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FOLEY GUILD.

AN ORGANIZATION FOR THE CATHOLIC STUDENTS OF THE U. OF M.

Named for Bishop Foley of Detroit—A Literary and Musical Organization—Organized for Mutual Improvement, Good Fellowship, and in the Interests of the Church.

The fact that the University is a state institution, and as such not allowed to teach the doctrines of any church or sect, early impressed upon the minds of Christian people the necessity of making ample provision for the spiritual needs of the students. This work naturally, and necessarily, was taken up by the different denominations for themselves, and during the last few years here have been formed a number of associations or guilds, each connected with some one of the churches, but having for its specific object, work among the students. Prominent among these is the Foley Guild, named after Bishop Foley, the present Catholic bishop of Detroit. It was organized in 1889 and adopted a constitution and by-laws the following year. The object of the Guild is unmistakably set forth in the following preamble to the above mentioned constitution: "We the members of this association, in order to bring into closer relations the Catholic students of the University of Michigan, to promote among them feelings of friendship and good will, to foster a deep interest and love for the sacred doctrines of our holy religion, and to give each other mutual aid and encouragement in the acquirement of knowledge and improvement in oratory and composition, do ordain and establish this constitution."

The meetings of the Guild are of a musical as well as of a literary character. All Catholic students of the University of Michigan are welcomed, as well as its honorary members, and given every opportunity for a display of their musical, elocutionary or literary tastes. The Guild has enjoyed the advantages of the best talent the University has seen in all these lines.

Its meetings are held in the music hall of St. Thomas' school without any expense. The room is fitted up in elegant style and its pianos, as well as other musical instruments, are at the service of the students.

COLORED REPUBLICANS.

Hard Work for Them to Decide What They Want.

The colored Republicans of this county have a hard time trying to make up their minds what reward they want as their share of the spoils. A number of meetings have been held, each one resulting in the endorsement of a different candidate. The last meeting was held Saturday morning in the Court House. The Ypsilanti delegation it was supposed had agreed to support M. W. Guy of this city, but at the last minute presented Frank Johnson of Ypsilanti, who was finally chosen, and will be urged for a clerkship at Lansing.

LANGUAGE TEACHERS.

Prof. Hempl, Scott and Hench Read Papers at Cleveland.

University of Michigan was well represented at the meeting of the Modern Language Association in Cleveland this week. Prof. Geo. Hempl had a paper Tuesday afternoon, Prof. F. N. Scott one Wednesday morning, and Prof. Geo. S. Hench one Thursday afternoon. Besides these there was the address of the president, Prof. Calvin Thomas, so lately one of us, and Prof. Lawrence A. McLouth, '87, now of New York University. Prof. Hempl is secretary of the phonetic division of the association.

Modern Woodmen.

The Modern Woodmen of America started out in their local camp this year with 50 members, and a determination to double that during the year. This they have accomplished, and now have 100 members. This is a growing insurance fraternity, and represents some of the best young men of the country. They will hold a public installation and banquet at A. O. U. W. Hall Monday evening.

Cantata at Zion's Church.

The beautiful cantata "Jesus of Nazareth," will be given in Zion's Lutheran church next Sunday evening by the choir, a mixed chorus, and the children's chorus, under the direction of Louis Boes. Careful preparation has been made, and it will be a very pleasant service. Everybody cordially invited.

Honors for U. of M. Man.

Lucius L. Van Slyke, '79, A. M., '81, Ph. D., '82, has been elected president of the New York State Dairyman's association. This is the leading association of the country, and its presidency is a distinguished honor. Prof. Van Slyke is now director of the experiment station at Geneva, N. Y.

A WEEK AT WASHINGTON.

Interesting Letter From an Ypsilanti—The Presidential Party at the Theatre—A Visit to the White House.

The following extracts are from a letter received by Postmaster Bogardus from his daughter, Mrs. Clinton Elder. The Francis Wilson Opera Co., with which Mr. Elder is singing this season, has just closed a most successful engagement in Washington. Said Mrs. Elder: "The President and wife, Postmaster-General Wilson and Mrs. Wilson were in a box Thursday night. Francis Wilson told me where they would sit, so I secured a seat directly in front of their box so I could see them all the evening. They seemed to enjoy it immensely, and while Cleveland wouldn't smile at the personal jokes at Bryan, yet he would wink at Postmaster-General Wilson. He held his sides laughing over the general political jokes, especially a new verse about Spain which ends 'There'd be no duty to pay on a fine Henry Clay, if I were really a king.' He's a much better looking man than I expected, and she is the loveliest, most dignified, yet smiling woman you can picture. When they entered the box the audience applauded until they rose and bowed, and when over left all hallways and entrance clear until their party passed out. * * * Friday we called at the White House but it was 'Cabinet Day' and we were told to call Saturday at 11. We were shown up to Mr. Thurber's private office and were most cordially greeted by him. We were shown through the private rooms of the Executive Mansion by the oldest and most respected attaché of the House, a man 73 years of age, who has been there during and since the term of Abraham Lincoln. It was all so interesting! The public parlors are open on general reception days, and it was a great courtesy on Mr. Thurber's part to have us shown all the private rooms. The guide explained all the rooms—the vases and clocks which were gifts from other nations, showed us just where the President and Mrs. Cleveland stood in the celebrated blue room to be married. The red room is the family sitting-room and has recently been done over in Mrs. Cleveland's taste. It is more homelike and cozy than the others. The guide explained that it was in that room where Abraham Lincoln read his last newspaper after dinner, and walked out on that fatal Friday night. He also spoke most affectionately of Garfield. Grant he spoke of as the jolly, patient President, and Cleveland as the good master. Their portraits hang there, and each one looked a great man, Arthur by all means the handsome one. The children came down the private stairway going out to drive, and Esther was raising a good row with her nurse about something, declaring 'she wouldn't do it, there!' Ruth is quite a tall child and baby Marion awfully cunning. We went through all the greenhouses, where there are some wonderful orchids and palms. We have been to the House and Senate twice, went out to Arlington to the Lee mansion which is in the soldiers' cemetery. Went to Phil Sheridan's grave and many others. We go to Philadelphia tomorrow for three weeks."

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Sunday Afternoon Meeting—New Year's Day Program—General Reception Signs.

The men's meeting next Sunday afternoon will be in charge of the General Secretary. Subject: "I have learned by experience." A number of speakers will take part. All men are invited to the meeting.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will be in attendance at the rooms on New Year's day from 3 to 10 o'clock P. M. They will serve refreshments free to all. A mandolin club will play from 4 to 5. Master Freddy Daly will sing in the afternoon, and a program lasting about an hour and a half will be given in the evening, beginning at 7:45. Everybody invited on New Year's day.

At the meeting of the board of directors Tuesday evening, General Secretary Benz presented his resignation to take effect February 1st, and the resignation was accepted by the board.

St. Andrew's Song Service.

A very beautiful song service was rendered at St. Andrew's church last Sunday evening. The vested choir sang the choral work beautifully, while Masters Gerald Brown and Freddy Daly thrilled every heart with their sweet pure voices. The church was filled to its seating capacity, and would be as often as such services might be repeated.

Christmas Supper.

The children of the Presbyterian Sunday school were given a Christmas supper last Tuesday evening in the parlors of the church. After the supper a pleasant program of music, recitations and tableaux was presented. The entertainment was one of the pleasantest ever given to the school.

ALMOST FATAL.

NARROW ESCAPE OF A COASTING PARTY ON MADISON STREET HILL.

Strike an Ann Arbor Switch Engine—Miss Mary Kearney and Mr. Courtney Burlingame Seriously Hurt—Miss Kearney Unconscious All Night—Injured Taken to University Hospital.

What might have been a terrible accident, and was a serious though happily not a fatal one, occurred on Madison street hill last Monday evening. The street was crowded with pleasure seekers enjoying the fine coasting. The switch engine on the Ann Arbor road was crossing the street, when a sled load of young people dashed ahead of it, and almost escaped. The rear end of the sled was struck and the occupants thrown in all directions. Miss Mary Kearney and Mr. Courtney Burlingame were the most seriously injured, and they were removed to University hospital in the Martin ambulance, where they received the very best care possible. Mr. Burlingame was found to have two ribs fractured, besides other minor bruises. Miss Kearney was more seriously injured. She evidently fell on her head and shoulders, and for some time it was feared her skull had been fractured. She was unconscious until the next day. Both the injured are getting along nicely and no fears are now entertained for their lives. The two riders on the rear end of the sled had rolled off into the snow when they saw what was coming, thereby undoubtedly saving their lives. Most of the coasters on the hill had seen or heard the train, but this sled had started, and as the track had worn into two icy grooves, it was impossible to get out of them after once under headway. It is a matter for thankfulness that the results are no more serious than they are.

DEATH OF ANSON K. GAGE.

Overcome Suddenly by Apoplexy—A Highly Esteemed Citizen.

Anson K. Gage, who resided one mile west of Manchester on the Jackson road, met with a sudden death Thursday evening of last week. He had been in usual good health and had been to town only the afternoon before, and when the supper hour came he seemed happy and contented, as he talked and joked with his wife and daughter, Mrs. W. T. Hewitt, who was visiting him. After supper he went to the barn to milk and being gone longer than usual, Mrs. Gage feared some accident, and went to the barn to see, only to find him lying helpless in the stable, suffering from a stroke of apoplexy. He was carried to the house and medical aid was hastily summoned, but death came within a short time without his regaining consciousness. Mr. Gage was highly esteemed as a friend by the entire community, and his death seemed unusually sad, as a family reunion had been planned and a Christmas dinner was to have been served at his brother's, James Gage, the following day. Mr. Gage came to Michigan in 1849 and had resided in Sharon and Manchester until his death. He was 71 years of age, and leaves a wife and two daughters to mourn his death. Four of his brothers acted as pall-bearers at the funeral Sunday, and a large circle of friends paid their last respects by following the remains to the grave.

We're Not Saying a Word.

