel.
Camp Council—E. C. Krapf, J. L. Cox, G. V. Coats.
Delegate—C. Z. Strong.
Delegate-at-large—W. O. Thompson.
Alternate—Harr. Sanders.

At the annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. the following officers were chosen:

President—E. S. Gilmore.
Vice Pres.—A. E. Mummery.
Secretary—A. A. Pearson.
Treasurer—Wm. Goodyear.
Directors—3 years—Wm. Goodyear, Nathan Stanger, Alvie A. Pearson, Alfred C. Schaefer.
1 year—Edward Chapin.

Athens Lodge A. O. U. W.:

Master Workman—Chas. A. Ward.
P. M. W.—Wm. C. Jacobus.
Foreman—Thos. J. O'Connor.
Overseer—Frederick Wolf.
Recorder—Albert Teufel.
Financial Secy—E. G. Mann.
Receiver—Chas. H. Manly.
Guide—Jas. McMahon.
I. W.—Gottlieb Schantz.
O. W.—George A. Smith.
Physicians—Drs. W. J. Herdman, John Kapp, E. A. Clark, M. L. Helsler.
Representative to G. L.—Chas. H. Manly.
Alternate—J. A. Herbert.
Trustee 3 years—J. A. Herbert.

Lois Lodge No. 115, Daughters of Rebekah:

N. G.—Mrs. Chas. Winkle.
V. G.—Mrs. C. E. Godfrey.
Secretary—Miss Vandarwerker.
Financial Secy—Miss Ida Johnson.
Treasurer—Mrs. H. D. Hillman.

Columbian League, Pinta Lodge No. 5:

Commander—O. L. Chambers.
Provost—Wm. Mack.
Warden—Thos. O'Connor.
Chap.—John Baumgardner.
Notary—Wm. Neithammer.
Treasurer—Chas. Pardon.
Messenger—George Schillmer.
I. G.—A. G. Schmidt.
O. G.—A. Shiplock.

The Ctenadis Debating Society of the High School has elected the following officers for the next semester:

President—Miss Marie Turner.
Vice President—Miss Daisy Hollister.
Secretary—Miss Mary Sheffield.
Treasurer—Miss Lucy Glacier.
Chat Editor—Miss Lillian Hillman.
Marshal—Miss Ethel Bancroft.

Probate Court Calendar.

Thursday, Dec. 16.—Final account in est. of Horace Carpenter.
Citation to show cause in est. of Schlegel heirs.
Friday, 17.—First day of claims in est. of John M. Wagner.
First day of claims in est. of George Beckwith.
Sale of real estate in est. of Hugh H. Reid, minor.
Petition for probate of will of Richard Webb.
Petition for releasing surety on bond of Elijah W. Morgan, est., and petition for removal of administrator in estate.
Saturday, 18.—Last day of claims in est. of Jason Thompson.
Petition for administrator in est. of Mary Emerick.
Monday, 20.—Last day of claims in est. of Phillip Gruner.
Petition for administrator in est. of Albert Havens.
Adjourned day of final account in est. of Allen Crittenden.
Tuesday, 21.—First day of claims in est. of Christina Klumpff.

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Gertrude McCormick, Ann Arbor.....	24
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Clara E. Pinekney, Superior.....	23
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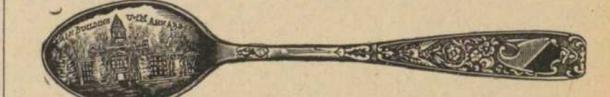
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LOCAL.

Oyster supper to-morrow evening by Washenaw Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Friday will see a great getting out of town. College vacation commences then.

A little son came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Laansky of the Northside last Friday.

Remember the entertainment of Edward Frye, in the Y. M. C. A. course, at the Athens Theatre, Dec. 23.

The Gilt Edge Band will give a refined, superlative, up to date minstrel show at Germania hall to-morrow night.

The youngsters are all living in grand expectations of the visit of Old Santa Claus on Friday night of next week.

There will be a joint installation of officers by Fraternity and Golden Rule Masonic lodges to-morrow, Thursday evening.

December is the most expensive month of the year. Taxes, Christmas, all bills you owe, and perhaps some you do not.

A program party is given every Saturday evening under the supervision of Mrs. Tyler, at the University School of Dancing.

According to the Jackson papers, Dr. Casper K. Lahauf, of this city is to marry Miss Crystal Edsall, of that city, on Dec. 22.

