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DETROIT STREET.

WHAT IT HAS COST THE CITY TO BUILD IT.

Gross Cost \$6,232.00—Net Cost \$2,948.80—City Engineer Files a Full Report—Other Streets Benefitted.

Last evening city engineer Key submitted to the board of public works a detailed report of the improvements on Detroit street, and the expense of the work that has been done. The total gross cost of the work done on the street was \$6,232. The cost of crushing the stone was estimated at 20c. per cubic foot.

The improvements on Detroit street made it necessary to do some work on the contiguous streets, also the material taken off Detroit street was needed at other places in the city. This has been, therefore, charged to the street where it was taken, and any other work done charged to the proper fund and credited to Detroit street. The report shows these items in detail, and from the various streets and funds make a total amount to be credited to Detroit street of \$3,283.20. This leaves the net cost of the street, according to the engineer's figures, at \$2,948.80.

Mr. Key estimates that the delays caused by the street railway company, the necessity of lowering about 400 feet of stone sewer, which was unforeseen, and the necessary wait for fine stone for choker, together with losing on this account some of the best weather for work, increased the cost of the street by not less than \$500. The street is now ready to speak for itself, and every citizen should make up his mind by a careful and personal inspection whether or not it is satisfactory.

THE MESSIAH.

A Fine Concert Wednesday Evening by Choral Union.

Although considerably handicapped by the poor work of the orchestra, the production of the "Messiah" last Wednesday evening was a success. The work of the soloists was perhaps not equal to their best, but no one could do his best with the orchestra out of tune and the organ dragging. Mr. Hamlin has a true tenor voice, of good compass, and sang his part in good taste. He grew in force and brilliancy to the close. Mrs. Bishop's ability in this oratorio is well known, but she was not in her best voice that evening, although she did well. Mrs. Cameron, contralto, had never been heard before in Ann Arbor. She has a sweet contralto voice which she handles well, although it was hardly strong enough for the remote parts of the hall. Prof. Lamson did his work excellently well, and it will be a long time before we shall forget his "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light." The chorus sang well, but its work was marred by the poor accompaniment.

Right here we would ask why we do not have a better orchestra, and the answer this year is patent—not enough tickets sold. The people of Ann Arbor if they want a better orchestra must be willing to buy the tickets promptly, so that the society may be able to know definitely what they have to depend upon. Some of them are going to miss the May Festival, and it will be their own fault.

USE OF GYMNASIUM

Denied the Palladium Fraternities for Their Hall.

The Junior Promenade will be held in the gymnasium on the Friday between semesters. The committee appointed by the class of '93 waited on President Angell on Monday, and was granted the use of the gymnasium. A paper pledging each man who signs it to give a dollar toward meeting any possible deficit, has been in circulation for the last three days. Already \$150 have been pledged.

The nine Palladium fraternities applied for the use of the gymnasium on the evening of Feb. 26, and were promptly refused. The faculty will probably have something to say, also on the matter of an out-of-town hall.

Women's Gym Outfit.

The Women's Gymnasium is now furnished with the following apparatus: One hundred pairs of clubs, 100 pairs of dumb-bells, Anderson's ladies' model; 100 wands, 12 pulley-weights with seats, mirrors, and 12 with shoulder and intercostal attachments, 2 pairs of parallel bars, mats, platform, medicine ball and a full set of anthropometric instruments. A piano is in the hall, but there is no regular musician; if any of the college girls are willing to come and play for the classes, their assistance will be very thankfully received.

Hare and Hound.

The first hare and hound chase of the season will be held Saturday at 3 p. m., starting from the gymnasium. B. B. Hodgman, freshman track manager, will have charge of the run. All interested are asked to take part.

W. C. T. U.

Report of the National Convention Given Before the Local Society.

The following extracts are taken from the report of the 23d annual convention of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held at St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 13th-18th, as given by the President Mrs. Jennie Voorheis, before the local society.

"When that awful visitation, the cyclone, swept over St. Louis, Mo., last May, it seemed that the purpose of holding the National convention there in the Autumn, must be abandoned, and the executive committee offered to the women of St. Louis the opportunity of recalling the invitation. Back came the heroic reply, 'Nothing is impossible for St. Louis.' This motto was printed on the stationery used thereafter in their convention correspondence, and again appeared when convention was in session, on a mammoth streamer stretched across the spacious platform.

"Music Hall, in Exposition Building where the convention was held, was a scene of beauty and interest. There were banners, and banners, elegant, tasteful and suggestive; there were flags from this and other countries, including a pathetic little Armenian flag, attached to the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, as if appealing for protection to the two great nations which they represented. The number of voting delegates in attendance were 395, each of whom represented 500 members. Besides these there were many visiting delegates and distinguished guests from abroad, including Miss Agnes Slack of England, Secretary of the World's W. C. T. U. Fifty of the original crusaders were present. The request, that those present who attended the eleventh annual convention held in the same city twelve years ago, should rise, brought only twenty to their feet. Total number of new members gained during the year is 15,888. Michigan was one of the eight states that gained more than five hundred, thereby being entitled to one eighth of the receipts of benefit night. A great loss of members by death one state alone having lost 700 members this year. At the great Armenian mass meeting held Sunday p. m. \$1,000 were raised for the relief fund. A resolution in the form of a plea in behalf of the distressed Armenians, was seconded by the audience, numbering not less than 5,000 people, and ordered to be sent to the President of the United States. The grand demonstration evening with which the convention closed, was a fine object lesson, showing the work of the W. C. T. U. through its various departments. It was greatly appreciated. The city press gave extended and favorable reports each day of the great meeting."

ON TOP AGAIN.

Prof. Trueblood Scores one More Victory for his Department.

Prof. Trueblood has been hard at work for some time endeavoring to put the work of the debating contests, on the same plane as the work in oratory. Accordingly has succeeded in forming a debating league similar to the Northern Oratorical league. The debating league will consist of four universities, namely, Chicago, Northwestern, Wisconsin and Michigan. The preliminary debates will be between Michigan and Chicago, and Northwestern and Wisconsin. As Northwestern goes to Madison this year, and Michigan to Chicago, and thus alternating, it will bring one preliminary debate to Chicago each year, and the final debate, will be held in Chicago, at the Auditorium each year. Mr. Ferd W. Peck of Chicago, who recently showed his good will to the Northern Oratorical League, has also taken great interest in the debates, and has guaranteed as prizes to the leaders in the final contest, \$150 to the winning side, and \$50 to the losing side. The heads of the department of English and oratory in the four Universities met in Chicago last week and perfected the most of the plans, which will be completed by mail. It was at first thought to take in all the members of the Northern Oratorical League, but it was found that would make the work too extended, so the membership was limited to the four institutions near to and in Chicago.

We congratulate Prof. Trueblood on the successful outcome of his labors, and the University of Michigan, that under him, she is a leader in this most excellent work.

By Telephone.

The "Messiah" was heard very nicely Wednesday evening in Detroit and Adrian, by courtesy of the Telephone company. Reports from these places say the chorus work was fine, although some of the solo work was indistinct. The Telephone company will keep on planning until our concerts are nicely delivered in New York and Chicago.

OUR COUNTY FAIR.

R. C. McAllister of the Society Held Last Tuesday.

Full Set of Officers Elected—E. E. Leland President—Will be run for All Classes—Officers who Believe in Having a Fair.

The annual meeting of the Washtenaw County Agricultural and Horticultural society, convened on the Fair Grounds Tuesday morning last as required by the constitution, and on account of the inclemency of the weather, adjourned to meet at the supervisors' room in the court house, at two o'clock. John Sperry was elected temporary president and R. C. McAllister temporary secretary of the meeting.

On reconvening at two o'clock, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, E. E. Leland; vice presidents, Geo. W. Phelps, W. E. Stocking, John F. Spafford, Len Kelley, Wm. Campbell; recording secretary, R. C. McAllister; corresponding secretary, F. E. Mills; treasurer, F. H. Belsler; board of managers, John Kepler, W. E. Boyden, Benj. Geer, P. Tuomey, Isaac Savery, A. J. Sawyer (Webster), O. M. Martin, John Sperry, E. F. Mills, W. C. Stevens, M. Seabolt, H. Richards, P. McLaughlin, J. F. Avery, and F. B. Braun.

The meeting of the board of managers will be held in January, but it was the sense of the meeting that a fair should be held each year, and the board of managers were given to understand that it was expected. The fair will not be dispensed with because all the wants and wishes of a particular class cannot be met.

FOG HORN CORNER.

The FOGS OF SAWYER and ALLEN at Lansing.

The Lansing Republican gives the following description of some of A. J. Sawyer's former experiences at Lansing, when he had Ed. Allen to help him along:

The last session in the old capital in 1877, was made famous in history, song and poetry, by the sonorous voices of Hon. A. J. Sawyer and Hon. E. P. Allen, colleagues from Washtenaw county. Their resounding eloquence kept the University and the Normal school prominently in the ears, if not the minds, of their fellow members. Nor were they backward in sonorous discussions of other great questions of statecraft. The corner of representative hall where they sat was dubbed "Fog-horn corner." They were returned in 1879, the first session in the new capital, and located themselves in the northwest corner of the hall. It soon became evident that they had "got their second wind" and would make the new "Fog-horn corner" as famous as the first. And they did.

And now Sawyer comes back, with a great big hankering in his bosom for his old seat. He would have grabbed it as soon as the votes in his district were counted, but the act of 1893 says him "nay." He is now courting the fickle goddess of fortune and praying her to guide the small boy's hand to his ball, early in the drawing, so that he may plant himself in the old corner before some one else pre-empt it. He says he would feel unnatural in any other place in the house. If the members do not wish to lose a good thing this coming session, they should let him have his old place, for it will fill his soul with an inspiration that will make "Fog-horn corner" more famous than ever."

SANDBAGGERS AT YPSILANTI.

R. C. Hayton Attacked on his Way Home From Business.

As R. C. Hayton was going home from his shop Tuesday evening, he had just passed the high school building on Washington st., when he heard some one coming up rapidly behind him. He stepped to one side to get out of the way, when he was struck on the top of the head with a bag of shot. He was not knocked down by the blow, though a heavy one, and he reached in his pocket where he generally carries a revolver. The men—for there were two of them—seeing this movement, were not slow to surmise what he was reaching for, nor were they slow in getting out of the way. Mr. Hayton then began to feel the effects of the blow, and with great difficulty managed to get to the door of Mr. Wilcoxson, where he was taken in and cared for.

It seems as if a reign of terror has struck Ypsilanti, for scarcely a night goes by but a dog of some kind is committed. Crims and double-barreled shot guns are becoming as great a necessity as hats and coats, if one wishes to venture out of doors in safety.

Will be in Ypsilanti.

W. M. Sturgeon will call on Ypsilanti in the interests of THE DEMOCRAT. Mr. Sturgeon is authorized to receive subscriptions and receipt for the same, and we bespeak for him the confidence of the people of the city.

EASTERN STAR.

Their Entertainment at the Opera House an Artistic Success.

The entertainment given at the Opera House last Monday evening was a success. Aside from the tedious waits which bespeak an amateur performance, the evening was a very enjoyable one. The comedy drama "Fate" afforded a good opportunity for a diversity of roles, and they were very acceptably filled. Mr. Harriman was suffering from a severe cold which interfered with his work, but his impersonation of Harry Grantly, the thoughtless husband was very good. It was greatly enhanced by his natural and easy stage manner, unusual in so young a man and an amateur. Miss O'Brien, as Blanche Sterling the adventuress, carried herself with spirit, and played her part understandingly. Mrs. Greenwood and Mrs. Showerman also pleased the audience with their work. In fact to speak of the good work of one makes it almost compulsory to speak of all. Mr. Bishops' work gave the whole play strength, and Mr. Muggs, who was "so hungry," kept the audience laughing most of the time. The whole entertainment was one of high character for amateur work. It is hoped the artistic success, for which last feature much praise is also due to Mr. Martin Haller for the manner in which he set the stage.

STANDARD TIME.

A Visitor Thinks We Are Behind The Times.

Rev. Perry Miller who lectured recently in the Y. M. C. A. club, liked our city very much, but the following letter received from him, shows that one feature of our daily life did not strike him so favorably.

"Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Dec. 10, 1896. 300 Clement Ave.

FRIEND McALLISTER:—I wish to home safely in due time, and I arrived to say that my visit to Ann Arbor was a delightful one. The responsive audience that listened to the "Land of the Midnight Sun" was refreshing to me.

There is one thing, however, that greatly harassed me while with you in that beautiful city, and that was your double standard of time. I could not get used to it. It kept me unsettled all the time I was there. I hope the time will come when you will throw off that yoke of bondage.

Kind regards to the family.
Yours cordially,
PERRY MILLER.

Y. W. C. A. Notes.

The Y. W. C. A. will give an entertainment in High School Hall early in January. This will be under the direction of Miss MacMonagle and bids fair to be a success. Save ten cents from your Christmas purchases and bear this program.

About a dozen "Association Letters" will be sent at Christmas to members of the Y. W. C. A. who have left the city. We do not wish our girls to think we forget them when they go away, so be sure and write something in "these letters, even if you have to go to the rooms on purpose to do so.

Miss Miller will lead the meeting next Sunday. Topic: Christmas. Announcements will be made concerning the New Year's Reception, and it is important that as many of the members as possible be present.

Several of the girls who clerk in the stores are eating their evening lunches at the Y. W. C. A. rooms. We invite others.

A Bright Boy.

City Engineer Key has a five year old boy, who is noted among the friends of the family for his bright sayings. But the other day he out-did even himself, and his remark is too good a joke on his father to be kept. The youngster was visiting at one of the neighbors one day last week when he remarked to the lady of the house:—

"When I get big I'm going to be an engineer."

"Is that so," said the lady, "your papa is an engineer isn't he?"

"Yes, but he's only a city engineer. I'm going to be an engineer that works the engine."

"But what does your papa work?" the lady asked.

The boy was puzzled for a minute, but he quickly recovered and said, "Oh, he works the board of public works."

We think George owes the cigars all around on that.

Mrs. Walker at Unity Club.

Mrs. Mrs. Hall Walker's talk before Unity Club on "Constantinople," last Monday evening, was a very enjoyable one. Mrs. Walker's description of the city, and of the various points of interest was given in any easy natural way that was very pleasing. The description of the Sultan going to prayers was especially enjoyed. The church was about two thirds full, a very good audience considering the counter attractions of the evening.

ELECTRICITY.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN A LEADER IN ITS MEDICAL USE.

Therapeutical Laboratory in a High State of Efficiency—High Praise from a Distinguished Man—A Useful Machine Invented Here—Professor too Modest.

While attending the meeting of the Neurological club last Saturday afternoon, at the electro-therapeutical laboratory, one or two remarks that were let drop suggested to us that some work was being done in that laboratory, and by the professor in charge, that was not receiving the share of credit that was its due. Dr. Herdman dropped the remark that they aimed to illustrate there every known therapeutic use of electricity. That is quite a statement, and we involuntarily cast our eyes around the rooms. It is not much of a looking place. A moderate sized room in the old medical building, showing very plainly the effects of years of wear and tear, lined around the walls with cases containing various electrical appliances, and crowded with tables, showing very clearly the fact that they needed more, yet we find that some great things are being done here. We find that the students are required to gain an intimate knowledge of the different forms of electricity, and the methods of generating the different forms of current. Many of the devices in use are made right in the University, and the student is thus made capable of providing himself with necessary appliances for use in his practice, under circumstances that would deter many. Being thus thoroughly prepared, the student is given a hospital course for the application of his knowledge. That these results are appreciated by the fact that Prof. Abel of Johns-Hopkins University, who studied for years in Germany, says that the work being done here surpasses that being done in the laboratory of the noted Erb of Vienna.

A remark dropped by Dr. Hitchcock of Detroit, brought out an interesting state of facts. Dr. Herdman was using and explaining what is known as the "McIntosh Current Controller," when Dr. Hitchcock said, "It ought to be called the Herdman Controller." The wide and extending use of electricity, and the expensiveness of most of the equipments obtainable, impressed Dr. Herdman with the necessity of finding some inexpensive means of using the commercial plants now found in almost every city. He accordingly devised this controller. It is a small instrument which can be attached to any incandescent light dynamo, alternating or direct, or a current derived from a storage or primary battery. The original voltage being known, the pressure employed at any instant can be known. It is increased or decreased in a decimal ratio and measured by a clearly marked scale. By its use all danger of shock to the patient by an excessive current is removed. The current can be increased gradually, but steadily, from one that is imperceptible, up to all that the patient can bear. It is portable, and makes possible the use of electricity in thousands of cases where it would be otherwise impossible. The only fault to be found with Dr. Herdman is that he did not take the credit for it to which he, and through him the University, was duly entitled.

I WON'T PLAY.

The Dear Little Senior Medics Take Their Dishes and go Home.

The series of Monday evening lectures which Dr. Vaughan has been giving have proven so popular that the capacity of the room has been taxed. The seniors of course claim the front seats, but Dr. Vaughan decided that there were no preferences at those lectures, and that the freshmen were entitled to the seats if they got into them first. He afterwards arranged it so that the seniors could have the seats, but they had held a class meeting and decided to stay away from the lecture. Dr. Vaughan now takes a hand and requests them to maintain their position. It of course is an insult to the instructor which Dr. Vaughan properly resents.

Regents Meeting.

Most of the business of the December meeting was transacted in executive session. The principal matter to come up was the appointment of a hospital superintendent. This was not done. The salary was reduced from \$1,600 to \$1,000, and Harry Clark, son of the late superintendent, left in charge for the present.