It is believed there isn't a locality on the round earth where the streets are so abominably bad as at Ann Arbor. At a fast walk or at least slow trot, people are jolted out of their buggies, the deep water holes make life preservers a necessity, and the only whole toe nails in town are those on the cast iron monkey near the court house which typifies the student toughs of the unhappy burg. If something isn't done right off, the bats and owls will take full possession of this bogged abode of the unrighteous.—Grass Lake News.

A New Commission Firm.

A new commission firm is doing business in Detroit, at 80 E. Woodbridge street, that will have the confidence of the people of this vicinity, where its members are well known. William Dansingburg, our retiring county clerk, opened up with a consignment of 8,000 bushels of potatoes Monday morning. His son Fred will follow him after the transfer of the office, Jan. 1. Mr. Dansingburg's family will remain here till the close of the school year.

A Ministerial Hustler.

"I have a large quantity of wood upon my farm which some person might have by going and cutting it," said W. B. Haines in presence of Rev. Hageman. Early Monday morning the parson was in search of saws and axes, and before night two large loads of wood were delivered at the parsonage. It is not safe to make such offers before Dundee ministers, they are workers as well as preachers.—Dundee Reporter.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

Open House New Year's Day—Interesting Program Prepared—Entertainment in High School Hall, Jan. 15th.

The Young Woman's Christian association will keep open house New Year's day from three to ten. They invite all their friends, both ladies and gentlemen, to call. Especially they extend an invitation to those who are strangers in the city. Light refreshments will be served, and a pleasant musical program has been prepared. This will begin with a song by Miss Jeanette Shetterly, at six o'clock, and at seven thirty a guitar duet by the Misses Wise will be followed by a selection from a quartette of our Y. M. C. A. "brothers." Later in the evening a solo by Miss Sperry and a piano duet by Misses Fischer and Hines. At nine o'clock Miss MacMonagle will give a recitation. There will be a duet: piano and violin by Mr. and Miss Schaible, and other numbers may be given in the afternoon. An entertainment for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A. will be given at High School hall on the evening of Friday, Jan. 15. This will consist of recitations illustrating the work done in the elocution classes, and this part of the program will close with a scene from "The Ruggleses Dinner Party" adapted from Kate Douglass Wiggin's beautiful Christmas story. Miss MacMonagle will herself take the part of Mrs. Ruggles and the rehearsals have proved that the children are well chosen for the different characters. The second part of the program will remind one of the pretty "Scarf Fantasies" given last year. The calcium light will be used to heighten the effect of the statue groups and the "studies in attitude." The harp accompaniment by Miss Clarke will be a new feature and a very attractive one. The hymn Rock of Ages will be sung at the close and accompanied by the pantomime by sixteen children. Be sure and attend this entertainment. You will enjoy the evening, encourage interest in the Y. W. C. A., and help them pay their rent.

LIGHT INFANTRY.

Semi-Annual Inspection—Service Medals Presented—An Historic Flag.

The semi-annual inspection of the Ann Arbor Light Infantry was held at the armory, Wednesday evening. The inspection was held by Col. John E. Tyrrell of Jackson, assisted by Capt. Wm. Haven of Tecumseh, and Maj. Belsler of this city. Col. Tyrrell presented to Regent Dean, for the University, the first flag issued to Michigan troops in the 60's. A. J. Sawyer presented the medals as follows: Silver medals for a year's attendance at drill to Lieut. W. H. Armstrong, Sergt. W. C. Cooper, Corps. Fred Huntton, Karl Kern and Victor Kaufman, and privates Leo Gruner and George Kyer. Bronze medals for six months' attendance to Sergt. Jacob Gwynner, Corp. R. Jones, Quartermaster Arthur Jones and privates George Fischer, Ralph Miller, Gilbert Perrine, Ed. O. Schairer, Joseph Seabolt, A. C. Warren and Bruce Munroe. Ann Arbor has a military company of which she may well be proud, and the boys should receive the encouragement of the citizens.

ATHENS LODGE.

To be Reorganized and Work in English—Two Strong Lodges in the City.

It has been decided to resuscitate Athens Lodge, No. 27, A. O. U. W. During the recent contest for membership a great many young men of the city, who do not understand the German language were initiated into Ann Arbor lodge. As the work there is all done in German it was not so pleasant for them. The plan formed is to have all these deposit their cards in Athens lodge, and the order will then have two strong lodges, one working in each language. It will also be pleasant for those understanding both languages to visit and compare the work. The plan will undoubtedly work to the benefit of the order in this city.

Took More Than His Dinner.

A tramp applied for something to eat Tuesday at the house of John Meyers, in the second ward. He was well fed. Mr. Meyers' step-daughter was washing dishes at the time and had removed her finger rings and hung them on a nail. While the tramp was eating, the girl went into another room. When she returned the tramp and rings had disappeared. Officer Zenas Sweet captured the thief at the Ann Arbor depot and recovered the rings. When confronted by the girl the fellow confessed his guilt. Justice Pond sent him to the Detroit house of correction for 90 days.

Sure Enough! Why Not?

The man who owns a bicycle and wants good roads, should walk up and pay his poll tax, which when collected goes into the good roads fund, like a little man. But then there is no poll tax in this town for any one. Why not?—Courier.

COMPULSORY.

GYMNASIUM WORK SHOULD BE MADE SO FOR ALL STUDENTS.

Dr. Vaughan on College Athletics as now Practiced—Athletes not Long Lived—Exercise not Scientific—Whole Body should be Trained—Gymnasium Should be of More General Benefit.

In a discussion before the State Teachers' Association at Lansing on Tuesday, Dr. Vaughan vigorously attacked the present system of college athletics. The life of the prominent college athletes he claims is not a long one. If the strain he undergoes is not compensated for by a thickening of the walls of the left ventricle, he dies of heart disease. If that is the case he is apt to drop off in early middle life from kidney trouble. Football he considers as especially a bad game, because it is immoral he believes in its tendencies and influences, and he quotes one prominent football man of the University, who told him he never got into a foot-ball scrimmage without a feeling that he just wanted to sail in for a knock down, and that a man naturally peaceable in his disposition and temperament.

But with his phase of the question, he held that they, as teachers, had little to do. This form of athletics was participated in by but few at the best. What they were concerned in was the rational development of the whole physical system, so that the students who came to college or University might be fully developed physically. To this end he contended that physical training should be compulsory, and every student should be measured and examined, so that under the care of the instructor, he or she might take the exercise needed to strengthen and develop the weak parts thus found. Take our own gymnasium for instance. Only a small proportion of the students are taking class work in the gymnasium, and for those there is nothing compulsory, they exercise or not just as they see fit. Of the lockers taken in the gymnasium he was informed that many were taken by students who simply went there for bathing. We have been telling the people for years that we ought to have a gymnasium, that our students needed it. Now we have it let us make use of it. If that is not the case, if we do not need it, let us make of the buildings laboratories or class rooms which we do need.

YPSILANTI'S LOSS.

Justice Walter P. Beach Dead—Eminent as Soldier and Citizen for Many Years.

Died, at his home in this city, early Tuesday morning, Walter Phelps Beach, aged nearly 75 years. Mr. Beach was born in Hartford, Conn., Jan. 21, 1822. Being of a venturesome spirit he early went to sea, and followed the life of a sailor with few interruptions until 1845, when he was married to Miss Martha Stacey. During this time he made six trips around the world in sailing vessels, and was wrecked off the south coast of Cuba, where the vessel was lost though the crew were saved. In 1845 Mr. Beach came to Michigan and engaged in merchandising in Lapeer county. In 1863 he sold out his business and enlisted in the war. He raised Company F, 10th Michigan Infantry, of which company he was made captain. In 1865 he came to Ypsilanti and purchased a residence on Summit st, engaging in the fire insurance business in Detroit, continuing in this occupation till 1889, when he entered into the insurance business in this city with his son in law, Frank Joslyn, whom he bought out later on. In June, 1891, he was elected Justice of the Peace for the second district. He has held many offices of trust, being sheriff of Lapeer for two years; Deputy United States Marshall under Knox; was a Knight Templar of the Detroit Commandery, and a charter member of the masons at Albion. Mr. Beach was married a second time in April, 1876, to Miss Marie Skinner of Hartford, Conn., who survives him with the following children: Mrs. Frank Joslyn, Mrs. F. C. Oberst, Mrs. W. A. Burt, Mrs. D. P. Sullivan, George S. Beach, Walter Beach and Wm. W. Beach. Funeral services were held Thursday at 2:30 p. m. at St. Luke's church. The family have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their affliction.

After the Regents.

Word comes from Detroit that the homeopathic physicians of Detroit, under the lead of Dr. MacLachlan, intend to cripple any appropriation measure for the University, with a proviso that it will not be available until the regents move the homeopathic department to Detroit. It would seem that the success the department has had this year would lead them to let things rest for a time and give the department a chance. The truth of the matter is that they are looking after themselves more than after the department.

AT LAST.

Ypsilanti Rejoices in a New Opera House—Opened With Ceremony Last Night.

After numberless trials and tribulations, the opera house was opened with a fine entertainment Thursday night. It has seemed a long time that Ypsilanti has been without an opera house, but the one just completed is well worth the waiting for, being handsome and complete in all its appointments and decidedly a credit to the city. Seven hundred and ninety persons can be seated comfortably in the house, of which 472 seats are down stairs; and the arrangement is such that there are not half a dozen poor seats in the building. The decorations are in tan and terra cotta, and are most restful and pleasing to the eye. One of the great advantages of the opera house is the large amount of room, nothing being cramped or crowded. Particularly is this noticeable in the dressing room arrangements, which cannot fail to win the approval of all artists who appear in the place. The seats are handsome and remarkably comfortable. They are wide enough to permit each person in a row to care of his own elbows, while the rows of seats in the gallery are placed far enough apart to prevent the knees of one row of persons from punching into backs of the necks of those below. The stage opening is very large, measuring 27 feet, and will be fitted with 14 full sets of scenery. The room will be brilliantly lighted with gas and electric lights, which are so arranged by means of switch boards and gauge lamps that the lights can be lowered at pleasure by a man behind the scenes. The orchestra pit is conveniently arranged, having an entrance from the basement, which also is large and clean. The opera house, completed, will cost \$20,500, every dollar of which has apparently been expended to the best advantage. Following is the program which was rendered at the opening entertainment:

"Before the Footlights," and other selections
Ypsilanti Orchestral Society
Address..... Hon. A. J. Sawyer, Ann Arbor
Coster Song..... H. R. Winn
Address..... Prof. A. George
Tenor Solo..... Mr. John W. Dodge
Bass Solo..... "The Windmill"..... Mr. O. Garstlein
"Souls From the Sunny South"..... Orchestra
Concluding with the musical farce
"Sir Marmaduke"..... By the Enterpe Concert Co

PROF. EMANUEL SCHMID.