Persons having work to be done and who want male help should leave word with the general secretary at the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

Postmaster Decker has had a telephone put in the P. O., but it is understood that no question of "Is there any man for me?" will be answered.

Ann Arbor has not solved the tramp question quite, but she could solve it if the kind-hearted but misguided people who feed tramps would stop doing so.

Sunday at 2:45 Judge Victor H. Lane will address the meeting at the Y. M. C. A. All men are invited by the Association, to come up to the rooms and hear Judge Lane.

Prof. D. W. Springer will attend a meeting of the federation of educational association in Chicago during the holidays, where he will present papers on commercial work.

This time of year is the newspaper man's harvest, so our readers will allow us to indulge in an unusual amount of advertising, for a week or two, without murmuring over it we hope.

The persons who can not satisfy their fancy for Christmas presents here in Ann Arbor this year, are hard to please. The show windows not only look fine, but contain almost everything desirable.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., held its monthly meeting at the rooms of the association Monday afternoon. It was decided to hold the usual reception and to keep "open house" January 1, from 8 till 10 p. m.

The Star of Bethlehem lodge announce a New Year's eve dance at United Friend's Hall, on the evening of Dec. 31.

The University Hospital is crowded to its utmost capacity, and many have registered and are awaiting their turn to be admitted.

G. F. Altmendinger will speak at the Y. M. C. A. rooms next Monday night at 8 o'clock, on "A Modern Flouring Mill." Members of the Y. M. C. A. should not fail to attend.

An entertainment will be given at High School Hall, on Friday evening, by the Y. W. C. A. education class of Miss MacMonaghe. Proceeds to help the Y. W. C. A. A most deserving enterprise.

There was a fine surprise party at the home of E. W. Shrope, at 1119 Traver st., Northside, on Monday evening last. The event was the 21st anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Shrope, and the party was in reality a surprise, and a happy one.

A Doll's Bazaar is to be held on the afternoon and evening of December 18th in Harris Hall, under the auspices of the Junior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's church. All are invited to come and see the charming array of dolls among which are several from Europe.

Have you ever noticed that when you meet a doctor he says: "How are you?" A newspaper man inquires, "What do you know?" But the lawyer hits you on the back and ejaculates, "What have you got?" The preacher asks, "Where are you going?" And that is the hardest to answer.—Plymouth Mail.

The village council Tuesday night granted a franchise to the Detroit, Ypsilanti & Ann Arbor street railway. The feature of greatest interest to public are the low fares obtained—40 cents round trip to Detroit; 1,000 mile book for \$10 without time limit and transferable. The ordinance is printed elsewhere.—Wayne Review.

Every person capable of reading should read an article in the December Cosmopolitan entitled "A Great National Newspaper," by Harry Thurston Peck. It might give you some different ideas of newspaper men than you now possess. Besides you might realize something of the labor there is in getting out a newspaper.

There was an incident in Ann Arbor last week, that had it occurred in the south, would have caused a lynching bee. Justice Duffy married L. D. Bates, a colored man 22 years old, to Miss Lena Mayhew, a white girl 19 years old. The girl came here from Port Huron to get married, and is evidently happy over her choice.

The announcement is made of the marriage, on Dec. 21, of Harry W. Clark, the general sup't of the University Hospital, to Miss Clara E. Pinkney. The ceremony is to take place at the home of the bride's parents about four miles north of Ypsilanti, in Superior township. The couple will commence keeping house at once in the new house erected therefor by Mr. Clark, on E. Catherine st.

W. K. Childs, as secretary of the Washenaw Mutual Fire Ins. Co., has received a letter from Milo Campbell, like State Commissioner of Insurance, in which he compliments him upon his work as secretary, and congratulates the company upon the excellent condition in which Deputy Stevens found the affairs of the company upon his recent inspection. When the reports of some other companies are read the members of the Washenaw Mutual may well feel proud of the administration of Mr. Childs.

A new postal department ruling goes into effect after January 1, whereby every letter carrier in the government service will have to give bond for \$1,000, secured by a recognized surety or indemnity company, to protect the government against loss. A bond in this sum is now required of letter carriers, but they are permitted to have as sureties any reputable citizen who can qualify for the amount of the bond. It is alleged that a recent investigation by the department showed that a large proportion of the bonds of letter carriers are worthless.—Daily Times.

Monday tea social at Maccabee Hall to-morrow night.

Mrs. Ralph C. Whiting and husband have moved into the city, and now live at 314 S. Fourth ave.