The most of the time was spent in discussing the absolute needs of the University, and deciding what appropriations to ask for from the University. The most pressing demands are a lighting plant, and more room in the Law department. The regents will try to show the legislature that it is a matter of economy to grant these.

155 YEARS OLD.

A Scimitar That Belonged to President Fillmore.

Probate judge-elect Newkirk is quite a collector of curios, and has in his possession a number of interesting relics of various descriptions. Among them is a Turkish scimitar once belonging to Millard Fillmore, president of the United States. Mr. Newkirk's mother was a niece of President Fillmore, and through her Mr. Newkirk receives this family relic. The scimitar was presented to Mr. Fillmore in 1854, at Cairo, Egypt, by an officer in the Egyptian army. It is of the shape and style so familiar on the badges worn by the members of the order of the Knights of the Mystic Shrine. The curved handle is beautifully inlaid with mother-of-pearl, and the blade for about four inches from the handle, inlaid with gold. On either side of the scimitar, inlaid in gold letters, is an Arabic inscription. An Arab, who traveled in this country lecturing a few years ago, was much interested in this relic, and translated these inscriptions for Mr. Newkirk. According to his translation one side reads, "Made for a willing hand," the other side, "To be used in the cause of justice." The date on the blade is 1119, which is the Mohammedan date, reckoning from Hégira, or flight of Mohammed from Mecca, which occurred A. D., 622. This would bring the date, according to our method, of reckoning, to 1741, and make the scimitar 155 years old. The scabbard is wooden, covered with thin sheets of brass, and is indented from the saddle or spurs, showing that it has been in actual service. This is one of many interesting relics in the possession of Judge Newkirk, but perhaps the most interesting one of the collection, because of its connection with one who has occupied the highest office within the gift of the American people.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Ernest L. Chase Attempts Both—Cuts his Wife's Throat, Then his Own.

Ernest L. Chase, cut his wife's throat and then turned the razor against his own, at their home in Detroit, Monday morning last. Both seem on the fair way to recovery unless some complication sets in, so he may possibly be relieved from the consequences of his rashness.

Chase is a son of the late Dr. A. W. Chase of this city, the author of the famous "Dr. Chase's Recipe Book." He is about 38 years of age, and has lost his positions one after another because of his dissolute habits. His wife had separated from him for a time and was earning her own living in Detroit, when he came there and by promises of reform induced her to live with him again. These promises he did not keep, and his wife had given him all the money she had, and it is probable that her failure to keep him in funds is the reason for his act, although he had not been drinking at the time of the deed. In a letter he makes some serious charges against his wife, for which there does not seem to be any ground. They have two children one son sixteen who works in the city, and a younger son who is in school, and whom his father had kissed goodbye only a short time before he committed the deed.

TIMES ARE IMPROVING.

Some Evidences to Show That Better Times are Coming.

Ann Arbor, being one of the last places in the country to feel the effect of the hard times, would naturally be a little slow in noting a change for the better. There are evidences abroad though to show that next spring is liable to see a material advance.

Dr. W. B. Smith, who recently returned from a business trip to Ottumwa, Ia., and other western points, says that there is certainly a better feeling there. Collections were easier, and the people paid with more cheerfulness.

The Crescent Works of this city has been sending out a number of circulars to their agents all over the country, and among the questions asked was one as to the effects of the election in that locality. These replies are coming in, and about 150 have been received, representing all parts of the country. While many report no material change, there are many who report an improvement, and nearly all express confidence in an improvement by next spring. Coming from so many different sections of the country, there is a good deal of encouragement in these replies.

Neurological Club.

The neurological club met with Dr. Herdman, at the laboratory, last Saturday. There were present Drs. Pettyjohn of Alma, Hitchcock and Emerson of Detroit, and Dr. H. Mott of Kansas City. The time was spent chiefly in studying X rays, and various methods of producing them. A case of tuberculosis of the brain in an adult was shown, portions of the brain being exhibited. This was a somewhat rare case, that disease being more common to childhood.

REMINISCENCES.

SOME OLD TIMES AND OLD TIMERS.

Jerome E. Turner Writes of Them—U. of M. Men who Have Attained Distinction—Duffield and his Fiddle—Griffin, Watson, Morton and others as Boys.

We clip the following from the Detroit Journal of Tuesday last, as it tells of incidents connected with the student life of a number of U. of M. men who have attained prominence:

I was pained to hear of the death of Col. W. B. McCreery of Flint, to whom I alluded in my last paper. McCreery was from first to last a modest and unpretending man, and during the war was a soldier of renown. When he (among others) had dug his way out of Libby prison, and visited his home temporarily to nurse his wounds and recruit his strength, the people of Flint went out to meet him with a monster procession, and his reception was like a Roman "triumph." In 1859, I believe he was "converted" under the preaching of Rev. Wm. Hogarth, and he had a most singular and distressing experience, until (as he told me) he was "brought to the light."

Please excuse this digression on account of the special circumstances, and I will pass on to the thread of my narrative.

On the arrival at Ann Arbor of those of us who entered the University in 1853, we soon found ourselves members of the different Greek letter societies. Hobart Miller, Samuel P. Duffield and myself joined the Chi Psi—if I remember rightly, the oldest organization of that kind in the University.

Duffield, I recollect, used to play the violin, and many a time in those early days we gathered around him while he sang to the accompaniment of his fiddle. "A Bare Old Plant is the Ivy Green" He had also quite a penchant for poetry, and wrote very creditable lines. However, I always thought he was strongest in prose, and had a certain originality of poetic expression in that form of composition, which would have given him a good place in literature, if he had steadfastly pursued it.

I sometimes think that we are quite unconscious of our real mental quality and ability. James Watson, of my class—afterward known throughout the astronomical world as Prof. Watson—actually began a translation of Virgil, that he thought was going to surpass Dryden's, and he one day called me in to his room to hear him read portions of it. At the same time, he was only great in mathematics, and did not seem to know it.

"Ed. Thurber," as we used to call him, gave promise of future standing in his profession. Prof. Haven, who at that time taught rhetoric, I remember on one occasion said, after Thurber had delivered himself of one of his own productions, "I do not wish to make invidious distinctions between members of the class, but Mr. Thurber has shown considerable power."

When we did not require the "Ivy Green" and classic music, and simply wanted a dance in one of the old recreation rooms of the dormitory period, one Chapel, also a member of our class, furnished the melody. If I mistake not he still lives and is a prosperous farmer in Sandstone, Jackson county. The last time I saw him was at a democratic state convention years ago, and I put to him the only really important question, "Are you happy?" His answer was not "responsive," as the lawyers say, and he replied, "I am satisfied there is nothing after death!" I said "Fudge!" and we parted.

Hon. Levi T. Griffin was also a member of the class of 1857, and I have enjoyed a very pleasant acquaintance with him ever since. He has had a habit when I have met him, of always saying, "How old you are getting," which I regard as much better, even in a jocular way, than that old formula, "What secret have you got to prevent age?"

George Landon of Monroe, now Judge Landon, was also one of "the boys." He was a great pet of Prof. Fausquelle, for he was quite proficient in German and French when he entered college, and spoke the former language fluently.

In this connection, I recollect, that when one of the class was out-Frenching the French in his pronunciation one day, Fausquelle broke in upon him with, "You remind me, sir, of an equestrian, who being about to mount his horse in the presence of some ladies, jumped so hard that he fell over the other side into the quagmire."

When the writer of this went to Ann Arbor he speedily became acquainted with Darius J. Davison, of United States court fame and of J. Sterling Morton, now secretary of agriculture, for they were Chi Psi, and room-mates, and as unlike as possible. Morton dubbed Davison "Pickwick," and I do not remember what endearing name Davison gave him in return.

At that early day, Morton showed considerable ability as a writer, and I believe was invited to deliver a Fourth of July oration at Ann Arbor, by a committee of citizens. "Mort," as we used to call him, was expelled from "the institution" about four weeks before he would have graduated, if he had been allowed to remain.

I believe his offense was what was called "contempt of authority."

JEROME W. TURNER.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

MICHIGAN ITEMS THAT WILL INTEREST OUR READERS.

Some of the Important Happenings of the State Picked Up Here and There and Reported by Telegraph—Summary of Events of the Past Few Days.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 12.—The average condition of wheat Dec. 1 was 91 per cent. of condition in average years. This is 9 per cent. above condition Dec. 1, 1895. The average condition in the southern counties is 89; central, 93, and northern, 96. One year ago the condition in these sections respectively was 78, 86 and 95. The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers since the November report was published is 1,296,500, and in the four months, August, September, October and November, 4,695,674. This is 577,063 bushels more than reported marketed in the same months last year. The amount reported marketed in November this year is 101,204 bushels more than reported for November, 1895. Fall pasture has been good and live stock is in fine condition.

The mean temperature of the state for November was 35.6 degrees, or 0.6 degrees above the normal. There was an excess of 2.5 degrees in the southern counties, of 1.5 degrees in the central, and 0.7 degrees in the northern. The average precipitation, including both rain and melted snow, in the state was 3.47 inches; in the southern counties, 2.44 inches; in the central, 2.83 inches, and in the northern, 4.53 inches. Compared with an average or normal there was an excess of 0.56 inches in the state, of 0.25 inches in the central, of 1.82 inches in the northern counties, and 2.84 inches in the upper peninsula, and a deficiency of 0.66 in the southern counties.

Official Iron Ore Statistics.

Ishpeming, Mich., Dec. 15.—Official figures of iron ore shipments from Michigan mines for the current year show a total of 5,652,264 gross tons, a considerable decrease from last year's figures. The principal curtailment of production was in the Gogebic range, the Marquette and Menominee ranges holding their own. The Wisconsin and Minnesota mines have forwarded very nearly 4,000,000 tons of ore by water this year. With all rail shipments and local and furnace consumption included, the 1896 Lake Superior iron ore output will approximate 10,000,000 gross tons.

Train Wreckers Sentenced.

Detroit, Dec. 15.—John C. Bodewig and George W. Johnson, convicted of conspiracy to wreck a mail train on the Grand Trunk railroad near Battle Creek in 1894 during the A. R. U. strike, were sentenced by Judge Swan in the United States district court yesterday. Bodewig was sentenced to two years in the Detroit house of correction and to pay a fine of \$2,500. Johnson's sentence was twenty months' imprisonment in the house of correction and to pay a fine of \$2,500.

Anti-Saloon Movement at Detroit.

Detroit, Dec. 14.—Yesterday witnessed the beginning of the anti-saloon league movement in Detroit. Addresses were made in behalf of the league in most of the principal churches and many entered the movement. It is intended to prosecute the work of educating public sentiment, securing a vote upon the question of local option, enforcing the present liquor laws, and securing more stringent liquor legislation throughout the state.

Planchette Played Him a Trick.

Decatur, Mich., Dec. 14.—W. L. Van Alstyne, of Maple Rapids, sacrificed a flourishing business some months ago, moved his family into the country and then disappeared. A few days ago he returned. It is now learned that the family consulted a planchette board, which directed Van Alstyne to go to the state of Washington, and designated a certain place where he would find a pocket of gold nuggets. He found the spot all right, but no nuggets.

Surprised Their Friends.

Coldwater, Mich., Dec. 12.—Two of Coldwater's society young people, Mr. Phil Wing, son of T. M. Wing, president of the Coldwater National bank, and Miss Charlotte Dickinson, only daughter of C. H. Dickinson, and granddaughter of P. P. Wright, went to Hillsdale and were quietly married. The marriage is a surprise to all their friends here, though it was expected to take place later. They will reside in Chicago.

Arrest of a Counterfeiter.

Decatur, Mich., Dec. 15.—William Knight, who was arrested at Three Oaks with twenty-six spurious half-dollars in his possession, pleaded guilty in the Berrien county circuit court, but refuses to give any information regarding his companions. Knight is thought to be the leader of the gang which is flooding southwestern Michigan with counterfeit coin.

Furniture Is Having a Boom.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 18.—The furniture factories in this city are employing more men now than at any time in the last six months, and the greatest increase of working force has been made since election. The number of men now employed is between 1,500 and 2,000 more than on Nov. 1. The wages are the same as have been paid the last three years.

Charges Infringement of Patents.

Detroit, Dec. 17.—The National Cash Register company of Dayton, O., has brought suit in the United States court here against the Victor Cash Register company of this city. The National company claims that the Victorette cash register, which is made by the Victor company, infringes its patents.

Attempted Murder and Suicide.

Detroit, Dec. 15.—Ernest Chase, son of Dr. Chase of Recipe book fame, cut his wife's and his own throat badly Monday morning in an insane attack at murder and suicide. Physicians think that both have a good chance of recovery. Chase had been dissipating badly.

Epidemic of Diphtheria.

Hersey, Mich., Dec. 17.—Diphtheria is epidemic and all the public schools and Sunday schools have been closed by the health officer. Pastors have been notified not to open their churches and all public gatherings are prohibited.

Ex-Bank Manager Arrested.

Big Rapids, Mich., Dec. 16.—Excitement over the recent Big Rapids bank

failure has been increased by the arrest of ex-General Manager Chester W. Comstock. He is charged by the depositors' committee with having embezzled \$2,000 of the bank's funds.

Deal in a Mine To Be Closed.

Ishpeming, Mich., Dec. 17.—Superintendent Davidson, of the Commonwealth Iron company, and F. B. Miller, representing Cleveland capitalists, have finished their inspection of the Besse mine at Humboldt. They were very favorably impressed with the property, which means that a sale, which has been pending for the past month, will be closed. Before leaving Humboldt Tuesday night Davidson and Miller put five men to work keeping the water out of the workings and announced that mining operations would be resumed after the first of the year. New machinery will be installed and the property will be opened up so as to give employment to 200 men. The Besse has been idle three years.

Frantz Murder Trial.

Dayton, O., Dec. 17.—A jury has at length been chosen in the Frantz murder trial, composed of substantial and conservative business men, mechanics, and farmers. The jurors were taken to view the bridge across the Stillwater river from which the body of poor Besse Little was hurled and on which were found bloodstains and the unfortunate girl's side combs. The testimony was commenced Wednesday afternoon.

Fifteen Women and Girls Killed.

Munich, Dec. 17.—The loss of life by the explosion which destroyed the Von Cromer match factory at Aschaffenburg was much greater than previously reported. Fifteen women and girls employed in the main building were killed and many persons working in an adjoining building were fatally or seriously injured.



ESTELLE M. DAVISSON.

Miss Estelle Mae Davison, who was recently elected to the office of county attorney in Brown county, Neb., is one of the surprises in the political kaleidoscope of the state. Brown county's normal Republican majority has been about 300. But this year the fair candidate for county attorney was elected without an effort, although pitted against a strong and popular gentleman on the Republican side. Miss Davison attended the public schools of Sibley, Ia. In 1886 she went to Long Pine, Neb., her present home, and finished her secular education in the high school. In 1894 she entered the law department of the state university at Lincoln, and two years later came out of it a full-fledged lawyer. She was nominated as a fusion candidate and won easily. Miss Davison is the only woman in Nebraska, perhaps in the country, that has been elected to the position of county attorney. The papers of the country had reported her a graduate of Michigan University. Inquiry there however failed to find any record of her on the rolls, and a letter received from her by THE DEMOCRAT states that she has never been a student here. She is said to be a bright lawyer, and capable of worthily filling the position to which she has been elected.

Have Caught It.

Somebody with a fine faculty of making the most of things thinks he has made the discovery that the disease called grip is here again, and he has proceeded to work up his find to the extent of his power and imagination by putting it into the newspapers. Now, doubtless, those who are in like manner imaginative and fond of nursing their ailments will make the discovery that they themselves have got the grip.

It is true that physicians admit this particular grip cannot be distinguished from an ordinary cold in the head—at least not very well—but it must be grip, the funder declares. How he knows is not clear.

It was to be expected that the idea would strike some bacteriologist that, there being a bacillus at the bottom of everything else bad, from smallpox to stealing, there must also be a bacillus of grip. Accordingly he looked for it, and of course found it.

We are glad it has been found. No doubt there will be ere long in various parts of the country thriving menageries of the creature.

Meantime, however, the person who keeps his head on and goes on day by day attending to his daily tasks, preserving his body clean and his conscience clear and not worrying over things he cannot help, need not bother his mind about the grip bacillus or any other kind of bacillus. They will not hurt him.

There are nearly 1,500 bills on the calendar of the national house of representatives and less than three months in which to pass them. Only a few will succeed in getting through the mill.

We are proud that the British people appreciate Ambassador Bayard so well that they are going to present him with a Christmas gift, the price of it to be raised by popular subscription. But it is to be fervently hoped they will not succeed in turning this fine and brainy gentleman himself into an imitation Englishman. We have had enough of that denationalizing process already in the case of some of our former ministers and secretaries of legation at the fascinating court of St. James. An American snob who strains himself to make himself over on the pattern of the British snob is a detestable creature, neither fish, flesh nor fowl.

An insult that calls for gore has been offered to congressmen by President William T. Baker of the Chicago board of trade. Mr. Baker is the delegate from his town to the Indianapolis monetary congress. Mr. Baker said he understood the object of that conference to be to give expression, for the guidance of congress, to the opinion on financial questions of business men all over the country. "Congress does not contain many expert financiers," coolly remarks President Baker. The ideal!

The kind of news the Spanish people are fed on may be gathered from the fact that a telegram from Havana recently informed them that Weyler had surrounded the rebel forces in Pinar del Rio and had them in "complete confusion." When Weyler surrounds Maceo, it will be after Maceo is dead.