Death of a Well Known Graduate of the University, and Former Resident of the City.

Prof. Emanuel Schmid, Professor of History in Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, died at his home in that city, Monday morning last, of paralysis. He was one of the most learned men in the ranks of the Lutheran church of this country. He graduated from the University of Michigan with the degree of A. B., in 1855, and A. M. in 1858. After leaving the University he went abroad and studied in Theubingen and Erlangen. His life work has been in Columbus in connection with the University, and he was one of the leading men of the city.

Mr. Schmid was born in Ann Arbor July 3, 1835, in a house near the old Bethlehem church, and was the first German child born in this city. He went to school at the old academy on the Cornwell place, and afterwards, at the University. He was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, back in the days when the frat was against fraternities, and the society had to keep their charter in hiding. He had three brothers, and four sisters.—Fred Schmid, Miss Sophia Schmid and Mrs. Nathaniel Schmid of this city; Nathaniel Schmid and Mrs. Lydia Kirchhoffer of Manchester; Mrs. Rev. Christian Fulz of Buffalo; and Theophilus Schmid of Chicago. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon in Columbus.

The Sewing School Dinner.

One of the happiest events of the holiday season was the dinner that was served on Saturday afternoon last to the little folks belonging to the sewing school, of which Miss Matilda S. Brown is superintendent. It was held in the Courier building, and 108 little ones were present, and that they enjoyed it, could not be doubted by those who gazed into their happy faces. There was certainly one event in the lives of these little ones that they will never forget.

New Officers.

Col. John E. Tyrrell, of the First Regiment, M. N. G., has issued the following order: The election, of field officers will take place in armory Co. D, Jackson, on Monday, Jan. 11, at 2 p. m. The officers to be elected are colonel, lieutenant-colonel and one major. Transportation for officers to and from this meeting accompany this order. Officers shall attend in fatigue uniform without side arms.

To Toledo in Style.

Dr. Angell and the members of the faculty who attended the Alumni Association meeting in Toledo Wednesday night, were conveyed in Manager Ashley's private car, which he had kindly placed at their disposal.

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.

Iron Mountain, Mich., Dec. 28.-C. B. Pride, the well-known hydraulic engineer and paper mill architect of Appleton, Wis., has just completed a survey of a water power on the Ontonagon river to be improved during the coming year by Ohio capitalists.

Mr. Pride says there is a 116-foot fall inside of 1,000 feet, and he expects to generate 3,000 horse-power. From the same source it is learned that it is the intention of the company for whom the survey was made to erect a large tannery, saw mill and paper mill.

PURITY WAVE IN MARQUETTE.

Saloons Closed and Bad Characters Ordered to Leave. Marquette, Mich., Dec. 29.-The city has been struck by a purity wave, and disreputable characters have been given short hours to shut up shop or leave town.

Sunday was the first dry Sabbath Marquette has had in many years. The police kept a close watch and were aided by the saloon keepers, who jealously spied on one another.

SHOT BY A POLICEMAN.

The Officer's Act Commended by Citizens of Muskegon, Mich. Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 29.-Sidney Pearson, a marine fireman from Chicago, came here a few days ago, and Saturday night began to drink with a crowd he knew.

He was carried into a house close by and physicians summoned, who probed but could not find the ball. He was then taken to the home of his sister, where later he was reported as dying.

GIVING AWAY TELEPHONES.

Bell Telephone Company Trying to Meet Competition in Ishpeming. Ishpeming, Mich., Dec. 30.-Representatives of the Bell Telephone company are here offering their former patrons free service for the coming year.

MURDERED BY BURGLARS.

Wilmington, Mich., Dec. 25.-James Brown, 68 years of age, a farmer, died Thursday from wounds inflicted by a robber who shot him in his home Wednesday.

BESSIE MINE WILL RESUME.

Ishpeming, Mich., Dec. 30.-Superintendent Davidson of the Commonwealth Iron company was at Humboldt Tuesday and arranged for resumption of operations at the Bessie mine immediately after New Year's.

BURGLAR GUILTY OF MURDER.

Millington, Mich., Dec. 26.-James Brown, 68 years old, a farmer, is dead from wounds inflicted by a robber. The thief, with a companion, bound, gagged and chloroformed Brown and his wife, and ransacked the house.

WILL ASK FOR MORE TARIFF ON IRON ORE.

Ishpeming, Mich., Dec. 28.-A strong delegation of the leading owners and managers of Lake Superior iron mines will go to Washington to present arguments for an increase of duty on iron ore at the hearing before the ways and means committee Jan. 9.

CUT HIS THROAT WHILE INSANE.

Houghton, Mich., Dec. 29.-August

WEDDED AT HIGH NOON

Celebration of the Tanner-English Nuptials at Springfield.

CEREMONY AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Twelve Hundred Persons Invited to Witness the Marriage Consisting of People Socially and Politically Distinguished - After the Ceremony the Happy Couple Start for the South on the Illinois Central Railway.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 30.-The marriage of John Riley Tanner, governor-elect of Illinois, and Miss Cora Edith English of Springfield, took place Wednesday at high noon in St. Paul's church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Frederick Taylor.

Before the hour for the ceremony there came a continuous stream of carriages to the church, bringing the guests, and before noon every seat was taken except those reserved for the family and relatives of the bride and groom.

Outside the door there were several stalwart policemen to keep the great crowd of curious back from the church. There were several thousand of them there, but the officers had no difficulty in maintaining order.

INDORSEMENT FOR HOARD.

National Creamery Butter Makers Want Him in the Cabinet.

Elgin, Ills., Dec. 30.-Ex-Governor Hoard of Wisconsin has received another endorsement for the position of secretary of agriculture in President-Elect McKinley's cabinet.

MANY DESERT THE WARSHIP.

Steamer Adams Makes a Trip with a Small Crew.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.-The United States steamer Adams got in from Honolulu minus forty-eight of her crew and one quartermaster.

Nearly all of the men were back here months ago and the vessel had to return short-handed. The Adams was in a gale last Saturday and the men had a hard time of it.

EX-BANK PRESIDENT ON TRIAL.

Denver, Dec. 30.-The trial of the case of Frank K. Atkins, president of the defunct Colorado Savings bank has begun in the district court.

SHOT HIMSELF WHILE HUNTING.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.-Charles Pfeiffer, a wealthy laundryman, with interests in Allegheny and Chicago, accidentally shot himself in the stomach while out hunting in the mountains near Ligonier and died before his hunting companions could reach him.

CHICAGO HUZZARS HONORED.

Chicago, Dec. 30.-Major McKinley's bodyguard at the inaugural ceremonies March 4 will be composed of the Chicago huzzars and the Cleveland Grays.

BISMARCK LOSES A SAWMILL.

Berlin, Dec. 30.-At Varzin, the Pomeranian estate of Bismarck, fire destroyed a large sawmill, causing considerable loss to the exchequer of the prince.

CHICAGO SALOONKEEPER MURDERED.

Chicago, Dec. 30.-John Murphy, a saloonkeeper at 725 Root street, was murdered Monday night and Tuesday morning Thomas Murphy, his partner and brother, found the lifeless body and notified the police.

THE VAN NORTWICK FAILURE.

Appleton, Wis., Dec. 30.-There are no new developments here in the Van Nortwick failure. No assignment has yet been made of the Wisconsin properties.

EVERETT'S HOTEL CLOSED.

New York, Dec. 30.-Everett's hotel, Vezey and Barclay streets, one of the oldest and best-known establishments of its kind in this city, was closed Tuesday. Its proprietor, Samuel H. Everett, has been in financial trouble for some time.

NEWS CONDENSED.

Summary of Happenings All Over the Great World.

Rev. J. H. Harwell, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Cambridge City, Ind., accused of passing bad checks, was bound over to the circuit court here and had to go to jail.

The Catskill Shale Brick company, with extensive works at Catskill, N. Y., is in the hands of a receiver. The company had extensive contracts with Brooklyn and Jersey City.

Charles Gray is under arrest at Jeffersonville, Ind., accused of murdering William Counts, a druggist, of Reelsville, near Terre Haute, on the night before Thanksgiving, while attempting robbery.

Conrad Becker, one of the publishers and editors of the LaPorte (Ind.) Journal, is dead, aged 55 years. Mr. Becker served five terms in the city and county jail and was a prominent Odd Fellow.

Joel Blakesley, one of the oldest residents of Peoria, Ills., is dead, aged 82 years.

Five members of the family of F. M. Roberts at St. Louis were poisoned by eating cakes made of prepared buckwheat flour. It is doubtful if they will recover.

Detected in a clothing store at Frankfort, Ky., a burglar wound a coat about his head and jumping through a plate glass window, escaped.

The city council of Pana, Ills., passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of cigarettes within the city limits. Dealers will contest.

Herbert L. Matthews of Kansas City, Mo., who died recently, was regarded as one of the greatest authorities on old books in the west.

To get into the Kansas legislature it cost Samuel Ernst of Atchison only \$8.25.

The Buffalo, N. Y., real estate exchange is in financial embarrassment. When the new exchange was built, \$28,000 worth of its stock remained unsold.

George Appo, the noted Chinese-American criminal and green goods stealer of New York city, was sentenced to the Mattawan asylum for the criminal insane.