The usual open house will be held Jan. 1st, by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., from 2 to 10 p. m.

The local Elks will go to Chelsea to-morrow evening, taking the Chequamegon with them. There will be music in the Chelsea air.

Cars will be running on the Detroit Ypsilanti & Ann Arbor electric road as far as Dearborn this week, and as far as the Retreat by Christmas.

The ladies of the M. E. church will be pleased to meet you at their tea social to-morrow evening, in the church parlors. Tea served at 6:30 o'clock.

H. G. Prettyman has been appointed chairman of a committee to compile information of cost, mode of procedure and general pointers of bicycle path building, for the L. A. W.

A defective walk on Miller ave. is what Nicholas Miller claims to have hurt himself on Jan. 23, '87, which laid him up for ten weeks for which he has sued the city claiming \$2,000 damages.

Judge Lane gave the Y. M. C. A. class one of the best talks it has yet had, on Monday evening last. G. Frank Altmendinger will give the next practical talk upon "The Modern Flouring Mill."

Mrs. Sarah Baker, who lived in Ann Arbor town, died on Sunday, at the age of 85 years. Funeral services were held yesterday, and the remains interred in the city cemetery, Northside. She leaves no family.

Edson Weitherbee, who brought suit against the M. C. R. R. for damages received at the overhead bridge on Beakes st., and which was decided against him in Judge Carpenter's court at Detroit, has now filed a claim against the city for \$5,000 damage.

On Friday night last Lyman Hull, an old soldier from Boyne City, who came here with his wife who went to the Hospital for treatment, was held up and robbed of about \$40. After taking his wife to the Hospital, Lyman came down town and filled up on budge, with the above result. The police made an arrest on suspicion.

On Friday last, Dec. 10, death came to Mrs. Anna Hamilton, at her residence No. 15 S. Thayer st. Mrs. Hamilton died of old age, having passed her 82d year. She was the mother of Miss Mary L. Hamilton of this city; Alex. Hamilton, of Chicago; and Joel Hamilton, of New Mexico. She had resided in the city a great many years, and was highly respected by those who knew her. The remains were taken to the Worden cemetery for interment.

At the regular meeting of the school board last evening a leave of absence for the balance of the school year was granted Miss Abbie Pond, recitation teacher in the Grammar School, on half pay, because of illness. Mrs. Clara G. Plympton will take Miss Pond's place; Miss Dicken will assume Mrs. Plympton's duties as principal of the 1st ward school; Miss Voland takes Miss Dicken's room, and Miss Alexander will take Miss Voland's place as assistant in the 1st ward school.

Joseph E. Gage, of Pittsfield, was riding along near his home at Pittsfield Junction last summer, when the wagon wheel's went into a rut that threw him off and injured him so that he was laid up for a time. He brought suit against the town and to took three days to try it. Lawrence & Butterfield were Gage's attorneys and Frank Jones appeared for the town. One jurymen fell ill before the case ended, and the final decision was reached with but eleven who gave a judgment of \$250 against the town because of the bad road. You see good roads are less expensive, after all.

An unusual case came up in the circuit court Friday. It seems that Martha Flemming, a colored woman, applied for a divorce here, in this circuit, and her attorney served a summons on the husband, Wm. Flemming, who was living in Detroit. The old darkie studied over the legal document very hard and finally concluded that it meant that his wife had obtained a divorce. When he came to that conclusion, there was great rejoicing in his heart. His heels cracked together a jubilee, and he did not let the grass grow under his feet until he had another wife. Judge Kinne evidently thought it would be too bad to destroy Wm's cup of honey, and so he granted the divorce.

The Spirit of '76, the periodical issued in the interest of the various societies of the Revolution, is a very interesting journal. The December issue is of local interest from the fact that it contains a fine portrait of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Rathbone, one of the best known and most highly esteemed ladies of Ann Arbor. Mrs. Rathbone is president of the Society of Colonial Dames of America for Michigan. Mrs. Rathbone is also a regent for Michigan of the Mount Vernon Society. The same number of the magazine contains a fine portrait of ex-Senator Thos. W. Palmer, of Detroit, who is president of the Michigan Sons of the American Revolution.

With the various suits filed against the city for damages, it looks as though the city attorney would have something to do to take care of the city's interests. Our streets are left in a very bad condition in many places, and it is now at all probable that more suits for damages may be brought at any time. Pittsfield has just been settled \$250 for a bad road.