Estate of Hiram Arnold.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw ss. At a session of the probate court for the county of Washtenaw, holden at the probate office in the city of Ann Arbor, on Thursday, the 10th day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, J. Willard Babbitt, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Hiram Arnold deceased.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Tuesday, the 29th day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the devisees, legatees and heirs-at-law of said deceased, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the Probate Office in the city of Ann Arbor, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the said account should not be allowed.

And it is further ordered, that said executor give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said account, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ann Arbor Democrat, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

J. WILLARD BABBITT, Judge of Probate. Wm. G. Doty, Probate Register.

Estate of Corydon L. Ford.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Washtenaw, holden at the Probate office, in the city of Ann Arbor, on Tuesday the 1st day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, J. Willard Babbitt, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Corydon L. Ford deceased.

Bryant Walker the administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of said estate comes into court and represents that he is now prepared to render his second account as such administrator.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Tuesday, the 29th day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for examining and allowing such account, and that the devisees, legatees and 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, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the said account should not be allowed.

And it is further ordered, that said administrator give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said account, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ann Arbor Democrat, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

J. WILLARD BABBITT, Judge of Probate. Wm. G. Doty, Probate Register.

Estate of John Kane.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, county of Washtenaw ss. At a session of the probate court for the county of Washtenaw, holden at the probate office in the city of Ann Arbor, on Wednesday the 3rd day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, J. Willard Babbitt, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of John Kane, deceased.

William C. Stevens the administrator of said estate, comes into court and represents that he is now prepared to render his final account as such administrator.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Tuesday, the 29th day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for examining and allowing such account, and that the devisees, legatees and 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, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the said account should not be allowed.

And it is further ordered, that said administrator give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said account, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ann Arbor Democrat, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

J. WILLARD BABBITT, Judge of Probate. Wm. G. Doty, Probate Register.

Estate of Bridget Ryan.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw ss. At a session of the probate court, for the county of Washtenaw, holden at the probate office in the city of Ann Arbor, on Monday, the 29th day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, J. Willard Babbitt, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Bridget Ryan deceased.

Catherine Ryan the executrix of the last will and testament of said deceased comes into court and represents that she is now prepared to render her final account as such executrix.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Tuesday, the 29th day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for examining and allowing such account, and that the devisees, legatees and 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, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the said account should not be allowed.

And it is further ordered, that said executrix give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said account, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ann Arbor Democrat, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

J. WILLARD BABBITT, Judge of Probate. Wm. G. Doty, Probate Register.

Estate of Robert B. C. Scadin.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, county of Washtenaw, ss. At a session of the probate court for the county of Washtenaw, holden at the probate office in the city of Ann Arbor, on Monday the 30th day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, J. Willard Babbitt, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Robert B. C. Scadin deceased.

On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Edwin Hall, praying that a certain instrument now on file in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, may be admitted to probate and that administration of said estate may be granted to himself the executor in said will named or to some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered that Monday, the 28th day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the devisees, legatees and 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 petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ann Arbor Democrat, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

J. WILLARD BABBITT, Judge of Probate. Wm. G. Doty, Probate Register.

Estate of Willard Foster.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw ss. At a session of the probate court for the county of Washtenaw, holden at the probate office, in the city of Ann Arbor, on Tuesday, the 9th day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

Present, J. Willard Babbitt, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Willard Foster, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Comstock F. Hill praying that a certain instrument now on file in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased may be admitted to probate and that administration of said estate may be granted to himself the executor in said will named or to some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 21st day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the devisees, legatees and 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 petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ann Arbor Democrat, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

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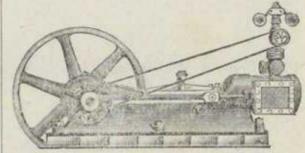
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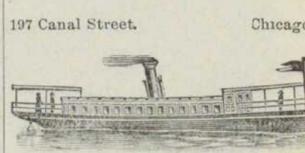
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DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a mortgage executed by William L. Lord to Byron W. Cheever, now deceased, which mortgage bears the date Feb. 24th, A. D. 1882 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Washtenaw County, Michigan Feb. 27th, A. D. 1882 in Liber 61 of Mortgages on page 111, by which default the power of sale contained in said mortgage became operative, and no suit or proceeding in law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, and the sum of four hundred & fifty-four and fourteen hundredths dollars (\$454 14/100) being now claimed to be due on said mortgage, notice is therefore hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgage premises there-in described or some part thereof to-wit:

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The north east quarter (S. E. 1/4) of the southwest quarter (S. W. 1/4) of Section No. twenty-two (22), in Township No. two (2) south, in Range No. three (3) east, at public vendue on Saturday, Jan. 2, 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the east front door of the Court House in the city of Ann Arbor, in said County of Washtenaw, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County.

Dated, Oct. 5th, A. D. 1896. JENNIE E. CHEEVER, Executrix of the will of Byron W. Cheever, deceased.

NOAH W. CHEEVER, Attorney for Executrix. 11-23.

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LESSON XII, FOURTH QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, DEC. 20.

Text of the Lesson, Math. II, 1-12—Memory Verses, 10, 11—Golden Text, Luke II, 10—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

1. "Now, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem." He was foreordained before the foundation of the world (1 Pet. 1, 20), and when the fullness of time was come God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law (Gal. 4, 5). Not only is He the Son of God, but, as in chapter 1, He, the Son of David, the son of Abraham, and therefore the one in whom all the promises to David and Abraham will be fulfilled. In Him shall all Scripture be fulfilled, for it all concerns Him (Luke xxiv, 27, 44). His birth in Bethlehem was but an event in a life without beginning or end (John xvii, 5; Rev. xxii, 1-5).

2. "Saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him?" They had no doubt as to whom they wanted to see, nor as to what they wanted to do. They came to see the newborn King of the Jews and to worship Him. It was long since the Jews had a king, and they were now subject to the Romans, of whom Herod was the representative. But in their heaven given book it was written that the throne of David should be established forever and the promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob fulfilled (Isa. ix, 6, 7; Mic. vii, 19, 20).

3. "When Herod, the king, had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him." If he had known the promises of God concerning the overthrow of Israel's enemies and the future glory of Israel, he might well have been troubled. See as a sample Mic. v, 15; vii, 16, 17. But, not knowing the Scriptures, all he saw in the words of the wise men was probably the possibility of a deliverer for Israel who would redeem them from the power of Rome. The redemption of Israel will yet come, and the signs of its approach are not few (Luke xxi, 25-28).

4. "And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born." He would thus see if the leaders of the people were expecting a king, and if there was anything in this extraordinary visit and question of these men from the east. Christ is the Greek for the Hebrew word Messiah, and the English of each is the anointed. See the use of the word in I Sam. ii, 10, 35; Ps. ii, 2, 6; Dan. ix, 25, 26. Hear also the chief priests mocking and calling Him "Christ the King of Israel" (Mark xv, 31, 32).

5. "And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea, for thus it is written by the prophet, 'Herod would now see that there must be something in it, for the prophets of Israel had foretold what the wise men from the east indicated had now come to pass. That there were those in Israel who were patiently waiting for this great event is clear from the record concerning Simeon and Anna (Luke II, 25, 26, 38). There were those who looked for redemption in Israel and expected a Redeemer about that time.

6. "And thou, Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda, for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel." This is quoted from Mic. v, 2. The rest of the verse is most interesting and a proof of the divinity of this child. "His goings forth have been from old, from everlasting." He appeared to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to Moses, Joshua, Gideon and Solomon. Jesus, the Son of Mary, is the Lord God of the holy prophets. He sees the end from the beginning, and 700 years before the event foretold His birth in Bethlehem.

7. "Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared." The devil, whose great weapon is death, was working in Herod to destroy this child King. This is evident from verse 16, for the age of the children slain is associated with the inquiry which he made of the wise men. What blessed little martyrs those innocent babes were! They died for Him, and He will not forget it in that day. "They shall come again from the land of the enemy" (Jer. xxxi, 16). Death, the enemy, took their bodies for a time, but they shall rise again.

8. "And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, Go and search diligently for the young child, and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also." The devil is a liar and a murderer (John viii, 44), but all his plots against God and His Christ shall come to naught. He seems successful for the present, but the end is not yet.

9. "When they had heard the king, they departed, and, lo, the star which they saw in the east went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was"—evidently guided them to the very house. Possibly an angel of God guiding them all the way, for ordinary stars, while they guide the mariner across the trackless sea, do not stand over a particular house in a town, as if saying, "This is the place." Angels are called stars in Rev. 1, 20, ix, 1.

10. "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." It would seem that they lost sight of it for a time. Was it because they stopped to inquire of Herod, or in order that they might inquire of Herod? It is not written, but this we know, that God Himself is all sufficient for His people in all things. He does sometimes guide thus through people, but when He begins to do a supernatural thing, as in this case, it is not likely that He would have us turn aside to man.

11. "And when they were come unto the house they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshipped them, and when they had opened their treasures they presented unto Him gifts—gold and frankincense and myrrh." Thus God provided beforehand for a journey of which as yet Joseph and Mary knew nothing. He will provide for all the needs of His people in His own wonderful way even if He has to use an angel or birds or even fishes. These men, how many we are not told, believed that this child would yet be the king of the Jews, and as such they worshipped Him.

12. "And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way." Notice in the rest of this chapter the other instances of direct guidance from God concerning this child, and if you are a child of God by faith in Christ Jesus, fear not to believe that you are loved as He is loved and will be equally cared for (John xv, 9; xvii, 23).

A BALK ALL ROUND.

The Time Had Come For Him to Take a Hand.

About half way between Prairie City and Silver Creek I came across an outfit consisting of a lean old mule that was hitched to a rickety cart, and in the cart were seated an oldish couple, who were very evidently man and wife. It was at the foot of a steep hill, and the mule had his back humped up, while the man plied a blue beech switch.

"Is it a case of balk?" I asked as I rode up.

"Fur shore, stranger," replied the man as he put aside his switch and began filling his cornucop pipe.

"Anything wrong with the mule?" "Nuthin in pertickler. He's jest obstinate. Consarn mews, and consarn women. They ar' both jes' alike in wantin their way."

"The wife sat bolt upright, arms folded and her jaws set, and she did not even give me a glance. The man slowly filled and lighted his pipe and then took up the switch and whaled away until he had struck 50 blows. Then he laid it down with a grunt and turned to the woman to ask:

"Say, now, is it to be whisky and terbacker or a pa'r o' shoes?" "S-h-u-z-e, shoes," she determinedly replied.

"Thar 'tis, stranger," he said with a sigh as he turned to me. "I've got \$1 in my pocket to buy whisky and terbacker with when we git to town, but shuck my ole hide if she ain't balkin fur a pa'r o' shoes and will either have 'em or make trouble. What d'ye think o' sich a critter?"

I was hesitating how to answer him when he knocked the ashes out of his pipe, stood up in the cart and shouted: "Whoop, whoop-ee! Fust the old woman balks, then the mule balks, and now I'm goin to balk myself. Better drive on, stranger, and git fo' miles away afore the calamity happens."

I took his advice and rode on, but on looking back a few minutes later I saw that the old woman had him by the hind feet pawing the air. The next minute I glanced back they had both fallen to the bottom of the cart, still fighting, and the mule had turned the vehicle around and was legging it for home at a 2:10 gait.—New York Journal.

The Professor's Discovery.

One of Washington's scientific men found himself in an assemblage where there were a great many young people. He endeavored to rise—or, perhaps, to descend—to the occasion as gracefully as possible. Having been introduced to a number of young women, he tried to make himself agreeable by explaining some of the latest information in ethnology, and he became so absorbed in his discourse that he did not notice, until they were nearly all gone, that a youth with a nasal voice was winning his audience away from him with a funny song. He tried it again with archeology as the theme. A girl with a banjo wrecked his ambitions. He thought he was making some headway by means of his remarks on paleontology when a man who took a rabbit out of a silk hat eternally quenched his pride.

"My dear," he said to his wife on their way home, "I have been thinking it over, and I find that the evening has been far from wasted."

"I was very much afraid that you would feel differently about it."

"No. I have made a very important and interesting discovery. The merest accidents sometimes lead to the most surprising revelations, and tonight I learned something which completely overturns an accepted theory."

"Is it possible?"

"We have been led to believe that the chief of all forces is the attraction of gravity."

"Yes."

"Well, I have found out tonight that there are times when it can't hold a candle to the attraction of Jevity."—Washington Star.

The Explanation.

Tourist—How in the world do you manage to shoot a man when you are too intoxicated to stand up? I don't see how you can preserve your accuracy of aim.

Rabberneck Bill—It is easy enough when you know how. When you git to seeen a party double, you jist shoot between 'em.—Indianapolis Journal.

The Sins of the Father.

She wrung her hands. "Alas!" she moaned. "Here are the bitter fruits of my foolish marriage. I have lived to see my son follow in the footsteps of his unhappy father and choose absolutely the wrong make of bicycle."

In all nature there is nothing like a mother's grief.—Detroit Tribune.

Disproved.

She—Have you always got to stop in a saloon on your way home? Haven't you any self control?

He—Why, my dear, I always pass by six saloons and only go into one. Don't you call that self control?—Fliegende Blatter.

Served Him Right.

Minnie—Did you sing for Mr. Goodcatch last night, dear?

Winnie—Yes, love, for nearly an hour!

Minnie—Oh, I'm so glad, darling! I always detested that man.—Detroit Free Press.

Unprecedented.

"I never knew a woman to love her husband as madly as Mrs. Toofiler."

"How does she show it?"

"She lets him have the top drawer in their bureau."—Chicago Record.

Asking Too Much.

Stage Manager—But, Mr. Smith, nobody ever looks that way who has fallen in fighting for his bride. Can't you give a more lifelike impersonation of a corpse?—Fliegende Blatter.

FARM & GARDEN

ANIMALS THAT KICK.

Remedies Recommended For Kicking Horses and Kicking Cows.

Numbered among various devices reported to Country Gentleman for the suppression of kicking horses is the one illustrated in the annexed cut. The Ohio farmer who recommends it claims that it always does the work.

Procure collar made of 2 inch strap of first class harness leather to fit the horse's neck where the harness collar works; with 2 inch ring where the ends of strap connect; a strap 2 1/2 inches wide, just long enough to go around pastern of hind foot, with edges pared sufficiently to turn out slightly; with 2 inch ring in each end; next a 2 inch strap, 6 to 7 feet long, tapered down to 1 inch at tip or 1 1/2, with 2 inch ring in end. Place collar on horse's neck



REMEDY FOR KICKING HORSE.

with ring at breast, put short strap around pastern of hind foot, pass the tip of long strap through rings on short strap, then through ring on long strap and draw up tight; then pass tip of long strap between horse's fore legs, through ring in collar on horse's neck; draw up snug when horse is standing in his natural position and secure in bowknot. This will not interfere in any way with horse's comfort or freedom when tied in stall, save that he cannot kick, and renders it impossible for him to injure himself or others. It is sometimes necessary to use surcingle to keep it in place, but not with all horses. The collar on neck can be made with a buckle on side of neck and adjusted to fit any horse.

Yet another remedy for kicking horses from the same source is as follows: Fill two bushel grain sack with saw dust well packed; hang it 3 feet from floor and 1 1/2 or 2 feet behind horse, so that when he kicks it will swing and thump him. Then let horse kick all he pleases. It will make lively times for awhile, but the horse will let it alone after a time.

For the cow that kicks a writer in The Farm Journal tells that the best device is to place a strap as shown in the illustration. He says, "Buckle it a little tight, and if she kick then make it a little tighter, and you will find she will not bother you any more."

A correspondent of The Journal who tried this plan wrote that he did not succeed in accomplishing the object aimed at until he put the strap behind the hip bones. Then it worked like a charm.

Wheat In Ohio.

An Ohio Farmer contributor writes: The old practice of plowing stubble ground for wheat is not followed in Butler county, O., as a rule. Farmers now seldom follow wheat with wheat. Some follow oats and a few follow barley with wheat. The majority let wheat follow corn. The chief reason for the practice is that in a three years' course of corn, wheat and clover there is needed but one plowing of the land. As this occurs after clover, the plowing can be done at any time between the sowing of the clover seed and spring. On bottom land fall plowing of clover sod for corn or potatoes is followed by most satisfactory crops.

On clay or hill lands that pack or wash under heavy rains the plowing is deferred until spring. Corn on clover sod, fall plowed, is easily cultivated and can be put in the best possible tilth in the spring by once or twice working with disk, spring tooth or common harrow. As there is less spring work in preparing this ground for corn, it can be planted a week or two earlier than on spring plowed land. This is an important factor in this rotation, as the corn matures early, so that it is ready for the wheat by the middle of September generally. The clover has filled the soil with an ample supply of vegetable matter and more nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash than the corn crop can appropriate, so that the soil is well supplied for the needs of the wheat crop. The frequent cultivation of the corn has fined and firmened the soil so that we find in average seasons an ideal seed bed for wheat.

Cost of Irrigation.

It has been made to appear from investigations at the various stations that irrigation by canal and ditches costs from \$2 to \$10 for each acre supplied for construction of the canal and about \$1 an acre yearly to keep them in repair. Dams for reservoirs to catch and hold storm waters generally cost from \$3 to \$15 for each acre supplied, and the cost of keeping up repairs will be much less than in the case of canals.

PASTURES AND MEADOWS.

Increasing the Yield by Mulching in the Winter Season.