As a last act the legislature of New York is informed that if it will only "blow in" just \$1,000,000 more the great Albany capitol will be completed.

The New York and New Jersey Lumber company, a West Virginia corporation, assigned in New York to Harwood R. Pool. The company was incorporated in 1883.

Such a demand for American cotton has sprung up in Japan and China that it pays to ship the product from the cotton states all the way to San Francisco by rail, and there put it on board vessels for its destination.

The body of a cattle dealer named Mulholland, who had been missing for some days, has been found on the Slieve Galbin mountain, County Londonderry. It is believed the deceased lost his way and perished from exposure.

Brooklyn Masons are planning the construction of a Masonic temple 125 feet square, and to cost \$250,000.

The export of gold from South Africa during November amounted in value to £687,529.

The only son of a revolutionary soldier in New Hampshire is Samuel S. Green of Portsmouth, who was 84 years old last week.

The body of Frederick Rainsford, a farmer, who was found dead in his house Saturday week, still lies at the undertaking rooms in Cedar Rapids, Mich., claimed by no one.

A new and apparently inexhaustible vein of fine blue granite has recently been found near Fredericksburg, Va.

While hunting John Bradley, a young man of Emporia, Kan., accidentally shot himself. The skull is badly shattered and he is not expected to live.

Selma Mahanke, aged 2 years, ate candy ornaments off a Christmas tree at Sheboygan, Wis., and died.

Sebastian Wolf, school teacher of Laclede township, Fayette county, Ills., and a prominent farmer and stock raiser, was killed in a runaway accident.

Max Becker of New York city, 30 years old, a waiter, shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide. He was released from the Stamford, Conn., insane asylum two weeks ago.

The Commercial club of Kansas City has taken steps to erect a statue of Thomas H. Benton.

Sam Lung was held up and robbed at Springfield, O. His skull is fractured from a blow struck with an iron bolt.

William Walker, aged 40, a farmer of Danvers, Ills., attempted to board a freight train and fell under the wheels. He leaves a widow and four children. He was a cousin of the late David Davis.

William Ewart Gladstone, England's "Grand Old Man," celebrated his 87th birthday, the third natal anniversary since his retirement from official public life in March, 1894.

The Wilson line steamship Volo is a total loss at Wingo, off the coast of Sweden. The crew and passengers were saved.

Mrs. Smith, a 100-year-old woman of Grantham, England, does all her own housework, nurses an invalid nephew, and sells potatoes which she planted and dug up herself.

Laval university of Quebec has conferred the degree of doctor of divinity upon Rev. Thomas J. Conway, rector-elect of the Catholic university at Washington.

A fishing smack belonging at Malaga, Spain, has been wrecked, drowning twelve men and several children.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw. The undersigned having been appointed by the Probate Court for said county, Commission- ers to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Willard Foster, late of said county, deceased, hereby give notice that six months from date are allowed, by order of said Probate Court for creditors to present their claims against the estate of said deceased, and that they will meet at the late residence of said deceased in the township of Scio, in said county, on the 22nd day of March and on the 21st day of June next, at ten o'clock a. m. of each of said days, to receive, examine and adjust said claims.

Dated, December 21st, 1896 EDWARD MOORE, DANIEL SEYLER, Commissioners.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw. Notice is hereby given, that by order of the Probate Court for the County of Washtenaw, made on the 29th day of December A. D. 1896, six months from that date are allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of Robert B. C. Seadon late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate Court, at the Probate Office in the city of Ann Arbor, for examination on the 29th day of March next, and on the 29th day of June next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days.

Dated, Ann Arbor, Dec. 19, A. D. 1896. J. WILLARD BARBITT, Judge of Probate.

MORTGAGE SALE.

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a mortgage executed by Frances C. Decker to Elizabeth F. Baldwin bearing date Oct. 4th A. D. 1888, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Washtenaw county, Michigan, on Oct. 4th A. D. 1888, in Liber 62, of Mortgages on page 9; and said mortgage was assigned by said Elizabeth F. Baldwin to Clarence G. Taylor by deed of assignment dated Feb. 11th, A. D. 1893, and recorded in said Register's office July 15th, A. D. 1893 in Liber 107 of Assignments of Mortgages on page 54, and said mortgage was assigned by said Clarence G. Taylor to E. M. Worden by deed of assignment dated Oct. 17th A. D. 1891, and recorded in said Register's office Oct. 17th, A. D. 1891 in Liber 107 of Assignments of Mortgages on page 19 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 eighteen hundred and forty one and fifty one hundredths dollars (\$1,841.91) being now claimed to be due upon said mortgage, notice is therefore hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgage premises therein described or some part hereof, to wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate and being in the city of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit:

The West half (w. 1/2) of lot No. nine (9) and ten (10) in Block No. 10, south of Huron street, in range No. ten (10) east, according to the recorded plat of the Ann Arbor Land Co.'s addition to the village (now city) of Ann Arbor aforesaid, at public vendue on Saturday the 20th day of March, A. D. 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, this being the place of holding the Circuit Court in said County.

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An Ordinance to Prohibit the Firing of Fire Arms Within the Limits of the City of Ann Arbor.

The Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor Ordain:

Sec. 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person to fire any revolver, pistol, gun, cannon or any other species of fire-arms within the limits of the city of Ann Arbor, excepting by the written permission of the Mayor, which permission shall limit the time of such firing and shall be subject to be revoked at any time by the common council.

Sec. 2. Any person who shall be found guilty of violating this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS or by imprisonment in the Detroit House of Correction, the city lockup, or the Washtenaw County jail, for a period of time, not exceeding ninety days, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on and after ten days from legal publication.

Passed in common council this 21st day of December, A. D. 1896. GLEN V. MILLS, City Clerk.

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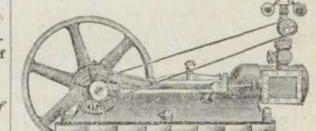
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All of a following described land situated in the Township of Sylvan, in Washtenaw County, Michigan, to-wit:

The north east quarter (N. E. 1/4) of the south-west 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, this being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County.

Dated, Oct. 4th, A. D. 1896. F. JENNIE E. CHEEVER, Executrix of the will of Byron W. Cheever, deceased. NOAH W. CHEEVER, Attorney for Executrix. 11-32.

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SKETCHES BY M. QUAD

Bluffing the Boys.

A long haired, rough looking man got on the train at Evergreen and took the seat ahead of me, and after looking him over and sizing him up for a cattleman I asked if that was his occupation. "No, sir," he promptly replied. "I used to be in cattle, but I'm out now. I'm sorter fogt loose for a few weeks, and I thought I'd run down to Canon City and bluff the boys."

"Do you refer to poker?" "Oh, no. They drove me out of Canon City three months ago and warned me to stay away. I'm goin' back to make the crowd crawfish."

"That is, you propose to defy the people there?"

"Exactly. I'll drop off the train, pull my gun and walk all over town and ask 'em what they are goin' to do about it." "But may not such a proceeding be dangerous?" I persisted.

"Yes, sorter dangerous, but I think I kin bluff 'em down."

"Suppose you can't?" "Waal, the train stops there 20 minutes, and you'll see how it'll turn out. In that time I'll either bluff 'em down or they'll hang me."

I saw that he was well armed, but he took matters so calmly that I thought he was boasting. Nothing more was said about it, and half an hour later the train halted at Canon City. With a wink and a nod the stranger rose up, pulled his guns and stepped off. There was a crowd on the platform, and he was scarcely off the car before there was a wild yell and three or four pistol reports. Then the crowd started off down the street, bearing the man with it, and I was not half through my dinner when one of the waiters carelessly remarked:

"The boys have got him this time."

"Do you mean a long haired man who came down on the train?"

"Yes—Bill Holden. He came down to bluff the town."

"And what is the exact situation at present?"

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Mr. Baxter crossed the street and joined our party, and Colonel Davis said: "Yo' wa in the wah, of co'se?"

"Of co'se."

"But yo' didn't come home a captain, major or kurnel?"

"No."

"Just a private soldier, eh?"

"Oh, no. As a brigadier general, sah, as a brigadier general." M. QUAD.

The Minister Meant Well.

The debt of the struggling little church in the suburbs had all been paid off but \$600.

A clergyman noted for his skill and success in raising church debts had been sent for and was conducting the morning service. The sermon was over, and the work of stirring up the audience to the requisite pitch of enthusiasm had begun. Subscribers rose rapidly to \$300, then to \$400, and after considerable effort to \$500, where they stuck. In vain the visiting brother exhorted and pleaded. The limit of the cash resources of the congregation appeared to have been reached, and at last he sat down discouraged.

Then Brother Plantus, a highly respected undertaker, who had made a liberal subscription already, rose and said: "Brethren, this thing shan't fall through after it has got as far along as \$500. I believe in a man giving as the Lord has prospered him, and, although I have given a pretty good sized donation I am ready to do more. I'll pay that last \$100 myself. Here's my check for the amount."

"I don't know your name, brother," shouted the visiting preacher, jumping to his feet with enthusiasm, "but I hope your business will double during the coming year, and I believe it will."—Chicago Tribune.

His Business.

Reader—Children sometimes make very amusing remarks. Paragraphic Serf—Yes, indeed. I derive a large part of my income from concocting smart things that they have said.—Truth.

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TERRIBLE DISASTER.

TRAIN PLUNGES THROUGH A BRIDGE IN ALABAMA.

Twenty-Eight Dead and Charred Bodies Recovered from the Burning Wreckage—Eleven People Are Injured, Five of Whom Are Not Expected to Live.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 29.—The worst railroad wreck in the history of Alabama occurred Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock at the Cahaba river bridge, on the Briarfield, Blocton and Birmingham branch of the Southern railway. Twenty-eight persons are known to have perished, that number of bodies having been recovered from the wreck. Eleven people escaped alive, but of those several will die. All of the train crew were killed except the fireman, whose escape seems almost miraculous.