At the installation of officers by Joe T. Jacobs camp 8, of V., Monday night, Hangsterfer appeared with a feast for the boys, to which all present did ample justice. After the tables were cleared, J. T. Jacobs was made toastmaster, and responses were made by Past Captain C. M. Stevens, Capt. W. H. Kraft, 1st Serg't John L. Cox, Deputy Q. M. Serg't E. C. Kraft, G. V. Coats, and E. J. Rockel; An encouraging letter was read from Col. H. E. Cowdin. It was a happy occasion.

It Was a Rich Treat—

It was a gorgeous reception that Mr. Joseph Jefferson, the actor, received at University Hall Tuesday forenoon. There must have been a grand of over 3,000 faces when the sea old actor walked upon the stage, and the enthusiastic applause and college yells made the old hall ring again and again. When Mr. Jefferson arose to speak, after being introduced by President Hutchins, another cheer broke out, and it was in very pretty phrase that he accepted the compliment. It is an enthusiastic audience that an actor needs to spur him on to do his best, so he said. The short address was full of wit and humor and yet when he got down to business it was full of good sense and wisdom as well, and every person present must have gone away feeling that the distinction between the orator and the actor were made plain, and the reason why a good actor might not be a good orator, and a good orator not a good actor perfectly apparent. Mr. Jefferson had his Rip Van Winkle legs with him while speaking, and gave many incidents of plays and players that were exceedingly entertaining. Prof. Trueblood is entitled to great praise for securing this famous master of the stage, and the public are grateful that he came and gave them such a pleasant and able address. May he "live long and prosper!"

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J. E. BEAL, Sec.

Schedule of Teachers' Examinations.

The regular examinations for all grades will be held at Ann Arbor the third Thursday and Friday of August 1897, and the last Thursday and Friday of March 1898. Examinations for second and third grade at Ypsilanti the third Thursday and Friday of October 1897, and at Ann Arbor the third Thursday and Friday of June 1898. Special examinations for third grade only at Saline the third Friday of September '97.

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COUNTY AND VICINITY.

The Grass Lake News of Dec. 11, contains a list of three columns of dead heads.

The farmer's institute will be held in Salem some time in January.

The State Telephone is being extended from Salem to Dr. Walker's and from there on to Worden's.

D. A. Bennett, who has been with the L. S. R'y at Salem for 14 years, has been transferred to Ypsilanti.

Chas. A. Smith, who died at his home in York on Dec. 2, was born in New York Jan. 4, 1825, and came to this county in 1848, settling on the farm on which he passed the remainder of his days.

Charles Gay, who has been ill with paralysis, for some time, died at his home in Milan Saturday. He was a man perhaps 87 years of age and prominent in his home. He leaves a widow but no children.

The Saline Creamery sold during the month of November 7,552 pounds of butter, realizing \$1,682.38. It also sold 490 gallons of buttermilk, which netted them \$6.19. Everything is in a prosperous condition.

At the annual meeting of the Salem Farmer's club the following officers were elected: Herbert Smith, president; Chas. Co. Dron, 1st vice president; W. B. Thompson, 2d vice president; John Munn, recording secretary; Henry B. Hooper, corresponding secretary; Wm. Stambaugh, treasurer.

A great deal of fault is being found with the county drain in east Bridge-water. It is claimed the work is not properly done and a great deal unfinished. The amount to be collected for drain is \$941 and property owners say they are willing to pay, but wish the work done, and that property.—Enterprise.

The regular election of officers of Salem F. & A. M. resulted as follows: W. N. Lister, W. M.; A. H. Howard, S. W.; George S. Nissey, J. W.; A. C. Clark, Treasurer; R. N. How, Secretary; A. J. Warren, S. D.; G. C. Townsend, J. D.; L. M. Thom and F. D. Ford, Stewards; W. N. Bramard, Tyler.

The subscribers of the new telephone exchange are becoming somewhat out of patience. Their contracts are that the phones shall be in working order by December one, and they have not yet been shipped from Detroit. Must be terribly drove.—Saline Observer. Hello there! But we forgot. There is no hello there.

Ofice Lodge No. 167, F. & A. M., Chelsea, elected the following officers at their annual meeting: W. M.—George Ward; S. W.—John B. Cole; J. W.—J. George Webster; Sec'y—J. D. Schaffman; Treasurer—H. S. Holmes; S. D.—R. B. Waitrous; J. D.—O. T. Hoover; Stewards—H. H. Avery and A. E. Whams; Tyler—W. B. Summer.