It is generally conceded that it pays to mulch pastures and meadows. Thomas Shaw of the Minnesota Station, in a letter to Ohio Farmer, avers that aftermath of meadows forms the cheapest and most profitable mulch that can be given to these. When newly sown meadows are not pastured the same season, they are less likely to fail the following winter. When they are cropped closely, the more tender plants perish where the winters are cold. But even after meadows have become well established they are much benefited in winter by the partial exclusion of the frost. But the aftermath of meadows is usually even more helpful to them after they have passed the winter. It is helpful to them in the moisture which it brings to them. It is peculiarly helpful in sections where the precipitation is light, as in some sections of the northwest, and it is also helpful in furnishing protection in winter in addition to that which is furnished by the aftermath. When the rains of spring fall upon meadows thus protected, a less proportion of the water escape either by running away over the surface or by evaporation. And the growth of early spring will commence sooner.

All these benefits will equally apply to pastures, but for reasons that will be apparent it is not so easy to provide a regular covering for pastures that will equally protect all parts of the field. Animals will not feed off a field evenly. They will crop some parts more closely than others. We can imagine some instances where a mulch would prove a damage to meadows in winter. If the growth has been particularly luxuriant in the autumn, and if in the following winter an unusually heavy fall of snow comes and lies long, the entire meadow may perish through smothering of the grasses. When fears are entertained on this score, it may be well to pasture off the aftermath before the advent of winter.

Meadows may also be protected by top dressing with farmyard manure. When the material is available, if the manure can be applied in the early autumn, the entire results will be more favorable than if applied at a later period, as when thus applied it will first provide winter protection and will then greatly stimulate the growth of the grasses by enriching them. But when farmyard manure is applied to meadows in the unrefined form there may be some trouble in raking the following summer, as portions of undecayed manure are liable to be gathered in with the hay.

But for pastures manure makes an excellent mulch. It may be applied in the autumn, if on hand, but it is usually more convenient to apply it in winter. It may be drawn fresh from the stables, and much straw in it is no objection. When drawn in winter, it should be spread at once, says the authority quoted.

Flax Culture.

Flax is successfully grown only in a long rotation. From five to seven years is a short enough interval between flax crops. Professor Snyder of the Minnesota station in a bulletin devoted to the subject says that high fertility is necessary and liberal use may be made of farmyard manure, but the manure must not be applied direct, but to the previous crop.

Minnesota makes flax a leading crop. More of it is raised there than in any other state, and the best soils there are composed of one-fourth medium sand, one-fourth fine and very free sand, one-third silt or clay and about one-eighth of the finest clay. Any soil capable of producing a good corn crop can be made to produce a good flax crop, this being said of course with regard to growing flax for seed. Extremely sandy soils and heavy clay soils are both unsuited to the crop.

Good Ward For Crimson Clover.

We have crimson clover nearly 3 inches high and a perfect mat over the ground. Such clover is just as good as a coat of manure. It cost less than any manure we can buy. If every plant were to kill out before next spring, we would still be far ahead of the outlay. We would have no more right to blame the clover for dying than we would have to blame the manure for not reproducing itself! That is a fact which farmers must understand. When crimson clover keeps alive until snow covers the ground, or till the "heaving" of spring frosts, it has done enough for you. To live in the spring is heaping up the cup. It's making you a present that you don't always deserve.—Rural New Yorker.

Platform Truck.

As there are always more or less of lifting and shifting of barrels and boxes and moving grain and corn from one part of the barn to another, it put us to thinking how we might do away with much of the heavy lifting, and the following, shown by the accompanying cut, is the result. Thus writes an Ohio Farmer correspondent. He adds:

Secure 2 by 4 pine pieces or any light wood and make a frame 2 1/2 by 3 feet. At the corners half lap each piece. Then



HANDY PLATFORM TRUCK.

cover frame by boards, making a platform the size of the frame. Now get a set of four heavy large wheeled casters, as stove casters. Wheels should be not less than 3 inches. The cut gives the idea without further description. Now then place on this platform one or more barrels and push it up to that bin of wheat you want to move to another bin and fill the barrel, then push to wherever you wish. And when you thrash use a barrel and the platform truck instead of sacks and save the heavy shuddering of sack and carrying to bins.

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WHEN the defeated party in a political canvass, after recovering from the shock of defeat, comes out in a manly way and upholds the successful party, using every possible means to advance the welfare and general interests of our country, it furnishes to the world a new guaranty of the perpetuity of our form of government. Just such an example is furnished today by Chas. D. Lane of San Francisco, chairman of the National Bimetallist committee. In an address to the bimetalists of the country he advises a continuation of their organizations, expresses confidence in the uprightness of their cause, and has his opinion about the methods of their defeat; but in spite of all, he advises that all active agitation be for the time dropped, and that all the forces of the bimetallic party join in upholding the new administration, and support the president in all his efforts to increase the prosperity and well being of the citizens of this republic. We are glad to read such sentiments. They are those of a patriot, and just so surely as the republican party succeeds in bringing prosperity then all will share in its benefits; should they fail, then no less surely will the principles the silver men fought for be strengthened for the conflict of 1900. In all events, the people having chosen, their choice should have full chance to vindicate itself.

THE DEMOCRAT sincerely hopes the faculty will put a quietus on the so-called Palladium frats if they attempt to hold their annual party out of the city. It may be that as individuals they have a right to engage in any proper form of amusement they may desire, and to have that amusement in such place as they may desire, participated in by friends of their own choosing. But, in the minds of those not conversant with affairs here, they cannot make this a personal affair. It is understood to be a University affair, and a class affair. To the great majority of those who hear of it, the ins and outs of the strife cannot be known, and the carrying of the party to another city, yea, even the holding of a separate party in opposition to the majority of the class, simply creates a feeling that the University is fostering a spirit of snobbishness that the people of the state do not care to pay for. They are liable to hear this themselves some time in arguing for better support of the University. They owe it to the University to take this into consideration, and if they will not do so, the faculty should.

BIMETALISM is not dead. As heretofore stated in these columns, a great many people believe that the outcome of the last election was a decided gain for it. The Senate of the United States has appointed a strong committee to take action toward international bimetalism. The committee is composed of Senators Wolcott, Hoar, Chandler, and Gear. The members of the committee are all men who have faith in its objects and believe they can be accomplished. The policy was not represented in the last campaign, only the two extremes of gold and silver monometalism being in issue, although the Bryanites laid some claim to the title of bimetalists. We believe that before the next administration closes, permanent recognition of silver will have been attained.

IF YOU want a pretty good idea as to how the people of the different sections of the country feel on the Cuban question, watch the action of the senators from each state. They know the public pulse very well, and cater to it. Mills of Texas, is a pertinent example. He is receiving congratulations and approval from all over the state, because he was ready to fight at the drop of the hat.

A PROMINENT farmer living near the city gave the street authorities a good roasting in our hearing the other day. He would like to see them fly around some of our streets at a fast trot, just for the pleasure of watching them get jolted out of the buggy.

A caller at THE DEMOCRAT office last week said he rode in on his wheel, and had good roads till he struck the city, then had to get off and walk. A nice comparison of country roads and city streets.

THE board of public works probably receives more kicks and curses than all the other departments of our city government. Almost everybody has a reason why what they have done is not right. And yet the members of that board give their time and attention to that work for nothing but the public good, use their best judgment as they would in their own business, and hardly a man cares enough to come around and attend their meetings so as to know what they propose to do. There are no star chamber sessions of this board, and we suggest that some of the people who know it all come round occasionally, and tell the board part of it in advance.

THE tramp question is abroad in the land again, and we trust our citizens will co-operate with the anti-tramp society in helping to abate them here. The poor of the city must be kept warm, the wood for them must be sawed, and who better to do it than the tramp who wants to be fed. If these gentry apply to you for help send them to the engine house.

MILAN MATTERS.

Plenty of Christmas Entertainment—Students Home for Vacation—Visitors From all Points.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Vincent on East Main st., yesterday.

The E. L. will give a New Year's dinner in the I. O. O. F. building.

Wilmer Robison is clerking at O. L. Young's store during the Christmas holidays.

There was a heavy snow storm Tuesday, and the sleigh bells are now ringing merrily.

Miss Imoe Whitmarsh, who is attending school at Ann Arbor, was home over Sunday.

Henry Abbey, one of the pioneers of Augusta, died at the home of Mr. Harvey Day at Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Dornburger of Toledo, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Davenport Sunday.

The sewing circle of the ladies of the Presbyterian church, met with Mrs. E. W. Blackmere Tuesday afternoon.

Milan expects to have a dancing school this winter. First meeting was held last night at Gay's opera house.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church will be held at the residence of Dr. Chapin this afternoon (Friday).

Mrs. Gray of Ann Arbor, called on friends here last week while on her way to Buffalo, New York, to visit her daughter.

The Eastern Stars will give a social next Tuesday night. After which the masons will hold their school of instruction.

Services will be held in the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening, conducted by Rev. R. N. Bouck of Wayne, Nebraska.

Exercises will be held Christmas eve at the M. E. church. There will be a large Christmas tree to delight both the old and young children.

F. W. Robison and F. E. Edwards, who are attending Agricultural College, are spending their vacation of two weeks at home in Milan.

On Christmas eve the Presbyterian church will hold exercises. The principal feature will be a snow house, also a Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

The question of 16 to 1, says Mr. H— is not yet settled, not the question of gold and silver, but that of sixteen gallons of liquor to one man per year.

Mrs. Eli Moore of Ann Arbor, who has been spending a few weeks at Adrian, helping to take care of her invalid father, gave Milan friends a call last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gale of Ypsilanti, and little daughter Vena, are visiting Mrs. Gale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ward. Their daughter Mary has been spending a few weeks with her grandpa and grandma.

A Grand Mask Ball will be held Christmas night, December 25, at Gay's opera house. Floor manager, Ed. Hinkley. Bill of dance is 50c. per couple. Supper served at Ed. Palmers for 50c. Spectators, 10c. Get your masks at Gay's store.

WEBSTER WHISPERS.

Points on People—Ann Arbor to Gain a Citizen—Literary Circle Full of Interest.

George Alexander of Geddes, spent Monday with friends here.

Orson Lamphere has an auction some day this week. Report says he will move to Ann Arbor.

A new daughter came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith, Saturday evening, December 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Latson are spending the week with their son George and daughter Jennie, near Howell.

Miss Jennie McColl is at the Homeopathic hospital in Ann Arbor, being treated for nervous prostration.

Frank Wheeler, with his engine and saw, and the help of some of the neighbors, is putting Mrs. Bird's woodpile in good shape for winter use.

The Literary Circle met last Saturday evening at John Wheeler's. They had a good program, well rendered, and evidently mean business, as every member but one answered to roll call. On account of the entertainment at the church Saturday evening, December 19, the Circle appointed the next meeting for Saturday evening, December 26, at the residence of Ed. Alexander.

MANCHESTER MENTION.

Society Elections Plenty—Deaths of Prominent Old People—New Lumber Yard—Interesting Personals.

A. M. Yocum visited his parents at Chelsea Sunday.

The Methodist ladies realized \$107.00 out of their fair.

Ed. Smith of Clinton, was in town a short time Saturday.

The schools close next Thursday for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Jas. Douglass went to Toledo Saturday, to visit a sister.

Seymore Coon is home from Rock Island to spend a few weeks.

Geo. Ingram's brother, who lives near Jackson, has been visiting here.

Miss Eda Kirk of Clinton, visited Miss Nina Rundall over Sunday.

Mrs. C. J. Robison visited her sister at Tecumseh, Thursday of last week.

Miss Maud Goodell visited at Norvell Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

The Lady Maccabees hold their annual meeting next Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Blosser and family visited Norvell relatives Sunday.

Wurster Bros. are building a stone wall under the building north of their store.

Albert Case of Jackson, has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. F. D. Merrithew.

Messrs. Keeler and Merriman of Grass Lake, were Manchester callers Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Rushton of Leslie, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hoxie, and other relatives.

Wm. Burtless and A. F. Freeman visited Detroit and Toledo Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bollenger drove to Brooklyn Sunday, and spent the day with relatives.

Messrs. Gwinner and Kauffman of Ann Arbor, were guests of Adolph Fausel Sunday.

S. H. Perkins will go to Toledo Friday morning to visit with relatives until after the holidays.

Miss Annetta Kingsley has gone to Milwaukee, to remain with friends until after the holidays.

G. L. Worthington of Brooklyn, was in town Tuesday evening, and inspected Comstock Post G. A. R.

Miss Alma Nac(k) seems to be the most popular lady in town now-a-days, as everyone asks for her.

Louis Stendil started for New Orleans several weeks ago, but became homesick at Memphis and has returned home.

Mrs. John J. Freeman stopped over Tuesday for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Rundall, while enroute home to Tecumseh from Detroit.

The high school scholars will give an entertainment at Arbeiter hall this evening, and the drama "The Danger Signal" will be presented.

The snow storm of Tuesday brought out the sleighs, and gladdened the hearts of our merchants. It is an indicator of an increased trade.

Mrs. Fidelia Lucretia Wooley Gillett of Rochester, occupied the Universalist pulpit Sunday morning, and visited friends here until Wednesday.

G. H. Kapp, advance agent for Guy Bros. Minstrels, was in town Monday, and wanted to show here Friday night, but the school entertainment cut him out.

The Lutheran church society will have their usual Christmas tree, and "Kris Krinkle" will gladden the hearts of the 250 scholars that attend the Sunday school.

Past Master Case of Jackson, was present at the annual meeting of Manchester Lodge No. 148 F. & A. M. Monday evening, and after the election installed the newly elected officers.

John Waters, who lives on the Wampler's Lake road southwest of this village, died of kidney disease Tuesday, at the age of 76. Mr. Waters was the father our townsman, A. J. Waters.

At the annual meeting of the F. & A. M., Monday evening, the following officers were elected: W. M., F. E. Spafford; S. W., T. B. Bailey; J. W., Evan Essery. Sec., C. J. Robinson; Treas., C. W. Case; S. D., Fred H. Blosser; J. D., Wilbur Short; Stewards, M. Hendershott, F. S. Conklyn; Tyler, S. Hammond.

Peter McEnany, whose peculiar character made him well known to everyone in this vicinity, died Saturday at the insane asylum at Pontiac, and E. C. Jenter went there and accompanied the remains to this place Monday, for burial. Services were held at Clinton Tuesday morning, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery there.

Mrs. Sarah Coon, widow of the late L. H. Coon, died very suddenly Tuesday evening, of heart failure. Mrs.

Coon had not been in very good health for some time, but was able to be about the house. Her death came very suddenly and before a physician could be called she had expired. She was seventy-six years of age the day of her death.

The gravel pit west of town was an object of no little attraction to our citizens Sunday, and many went over there to see them use the steam shovel in loading the cars. Two long trains were kept busy all day hauling the dirt to a point below Tecumseh, where a large tressel is being filled in, and it was quite a novelty to our citizens to see the machine at work.

Following is a list of officers elected by the United Friends of Michigan, Thursday: Com., E. S. Hagaman; V. Com., Chas. Krietner; Sec., John Wuerthner; Treas., Wm. H. Lehr; Pre-late, Mrs. Minnie L. Wurster; Marshall, Martin Traub; Warden, Miss Louisa Wurster; Guard, Mathias Ehnis; Entry, Jacob Schumacher; Janitor, M. Fisk; Med. Ex., Dr. C. F. Kapp.

The Maccabees met Tuesday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—Com., F. K. Steinkohl; Lieut. Com., E. F. Chase; finance keeper, J. W. Rauschenberger; record keeper, C. F. Wuerthner; chaplain, H. Seckenger; sergeant, Adam Schaible; M. of A., B. F. Hall; 1st M. of G., Ed. Braun; 2nd M. of G., C. F. Bauer; sentinel, F. J. Kern; picket, Jacob Bauer; past com., D. O. Stringham.

The K. of H., at their annual meeting, chose the following officers: Dictator, Chas. Knorpp; Vice Dic., John Schoeppler; Asst. Dic., Mat. Wurster; Reporter, John Wuerthner; Fin. Kpr., G. A. Fausel; Treas., W. H. Lehr; Guide, Casper Jacobs; Inside Guard, John Staebler; Outside Guard, John Schafer; Chaplain, Richard Weiss; Med. Ex., Dr. C. F. Kapp; Trustees, Michael Rehffuss, S. Debolt and Caspar Jacobs.

E. D. Westgate of Sanduskey, O., has rented the grounds at the Jackson branch depot, and will engage in the lumber business there. Manchester has been in need of a good lumber yard for some time and our citizens and the neighboring farmers will appreciate the new industry. Mr. Westgate has rented the Byron Hill house and will move his family here to reside. Mrs. Westgate is a niece of H. E. Bowen. Mr. Westgate is north now buying his stock.

CHELSEA CHAT.

Social Entertainments—A Gone Finger—Hard Sleighing—Society Elections.

Mr. A. Steger visited his son in Shepard last week.

The Guy Bros. minstrels played to a large audience here last Tuesday night.

The Ladies of the Maccabees gave a box social at the Town Hall last Thursday night.

Wm. Lehman sold a light double harness by a sort of lottery scheme last Saturday. Howard Congdon drew the lucky number.

While operating the sausage machine in Eppler's meat market last Friday Floyd VanRiper had the misfortune to lose a finger of his right hand.

Geo. Ward's team ran away with his milk wagon last Saturday morning, but were stopped on Main street, without the loss of a single drop of milk.

The Y. P. S. C. E. gave a photograph social at the home of Miss Ella Freer last Friday night. A pleasant time was enjoyed by a large number of people.

Miss Mary Schaible gave a social in her school house in the Everett district last Friday night, the money raised to be expended in a Christmas entertainment for the scholars.

Dr. Twitchell got the first sleigh ride of the season. After driving into the country seven miles his harness broke, and he was compelled to drag the cutter back himself, leading his horse behind him.