The ill-fated train was the Blocton accommodation No. 4 of the Birmingham Mineral road, a branch line of the Louisville and Nashville, which extends to all mines and furnaces in the Birmingham district. Six miles south of Gurnee the railroad crosses the Cahaba river on a trestle 900 feet long and 110 feet high. The river is a mountain stream. The span over it gave way as the train was crossing it, and the engine and all of the cars went to the bottom of the river below.

Fireman Spencer's Escape.

Those who survived the catastrophe were so crazed from fright and pain from their injuries that they were unable to give any intelligent account of how it all happened. Fireman Spencer sprang from the locomotive as it was in mid-air going down, and alighted in the water uninjured, except for a broken arm.

Physicians who have returned from the scene say that the sight when the first relief train arrived was shocking beyond description. There were red-hot stoves in all the cars, and no sooner had the wreck occurred than the debris took fire. Soon the entire mass was in a blaze, and it burned to the water's edge, the water not being over three or four feet deep. It is reckoned that most of those killed met death before the fire reached them, though the survivors say that several who were injured and pinned down were burned to death,

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MUST BE SETTLED.

The attitude of the government toward the Union Pacific railroad must soon be determined. The president has had several conferences of late with the attorney general, the secretary of the interior and secretary of the treasury on the subject. In addition to a large indebtedness that will mature on the 1st of January next there will become due between that date and Jan. 1, 1897, the remaining principal of the subsidy bonds, which must be met by the government. These amount to more than \$20,000,000 on account of the Union Pacific lines and exceed \$21,000,000 on account of the Central Pacific lines. In his message President Cleveland said proceedings had been instituted to foreclose the first mortgage on the parts of the main lines upon which the government holds a second mortgage lien.

Twenty years ago Senators Thurman and Edmunds presented and advocated plans to compel the Pacific companies to meet their obligations to the United States. Almost every congress since that period has considered and discussed plans and schemes, but none has been adopted. The Forty-ninth congress spent \$100,000 on a commission which probed the whole management of the roads from the start, resulting in an eight-volume report of 6,000 pages. It was a committee of able and impartial men, who became masters of the subject and reported a refunding bill favorable to the government, but it never became a law.

The plan approved by the best men in both branches of congress is to accept a funding scheme which will substitute a low rate bond for the obligations of the roads to the government, embracing the gradual extinction of the debt. Such bills have been before congress but have failed of enactment. No part of our history has been more disgraceful than the outrageous robbery of the government by these Pacific railway companies.

SHERIFF-ELECT CHIPMAN of Wayne County, has introduced a startling novelty into politics, in the selection of his corps of assistants. He is reported to have said:

"My entire effort in selecting my men was to get those who would be most likely to make good officers. I thought that the circumstances of my election gave me peculiarly the right to make my choice untrammelled by political considerations, and I think I have a good clean lot of men. If I find that any one of them does not prove to be a good officer, he will not remain on my force. I do not know that this principle is a winning one in politics, but it is the proper one for any officer who has the welfare of the people at heart."

We trust Mr. Chipman has succeeded, and if he is able to hold his own ground along that line against all the pressure that is brought to bear in these days upon men in political positions, he will have done his county good service.

It is a wonder that some of the men who thoughtlessly indulge in profanity are not brought to their senses by the amount of it that is heard on the streets today. Small boys, and even children, use it regularly on the streets. A boy hardly 10 years old fell on the sidewalk near the postoffice Monday evening, and he had hardly struck before he began a stream of profanity that could be heard on both sides of the street. Hardly a crowd of boys get to snowballing on the streets, but their laughter is so interspersed with profanity as to make it unpleasant for ladies to pass them. Aside from all question of right and wrong, it is a disgusting habit and a senseless one, and the authorities might well take some steps to suppress it in public, in the interests of general decency.

The brave are not all dead yet, Hiram Gallagher of Alpena, dived through a hole only thirty inches square into nine feet of water, and rescued Roy Pierson, an 11 year old boy who had fallen in while skating. The chances were all against his getting out. All around the ice was seven inches thick, and he had to go eight or ten feet away from the hole to find the boy. But he struggled out, and resuscitated the boy himself before a doctor arrived. There is no reward that can compare to him, with the happiness resulting from what he has done, but his friends propose to have his deed recognized by Congress, as indeed it should be. Meanwhile his deed is an inspiration to all who read of it, and an example of heroism, pleasant to contemplate in books, but grander far in deeds.

IF PRESIDENT CLEVELAND meant what he said in his message, that in the event of Spain's going to the length of destroying the island of Cuba the United States might then interfere, it would seem to be time for him to be getting started. According to reports that is just what Spain is doing. Gen. Weyler's papers announce that he is marching up and down the Pinar del Rio, and laying waste everything in his pathway. They also announce this to be his plan of campaign from this time on. If the United States is to prove a friend of Cuba, it seems to be rapidly becoming a case of "now or never."

IN beginning this new year, THE DEMOCRAT wishes all its readers a very great deal of happiness and prosperity throughout the days that are to come. There are many things to be hoped for from the new year, and, aside from our personal wants, we all of us sincerely desire a return to general national prosperity. There are a great many unemployed, for them we wish plenty of work. To everyone according as his needs may be we hope success and prosperity may come; and may we have a general and universal prosperity in which we all may share.

THE Michigan State Fair has long been a wanderer upon the face of the earth. It has been held in different parts of the state, and each year has left it in as homeless a condition as before. Detroit is talking now of making an effort to have it permanently located there. We trust this may be done. If a permanent abiding place be not found for it, the fair can never be a success, and for such a state as Michigan not to have a successful fair is surely a disgrace.

THE ELECTION OF JUDGES.

Ex-President Harrison's Objection to the Mode of Selection.

Ex-President Harrison writes of "The Judicial Department of the Government" in the January Ladies' Home Journal, and says with reference to the general mode of selecting judges in the majority of states: "There has been much discussion as to the proper tenure for the judicial office, and the tendency, as expressed in the later state constitutions, has been in favor of limited terms. The earlier state constitutions gave the appointment of the judges to the governor or the legislature, but along with the demand for limited terms for the judges came another for their election by the people, and in a majority of the states they are now nominated in the party conventions and elected by popular vote, just as a governor or sheriff is chosen. I do not think that either of these changes is a reform. Limited terms, if they are long, may be supported by many considerations; but short terms, combined with popular elections, have not, in my opinion secured as high a judicial standard as prevailed before. A judge who must go at short intervals before a political convention for a nomination, and before the people for an election, cannot have the same sense of independence and security that he would have if his term were long or during good behavior. The judicial office should be so organized that men of the best abilities and attainments would enter it as a career, and give their lives and their ambitions wholly to it."

SALINE SECRETS.

Holiday Visitors—The Champion Fox Hunter—Prominent Farmer Injured—Christmas Entertainments at the Churches.

W. H. Dormfort is confined to the house with rheumatism.

Miss Grace Smith of the University, is home for the holidays.

Miss Mabel Johnson is entertaining friends from Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Squires of Detroit, is visiting her sister Mrs. Alfred Miller.

Miss Pauline Lutzer of Detroit, is back to saline for the holidays.

Chas. Rogers and family spent Christmas day with Ypsilanti friends.

Howard Nichols who has been quite sick for three weeks, is recovering.

Miss Daisy Humphrey came home from Detroit to spend the holidays.

Miss Lilla Schaffer of Ann Arbor, is spending the holidays with her parents.

W. S. Hull of Walkerville, Canada, spent Christmas with home folks here.

A. M. Humphrey and family helped Chas. Miller and family eat Christmas turkey.

Mrs. S. Heller left Saturday evening for Ypsilanti to visit her daughter, Mrs. Hickson.

Mr. Donald Dormfort of Chicago, is in town visiting his children and other relatives and friends.

Frank Jones will manage the Ann Arbor opera house during the absence of Hon. A. J. Sawyer.

Miss Dora Mason of Ann Arbor, visited Miss Blanche Mead and other friends here, this week.

Mr. Fred Clark of Chicago, is spending the holidays at home, and is taking great pleasure in sleigh riding.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Townsend gave a family dinner party on Christmas day, which was very much enjoyed by all.

Otto Schauer of Ann Arbor, is spending the holidays with his people, and helping them to enjoy a merry Christmas.

Frank Jones expects to move to Ann Arbor in the spring.

Mrs. D. A. Townsend of the second grammar grade, entertained her scholars Tuesday evening at her home on McKay st.

The Baptist Sunday School gave their scholars a Christmas supper, which was very much enjoyed by all, as each took a part.

Miss Grace Gorden, daughter of John Gorden, was married at her father's home to Elmer Stimpson, on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1896.

The Presbyterian Sunday School held their exercises and had their Christmas tree Christmas night. All report having a good time.

Mrs. Mary Parsons and Mrs. Jane Harper left Wednesday for Morrice, where they will spend the holidays with the former's relatives.

Watch night service will be held in the M. E. church Thursday evening and it is expected that Dr. Ryan of Ypsilanti, will be present.

Coasting in front of the school house is now very popular with a class of young people, who earlier in the season were taken up with skating.

W. O. Hoyt and wife, together with Prof. C. O. Hoyt and family of Ypsilanti, helped eat Christmas turkey with Mr. and Mrs. H. Hill of Milan.

Miss Abbie Chandler, who has been in Clinton since graduating from the high school last year, is home with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Chandler.

Delos Townsend taught school in the second grammar department last Tuesday, during a temporary absence of Mrs. Townsend caused by sickness.

Miss Mina Bordine, who graduated from the State Normal last year and now has a position in the Ypsilanti public schools, is spending a part of her vacation at home.

Hoyt L. Conary, who is here Jan. 7 for the benefit of the high school seniors, has 64 dates in Michigan during the next three months. He comes as a high class entertainer.

Miss Lissa Hull spent Christmas and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hull, who, having their whole family together once more, made a merry Christmas for them.

Mr. Vick Sturm arrived home Christmas eve from the northern part of the state, where he has been for several weeks looking after the lumber interests of the firm of Reeves & Sturm.