At the annual meeting of Meridian chapter No. 48 R. A. M., Manchester, the following officers were elected: H. P.—Mat D. Blosser; K.—C. W. Case; S.—F. E. Spafard; C. of H.—H. Caghoum; P. S.—T. B. Bailey; R. A. C.—W. L. Short; M. 3d V.—Fred H. Blosser; M. 2d V.—A. J. Lowery; M. 1st V.—A. M. Yocum; Treas.—G. J. Haussler; Sec'y—C. J. Robinson; Sentinel—S. Hammon.

At a regular communication of Manchester lodge No. 48, F. & A. M., held last week, the following officers were elected: W. M.—T. B. Bailey; S. W.—Evan Essery; J. W.—Fred H. Blosser; Sec.—C. J. Robinson; Treas.—C. W. Case; S. D.—F. M. Freeman; J. D.—F. L. Weaver; Stewards—M. Hendershot and Jay D. Co.ey; Organist—C. W. Case; Chaplain—Mat D. Blosser; Tyler—S. Hammon.

At a recent teacher's examination held in this county there was given an example that has downed many who have for years prided themselves that the book contained nothing that they could not work, have been compelled to quietly say, "I can't." The problem runs thus: The dividend is 2,547,346; the quotient is 245; the remainder is 2,645 less than the divisor. Find the divisor.—Saline Observer.

Yesterday the Ann Arbor railroad removed the balance of the Y, took down the target, and removed the crossing diamond at the Lake Shore depot, and the locality now presents the appearance of desolation. The Lima Northern is running trains between the old depot and Trenton, daily, until their new section of road is ready for use, when trains will run to and from A. A. depot.—Dundee Reporter.

Dr. Thomas F. Moran of Purdue University, LaFayette, Ind., has generously offered to come to Manchester, and deliver his lecture on Benedict Arnold, for the benefit of the piano fund of our high school, on Friday evening, Dec. 17. He has visited the scene and made a special study of Arnold's treason. The lecture will be illustrated by stereoscopic views and our citizens may expect a first-class entertainment.—Enterprise.

The W. R. C. of Manchester elected the following officers: Pres.—Melissa S. Hall; S. V. Pres.—Nellie R. Stoughton; J. V. Pres.—Mary J. Teeter; wTreas.—Susan J. Raby; Sec.—Lizzie Nash; Chap.—Lizzie J. Whitmore; Cond.—Fannie L. Howard; Guard—Anna E. Rose; Delegate to department convention—Lizzie Nash; Alternate—Emily Farrell; Installing Officer—Helen Brown. Installation will take place the first Tuesday in January.

The question of who struck Billy Patterson has no weight with Chas. E. Patterson since his little daughter came fast Sunday. The weight of the little lady was 7.1-2 lbs., but Charlie thinks the weight is nothing like the wait they had before she came to bless their home.—Milan

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The United Friends of Michigan elected the following officers at Manchester for the coming year: Com.—E. S. Hagaman; Vice Com.—Chas. Knebler; Sec'y—John Wuertmer; Treas.—Wm. H. Leber; Prefate—M. Flek; Marshal—Mrs. M. Fisk; Warden—John Hohensteh; Guard—Jacob Kalmbach; Sentry—John Schoopfer; Med. Ex.—Dr. C. F. Kapp; Trustees—C. Belmont, Jacob Schumacher, B. Ahrens; Deputy Organizer—John Roder; Janitor—Mrs. M. Fisk.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of Comstock Post, G. A. R., Manchester: Commander—T. F. Rushton; S. V. Com.—D. M. Burch; J. V. Com.—Henry Kirchboer; Sergeant—M. N. Hough; Chaplain—J. E. Teeter; Officer of the day—John Mount; Quartermaster—Jas. Keley; Adjutant—R. M. Teeter; Officer of the Guard—A. A. Strangham; Detachment to Dept's encampment to be held at Port Huron, June 1898—J. E. Teeter; Alternate—Richard Decker.

Timothy Smith, county drain commissioner of this county, has created a bad name for himself by not observing the law in full, in regard to the letting of the drain contract. He advertised to let the job of cleaning out the Cedar drain by sections, but on the day of letting refused to receive bids by sections, and let the job as a whole. The tax amounted to over \$13,000 and the board of supervisors refused to order it spread. The Supreme Court decision says: "When the letting has been advertised in sections there should at least be an offer to let it in sections before it is let as an entirety."