The following officers were elected by the Foresters last Monday night: C. D. H. C. R., Geo. Webster; C. R., Dr. W. A. Conlan; V. C. R., B. B. Turnbull; Fin. Sec., Geo. Begole; Rec. Sec., John Beissel; S. W., W. H. Quinn; J. W., Henry Schumacher; S. B., Guy Lighthall; J. B., Ed. Hammond; Physician, Dr. J. C. Twitchell; Delegate to high court, Dr. J. C. Twitchell; Alternate, Geo. Webster.

At the annual meeting of Olive Lodge 156 F. & A. M., the following officers were elected for the ensuing: W. M., Geo. Ward; S. W., John B. Cole; J. W., Geo. Webster; Treas., H. S. Holmes; Sec., J. D. Lohnaitman; S. D., Ed. Rooke; J. D., Roland Waltrous; Tyler, W. B. Summer; Stewards, Ranson Armstrong and Geo. S. Laird. Dr. Armstrong who retired after many years of office as Worshipful Master, was presented with an elegant charm, studded with diamonds and rubies on behalf of the lodge, by Geo. Webster.

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YPSILANTI.

LOCAL LINERS.

Next Wednesday night a thimble social will be held at the Y. W. C. A. home.

Beginning with last night, the dry goods stores will be open evenings until Christmas.

The Normal Adelpic Society held a meeting at the Y. W. C. A. home Wednesday evening.

The ladies of the Congregational church will serve cake and ice cream at the Cleary Commencement reception next Tuesday night.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Mabel Sayre to Mr. Louis E. Truesdale, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, at the home of the bride, in Canton, Mich.

"Is any one in this room using Harrison's Greece?" was the rather startling inquiry made by a High school teacher Monday afternoon, "I mean Harrison's History of Greece," he explained.

The job of cleaning up the Normal grounds and laying out driveways and walks around the new buildings, is finished. John Weston, who did the work, is to be complimented on the improvements he has made.

The third number in the course of six lectures given by Profs. Lamond and Gareissen, at the Conservatory, which was set for Thursday of this week, was postponed and will not be given until some time next year.

The pathway of the members of St. Luke's church will be smoothed and made easy to walk on in a very short time. The ladies of the church have succeeded in raising money enough to purchase a new carpet for the church.

The lecture by Samuel Phelps Leland last Tuesday night was very interesting, though a little long. Mr. Leland is a very interesting speaker, and his lecture, especially the parts which bordered on the romantic, was enjoyed by all.

Twelve applications have already been received from ministers who wish to become pastor of the Ypsilanti Congregational church. "Many are called but few are chosen." It seems that the hard times extend to the preaching business the same as along other lines.

"I am surprised to see the New York Sun print that poem of Judge Babbitt's without correcting that line," said one of Ypsilanti's literary men to a friend. "What's the matter of that line?" inquired the friend. "Why don't you see the number of feet is not right, just count up the syllables and see for yourself."

The fourteenth commencement exercises of the Cleary Business College will be held in College Hall, next Tuesday afternoon, when the address will be given at 2 o'clock by Prof. F. A. Barbour. A reception will be given in the college parlors at 7:30. Music for the afternoon and evening will be furnished by the Ypsilanti Orchestra Society. Citizens and friends of the college are cordially invited to attend.

The Ypsilanti Bible society held a union meeting at the Methodist church last evening. The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Robert K. Wharton of the Presbyterian church, followed by a talk by the president of the society, Rev. A. Ebling, and a report of the depositor, Miss Marie Odiorne. The officers were all re-elected, and are as follows: President, Rev. A. Ebling; secretary, Geo. M. Gandy; treasurer, George Harris; depositor, Miss Marie Odiorne.

Aegis Council No. 117, Royal Arcanum, held its annual election Monday night. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Regent, Stanton A. Ferguson; V. R., F. D. McKeand; orator, C. C. Carr; Treas., C. C. Wortley; Sec., P. W. Ross; collector, E. A. Holbrook; chaplain, Geo. Jackson; guide, Thos. J. VanRiper; warden, Jay Worden; sentry, Geo. Brown; representative to Grand Council, B. M. Damon; alternate, C. C. Carr; trustee for three years, J. B. Wortley.

Died, at his home in this city, Wednesday night, James F. Seeley. Mr. Seeley was born in New York state in 1819. He came to Michigan in 1859, and has lived in this state ever since with the exception of eighteen months spent in Erie, Pa. He lived for eleven years in York township, and fifteen years in Saline, where he built a tannery. On leaving Saline he came to Ypsilanti, where he has lived a retired life for many years. He leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. W. H. Sweet.

School will close at the Normal next week Wednesday. A petition to have it close at the same time as the University was handed in by the students, but was not granted. In referring to it in chapel, Prof. Putnam said he was reminded of the story of a lawyer in a law suit, who said he was prepared to give 17 reasons why a witness could not appear; first, he said, was the fact that the man was dead. Prof. Putnam then proceeded to give some of the reasons why the petition could not be granted.

Rheumatism is caused by lactic acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes the acid and cures rheumatism.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. W. W. Phillips is visiting in Sturgis.

Mrs. Max Pease was a Detroit visitor Tuesday.

Archie Frazer has returned from a visit in Detroit.

Capt. Allen spent the first of the week in Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Lou M. Sherman spent Thursday in Northville.

Frank Stowell entertained a pedro party Friday night.

Clarence Coryell is home from the South for the holidays.

Miss Hattie Kief was the guest of Ann Arbor friends last week.

Alonzo Eaton of Detroit, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. R. Shier.

Hon. Eugene A. Wilson of Benton Harbor, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Marjory Gibson of St. Clair, visited Ypsilanti friends Wednesday.

Mrs. David Eugene Smith and Mrs. Julia A. Sherman were Detroit visitors Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Adams leaves today for Adrian, where she will spend the holidays.

A large leap year party was given at the home of Miss Cora Cornwell Tuesday night.

Miss Florence Greenman of Owosso is visiting her cousin, Mrs. E. Redner, of S. Huron st.

Mrs. W. H. Gieger of St. Joseph, Mo., is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Cook.

Mrs. J. A. Watling entertained her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Wright of Fenton, last week.

Miss Ada Van Stone Harris spent several days last week at Calumet, doing institute work.

Dr. Frank E. Lodeman left Monday night for Cornell University, where he will resume his work.

Mrs. Stirling and daughter of Mt. Pleasant, visited at the home of Prof. W. P. Bowen Sunday.

S. H. Dodge is at his place of business this week, after an illness of nearly two weeks with the grip.

Miss Carlotta Newell of Coldwater, arrived in the city Tuesday, and will remain here for several weeks.

Miss Lilly Strong is expected home from Lansing next Wednesday, to remain during the holiday week.

Miss Genevieve Cross, a Normalite, will teach school next term in the stone school house on the motor line.

Fred Johnson's name is the latest to ornament the sick list. He is suffering with an attack of bilious fever.

Miss Edna M. Swayze of Otisville, is visiting in this city, and will attend the Cleary Commencement next week.

Fred Johnson has traded 320 acres of Dakota land with Dr. Pattison, for the D. B. Greene property on Forest ave.

Mrs. Mildred McClelland of Kansas City, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Murray, left for home last Friday.

Miss Marie Odiorne was the victim of a surprise party Monday evening, the occasion being her birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Bowen of Chelsea, have come to this city to spend the winter with their son, Prof. Wilbur P. Bowen.

Miss Mary M. Sterling left this week for an extended visit in Mexico, where she has gone in the hope of regaining her health.

Miss Millie Camp of Lansing is expected to arrive in this city, tomorrow to spend the holidays with her aunt, Miss Lydia Spencer.

Miss Josephine Hemphill is able to be out after her illness with diphtheria. Dr. F. K. Owen, who also has been ill with diphtheria, is recovering and will be able to be out soon.

Miss Emilie Mack, a member of the Normal class of '91, who has been teaching in Benton Harbor, has received the appointment of appointment clerk in the State superintendent's office at Lansing.

A. S. Mallory, formerly station agent in this city, died at Wayne on Tuesday. The remains were brought to this city this morning, and after a short service at the chapel, were deposited in the vault.

Miss Helen Post, who has spent the last four months at the home of the Misses Stewart, helping to care for their aunt Miss Pardee, returned to her home, corner Adams and Ellis sts., Wednesday.

Miss Myrtle Edwards scored a great success in recital which she gave at the hall of the Ann Arbor Music Co, last Saturday evening. Her accompaniments were played by her teacher, Prof. Oscar Gareissen.

Rev. Bastian Smits will exchange pulpits next Sunday with Rev. Mr. Oakley of Romeo. The following Sunday will be Mr. Smits' last with the Ypsilanti congregation, as he expects to move to Charlotte during holiday week.

Miss Jenny Osborne, who created such a favorable impression when here with the Sherwood Operatic and Concert Co. a few weeks ago, has been engaged to sing the soprano solos in the "Creation," which will be given by the Normal choir in a few weeks. Mr. Gardner S. Lamson will sing the bass solos.

Ordering From Santa Claus.

Last Friday morning two little children marched into the Bazarete, deposited two envelopes on the counter, and gravely marched out again. When opened the envelopes were found to contain the following letters:

Ypsilanti, Mich., December 10, 1896. Dear Santa Claus: I want a new sled and a new fish set, I want a new Jack house and a new coat. Please bring lots of nice playthings. I want a new broom and a jack knife and a little bureau. Good bye, Santa Claus, JOHN D.

Ypsilanti, Mich., December 10, 1896. Dear Santa Claus: I want a new dress and a new pair of skates. I want a new doll and a new sled and a new doll's bed, I want some playthings and many things more. Good bye, Santa Claus, ETHEL D.

DEXTER DOTS.

Visitors at Home and Abroad—Want to Vote for Postmaster—Interesting Lectures at the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Birdie Couts is visiting in Detroit this week.

Miss Ella Cushing was down from Chelsea Tuesday.

Wednes. H. Wirt Newkirk was in town yesterday. Come up often, Wirt.

Mrs. Dora Holyhauer has bought the L. O. Thompson residence on Piety Hill, for \$650.

Mrs. Caleb Andrews of Dansville, is visiting at the home of her father, Geo. C. Page.

Henry Wilson of Webster, contemplates purchasing a residence in Dexter in the near future.

T. S. James has purchased a fine roster of Thomas Mack of Chelsea. T. S. is making some fast time on the streets of Dexter.

Dexter republicans are anxious to have a vote for the next postmaster. What will Geo. Spalding say? All speak at once. Yes, General.

Frank Nixon and Miss Grace Bale were married at Jackson, Tuesday, December 8. They took a flying trip to Chicago, but have returned and become residents of Lima township on the farm of Lucias Cooper. Success to Mr. and Mrs. Nixon.

Prof. Hindley of Indiana, gave two lectures at the Baptist church. Monday evening his subject was "Who's Boss?" and Tuesday evening "Use and Abuse of Humor." His entertainments were instructive and attended by a good house both nights.

SALINE SECRETS.

The New Methodist Paper—Baptist Pastor to Leave—Hunter in Hard Luck—Another Fire Scare.

Ed. Hauser and Chas. Burkhart were in Detroit last Thursday.

W. H. Davenport and family were in Detroit Monday and Tuesday.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. church, met Wednesday with Mrs. Jacob Stevens.

E. H. Cressy has been re-arranging his store since the fire, and has materially improved its appearance.

Rev. M. L. Marvin of the Baptist church has closed his pastorate here, and is about to accept a call elsewhere.

The Masonic lodge at their meeting Tuesday night made nominations of officers, for the election which occurs in three weeks.

Mrs. George Nissy and Mrs. G. A. Lindenschmidt went to Detroit Monday, to attend the funeral of the former's mother.

Number one, of volume one, of the "Saline Methodist," was distributed to the audience at church last Sunday. It is a 10 by 16 folio.

A. G. Lawrence, M. L. Thorn and Chas. Carvin, are very much disaffected at the action of the Ann Arbor common council in prohibiting outsiders from supplying families with butter and eggs at their doors.

The regular quarterly meeting of the M. E. church occurred last Sunday evening. The Presiding Elder, Rev. L. P. Davis of Detroit, occupied the pulpit and conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Gibson of Stony Creek.

The Electric Belt company is still holding forth in the opera house. At their entertainment last Saturday night prizes were given for the prettiest girl and homeliest man. Miss Agnes McKinnon was awarded the prize, an electric belt, for the first, and Adam Sauer, who works in Ann Arbor, the prize for the second, a bar of soap.

George Burkhart seems to have had luck while hunting this fall. The first time he was out he got into a creek that was deeper than he thought and suffered severe consequences for two weeks; the second time he went out he broke his gun, and the last time he shot his dog, a hunting dog of value. The animal was not killed, however, and will recover. It is not that George cannot tell a dog from a rabbit, nor that he cannot draw a bead on one when it is running, but rather because the dog was going so fast that he overtook the charge.

Saline seems to be doomed by fire, Sunday morning just after midnight the third fire alarm was heard. The fire this time was in the wooden building owned by John McKinnon and occupied as a general store by L. T. Fairbanks. It was extinguished without difficulty but not until it had ruined a large portion of the stock, a damage of not less than \$500, and with no in-

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urance. The damage to the building was about \$200 covered by insurance. The fire broke out in the back room where there was no stove and how it got started is a mystery. Mr. Fairbanks has moved his goods into the Dan Nissy store awaiting repairs of the building and readjustment of stock. This fire like the first was in the midst of the business portion and it must be regarded a narrow escape for the other stores. It is said that Fairbanks was just on the point of insuring his stock for \$2,000. A fire sale is advertised.

Fred C. Whitney of the "Rob Roy" fame controls a greater number of opera companies than any one other manager in America today. He is surrounded by prima donnas, sopranos and contraltos, bassos, baritones, tenors, comedians, baton-waving musical directors, stage carpenters, property men, scenic artists and a host of chorus people of both sexes, out of the three hundred and fifty employed. The strictest discipline prevails, great discretion is used by Mr. Whitney in organizing a company and kindness accomplishes the rest. At the Grand Opera House this evening.

MID-WINTER CIRCUS.

Will be a Hummer—A Fine List of Attractions. Ann Arbor Light Infantry has completed arrangements for the mid-winter circus. They have re-engaged Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, the equestrians, who were such favorites last year, who will bring three horses this year instead of two. For acrobats they have secured the La Monts, a lady and two gentlemen. These people were with the "Country Circus" last year. They open in the Paris Casino March 1st, and go direct from their engagement here to New York, where they will set sail for France. For bar performers they have secured Boise and Picard, formerly the stars of Ringling Bros. arena. Three professional clowns will make merry for the benefit of the crowd. Lon Moore, last year's favorite, will head the list, and Clark and Devine, formerly with John Robinson's shows, will assist. Neola, the juggler, will do many marvelous feats, will walk the slack wire, and if the weather permits will give an outdoor tight rope performance.

These artists are all the very best that could possibly be secured in their line, and the boys promise an advance over last year's splendid performance. "Rob Roy's" spectacular opera in "three acts, music by Reginald De Koven book by Harry B. Smith, will be seen at the Grand Opera House this evening. Scottish melodies are pleasingly treated in the score. The orchestration of the work is strong, distinct and masterly. The operetta contains two remarkably beautiful quintets, certain duets of charming quality, and several arias that are delightful; in feeling and melody. The choruses are spirited and there are two or three bits of dance of music, which are viennese in rhythm. Mr. De Koven gives his Highland patriots various stirring airs and choruses, and introduces many lively and agreeable measures; in short the authors have written an opera which will increase enjoyment and add to their reputation.

There are a few people in this world, especially in London, Paris, and other foreign parts, who are not trading with Schumacher & Miller, the druggists. To these few we would say, that if they will once give us a call we are convinced they will call again. 20-21 Ringing noises in the ears, snapping, buzzing, roaring, caused by catarrh, disappearing with the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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PEOPLE THROWN INTO A PANIC.

From Durham to Surrey and from London to the Welsh Coast the Disturbance is Felt—In the Mining Districts the People at First Thought It Was an Explosion—Cathedral at Herford Injured—One Woman Dies of Frigid.

London, Dec. 17.—Great Britain is in the throes of a genuine and unprecedented sensation. An earthquake, the most violent ever experienced in this country, has shaken every shire from Durham to Surrey and from London to the Welsh coast. The subterranean disturbance was first noticed at about 5:30 o'clock Thursday morning, and lasted from four to thirty seconds. At many points two distinct shocks were experienced.

The most severe shocks were felt at Cheltenham, Ledbury and Dean Forest. The earth shaking was accompanied by a loud, rushing sound. Buildings were violently shaken, furniture was shifted, doors were thrown open and pictures and other ornaments were upset. The inhabitants were panic-stricken and fled from their homes. The earthquake also visited Birmingham and other various points in Shropshire, was violent in Worcester and the country surrounding the city. Houses rocked and furniture was overturned.

Great Alarm Everywhere.

The shocks were followed by a tremor of earth and were accompanied by a rumbling sound. The greatest alarm prevailed everywhere. Chimneys were overturned and windows, etc., were smashed. At some points persons on the country roads were thrown down and a number of people were thrown out of their beds. Herford cathedral was injured. There the dull rumbling beneath the earth's surface was followed by two loud crashes and a terrible lifting and rocking. The panic at Herford was so great that one woman died of fright.

People rushed wildly into the streets. Many chimneys fell crashing into the thoroughfares and all the pinnacles of St. Nicholas' church toppled over and part of the pinnacles of the cathedral fell to the ground. At Liverpool, the earthquake was preceded by heavy thunder and a fearful hailstorm. In London the earthquake was only slightly felt.

Streets Seemed on Fire.