Prof. Austin spent Christmas with his people at Morris, and from there he goes to Lansing to attend the State Teachers Association Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, in which he is very much interested.

Pentecostal meetings began in the M. E. church Sunday evening to a full house, and it is hoped that the number may increase during the coming week, as Mr. Moorehouse, the evangelist, will be here after Jan. 1st.

The Christmas tree at the M. E. church on Christmas eve was well attended and many a Sunday school scholar was made happy in receiving gifts and listening to the exercises, which passed off nicely.

Bert Rogers of Lodi, met with a terrible accident last week. While leading a horse into the barn it became frightened and knocking him down mangled his face with its sharp shoes so badly it is feared he will lose his entire eye-sight.

Everet Davenport of York, is probably the champion fox hunter of this county. He was out the last of the week looking after this rare game and he succeeded in capturing three pretty ones in his own township. The dog took and killed one alone. The fox skins are worth \$1.50 each, and he will have them trimmed up for rugs.

Mrs. Emeline Humphrey made a very unexpected visit into the basement of her house Monday; in other words she had the misfortune to unceremoniously fall down cellar. An outside door is near to the cellar door and she accidentally got hold of the wrong door knob and found herself at the foot of the stairs, badly bruised and shaken up. Her injuries are not thought, however, to be serious.

Farmers who have potatoes stored take heart. Shipments to the south are larger than in previous years and there are indications of a shortage in that quarter. It is believed the Michigan crop will sell at good prices before spring.

A nice assortment of Smyrna Japanese and Fur Rugs for the Holiday's. Don't forget to get one.

HALLER'S FURNITURE STORE.

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WHITMORE LAKE WAVES.

Maud Moss and Johnnie Rane are home from Ann Arbor High school for the holiday vacation.

Tommy Lavender has engaged to work for Wm. Ball for the coming year, and moved there last week.

The Maccabees and their friends will celebrate the advent of 1897, Friday evening, Jan. 1st, with a ball at the Clifton House.

Our citizens with the aid of Will Spiegelburg and his buzz-saw, cut up the dominie's woodpile last week. Sensible people.

Rev. Mr. Hicks delivered an address at Chesaning last Wednesday evening at a public installation of the officers of the Masonic lodge and chapter.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at the parsonage recently, and in the evening, quite a company gathered and tendered Rev. Hicks a benefit amounting to over \$50, and had a royal good time as well.

Mrs. W. B. Rane went to Columbus, Ohio, a few days since to spend the holidays with her daughter, and Will followed her later Wednesday morning, leaving Uncle Frank to run the ranch alone.

Miss Clara Elliott has a new kitchen nearly finished, a much needed improvement, and the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Webster remembered herself and family very liberally a few days since.

About sixty relatives and invited guests gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lombard, Thursday, Dec. 17th to witness the nuptials of their daughters, Miss Lillian May with Mr. John Weismyer, and Miss Frances Marian with Mr. Albert V. De Wolf of Hamburg. At 2:30 p. m. while Miss Nellie Wilson played the wedding march the brides and grooms entered the parlor, where Rev. Mr. Hicks, using the beautiful ritual of the Methodist church, ratified the marriage covenant between them in a solemn and impressive manner, followed by the congratulations of the company, after which the guests repaired to the dining room and did ample justice to the beautiful feast provided. Later the contracting parties took the train for Milford and Flint to visit friends for a couple of weeks, when they will return and set up housekeeping.

Mr. Jay McColl of Knoxville, Tenn., is spending the holidays at his old home.

Miss Janie Bird has gone to spend a week with her sister, Mrs. Hetchler of Salem.

Mrs. Wm. Scadin spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. John Kenny is rejoicing over the advent of a new grand-daughter, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Waldron, Hastings, Neb.

Mr. Elmer Latson, who has been in Jackson for some months, and Mrs. Will Grostiek with her little son from near Howell, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Latson.

Miss May Ball of the Dexter High school, is enjoying a rest this week. She has driven from her home to Dexter and back every school day this year, a distance of nearly five miles.

The young people are preparing to fill in the week with sleigh rides and a Leap Year party, the latter to be at the home of Wm. Latson, Dec. 31. This is the last chance the girls will have for eight years.

The Sunday school held their annual election Sunday, Dec. 27. Mr. Bert Kenny was chosen superintendent in place of Will Burnett, who has filled the office faithfully for two years but did not wish to take it again. The other officers are the same as last year: Frank Williams, assistant superintendent; Miss Lizzie Latson, secretary and treasurer; Miss Mary Backus, organist.

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YPSILANTI.

LOCAL LINERS.

Pres. Winters was in town yesterday on Street railway business.

The Ladies' Literary Society met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. R. G. Boone.

During the rest of the season the carriers' windows at the postoffice will be open from 7 to 7:30 p. m., instead of 7:30 to 8.

Prof. Oscar Gareissen took the choir boys of St. Luke's church for a sleigh ride out to the Chandler farm, Saturday evening.

The primary department of the Baptist Sunday-school held a Christmas tree and entertainment at the church last Friday evening.

The junior members of the Y. W. C. A. had a Christmas party last Saturday p. m. Games were played and popcorn and candy were served.

Eight Y. W. C. A. girls with horses and a sleigh, serenaded the members of the Y. W. C. A. board of managers at 6 o'clock last Friday morning.

The people are demanding all night electric light service, and President Curtis of the Board of Public Works thinks it will come before long.

Fred Moran and Scott Quentin, famous horsemen, are looking over the steppers of the city, and Ypsilanti will probably lose some more good horse-flesh.

"Schumann" will be the subject of the next lecture by Profs. Lamond and Gareissen, which will be given in the Conservatory next Thursday afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

The Y. W. C. A. class in vocal music will have a vacation this week. This class numbering 41 members, is doing excellent work under the instruction of Mrs. F. H. Pease.

Rev. Bastian Smits delivered his farewell sermon at the Congregational church last Sunday. Mr. Smits left Tuesday for Charlotte, and Mrs. Smits will follow him next week.

Prof. Oscar Gareissen and his orchestra, and Mr. John Dodge, have manifested their interest in the opera house by donating their services at the opening entertainment Thursday night.

Mrs. L. D. Cole died after an illness of several days, on Saturday afternoon, at her home on Adams street. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon. A husband, two daughters and three sons survive her.

Monday's Times publishes the marriage license of Miss Anna Barr of Augusta, and Mr. John Uhl of Ypsilanti. Both parties are well known in Ypsilanti, and their marriage will be attended by the best wishes of their many friends.

Dr. Owen, according to Frank Joslyn, once used rather unfair political means to beat him for coroner. Frank had to call the Dr. professionally just a few days before election, and Doc gave him a dose that kept him in bed. He evidently bears him no malice as he tells it now as a good joke.

Norvell Hawkins was given a pardon by Gov. Rich last week, after serving a year and nine months in the Jackson prison for embezzlement from the Standard Oil Co. He was released last Thursday and went at once to Detroit to join his wife. He visited his mother in this city the first of this week.

The Christmas services at the Presbyterian church last Sunday were very enjoyable, the music being especially fine both morning and evening. "Ring Out, Wild Bells" has been sung many times in Ypsilanti, but never so beautifully as it was sung Sunday morning by Mrs. F. H. Pease. Mrs. Pease also sang a solo in the evening.

At St. Luke's church last Sunday morning a most scholarly and impressive Christmas sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Gardner. In the evening the two Masonic societies of the city united and attended church in a body. The occasion being St. John's Day. The holy was handsomely decorated with holly and evergreen, and the music very enjoyable. On Monday evening the Sunday-school gave their Christmas concert in the church, followed by a Christmas tree at the church house.

Schemerhorn vs. DeMost. Last week a judgment for \$100 was rendered in favor of the plaintiff, Jerome Schemerhorn, vs. Jos. DeMost, in the circuit court. The case was a peculiar one, inasmuch as the defendant in name was not the defendant in fact. The facts show that Schemerhorn acquired some personal property while in the employ of Mollie Bennett, who lived on a farm north of Ypsilanti. Last March she died, leaving no representatives nearer than cousins. The special administrator seized all property in sight notwithstanding the protests of Schemerhorn, wisely maintaining that Schemerhorn could hold nothing without written evidence of ownership, properly signed, sealed and delivered. The property, consisting of a span of horses, was sold at auction, Jos. DeMost bidding in one of them, hence the suit. Wallace & Webb represented the plaintiff and won their case several weeks ago before Justice Childs. The case was then taken into circuit court, where they again won. Capt. Allen and John P. Kirk were attorneys for the estate.

PERSONALS.

Miss Lena Knapp is visiting in Leslie.

Miss Madge Bliss is visiting in Rockford.

Miss Ida Mann is visiting in Concord.

N. A. McDonald is in Newaygo for a visit.

Miss Kittie Campbell is visiting in Flint.

Miss Myrtle Crawford is visiting in Novi.

Miss Genevieve Cross is visiting in Wayne.

Miss Bernice Sanford is visiting in Pontiac.

Miss Louise Brayton is visiting in Lansing.

C. B. Upton is spending a few days in Flint.

Miss Mamie Higgins is visiting in Saginaw.

Miss Beulah Mossman is visiting in Reed City.

Miss Clara Bennett is visiting in Newaygo.

D. W. Richardson is a Lenox visitor this week.

Miss Myra Bird is spending the holidays at Gregory.

Master Herbert Connell is visiting in Detroit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Densmore spent Sunday in Clinton.

E. E. Richmond is spending the vacation in Saginaw.

Miss Flora Crosby is spending a few days in Northville.

Miss Guy Davis is entertaining Miss Brown of Jackson.

Miss Carrie Daniels is spending her vacation in Mason.

J. W. Maybee is spending the vacation in Grass Lake.

Miss Margaret Marshall is spending the week in Lapeer.

Miss Hattie Lawrence is spending the week in Detroit.

Miss Lulu Loughray is spending her vacation in Milford.

Miss Bertha Lindsay is spending the holidays in St. Clair.

Miss Edna Barnum was a Detroit visitor over Sunday.