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The banking firm of R. Kempf & Brother of Chelsea, Mich., will incorporate under the General Banking Laws of the State of Michigan about Jan. 1, 1898.

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YPSILANTI NEWS ITEMS.

The Normal students are getting alive to athletics, and will hold a mass meeting on Jan. 7.

Codes line thieves are numerous, have an eye out for them, or have your washing in before dark.

The Eastern Star mammas are to inaugurate a dancing school, for their children between 5 and 15 years of age.

Old Caesar, once offered for \$125, brought \$425 at the Chicago sale. Five of the colts brought on an average \$150.

Mrs. Austin George will read a paper at the rooms Saturday, Dec. 18, for the benefit of the Ladies' Library, entitled, "The Picturesque and Romantic in the History of Michigan."

The sale of Dan Q. at Chicago was on a fake bid it seems, and the little paper will still be one of the city's lions. Mr. Hammond had set the price at \$5,000 and the highest bid side bid was \$3,400.

A spectacular Cosmorama of Trade and Art will be given at the opera house to-morrow, Thursday evening, for the benefit of St. Luke's Parish Aid Society. J. Henry Geris, of Chicago has charge of the entertainment.

At a recent meeting of Carpenter Post G. A. R., the following officers were elected: John O. Chapman, Com.; John C. Tuttle, S. V. C.; Jerome Allen, J. V. C.; D. W. Rogers, chaplain; Jacob Wise, Q. M.; Stratton Ferguson, O. D.; H. Boufe, O. G.; A. A. Carter, surgeon; Henry Hodgkin and Seth B. Maceness, delegates; Nelson Tuttle and S. A. Shaw, caterers.

Ypsilanti Lodge, No. 15, A. O. U. W., has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Master, Theo. Harper; foreman, Mr. Gordon; overseer, Charles Reinhart; recorder, Seth B. Mereness; financier, Guy E. Davis; receiver, M. Stein; I. W. W. P. Stone; O. W. L. P. Walker; medical examiner, Dr. Wilcoxson; representative to Grand Lodge, W. B. Seymour; alternate, Theo. Harper.

Lark Mott, the "inventor" of something which tore up Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor two or three years ago like an earthquake, and which he called "perpetual motion," was in the city yesterday. Lark is a second Barnum and hadn't ought to be hustling among farmers selling agricultural implements, when he can duppe crowds comprised of University professors and men of intelligence.—Daily Times.

At a meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian church, last week it was decided to reconstruct and repair the present church building. At least \$15,000 will be raised for this purpose. A committee was appointed, with William H. Wanzor as chairman, to secure funds for this purpose. The meeting was very harmonious, and the prospect of an early improvement of the building seems brighter than ever.—Commercial.

The Surprise of All—

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that just winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pama could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and seeing lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half a dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free bottles at Eberbach and Son's Drug Store.

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TIME TABLE IN EFFECT NOV. 21, 1897.

CENTRAL STANDARD TIME

GOING EAST	GOING WEST
<p>Ypsilanti 7:00 a. m.</p> <p>Ann Arbor 7:30 a. m.</p> <p>Chelsea 8:00 a. m.</p> <p>Saline 8:30 a. m.</p> <p>Meridian 9:00 a. m.</p> <p>Manchester 9:30 a. m.</p> <p>Port Huron 10:00 a. m.</p> <p>St. Louis 11:00 a. m.</p> <p>Chicago 12:00 p. m.</p>	<p>Chicago 12:00 p. m.</p> <p>St. Louis 11:00 a. m.</p> <p>Port Huron 10:00 a. m.</p> <p>Manchester 9:30 a. m.</p> <p>Meridian 9:00 a. m.</p> <p>Saline 8:30 a. m.</p> <p>Chelsea 8:00 a. m.</p> <p>Ann Arbor 7:30 a. m.</p> <p>Ypsilanti 7:00 a. m.</p>

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Leave Ypsilanti 7:00, 8:20, 9:40, 11:10 a. m., and 12:40, 2:20, 3:40, 5:00, 6:20, 7:50, 9:10, and 10:20 p. m.

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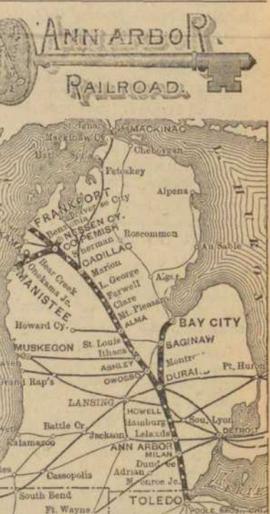
Leave the Court House Ann Arbor, at 9:35, 10:45 a. m., and 2:15, 3:35, 4:45, 5:55, 7:05, 8:15, 9:25 and 10:35.