A singular phenomenon was noticed at Bridgenorth, near Shrewsbury, previous to the disturbance. The streets suddenly seemed to be on fire and there was a violent report, accompanied by a shaking of the earth. People who were going abroad in that vicinity say that they were for a time unable to walk, owing to the vibrations. There was very great excitement among the rustics about Poole, who thought that the end of the world had come.

Houses shook nearly a minute at Bristol and Clifton, causing much alarm in those districts. The railroad employes at Crewer report that they felt the rails oscillate. At Evesham the shock was followed by a brilliant light in the sky. In the mining districts it was at first thought that the shocks were the result of colliery explosions. The disturbance was experienced with great violence at Warwick castle. The Earl of Warwick was awakened and felt his bed lifted as though by some force beneath it, and the furniture in his room was shifted.

TANNER'S INAUGURATION.

Elaborate Preparations Being Made for the Ceremony.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 17.—Preparations for the inauguration of Governor-elect Tanner and the other newly-elected state officers, which is to take place Jan. 11 are being steadily pushed. It will be the most elaborate ceremony of the kind ever witnessed in the Illinois capitol, and will undoubtedly bring together an immense concourse of people. A feature will be a great parade by military and civic organizations.

The oath of office will be administered to Captain Tanner by a justice of the supreme court at noon, and he will immediately deliver his inaugural message. This is expected to be followed by an address by Governor Altgeld. Then will follow a reception by Governor and Mrs. Tanner and other state officers and their wives, and at night a grand inaugural ball will be given in representative hall. The committees are all at work and everything possible is being done to make the occasion a memorable one.

Destructive Conflagration.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 17.—A special from Clarksville states a most destructive fire started in Joseph Rosenfield & Co.'s dry goods store Wednesday night, destroying it and the building next to it, owned by the Frech estate. The store. The fire was checked by the fire wall of John Hurst & Co.'s building, saving the remainder of the block. The total loss will be about \$75,000; insurance not ascertained.

Shot Himself with a Rifle.

Wausau, Wis., Dec. 17.—John Patzer committed suicide Thursday by shooting himself through the head with a Winchester. Temporary derangement on account of bad health was the cause of the deed. He had been city clerk for three terms, member of the council, register of deeds four terms, and was a member of the Odd Fellows, A. F. and A. M. and United Workmen.

From Pulpit to Stage.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 17.—Rev. Benjamin T. Frego, rector of St. John's Episcopal church at this place, has tendered his resignation, to take place Jan. 1, 1897, when he will leave the ministry and enter the study of dramatics, preparatory to going on the stage next August to star jointly with Clay Clement in a repertoire of Shakespearean plays.

Killed by a Bursting Saw.

Pontiac, Ills., Dec. 17.—While Frank Crouch, a young man, was sawing wood with a circular horse power saw, it burst. A piece of the saw struck Crouch, splitting his head open, also cutting deep into his shoulder, severing the shoulder blade. Death was instantaneous.

NEWS CONDENSED.

Summary of Happenings All Over the Great World.

The employes of the Pacific Rolling mills, San Francisco, numbering 125 men, are on a strike because of a reduction in wages.

Theophile Lee, of New York, starved himself into a state of temporary insanity so that his wife might have food.

Obituary: At Milton, Wis., Rev. William Walker, 94. At Flint, Mich., Colonel W. B. McCreery, 39. At Milwaukee, Andrew Douglas, 86. At Denver, James G. Tesh, ex-mayor of Sedalla, Mo., 65. At Jacksonville, Ills., William C. Carter.

Colonel A. K. McClure, of the Philadelphia Times, Wednesday night celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into journalism.

The results of the census of 1895 in Germany give a population of 54,244,503, an increase since 1890 of 2,816,057, or 1.14 per cent. increase per year.

Cliff Simpson, 20 years old, stabbed and fatally wounded his teacher, Clarence Campbell, at Mandeville, Mo., because the latter chastised him.

The grand jury of Ford county, Ills., has returned an indictment against Frederick Hartman for the murder of Mrs. Webke Gedde of Drummer township.

Fred Thoromar, an insurance agent, was held up by two footpads in West Union, O., and robbed of \$47. He was beaten with clubs, shot through the thigh, and left for dead. He crawled to a house near by, where he fell unconscious.

The Wisconsin state board of pharmacy has elected H. P. Frank president. Marshall J. Miller was hanged at San Quentin, Cal., for the murder of Joseph Pierre of Marysville.

In one of Boston's busiest thoroughfares there is a sign which reads: "Cole & Wood, Dealers in Wood and Coal."

The explosion of a vulcanizer in the dental rooms of W. M. Schlawig at Sibley, Ia., caused a probably fatal injury to the dentist's wife.

M. J. Foley, a prominent merchant, mysteriously disappeared about ten days ago from the Mondamin hotel, Sioux City, Ia. It is feared he has been murdered.

A recently passed ordinance making it a crime to spit in street cars is being rigidly enforced in Boston.

Archbishop Benson's life is to be written by his son, the author of "Dodo."

George Bryan of Elm Springs, Ark., set fire to a fuse in a well and before he reached the top the blast was discharged, blowing his body into atoms.

Andrew Souers has filed suit against James Bubaker for \$5,000 damages, charging alienation of the affections of his wife. Both are rich farmers.

Mrs. Susan Whisehant, the oldest person in Jefferson county, Ills., died in her 98th year.

L. S. Abbot, an alleged horse thief, and John Hall, an alleged forger, escaped from the county jail at Jasper, Ind., leaving a note telling who furnished them tools. Bloodhounds are after them.

Motor omnibuses for the streets of Paris will be built to accommodate thirty persons.

James H. Hall, a prominent shoe dealer of Dayton, O., and ex-county recorder, died in his daughter's arms while riding to his home in a street car.

It is figured that Richard Croker's experiences on the turf have already cost him in the neighborhood of \$500,000. His English experiment is set down as costing him \$230,000.

The Vermont legislature has passed a bill prohibiting Sunday excursion trains.

Arizona convicts have been recently leased for ten years at 70 cents per head per day.

A woman of 75 years, who sells newspapers on Potsdammer street, one of the fashionable thoroughfares of Berlin, is said to be a former sweetheart of Bismarck.

A member of the Laconia, N. H., board of education is said to be liable to arrest for not sending his own children to school.

The British National gallery has purchased the portrait of Gilbert Stuart, the painter of Washington's portrait, by himself.

Damage suits aggregating \$350,000 are now pending against Kansas City, and of these an aggregate of \$300,000 are for personal injuries arising from defective sidewalks.

Mark T. Harlan of Broton, Ia., has been arrested on the charge of murdering his 7-year-old daughter. The child died of arsenical poisoning on May 15 last.

According to the official count California gave the McKinley electors 146,588 votes, Bryanites 144,766, and electors for Levering (Prohibition) 2,573.

David Mills of Sterling, Mich., who has struggled hard all his life for a living and has felt the business depression severely, now receives word that a legacy of \$140,000 awaits him in Scotland.

Hugh J. Jewett, former president of the Erie railroad, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia at Glenville, his country home in Maryland, has been removed to New York.

The Wooster avenue car barns and 130 cars of the Akron, O., Street Railway company burned. Loss \$10,000, insurance \$8,000.

Mrs. N. Harry, a leader in church and social circles at Arcola, Ills., drank a quantity of carbolic acid and died. She has been despondent over troubles, imaginary or real.

Mayor Houghton of North Adams, Mass., has given his \$1,000 salary to the local hospital.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts, whom Kipling has immortalized as "Little Bobs," has written a two-volume work called "Forty-One Years in India."

The Emperor of China is systematically studying the New Testament, and is at present reading the gospel of St. Luke.

Frank Cunningham, alias F. S. Fox, was fined \$100 and sentenced to five days in the county jail at Decatur, Ills., for attempting to defraud the Citizens' National bank of \$450 by a false draft.

ENLISTING FOR CUBA.

AMERICANS EAGER TO GO TO AID OF INSURGENTS.

One Company of Men Has Already Left Boston and Another Is Ready to Start—One Thousand Recruits Said to Have Been Secured in St. Louis.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Boston is on fire for "Cuba Libre." The current report of the death of General Maceo by Spanish treachery was the kindling spark. Large numbers of men have been enlisting with the Cuban agents for service with the insurgent army, and in fact the agents can pick and choose from a large amount of material.

One hundred and fifty men enlisted Tuesday, more than ten times as many as have enlisted on any previous day, and forty of these will be sent to the island within a week. One hundred more signed the rolls Wednesday. A good deal of secrecy is necessary in making the enlistment, and all of the applicants are carefully scrutinized and are passed along through a number of successive examinations before they are finally accepted. The junta fears Spanish spies. A party of eighty-five strong, well-drilled men left Boston Tuesday night on the 6 o'clock train for New York and they will proceed direct to Cuba from that port. It is said that these men have been drilled here for some time. Lieutenant Alvarez, the representative of the junta here, managed the party.

Underground Railway Waiting.

The Cuban junta now has the underground railway in a state bordering on perfection, and there are a dozen ways in which they can take recruits from this country and land them in Cuba with little danger of intervention. The men are eager to enlist, and many of them are willing to pay their traveling and equipment expenses for the privilege of serving the Cuban army.

James B. Connolly, the athletic champion, who upheld the honor of America at the Grecian games, is to go to Cuba to aid the patriots in their fight for liberty. Connolly is a South Boston boy, and an expert telegraph operator. The Cuban revolutionary committee needs expert telegraphers and has gladly accepted the offer of Connolly. Connolly expects that he and at least five other expert telegraphers of this city will accompany a party which will go to Cuba within a month. At least seven members of the state militia have applied for a chance to go to Cuba. Two of them were expert artillerymen, and their services were snapped up by the Cuban agents. Another large detachment will leave Boston Thursday.

ONE THOUSAND FROM ST. LOUIS.

Recruiting Office There Busy Forwarding Volunteers. St. Louis, Dec. 17.—All day Cuban sympathizers were leaving St. Louis, and it is known that at least three hundred prospective recruits to the Cuban army started off to southern points in Florida and other gulf points to embark for the distracted island. A man named Van Gerst, an agent of the Cuban junta in New York, has had an office at 905 Chouteau avenue here for the last month and claims to have secured 1,000 recruits, and from reports that come from surrounding towns and the large number of men who have arrived here during the week inquiring for Cuban headquarters, his claims seem entirely justified. The wave of sympathy for the struggling Cubans has taken a deep hold here, some of the most prominent citizens being now at work for the Cuban cause.

Burned a Spanish Flag.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 17.—There was an enthusiastic massmeeting at the court house Tuesday night, called by Mayor Simrall to take action regarding the Cuban revolution. Ex-Mayor Davidson and several other prominent citizens made strong speeches favoring Cuba and advocating intervention of the United States. After the meeting adjourned Colonel Tom Davidson burned a Spanish flag on the court house steps, amid much enthusiasm. Captain Lomire, commander of company E, state guard, informed the meeting that he had forty men ready to go to Cuba at twenty-four hours' notice.

LUMBERMEN AT CINCINNATI.

Representatives from Twenty-Seven States Assemble in Convention. Cincinnati, Dec. 16.—Pursuant to a call issued by J. E. Desebaugh, publisher of The Timberman, and W. B. Judson, publisher of The Lumberman, 150 delegates, representing twenty-seven states, assembled here when the national convention of lumber interests was called to order. Previous to perfecting a temporary organization Messrs. Judson and Desebaugh made elaborate addresses, explaining the purpose of the convention, the requests for call and the present condition of the lumber business. Both had prepared elaborate statements with statistics on the lumber trade. They appealed to the delegates from the southern states, which section was largely represented. While the present purpose is to secure a tariff on lumber, yet a permanent organization is being perfected for the general interests of lumbermen in the future.

The committee on permanent organization reported as follows: President, C. W. Goodyear, Buffalo; vice presidents, H. Clay Flinn, Maryland, and E. F. Skinner, Florida; secretary, C. W. Wells, Illinois.

Commissioner Veasey Resigns.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Mr. Wheelock G. Veasey of Vermont has sent his resignation to the president as a member of the interstate commerce commission. Mr. Veasey's resignation is due to ill-health resulting from a heat stroke.

The president Monday sent to the senate the following nomination: Charles A. Prouty of Vermont, to be an interstate commerce commissioner, vice Wheelock G. Veasey, resigned.

American Federation of Labor.

Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—Delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention were called to order in Odd Fellows' hall by President Gompers Monday morning, and welcomed by Mayor Caldwell. Some lively contests for seats are looked for, as W. C. Pomeroy and O. E. Woodbury, both of Chicago, have locked horns. Opposition to Gompers is found to lack organization, and is not expected to be effective.

ALONZO WALLING TO HANG.

Reporter Arrested for Clandestinely Securing Court Decisions.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 14.—The court of appeals has reaffirmed the decision of the lower court at Newport, Ky., in sentencing Alonzo Walling to be hanged as the accomplice of Scott Jackson for the murder of Pearl Bryan last January. It is quite likely that the date fixed for the execution of both men will be about the anniversary of the murder or early in February.

Frank G. Robbins of Cincinnati was arrested for contempt of court. It is claimed that Robbins clandestinely got into the court consultation room and gave out the Walling decision to The Times-Star over an hour before it was announced by the court. When Robbins was arraigned it was ascertained that he had two flags—one white and one black, the latter indicating a decision affirming the death sentence. Representatives of other papers saw him wave the black flag, and informed the court. Robbins belongs to one of the most prominent families of Cincinnati. He was fined and sentenced to thirty days in jail.

RELEASED FROM PRISON.

Mrs. and Mrs. Clarke Innocent of the Murder of Stewart.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 15.—Governor Rickards has granted a free pardon to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarke, serving seventeen year terms each in the penitentiary at Deer Lodge, for the murder of John P. Stewart by poisoning. They had already served a year of the sentence. Stewart was a wealthy man and suspicion first fell upon his wife, Mary Stewart. She was arrested at Spokane, and tried at Missoula. To save herself she accused her mother and stepfather. They were convicted by her testimony of murder in the second degree. But remorse overtook Mrs. Stewart and she finally confessed to an attorney and to ex-Governor Toole, but committed suicide before a written statement could be signed. Governor Rickards made what reparation lay in his power by pardoning them.

No Action on Cuba.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate committee on foreign relations held a meeting Wednesday, which was devoted to a consideration of the Cuban resolutions which have been referred to it. No action was taken and the committee adjourned to meet on Friday. It was said that the sentiment of the committee was favorable toward reporting one of the resolutions, though its form was not determined. The postponement of action until Friday was for the purpose of securing further information from the state department as to the situation in Cuba, especially as to the latest developments in the island.

Hearings on a Tariff.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The hearings to be given by the ways and means committee on the tariff question promises to attract an even greater number of business men to Washington than usually gather during a revision of the tariff. The committee is overwhelmed with applications from representatives of the interests who are anxious to present arguments for increasing the rates. The Democratic members of the committee intend to marshal witnesses in rebuttal to advocate the continuance of the Wilson bill.

Crooked Witnesses Sentenced.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 16.—John Seward and William Trusty, witnesses in the Pearl Bryan murder case, who were convicted of false swearing, were Tuesday sentenced in Newport, Ky. Seward was given two years and Trusty one year in the penitentiary. They attempted to make the jurors believe that Pearl Bryan was beheaded on the Ohio side of the river and conveyed to Fort Thomas afterward. The court of appeals has granted attorneys for Scott Jackson thirty days in which to file a petition for a rehearing.

Woodman's Cuban Resolution.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Congressman Woodman of Chicago introduced in the house Tuesday a 500-word joint resolution directing the president to express to Spain our condemnation of Spain's methods of warfare and especially the murder of Maceo, to recognize the independence of Cuba, and to demand that Spain immediately withdraw from Cuba all her armed forces. In one of the preceding whereas he refers to the president's message as "an argument in favor of the Spanish butchers in Cuba."

Navigation Closed on the Lakes.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Navigation on Lake Erie practically closed here Wednesday. There are a few boats in transit making for winter quarters, but loading for long trips is over. The life saving stations here and at Erie were closed and the men relieved of duty. The stations on Lake Ontario closed Saturday and navigation on that lake ended with the week. A dispatch from St. Catherine's, Ont., says both the old and new canals have closed for the season.

City Elections in Massachusetts.

Boston, Dec. 17.—The thirty-two municipalities in the state held elections this month. Throughout the state the Republicans have seemingly lost some of the advantage obtained in the state election, although in few instances did national politics enter. The total license vote in the state shows a decided increase in license over last year, while the no license vote is slightly reduced. The total vote for license in 1896, yes, 124,776; no, 104,055.

Agricultural Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The house agricultural committee has practically completed the agricultural appropriation bill. This bill follows very closely the lines of the one drawn last year and the amount to be appropriated will be about the same, which was, including the weather bureau, \$2,298,532.

Big Mill to Resume.

Warren, O., Dec. 17.—Orders have been issued to get the mill of the Union Iron and Steel company at Girard ready for operation by Jan. 1. This is one of the best mills in the Mahoning valley. It has been idle for months and has only been operated at long intervals during the past three years.

Weyer Hanged in Effigy.

Wheeling, Va., Dec. 17.—Captain General Weyer was hung in effigy at 6:30 Wednesday morning at Main and Fourteenth streets. Many people took part. Cuban sympathizers are holding night meetings here.

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CHAPTER I.