John G. Chapel is spending his vacation in Grand Blanc.

Mrs. R. G. Boone spent Monday and Tuesday in Lansing.

Rob Yost has been on the sick list for the last ten days.

Will Marshall is seriously ill at his home near Ypsilanti.

Frank J. Campbell is spending the week in Grand Blanc.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Markham are visiting in Eaton Rapids.

Miss Edith Newcomer is spending her vacation in Lenox.

Arthur R. Green is spending the vacation week in Novi.

Miss Ethel Brown is spending her vacation in Manistiquette.

Miss Margaret Gilbert has gone to Detroit for a week's visit.

Miss Pearl Hayner is the guest of friends in Grand Rapids.

Harvey McCullough has gone to Milford for a few days' visit.

Prof. W. D. Cramer will spend part of his vacation in Sparta.

Miss Lillian Thomas is spending the holidays in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Struble are in Kalamazoo for a few days.

Miss Mollie Averill is spending the holidays in Benton Harbor.

Miss Kathryn Oberst is home from Muskegon for the holidays.

Miss Lettie Cookingham is home from Pontiac for the holidays.

Miss Harriette Hawkins has gone to Oscoda to spend her vacation.

Miss Edna Barnum was the guest of friends in Detroit over Sunday.

Miss Winifred Wright is spending her vacation in Benton Harbor.

Mrs. Fred Hale of Hudson, is visiting her father, S. J. Remington.

Miss Nellie Lonsbury is home from Wilmington, Mich., for vacation.

Miss Harriet Diller is spending the vacation at her home in this city.

F. E. Ellsworth of the Conservatory, is spending his vacation in Lenox.

Miss Jessie Crosby is spending the vacation at her home in Cass City.

Miss Rachel Lancaster is spending the holiday vacation in Northville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sweet spent Monday with friends in Mooreville.

Donald Waite of Detroit, spent Tuesday with his uncle, Seward Cramer.

George Minor has been confined to his home by illness for several days.

Wm. R. Shier of the postoffice force, spent Sunday with Detroit relatives.

Miss Winnie Vosburg is spending the holidays at her home in Union City.

Rev. Wm. Gardam preached at the Jackson prison Sunday of last week.

Miss Selima Charbonneau is home from Grand Rapids for the holidays.

Mrs. Frank Whelden of Detroit, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Milo Ehrman.

Dan Quirk, Jr., and Newton Swift were Grand Rapids visitors this week.

Lambert Barnes is spending his vacation with relatives in New York state.

Irving B. Hunter is home from his school work in Illinois for the vacation.

Miss Elizabeth Millsbaugh is home from Lafayette, Ind., for the vacation.

Miss Margaret Robison of Detroit, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Connell.

John P. Kirk made a business trip to Port Huron, Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Wise of the Normal faculty, is spending a few days in Detroit.

Miss Minnie Fosdick of Saline, visited her brother in this city part of last week.

Harry Dashner has gone to Chicago to remain for an indefinite length of time.

Miss Adah Prudden is visiting her parents at Chelsea during the holiday vacation.

Miss Myrtle Wortley is home from her school work at Cadillac for the holidays.

Miss Florence Shultes of the Normal faculty is spending the holidays in Kalamazoo.

Miss Lillie E. Davis of the Cleary college faculty, is spending a few days in Marshall.

Clint C. Capan of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, visited Ypsilanti friends the first of the week.

Miss Abbie Pearce of the Normal faculty, is spending her vacation in Grand Rapids.

Misses Nettie and Kate Cherry are spending the vacation at their home in Grand Haven.

Miss Amy Stebbins of Cleveland, spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. J. N. Wallace.

Misses Bertha and Maude Holmes are spending the vacation at their home in Caseville.

Fred W. Stock Jr. of Lewiston, Maine, was the guest of Miss Lou M. Sherman, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Spalsbury and Dr. Spalsbury visited in Leonidas from Friday till Monday.

Will Marshall is entertaining a fit of sickness by way of recreation during his holiday vacation.

Richard R. Putnam of the Normal faculty, is spending the vacation at his home in Kalamazoo.

Miss Nellie D. Yerkes entertained a few friends at her home on Huron street, Saturday evening.

Harry Moore has returned from Cincinnati and will enter the medical department of the U. of M.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hinman and Miss Blanche Hinman of Detroit, have been visiting Mrs. Peter Miller.

Miss Nettie D. Sloan is home from Constantine to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Cundiff.

Hon. Henry M. Cheever is recovering from an illness which confined him to the house for several days.

Miss Mollie Emerson of Muskegon, spent Christmas in this city with her mother, Mrs. Eleanor Emerson.

Mrs. Nancy Hendricks left this week for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Osborne of Owosso.

John W. Dodge arrived home last week, after an absence of several months in Europe, studying music.

Miss Julia Conklin, who teaches in the Central building will spend the holidays at her home in Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McGee and Miss Emma Barr are the guests of their mother, Mrs. Barr, who lives near Ypsilanti.

David Uhl of Grand Rapids, son of Edwin F. Uhl, was the guest of his grandfather, David Uhl of this city, this week.

Dr. D. E. Smith and Prof. Julia A. King each read a paper at the State Teachers' Association, which met in Lansing this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Webb have received for a Christmas present an elegant upright Mehlin piano, the gift of Mr. Webb's mother.

Miss Myrtle Cooley, Bessie Baxter, Maude Bryant, Mary Eccles, Inez Bryce and Edith and Kate Ladd are spending the vacation in Port Huron.

Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Elliott of Jackson, spent Christmas in this city with their mother, Mrs. Elliott, of Emmet street.

Rev. T. Peach of Almont, Wm. W. Beach of Leos Angeles, Cal., and Frank Joslyn of Muskegon, were called to this city by the death of Hon. Walter P. Beach.

Prof. and Mrs. Oscar Gareissen have moved into the house owned by Prof. Lodeman, on Chicago avenue. They will occupy it, together with Prof. Lodeman, during the year's absence of Mrs. Lodeman and Miss Hilda.

DEXTER DOTS.

Christmas Prizes at the Stores—Christmas Visitors in the Village—A Teacher Remembers all her Scholars.

Jay Stanton has gone West to see his best girl.

Business men report a good Christmas trade.

Floyd Page is home from school at Ann Arbor.

Leonard Rosier will spend the winter at Freeport.

Michel Barsuter received the lamp at W. J. Keal's.

Miss Bertha Ferris has returned home from Jackson.

Thomas Parks was up from Ann Arbor Saturday.

Arthur Sims is home from Port Huron this week.

Emma Leller is visiting at Ernest Elssor's this week.

Anna and Nellie Hodson are home Ann Arbor this week.

John Rosier and family of Jackson, came down Thursday.

Miss Myrtle Bostwick is in Detroit this week with her sister.

James Dotey and wife are visiting Harry J. Phelps' this week.

Adam Spiegelberg of Loraine, O., is visiting his old home this week.

Samuel Johnson went to Lansing Thursday to see his son Charley.

Mrs. F. Potter of Mason, is visiting at Morris Thompson's this week.

T. S. James new horse is a flyer, also the only whistling horse in town.

Mrs. Carrie Seper received the carpet sweeper at James and Francisco's.

Emanuel Jedele purchased his fine Christmas beef of Edward Cranston.

Elmer Maines and family of Detroit, are visiting relatives here this week.

Ed. Wilcox and family of near Ceresco, is visiting his mother this week.

Rev. McConnell is entertaining his son and daughter of Lansing, this week.

Herman Easton and family of Ann Arbor, spent Christmas at John L. Smith's.

Miss Amanda Henning of Ann Arbor, is with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Lyons, this week.

Mrs. Helen Stanton has returned home from a visit to her brother, Isaac C. Stanton.

The Christmas exercises at the Lutheran church Thursday evening were entertaining.

The family of John L. Smith were all home for the Christmas tree, and a jolly good time they had.

Wm. Jordan died Thursday at the county house. Funeral from St. Joseph's church Saturday.

The pumpkin that Alley & Sons gave prizes on contained 616 seeds. Ellis Phelps received first prize, Mrs. H. C. Gregory, second.

Miss Minnie Rader made her 52 scholars happy by going from house to house Christmas with her beautiful gifts for the children.

MANCHESTER MENTION.

Cheese Factory Booming—Visitors at Home and Abroad—Lady Maccabees Elect Officers.

Miss Eleanor Lehn has returned from Detroit.

Howard Schofield of Norvell, was in town Monday.

Miss Weger of Cleveland, O., is visiting her parents.

Peter Ryan of Marine City, is home on a week's vacation.

J. M. Jones of Tecumseh, was in town on business Tuesday.

Jacob Braun of Ann Arbor, visited friends here Christmas day.

Gust Wuerthner of Tecumseh, was home Thursday of last week.

Miss Lula Phillips of Jackson, is a guest of her uncle J. J. Briegel.

Miss Orrell Grigsby is spending the holidays at her home in Allegan.

Isaac Hall had the misfortune to break an arm one day last week.

The Lady Maccabees initiated two new candidates Monday evening.

Miss Zella Crocker of Jackson, is visiting her cousin Miss Bessie Torrey.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Bailey entertained a few friends at cards Saturday evening.

Mrs. W. L. Watkins and Mrs. G. H. Ford drove to Adrian and return, Tuesday.

Albert W. Dorr of the U. of M., spent the holiday vacation in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Blosser have returned from a six weeks' visit at Lansing.

Mrs. Dr. Felton of Jackson, was a visitor at Leonard Herman's one day last week.

B. Fred Burtless came home Saturday from Toledo to make his parents a short visit.

The Walker-Farrell law suit was adjudged Monday, and a new suit will be tried soon.

A sleigh number of young people enjoyed a sleigh-ride out to Mr. Leonard Herman's Monday evening.

Miss Minnie Gieske and Miss Anna Maurer of Ann Arbor, visited their parents Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Blosser of Lansing, spent Christmas with his brother, Mat D., and family.