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TIME TABLE.
TAKING EFFECT
SUNDAY, Sept. 5, 1897.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
8:45 A. M.	7:30 A. M.
12:15 P. M.	11:25 A. M.
4:45 P. M.	8:40 P. M.

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Of Trains Passing Jackson, Mich.

CENTRAL TIME.

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 1, Jackson & Cincinnati Mall...10:30 a. m.

No. 7, Jackson & Van Wirt Express...10:40 a. m.

No. 9, Jackson & Van Wirt Passenger...5:19 p. m.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 2, Cincinnati & Jackson Mall...6:04 p. m.

No. 8, Van Wirt & Jackson Express...10:40 a. m.

No. 6, Van Wirt & Jackson Express...10:10 a. m.

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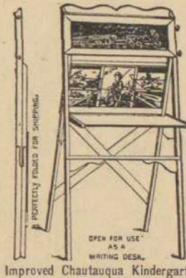
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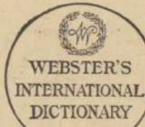
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THE COMERS AND GOERS.

Chas. Bremer went to Williamston Monday, on business.

M. F. Griffen, of Toledo, was in the city Monday, on business.

Mrs. John Wotzka was called to Detroit Monday by the death of an uncle.

Miss Emma Bower was called to Detroit on L. O. T. M. business Saturday.

Dr. O. R. Long was the guest of Dr. Copeland while in the city during the past week.

Mrs. W. N. Fowler, of Bluffton, Ind., has been the guest of Mrs. Dr. Copeland for a few days.

Mrs. A. S. Warren has returned to Chicago, after a stay with Mrs. Oswald, of E. Huron st.

Mr. George L. Moore was called to Middleville, St. Jo. Co., Saturday by the death of an uncle.

Mrs. Fred P. Jordan has been entertaining Mrs. Lamoreaux, of Battle Creek, during the week.

Miss C. Doano who has been the guest of Northside friends, has returned to her home in Williamston.

Mrs. Roy S. Copeland, who had been visiting with relatives in Columbus Ohio, returned home the last of the week.

Miss Bettie McOmber has returned to her school duties at Alpena,

where the schools were closed because of diphtheria.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Jas. B. Saunders of N. Main st., is very sick.

Miss Grace Haven left for Napoleon, Ohio, yesterday, because of the serious illness of a friend.

Herman Krupf has returned from New York City where he went to attend the funeral of his brother.

Misses Genevieve Duffy, Helen Ames, Daisy Portaine and Esther Setzler went to Detroit Monday evening to hear Joseph Jefferson.

Miss Belle Turnbull, of Noble's leaves tomorrow for Hamilton, Ont., to spend the holidays with her parents. She will be absent about three weeks.

Mrs. Hattie Welch nee Tremper, with Mr. Welch and their little daughter, are at Mrs. W's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Tremper, for the holidays.

U. of M. Boys are There—

Cameron C. Burns, the Detroit, recently returned from the Klondike. When he was coming over the Chilkoot pass he saw a familiar figure with a pack on its back and almost dropped his own pack with astonishment. Then he gave the Michigan University yell:

"U. of M. Rah! Rah! Rah!"

The other man, who was going into the Klondike over the pass, dropped his pack like a hot stove lid, turned around and yelled:

"For God's sake, who are you?"

He was "Fatty" Smith, the old Ann Arbor University hunk, who was in the University when Burns was there.

Burns also met Slavin, the pugilist, before leaving the Klondike. Burns is now in Columbus, O. He has a claim of 500 feet at Dawson, located last year before the rush became so great that claims were limited to 100 feet, and he has struck it rich, as per evidence of hundreds of dollars worth of gold nuggets brought home with him.

"The mosquitoes are so thick up there," said Burns, speaking of that peculiarity of that country, "that they bit me through every needle hole taken in the stitching of my gloves. When a fellow takes off his trousers he has to hire a boy to wave feather dusters around him, if he doesn't want to be eaten alive."

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Clay Clement, the actor, is a member of the chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity of Chicago University.

E. H. Thompson, law '97, is mayor of Helper, Kas., and said to be the youngest mayor in Uncle Sam's domain.

A U. of M. Alumni Association has been organized at Romeo with 50 members. Among the number is one of the class of '54, and one of '69.