The snow was mantling the wild waste of barren prairie stretching toward the white peaks of the Big Horn, shrouding its desolation, hiding its accustomed ugliness and warning scout, soldier or cowboy to look well to his landmarks before venturing forth upon its trackless sea, for even the cattle trails were hidden and the stage road lost to view. Between its banks of glistening white the Platte rolled black and swollen, for a rare that had happened—so rare that old trappers and traders said they never knew the like before since first they sighted "Lar'mie" peak or forced the passes of the Medicine Bow—there had been three days of softly falling snow and not a whisper of a Wyoming gale. There had been a thaw in the Laramie plains, preceded by a soft south wind in the park country of Colorado, and whole fleecy hillsides, said the natives, were "slumping off" in the upper waters of the river. And that was how the Platte came to be tossing high its wintry wave under the old stockade at a ferry and sweeping in power, instead of feyly in peace, beneath its icy blanket, around the huge bluff where waved the colors of old Fort Frayne.

The roadway winding from the river-side up to the adjutant's office at the southern end of the garrison was still unbroken. The guard at the ferryhouse had been withdrawn, and as for the veteran stockade, sole relic of the early days of the overland stage route, it looked now in its silence and desolation, heavily capped as it was with its weight of snow, like some huge, flattened out charlotte de russe—at least that was what Ellis Farrar, daughter of the post commander, likened it to as she peered from the north window of their cozy quarters on the crest of the bluff. "And to think of Christmas being almost here and not a chance of getting a wagon through from the railway," she murmured, "and I so longed to make it bright and joyous for mother! It is always her saddest season."

These low toned words were addressed to Captain Leale of her father's regiment, a strong, soldierly fielding man of nearly 40 years, who, with fieldglass in hand, had been studying the wintry landscape to the north and east. He turned as the young girl spoke, and, lowering his glasses, followed her eyes and looked anxiously across the bright army parlor to where the firelight from the blazing logs upon the hearth fell full upon a matronly woman whose luxuriant hair was already turning gray, and whose sweet, patient face bore the unmistakable trace of deep sorrow. She was seated at a desk, an unfinished letter before her, and had paused in the midst of her writing and dropped off into the dreamland of faraway scenes and memories. From a drawer in the desk she had taken what was evidently a portrait, a small photograph, and had been intently studying it while the only other occupants of the room were busy at the window.

"It is—you know—Royle's, my brother's picture," she whispered. "I know it, though I haven't seen it in over so long—five years, I think."

Again the captain bowed, inclining his head in the slow, grave way that was habitual with him. "I know," he said briefly, and the gaze he fixed upon his colonel's wife was full of anxiety and sympathy. "I have often wished that your father's promotion had brought him to any other garrison in the army. You remember he was stationed here when lieutenant colonel, and it was from here that Royle went to West Point."

"I remember it but vaguely. That was nine years ago, captain, and I was but 7. We saw him during his cadet furlough two years later—in 1883—and that was the last. Mother only rarely speaks of him, and father never unless—unless," she added, with timid appeal, "he does to you. Does he?" Captain Leale paused a moment before replying. Only that very morning had his colonel talked with him, the most trusted of his troop commanders, of Ellis' long missing brother. Only within an hour had Farrar sought again his advice as to one whom he could not bring himself to name and referred to in shame and sorrow as "my eldest," and only rarely as "my son." First born of the little flock, the boy had been given his father's name. The only child for several years, petted, spoiled, overindulged by a fond, pure hearted mother, then reared among the isolated army garrisons of the far west, the handsome, headstrong, daring youth but all too early had shown a tendency to wild companionship and reckless living. Few men in the cavalry army of the service were held in higher esteem than Colonel Royle Farrar, who, entering the service with the first regiment to be sent to the front from New York city in the spring of 1861, had fought his way to the command of a brigade in the last campaign and then been commissioned as a junior major of cavalry at the reorganization of the regular army. The president himself had tendered Farrar, long afterward, a cadetship for his son, and it was gratefully yet almost fearfully accepted. The mother could not be brought to believe her boy would not strive to do honor to his name at the Point. The father dreaded that the wayward, reckless fellow, intolerant of restraint or discipline, would merit punishment, and, being punished,

would resent. Royle stood the ordeal only fairly well at first. Demerits in profusion and "light prison" twice had clouded his record before the furlough year, but the mother's eyes rejoiced in the sight of the handsome, stalwart young soldier after his two years of rigorous training, even though the mother heart grieved over the evidences of dissipation and vice which speedily marred the long looked for days of his vacation. Between him and his father had been more than one stormy scene before Royle returned to the academy—interviews from which the senior issued pale, stern, sorrowful, the young man gloomy, sullen and more than half defiant.

In his second class year came tidings of misdemeanor that almost broke the mother's heart. Farrar hastened from the distant frontier to the banks of the Hudson, expecting nothing short of dismissal for the boy, and promising the mother to fetch him at once to her, but the court, even in sentencing, had signed a plea for mercy for the cadet who bore so honored a name, a plea that his classmates would never have indorsed, and the president remitted the punishment to a term of confinement to barracks and camp. The father wasted no words in reproach. He pointed out to the son that this was his last chance. Royle, Jr., had sullenly responded that his discipline was due entirely to spies and talebearers and showed neither contrition nor promise of amend. A year later came the last straw. Reported for a violation of regulations in having liquor in his possession, Cadet Farrar wrote a lying explanation to the effect that it was placed in his room by parties unknown to him and for the purpose of bringing him into trouble, but he had been seen "off limits" at a questionable resort in the neighboring village the previous night, had been drinking and card playing there, had lost money and refused to pay, had been seen returning by two lower classmen, to whom he offered liquor, then staggered to his quarters only an hour or so before reveille roll call. He was placed in close arrest after being confronted with the array of evidence, and that night deserted and was seen no more. Again the colonel made his mournful pilgrimage to the Point, and old comrades pitying, sorrowfully told him the whole story. He went back to his regiment looking ten years older, took his wife and two younger children, Will and Ellis, to his heart, and from that day never spoke again his first born's name. It had been for years his custom to sign all official papers in full—Royle Farrar—but the very sound of the Christian name seemed from that time on to give him distress, and R. Farrar became his signature personal or official.

The young man was heard of occasionally, however, borrowing money from his father's friends and relatives on his father's account. Then he went to sea, then returned to New York and wrote a long letter to his mother, telling how he mourned the old days and was going to lead a new life, and she too gladly sent him all the money she had. Then there was another interval, and after a year he again appeared as a suppliant for aid. He had been desperately ill, he said, and kind but poor, humble people had cared for him, and they ought to be rewarded. The mother would have sent again her last cent to him direct, but Farrar interposed. His check went to a trusted friend, with instructions to investigate, and that friend was his old comrade, Major Fenton, and, as he expected, it proved only another lie.

Then there came an era of apparent prosperity, and now the poor mother in joy besought her husband to recognize the son, for he reported himself in good employ with a fair salary and brilliant prospects. He even sent a draft to repay a small portion of what he termed his father's loan, but this was soon followed by a draft on his father for double the amount, and later another, and then letters of inquiry came from his employer, and then rueful complaint of how that trusting person had been swindled. In her agony of grief and disappointment the mother's health was giving way, and Farrar concealed from her particulars even worse—that their wretched son had won the love of his employer's daughter and that she had followed him from her father's house. There had been a secret marriage. There was another Royle. This news had come to the colonel but a day or two before. It was this that had unsealed his lips and turned him to Captain Leale for counsel and support.

"My daughter," wrote the bereaved father, "was the idol of my heart, the image of the mother who was taken from her long years ago. Yet she turned from me in the passion of her love for him, and they have gone God alone knows where. If you can find him, say that though he has robbed me poor I can forgive him all if he will but be good and kind to her. She was delicately nurtured, as carefully educated as your own daughter could be, sir, and she was more to me, for she was my all. I own that, having married him, my duty was with her husband, but why should she have hidden that marriage from her father? My own fortune is well high wrecked, but she has her mother's little portion—enough if he can resist his craving for drink and gambling to saving them in comfort. I pray you help me save my child."

All this sad history was now well known to Malcolm Leale, and his eyes were full of sorrow as he bent them upon the gentle, yearning woman at the desk, lost in her study of her firstborn's face. Ellis in turn stood watching him. She was a girl of 16, yet seemed older far, because of the years in which she had been her mother's companion and closest friend. Then, as he made no answer to her query and seemed plunged in thought, she turned and stepped lightly over to the mother's side.

"Day dreaming again, Queen Mother?" she asked in the half playful way that was habitual with her. "If you don't go on with your letter to Will, it won't be ready for the courier. Captain Leale tells me they are to send one out at noon."

"Will they really?" asked Mrs. Farrar, rousing suddenly. "Why, I had given up all hopes of hearing from him this week or of getting a letter to him. Who is to go, captain? The pass must be I think deep in snow."

"I think not, Mrs. Farrar. There was very little wind, you know, and the fall seems to have been very uniform. Corporal Rorke and a couple of my men are getting ready now. The colonel was still waiting, hoping that there might be some news from Red Cloud."

"Why, how can it come? The wires are down the road hidden and the river unfordable," said Ellis eagerly. "The last news was further. I own I don't want to hear further."

Over Leale's face a graver shadow fell. "There are Indian riders who could easily make the journey," he said, "Crow Knife, for instance, whom the colonel sent over with the scouts five days ago. The fact that he hasn't returned makes me hopeful that matters are quieting down," but here he turned again to the window to level his glass upon the broad, rolling expanse of white, stretching in wave after wave to the bleak horizon.

"God forbid there should be further trouble," said Mrs. Farrar slowly, lingeringly replacing the portrait in its drawer. "Surely the general has force enough there now to keep those Indians in check," she ventured appealingly.

Leale lowered his binocular again. "He has, provided the renegades captured on the Cheyenne are not sent back there. Those people should not be taken to the agency. They are Minceconous, Uncapapas, Brules, a turbulent, ill conditioned lot, who make trouble wherever the others are peaceably disposed. They should have been disarmed and dismounted and put under guard at Fort Robinson until this question is settled. What I fear is that Red Wolf's band is still out and is defying the agent, and that the revolt will spread to Kill Eagle's village. If they go on the warpath, some of our best scouts will be involved. That boy, Crow Knife, is worth his weight in gold, but his father and mother would follow Kill Eagle."

"Do you think—do you think that if they should revolt we—our command—would have to be ordered out?" asked Ellis anxiously.

"It might be," he replied cautiously, "but I am hoping that no winter campaign is in store for us. Think of a march over such a waste as that," and he pointed to the snow clad scene before them. "We couldn't cross the Platte this side of Laramie either, even if the stream were fordable. The running ice would cut the horses from under us."

Out across the parade, clear, yet soft, as though muffled by the snow, the cavalry trumpet began sounding orderly call. "Rorke and his men will start as soon as they have had dinner, Mrs. Farrar," said Leale, "and I must see the colonel before they go. I will send for your letters." He took up the glasses again for one last survey, Ellis narrowly watching him while her mother went on with her writing. For a moment the search seemed barren of result, as before, but suddenly Leale started, stepped nearer the window and riveted his attention on one spot. Ellis quickly noted it.

"You see some one?" she asked. A brief nod was the only answer. Then, glass in hand, the captain suddenly turned to a side door, let himself out into another room and thence to the outer gallery surrounding the house. Here his view was unobstructed. Two gentlemen were coming up the pathway from the adjutant's office, and a soldier in immaculate uniform and side arms following a short distance behind indi-



"You see some one?" she asked. "The one in uniform was the post commander, the elder one, a distinguished looking man of nearly 60, whose pointed mustache and imperial were well nigh as white as the new fallen snow about him, whose complexion, bronzed by years of exposure to prairie sun and wind, was ruddy brown, almost like Russian leather."

Over Leale's face fell the same shadow of anxiety that was noted when he stood gazing in silence upon the sorrowing mother at the desk within. The colonel was talking in an earnest manner to the man at his side, a civilian, so far as his dress would indicate, yet a civilian with the erect carriage and brisk step of a soldier—a handsome fellow, too, of perhaps seven and twenty years. Leale turned from them with some impatience.

"I'd bet a month's pay if I ever bet a cent in the world," he muttered to himself, "that old Fenton's nephew had no thought whatever of hunting when he came here in midwinter. The question is, What else has brought him besides what I have already learned, and why does he haunt Farrar from morning till night?"

At the window the fair, girlish face brightened an instant at sight of the coming soldier, then clouded as quickly as the civilian came in view. "Mr. Ormsby again!" murmured Ellis below her breath, and the bow of recognition which she gave him in answer to the quick uplifting of his sealskin cap lacked all of the warmth and interest that beamed in Ormsby's face at sight of her. Seeing Leale, the colonel pressed on to join him on the northward porch. Catching sight of Ellis, the civilian fell back, entered the gateway and came briskly to the door. An instant later and his step was heard in the hallway. Ellis turned to the window in something unlike aversion. The mother it was who rose eagerly to welcome the coming guest.

"Prompt as ever, Mr. Ormsby," she cried as she entered the parlor, fresh and rosy from the keen air. "I wish you might teach my husband to be more punctual at luncheon."

"Indeed I feared I was detaining him, Mrs. Farrar. He's merely stopped one moment to speak with Captain Leale. He was showing me over the barracks. You have no idea how vividly interesting all this is to me. I have shouldered the musket with the Seventh for eight years and have never visited an army post before."

"Oh, didn't you see your uncle when he was at Riley? He used to write to my husband of you time and again and of your pride in your regiment."

"No, he was in a New York on recruiting service then, a few years ago, you remember, and we used to get him up to the armory or to our camp occasionally."

"And he was very, very kind to my poor boy, my Royle," said Mrs. Farrar wistfully, searching the face of her guest, "and when you came to us with letters from our old friend, for we had known him before our marriage, he said continued, a faint color rising to her cheek, "it seemed almost like welcoming him. There was nothing too good for Major Fenton that our home afforded after all he tried to do, at least for—him." The sigh with which she spoke seemed to well up from the depths of the mother's heart. Ellis, with light footsteps, had left the room to greet her father on the piazza without, and for the first time since his coming, three days and previous, just in time to be hemmed in and held at Frayne by the great snowfall, Mrs. Farrar was alone with her guest. "There is something I have longed to ask you, Mr. Ormsby," she went on, "something I must ask you, for a mother's intuition is keen, and I feel sure you have seen or known my poor boy in the past. Have you heard—do you know anything of him now?"

"Mrs. Farrar, I give you my word I have not the faintest idea of his whereabouts."

"Forgive me if I am intrusive, important," she persisted. "But—Major Fenton—he was Major Fenton then, you know, and I think of him with the title he bore when he was so good—so friendly—when my unhappy boy—most needed friends. You were with your uncle often then. Did you not meet—did you not know my Royle?"

Ormsby's honest eyes betrayed the deep embarrassment under which he labored, and she, watching every sign with painful intensity, read the truth, despite his faltering reply.

"Once or twice, Mrs. Farrar, but I knew him only very slightly."

"Tell me still more, Mr. Ormsby. You have been most considerate to me in my husband's sad face and abstracted manner I have read the truth. He has heard news—worse news of Royle—and so you have been the bearer. Is it not so?"

But Ormsby pulled himself together, this time at least like a man, and braved her.

"I assure you it is not so, Mrs. Farrar. From me at least the colonel has heard nothing new—nothing worse. I beg you to dismiss the thought."

But he did not say that he had come prepared to tell, ay, instructed to tell, of crowning disgrace—come with the written proposition of his employers to relinquish the pursuit of Royle Farrar provided the father would make good the sum they had lost through the son's forgery.

"God bless you, Mr. Ormsby, for the lead you have lifted from my heart," she cried. "Ever since you came I have dreamed more and more each day that you were the bearer of evil tidings of him who has almost broken his father's heart and yet cannot, must not, shall not be beyond redemption if a mother's love and prayers are of any avail. Even Ellis has seemed to share my dread. I have read it in her manner, as perhaps you have too. She did not mean to be unkind, inhospitable to our guest, but that sorrow has overshadowed us all. Even my bright, brave Will, who is doing all a boy can do to redeem the name at the Point—even Will, I say, is sometimes confronted by the record that his erring brother left."

dim, black object far, far across the turbid Platte, far out to the eastward, across those snowcapped slopes.

"Can you make out what's coming, Leale?"

"I think so, colonel."

"What is it?"

Leale slowly lowered the glass, and, never turning, answered in low but positive tone:

"Our marching orders—for the agency. Red Wolf escaped. Kill Eagle's whole village has jumped for the Bad Lands."

And that meant that the Twelfth must drop its Christmas and fetch the wanderers home.

CHAPTER II.

"Hush! Silence there!" for dimly seen through the drifts Colonel Farrar, with his little party of attendants, came riding to the front of the line. Long, long afterward they remembered that clear cut, soldierly, high bred face, with its aquiline nose, keen, kindly, deep set eyes, the gray white mustache, snow white now, as was his close cropped hair.

"Men," said he in the firm tones they had known so long and well, "fully half the band are some miles away, but Kill Eagle, with over 100 warriors, is right here in our front; so, too, are his women and children; so, too, worse luck, are some of our own unhappy captives. You all know the first thing those Indians would do, were we to attack as usual, would be to murder those poor white women. This snow-storm is in our favor. We can creep right in upon them before we charge. The ponies are down in the valley, to the south. Let the first line dash straight through the village and stampede the herd, then rally and return. Let the second follow at 100 yards and surround the women at the eastward end. What white women are with them are there. The Indian men, as a rule, will make a dash in the direction of the ponies. Shoot them down wherever you can, but mark my words now, be careful of the women and children. I had intended summoning Kill Eagle to surrender, but we did not begin to know he had so many warriors close at hand and did not know about the captives. Bat has seen, and that is enough. There is no other way to settle it. It's the one chance of rescuing those poor creatures. Now, keep together. Watch your officers' commands and signals, and spare the squaws and papooses. Be ready in two minutes."

And then every man took a long breath, while the colonel rode through to say similar words to the second line. Then, returning, he placed himself just in the rear of the center of the first squadron, the second line noiselessly advancing and closing up on the leaders, and then he seemed to think of another point.

"Ask Mr. Ormsby if he will ride with me," said he to the adjutant.

"Now, Leale, forward at a walk. Follow Bat. It's all level ahead of you. You'll sight the village in three or four minutes."

The tall, stalwart captain touched his hat, took off his "broad brim," shaking away a load of snow, and spurred out a little to the front. There, looking back to both his right and left, he gave the signal "Forward!" and with almost a single impulse the long, dark rank of horsemen, open at the center in an interval of some half a dozen yards, without other sound than the slight rattle of accouterments and the muffled rumble of 500 hoofs, moved steadily forward. A moment the colonel sat and watched them, smiled a cordial greeting to Ormsby, who, pistol in hand, came trotting over with the adjutant; then, signaling to the second line, he, too, gave his horse the rein, and at a steady walk followed the colonel to the center of Leale's command. In his hand at the moment he held a little pocket compass and smiled as he noted the line of direction.

"Almost due southeast at this instant," said he. "We ought to bag our game and be well across the Mini Pusa with them in less than an hour."

Unconsciously the pace was quickening. Foremost of all, well out in front of the center, rode the half breed Indian guide, bending low over his pony's neck, his black, beady eyes peering ahead. Well out to the right and left were other scouts, eager and alert, like Bat himself. Then, squarely in the center, on his big, powerful bay, rode Leale, commander of the foremost line, and Ormsby's soldierly heart throbbled with admiration as he marked, just before Leale was hidden from view, his spirited, confident bearing and noted how the eyes of all the line seemed fixed on their gallant leader. And now some of the horses began to dance and tug at the bit and plunge, and others to take a jog trot, for the Indian scouts were at the lope, and their gesticulations became every moment more vehement, and then Bat was seen, though visible only to the first line, to grab his revolver, and Leale's gauntleted hand almost instantly reached the holster, and out came the ready colt, its muzzle raised in air.

Out, in quick and ready imitation, leaped 100 more, and instinctively the jog changed to a lively trot, and the dull, thudding hoofs upon the snow muffled earth rose louder and more insistent, and Ormsby, riding at the colonel's left, gripped tighter his revolver and hampered loud, and then dimmer and dimmer grew the first line as it led away, and still the colonel's firm hand kept Roderick dancing impatiently at the slower gait, and then, just as it seemed as though the line would be swallowed up in snow and disappear from view, quick and sudden two muffled shots were heard from somewhere just in front, the first syllable perhaps of some stentorian shout of warning, and then one magnificent burst of cheers and a rush of charging men and a crash and a crackle and sputter of shots, and then fierce rallying cries and piercing screams of women and of terrified little ones, and, like some huge human wave, the first line of the Twelfth rode on and

over and through the startled camp and bore like a whirlwind, yelling, down upon the pony herds beyond.

And now comes the turn of the second line. Seeking shelter from the snowstorm, warriors, women and children were for the most part within the tepees as the line crashed in. Some few were with the miserable captives, but at the first sound of danger every warrior had seized his rifle and rushed for the open air. Some few, throwing themselves upon their faces, fired wild shots at the foremost troopers as they came bounding through, but as a rule only a few opposed their passage, so sudden was the shock.

Then came the realization that the herds were being driven, and that not an instant must be lost in mounting such ponies as were still tethered about the villages, and darting away in a wide circle—away from the troops—yet concentrating again beyond them and regaining the lead. And so, where the first line met an apparently sleeping village, the second comes cheering, charging, firing, thundering through a swarming mob of yelling braves and screaming squaws.

Farrar, foremost in the charge, with the civilian guardsman close at his side, shouts warning to the women, even as he empties his pistol at the howling men. Close at his back come Amory and his sorrel troop, cheering like mad, battering over Indians too slow to jump aside and driving their hissing lead at every warrior in their path. And still the colonel shouts, "This way!" and Ormsby, Amory and the adjutant ride at his heels, and the sorrels especially follow his lead, and, dashing through a labyrinth of lodges, they rein up cheering about two grimy tepees, at which Bat is excitedly pointing and the ranchmen both are shouting and the names of loved relatives and listening eagerly for answer, and thrilling voices within are crying, "Here! Here!" and stalwart men, swinging from saddle, are rushing in, pistol in hand, and tearing aside the flimsy barriers that hide the rescued captives from the eyes of their deliverers, and the other troop, re-ordered again by strong squads from Leale's rallied line, are dashing to and fro



Levels her revolver.

through the village, firing at the Indians who are scurrying away. Just as Amory and the adjutant charge at a little knot of scowling redskins, whose rifles are blazing at them not a dozen yards distant, just as the good old colonel, afoot now, is clasp ing the hand of some poor woman whose last hope was gone but a moment before and even while listening to her frantic blessings finds time to shout again to his half maddened men: "Don't hurt the women, ladies. Look out for the children!" a haglike, blanketed fury of a Brulo squaw springs from behind the shelter of a pile of robes, levels her revolver, and, pulling trigger at the instant, leaps screaming down into the creek bottom, leaving Farrar sinking slowly into the snow.

An hour later, with strong skirmish lines out on every side of the captured village, with a score of Indian warriors sent to their last account and the others scattered over the face of the earth, the little battalion of the Twelfth is wondering if, after all, the fight were worth winning, for here in their midst, his head on Leale's arm, his fading sight fixed on the tear dimmed eyes of his faithful comrade, here lies their beloved old colonel, his last messages murmured in that listening ear: "Leale—old friend—find—that poor girl—my—my son robbed and ruined and deserted—and be the friend to her—you've been to me—and mine. God bless!"

And this—while the regiment, obeying its stern duty, goes on in pursuit—this is the news Jack Ormsby has to break to the loving, breaking hearts at Frayne.

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IN AND ABOUT THE CITY.

Vacation commences this evening. Next Monday will be the shortest day of the year.

Fraternity Lodge will work the third degree tonight. Visiting brothers welcome.

Washtenaw County's Lansing contingent consulted with the board of regents Wednesday.

Wahr & Miller have a very attractive window display, in the shape of two revolving Eiffel towers.

The directors of the State Savings bank have declared a 3 per cent semi-annual dividend, payable Jan. 1st.

The B. P. O. Elks gave a reception Wednesday night to the Guy Bros. Minstrel troupe, most of whom are members of the order.

The University School of Dancing, will give a program party every Saturday evening during vacation, also Christmas and New Year's evenings.

The local members of the order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, have received invitations to a grand ball New Year's eve, at the Temple in Detroit.

Quite a number of the local Masons will go to Detroit tomorrow evening to attend a school of instruction, and see the third degree conferred by Palestine lodge.

The directors of the Farmers & Mechanics bank, have re-elected their old officers, Reuben Kempf, pres.; Chas. E. Greene, vice-pres.; F. H. Belsler, cashier.

Dr. Vaughan will address the State Teachers' association at Lansing, during the holidays. His subject will be "Sanitary Science in a college course of study."

The Loyal Temperance Legion will meet Saturday, Dec. 19th, at 2 p. m. over Calkins' drug store. As this is the last meeting before the holidays a large attendance is desired.

Owens Camp of Ypsilanti, M. W. A., came up about 35 strong to assist Ann Arbor Camp in initiation ceremonies. Light refreshments were served. Ann Arbor Camp is now 97 strong.

County Clerk Dansingburg went to Jackson Saturday as a member of the board of canvassers for this senatorial district. They declared Andrew Campbell elected, with a majority of 41.

Detroit Chapter, D. A. R., has invited Ann Arbor Chapter, D. A. R., to attend their annual banquet to be held in Detroit, Jan. 8. It is expected a number of the members in this city will attend.

A. J. Sawyer has secured rooms at Lansing for the coming session. If you want to find him go to 412 Grand street south. If you want to find him during the session go any place into the capitol and listen.

Geo. D. Tienkin of Rochester, Mich., a dental student, died at the Xi Psi Phi house, Wednesday morning. His parents came on, and after short funeral services Wednesday afternoon the body was taken home for burial.

THE DEMOCRAT has made arrangements for a regular Lansing letter during the sessions of the legislature. The proceeding will be given in condensed and readable form. If you want to keep tab on what is being done there, subscribe for THE DEMOCRAT.

The street railway company must improve the time of its run between here and Ypsilanti or lose much business. We were told the other day of nine men who are going to buy books on the Central because of the slow and irregular time made by the electric line.

A pleasant dinner was given to the foot-ball team, at the Campus Club, last Saturday night. After partaking of the good things Prettyman had provided to eat, a number of good speeches were listened to. The company parted at a late hour telling what they would do to Chicago next year.

Owing to a mistake in shipment of some of the apparatus from Detroit, the telephone authorities were frustrated in their efforts to have the "Messiah" as given in University hall Wednesday night, heard in New York and Chicago. The plan will be carried out at some future concert.

After the fire in the store of Wad hams, Ryan & Reule about a year ago, all the companies except the Western Assurance Co. of Canada settled their share of the loss promptly. This company refused, and on Tuesday a jury in the circuit court gave the firm a verdict for the full amount.

The following new books have been ordered for the Ladies' library:—Art Hints, Art Ideas, Art Studies, Yarnes; Echoes from the Sabine Farm, Eugene Field; Val D'Arno, Ruskin; Kate Carnegie, Ian Maclaren; The Boys of Cloverhook, Mary Barnes Beal; In Story Land, Elizabeth Harrison.

No appointment will be made to fill the place of Robert Phillips at the State Savings bank for some time. Pres. Booth has arranged to give him time to the bank for the next year, unless sooner retired, and in the meantime the directors will look around so as to be sure to get the right man.

Jack Loney Jr., son of the well known hickman, had a serious accident Monday which may lose him the sight of one eye. The cap on his gun with which he was shooting sparrow burst, and a piece of the shell was buried in his eye. He was taken to the hospital where Dr. Carrow removed the fragments.

We call your attention to our new serial story, "Fort Frayne" by Capt. Chas. King, which begins in this issue. This is Capt. King's latest story, and one of his best. It is intensely interesting, and we believe will be appreciated by our readers. Don't fail to read it. Have your friends subscribe now so as to get the complete story.

The leap year party at the Gym last Saturday afternoon, was a very enjoyable affair, and also a profitable one financially. About 175 tickets were sold for the floor, while the gallery was comfortably filled with spectators. Regents Barbour and Dean, and Profs. Hutchins, Greene and Wenley were chaperones. A Virginia reel, in which all the members of the faculty present participated, took the eye of the gallery and won great applause.

A visitor to the city at this time of year, whose friends are showing him the city, will not see it all unless he is taken to Mills & Co's store to see the decorations. This firm has always prided itself on Christmas decorations, but this year has outdone even its own efforts. The first floor throughout and the front end of the second story are bowers of beauty. Take your friends there whether you want to purchase or not. They will be glad to show you around.

The Lyra Maennerchor last Friday evening elected the following officers:—John B. Eibler, president; Fred Rentschler, vice-president; Eugene G. Wagner, secretary; Robert E. Staebler, treasurer; George H. Fischer, collector; Prof. R. H. Kempf, musical director; Robert Gwinner, Eugene Wagner, Eugene Koch, John Eibler and Henry Meuth, directors. The society expects to remove about January 1 into its fine new hall over Lindenschmitt & Apfel's.

THE DEMOCRAT is in receipt of the report of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Michigan asylum at Pontiac, for the two years ending June 30, '96. There are many interesting features to the report. Of the 4507 patients who have been admitted since the establishment of the asylum, 1498 were natives of Michigan, 341 have been committed from Washtenaw county. A careful perusal of the report gives one quite an idea of what is being done for these unfortunates, and the care exercised by those in charge.

Rev. Edwin S. Shaw, who has been serving as pastor of a Congregational church at Cooperstown, N. D., for a year and a half, writes to his people that they are surrounded with snow drifts 15 to 20 feet high. Mr. Shaw was to have preached the sermon at the union Thanksgiving service, but the storm was so bad that nobody could get to the church, and the services were held the following Sunday.—Ypsilanti Commercial. Mr. Shaw was well known in Ann Arbor, being very prominent in University circles before his graduation.

Real Estate Transfers. Christian Samp & w. to John Miller, Lima, \$ 900. Don C. Jewett, to Will H. Sherzer, Ypsilanti, 3,000. Jas. McFadden & w. to Thos. W. Hammond, Salem, 400. Olivia B. Hall to B. and F. Barker, Ann Arbor, 200. George Boettner, to Frederick C. Boettner, Bridgewater, 4,000. John W. Cowen to Perry L. Townsend, Superior, 60. Esther Hunter to Louis Rohde, Ann Arbor, 600. James Tolbert to Aug. C. Tessmer & w. Ann Arbor, 200. Daniel & Catherine Murray to Edwin Murray, Augusta, 1. Edwin R. Smith & w. to Jacob Raisin, Bridgewater, 2,200. Geo. H. Black to Susanna E. Wheeler, et al, Decree of Assignment, 200.

Marriage Licenses. Geo. Collyer, Willis, 33. Willma Smith, Sumpter, 22. Lewis M. Stoddard, Milan, 29. Gertrude C. McNamara, Cincinnati, 0.22. Jacob Reiser, Bridgewater, 25. Mary Roller, Manchester, 25. Allen Smith, Ann Arbor, 20. Hattie Long, 25. Lee Salsbury, Milan, 27. Ethel May Stone, Stony Creek, 21. Walter Waters, Jr., Belleville, 27. Electa Fosdick, Rawsonville, 20.

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SOCIETY DOINGS.

Mrs. F. Besimer is visiting in Detroit. Mrs. F. H. Belsler is visiting in Toledo.

Jonathan Stanger is visiting in Manchester.

J. E. Beal is in Indianapolis, Ind., on business.

John Moore is confined to his bed, seriously ill.

Wm. Burke did business in Detroit Wednesday.

H. C. Markham and wife spent Sunday in Milan.

Roy C. McClure is in the city for a few weeks visit.

John Burg had another window fire Friday evening.

H. C. Markham is in Detroit this week on business.

Miss Millie Edwards of Detroit, is visiting in the city.

Dr. C. Georg has gone to Chicago on professional business.

Miss Mattie Nelson has accepted a position in Kalamazoo.

Prof. Jonas played at a recital in Toledo, Tuesday evening.

Miss Minna Jacobs is in New York for the winter, studying art.

Miss May Dunlap of Whitmore Lake is visiting friends in the city.

Andrew Muehlig has been off to the great bird show at Louisville.

Mrs. C. A. Maynard is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Foley of Lansing.

Prof. Carhart and wife entertained Pres. Fiske of Albion, over Sunday.

Wm. H. J. Brown is entertaining Miss Louise Winfield of Syracuse, N. Y.

Prof. Jonas leaves to-morrow for New York city, to spend the holidays.

Patrick Donovan of the North side, who has been seriously ill, is recovering.

Will Miller is on duty again at the postoffice, after a good wrestle with the grip.

Mrs. Thompson of Maynard street is recovering from a severe attack of grip.

Frank Campbell is the new proprietor of the Frost grocery on E. Liberty street.

J. L. Babcock and wife are entertaining Miss Elvira Boltwood of Grand Rapids.

Wm. M. Furrand of this city was a witness in the Ashley murder trial in Detroit.

Miss Louise Bogle gave a small party at her home on Hill street, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Howlett entertained Wm. Cook and wife of Highland Tuesday.

Regent Barbour was in the city last week to attend the leap year party at the Gym.

Mrs. T. C. Trueblood has gone to the Sanitarium at Battle Creek for rest and treatment.

Miss Winnie Burchfield, formerly of this city, is reported seriously ill at her home in Texas.

Monday next Mrs. Marion Ross, of the Great Hive office, goes to Chicago to spend Christmas.

Rev. W. H. Walker and wife of Emporia, Kansas, well known in this city, have a new baby boy.

E. W. Hurd has gone to Duluth, Minn., to take charge of the Hurd Refrigerator Co's works.

Miss Grace Day of Detroit, who has been visiting friends in this city, returned home last week.

John Nelson of Toledo, who came up to attend his brother's funeral, remains for a few days visiting friends.

Titus F. Hutzl, M. J. Fritz, and others, spent a few days at the Lakes, winding up the hunting season.

Gerald Brown received very complimentary notices from the Clinton papers for his singing in that village at a recent concert.

The death of Hilda, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bagley, formerly of this city, occurred at Watervliet, Mich., Nov. 18th.

Mrs. E. E. Nichols has gone to Pittsburgh, Pa., to spend the holidays with her children, Mrs. Fred Wood and Mr. Alden Nichols.

Mrs. F. G. Pattee of E. Huron street is in Birmingham, Mich., on an extended visit with her daughter Mrs. Joseph Sparling.

Prof. A. A. Stanley has been appointed a member of the L. A. W. committee on improvement of highways, by Chief Consul Hines.

Christian Schuholtz of Detroit, who is employed in the Peninsular Stove Works, is visiting his mother in the second ward, for three weeks.

Thomas Cavanaugh, a well known graduate of the University, was married Wednesday last to Miss Jessie Harrison of Paw Paw. M. J. Cavanaugh attended the wedding.

Hon. A. A. Barker of Ebensburg, Pa., is visiting in the city. Mr. Barker was formerly a member of Congress from his district, and has long been one of the leading prohibitionists of his state.

Dr. Mosher is entertaining Miss Katherine Ellis Coman, '80, now professor of history and economics at Wellesley college. Miss Coman has just returned from a year's study in Europe.

Dr. James F. Breakey has resigned his position in the Insane asylum at Pontiac, and will return to this city and enter practice with his father. We are glad to welcome him back to Ann Arbor.

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