Treasurer Soule is a member of the committee appointed by the Michigan Loyal Legion to see that the American flag is not trailed in the dust and mud by irreverent advertisers, etc.

Gov. Pingree has appointed Henry Helm, of Saginaw, a brother-in-law of Titus Hutzel, of this city, as a member of the State Board of Pharmacy, in place of Stanley Parckhill, of Owosso, who went over to the enemy in the free silver craze of last election.

The concert given by Mr. and Mrs. Henschel in the Choral Union series last Friday evening was one of the most enjoyable that has ever been given in Ann Arbor. The audience was enthusiastic also, and Mrs. Henschel graciously responded. Mr. Henschel has great power while the has great sweetness.

E. S. Wheeler lit '67, and upon whom the Honorary degree of M. S. was conferred at the last Commencement, has been appointed chief engineer of the Nicaragua Canal Commission. As the appointment came entirely unlooked for by him it was a great honor. Mr. Wheeler has been general sup't of St. Mary's Fall's ship canal at the Soo. Mr. Wheeler has gone to New York to sail at once for Nicaragua with the commission.

A singular case has come to light in the northern part of the state. A lady, E. W. Moores, graduated in the medical department in 1884, and is now Pathologist at the Worcester, Mass., Insane Asylum, never having lived in this state since graduation. But recently a woman sent to the University from the northern part of Michigan, assuming to be Dr. E. W. Moores, and secured a certificate that she graduated here in 1884. Now the authorities are after the pretender.

The Oberlin boys have taken their doll, gone home, and will not play any more with the boys from Michigan. Which shows good grit but not good sense. The Oberlin team was fairly beaten when here, and their humiliation was so great that they commenced to whine and kept it up until the whine became a growl and they have at last shown their teeth. Well, Michigan can stand it.

Ingenious Rebuses.

At a suburban church social not long ago each person was required to wear conspicuously upon his or her clothing some pictorial or other device that should represent in "rebus" form the title of any well-known book, and all the others were to guess at the book intended. A prize was to be given for the most ingenious of these devices.

"Paradise lost," represented by a card upon which five dice had been panted, and from which two had evidently dropped or been removed, was easily guessed. "Hard Cash," was no puzzle. Neither was it hard to recognize "a Pair of Blue Eyes," "Innocents Abroad," "Vanity Fair" "Uncle Tom's Cabin," in spite of their pictorial disguises.

One of the guests, however, had a poser. Attached to one of the buttons of his coat was a card bearing simply the inscription: "Tom."

Every one at last gave it up and asked for the solution.

"Why, that's easy," he said. "It means 'A Tale of Two Cities.'"

"Exploit."

"Boston and Washington. Last syllables of both. 'See?'"

"That's not fair," said the others.

"It's the last syllable for Charlston, Wilmington, Coshocton, Kingston and Yankton. We protest!"

"Well," he said, "I won't insist. Try this one."

He turned the card over. It was inscribed on the other side with these three letters: "Ans."

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We honor him who nobly tries and fails; but look with scorn on him who at all labor quails.

To work is noble; he who toils is blest; he reaps a just reward and earns his rest; but he who toils not, no rest may know. Life is a burden, and the hours move slow.

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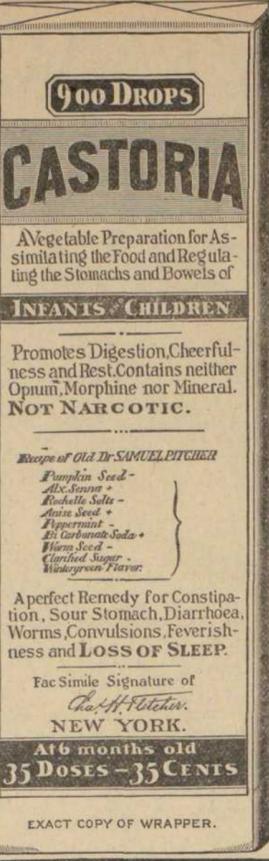
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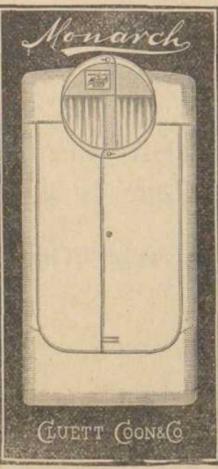
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