G. H. Anthony and G. L. McCallum expect to go to Hudson soon to work in a bicycle factory.

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Besemer and son Rob, went to Jackson Christmas for a few days' visit.

Prof. Evan Essery went to Lansing Monday, to be present at the state teachers' association.

Elmer Allen accompanied by his mother and sister of Ypsilanti, spent Xmas at Wm. Campbell's.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson of Hastings, spent the holidays with Wm. Johnson and other relatives.

It is reported that Eugene Millen, oldest son of C. H. Millen, is very ill with typhoid fever, at Wolf Lake.

Miss Bertha Youngmans came up from Toledo Wednesday evening to visit her parents a couple of weeks.

Mrs. H. P. Welling of Hillsdale, has been making her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Clark, a few days' visit.

Grand Lecturer Bisbee was here Tuesday evening, and S. M. Adoniram Council 24, R. and S. W. G. do the work.

The Misses Mary Unterkircher and Hattie Rose, who are employed at Jackson, were home a few days last week.

Miss Mamie Haag of Jackson, is a guest of her aunts, the Misses Herman.

Miss Ida Gwinner, accompanied by two lady friends from Ypsilanti, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Short.

It is reported that Mart Hendershot and Fred Schoaible will soon embark into the grocery business at Kensler's old stand.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nisle of Tecumseh, spent Christmas and the balance of the week, with Will's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nisle.

Wm. Amspoker will move his family to Ann Arbor to reside, having secured employment there with County Treasurer Wm. Rehmann.

Eugene Guhn, who is attending the Cleary College at Ypsilanti, was in town a few days last week visiting friends and relatives.

The young men about town gave an informal dancing party at Arbeiter Hall New Year's eve., and music for the occasion was furnished by local talent.

The cheese factory seems to be a successful venture, and we hope the new enterprise may continue to be so. New customers are added daily and they are now making about eight cheeses per day.

N. Schmid, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. H. Kirchhofer, and Miss Julia Kirchhofer, went to Columbus, O., Tuesday morning to attend the funeral of Nate's brother, Rev. Emanuel Schmid.

The ladies of St. Mary's Catholic church served supper Wednesday evening at Arbeiter Hall to a large crowd. The Ladies' Mandolin Club of Jackson, gave a highly entertaining concert afterwards.

The Lady Maccabees have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Com., Mrs. Sara Hendershot; Lieut., Com., Miss Louise Pfister; R. K., Mrs. N. Schmid; F. K., Mrs. F. P. Maginn; Chap., Mrs. C. F. Kapp; Sgt., Mrs. Jay Corey; M. of A., Mrs. Floy Nisle; Sentinel, Mrs. Fred Kensler; Picket, Mrs. Gusta Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hewitt and daughter of Grand Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Conklin and daughter of Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Gage of Tecumseh; Mr. Ed Gage, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gage of Jackson, W. S. Morse and Miss Blanche Gage of Tecumseh; and Mr. and Mrs. Hunt of Jackson were out of town relatives who attended the funeral of A. K. Gage Sunday.

MILAN MATTERS.

Items of Personal Interest—New Year's Dinner at Odd Fellows Hall—L. O. T. Diner Getting—Solomon and his Wisdom.

A happy New Year to you all. Charlie Lane is digging a well for W. F. Allen.

Miss Belle Tripp is visiting Detroit friends this week.

Walter Brown is visiting friends in Maybee a few days.

Lloyd Ward was an Ypsilanti visitor Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Stella Ward entertained a few friends Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Palmer are visiting their daughter in Delaware, Ohio.

Wilmer and Floyd Robinson were Exeter visitors Monday and Tuesday.

Charles Dickinson of Willis, was the guest of Mr. Brown and family Monday.

The L. O. T. M's received eight new members into their lodge last Monday night.

Professor James Clark, who is principal of the Shelby school, is home for the holidays.

Mr. Eugene Ward, who has been working in Superior, returned home last Friday.

All are anticipating a pleasant time, at the K. of P's entertainment and ball New Year's night.

Miss Millie Groves of Willis, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mame Andrews, returned home Monday.

Remember the New Year's dinner given by the Methodist church and held in the Odd Fellows hall. All are invited to attend.

Misses May and Cora McGregor, teachers of Vermontville schools, are home during vacation. Miss Cora is quite ill with la grippe.

Warren Babcock, assistant professor of mathematics in Agricultural college, accompanied by his wife and mother, arrived home last week Thursday.

The subject of Rev. J. P. Hutchinson's sermon next Sunday morning is "Glad Worship, and The Lord's Supper." In the evening, it is "True Freedom."

The Electric Belt Co. are giving a series of entertainments in Gay's Opera House, which will continue for two weeks. These entertainments are given to procure an opportunity for exhibiting the Electric treatment for disease. Every night there is free admission, with the exception of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights when the sum of 10c will be charged.

CHELSEA CHAT.

Howard Canfield Morse—Chelseaites Going West—A Blind Pianist—St. Mary's Fair.

Dr. J. C. Twitchell has sold his residence to Milo Updike and will move in a short time to Oregon.

Claude Martin starts for California this week in the interest of an eastern manufacturing company.

The stove works has closed for repairs during the holidays. They expect to open up Monday with a full force.

Miss Lottie Steinbach gave a reception New Year's eve to the members of the High school class of '96, of which she was a member.

Bert and Burnett Sparks went to California last Monday, where they will spend the winter traveling for the Globe Tobacco Co. of Detroit.

Mr. Howard Canfield was compelled to submit to another operation in order to save his life. Dr. Palmer amputated his leg once more last week. He is doing as well as could be expected.

Jake Slimmer of the Chelsea House, was dragged a few blocks by a runaway horse last Sunday, but came out right side up. Jake is gritty, and after he had shook himself together, he got in the cutter again and drove off.

The ladies of St. Mary's church gave a fair at the Town hall last Tuesday and Wednesday. The children were given a Christmas tree Tuesday evening, and the young gentlemen of the church gave a social hop Wednesday night.

Miss Knight, a blind pupil of the Conservatory of Music at Albion, gave a concert under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E., in the Congregational church last Tuesday night. A sum of about twelve dollars was realized to assist her in completing her education.

BRIDGEWATER POINTERS.

McKinley's Fall—Visitors for the Holidays—The A. O. U. W. Care for a Sick Brother.

W. G. Springer spent Monday in Manchester.

F. W. Schoen and family spent Sunday at Clinton.

Mrs. L. W. Kirkwood spent Christmas at Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Blum spent Christmas at Manchester.

Mrs. Foster of Ypsilanti, spent Christmas in Bridgewater.

Dr. Alton is spending a few days with his parents at Holt, Mich.

I. W. Kirkwood and Geo. Blum were in Manchester Monday night.

Amile Schada of Detroit, is spending a week or so with his parents here.

Miss Mary Fanthauer spent Christmas with her parents at Manchester.

E. F. Layher will move into the Flieman house recently purchased by him.

The Misses Rheinfranks entertained a party of young people Tuesday evening.

Chas. Clessler of Columbus, O., is spending holiday vacation with his people here.

Misses Emma and Rosa Veller of Ypsilanti, spent Christmas with their parents here.

Little Carleton Kirkwood, who has been suffering from an attack of laryngitis, is improving.

Fred Gauss is still very low, and the A. O. U. W. have arranged to have an attendant for him.

Someone, for the want of something better to do, laid the McKinley pole low with an auger Monday night.

YORK SAYINGS.

Miss Lucy Davenport is at home for her holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Draper are at home to their friends, in Mr. G. Hathaway's house.

Miss Blanche Forsyth of the Adrian High school, is at home for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. G. Hathaway and family have moved to Ypsilanti, where their son is attending school.

Mrs. M. Clark has returned from a four weeks' visit with friends in Saginaw and Owosso.

Lodge No. 198, Knights of Pythias, will give their first reception and ball Friday evening, Jan. 1.

Misses Maud and Jessie Loveland have returned from a visit of some length in the State of Nebraska.

Miss Donna and Mr. Rob. McLachlan are at home, from the Ann Arbor High school, for Christmas vacation.

The Boston board of health has found the first effective and practicable way of overhauling the dirty and selfish persons who insist upon splashing their diseased excretion upon the floors and platforms of public conveyances and in public places generally. The creatures who are caught at it in Boston will hereafter have to pay a fine, \$100, and serve them right.

The new political party which it is proposed to form for the purpose of forwarding the leading commercial interests of this country will be constructed on the foundation of the gold standard and of new tariff regulations to suit these commercial interests, and the name it is proposed to give it is Democratic-Republican party. The name is too long.

We regret to hear that several persons have become insane over politics as a result of the late campaign. There is nothing in this world worth going crazy over. But the man who would go crazy over politics did not have far to go.

CLIPPED AND STOLEN.

T. E. Barkworth is formulating a plan for the organization of a newsboys' club at Jackson.

Dr. J. D. North of Jackson, was sentenced to four months in jail last week, he having been convicted of a misdemeanor in performing an operation which caused the death of Fannie Fox, an 18-year old girl, who resided in Rives, Jackson Co.

The subject of sugar beet raising is being discussed at East Tawas, and steps are being taken to ask the legislature to pass a bill providing for a bounty for growers for the first few years, until the industry is established, after the plan which Nebraska followed.

The good people of Calumet are much disturbed over the manner in which the saloons are being run. Girls hang around day and night, some being employed as bartenders and incidentally as dance-partners for the men patrons. Others, it is charged, stand at the doors and urge men to come in.

All of the land separating St. Joseph and Benton Harbor has been sold by C. B. Potter to Dr. John Bell. It was bought for the St. Joseph Valley railroad. This railroad has now purchased every vestige of land between the two cities and about Benton Harbor. The new property has been for years called East St. Joe. It will be cut up into slips for shipping purposes. The lake traffic, constantly increasing, makes this arrangement necessary.

It is not generally known that Michigan is credited on the United States mint books with a silver production of \$5,000,000, 99 per cent of which has been taken from the copper mines of Houghton, Ontonagon and Keweenaw counties. Every year valuable specimens are dug up and sold, after smelting. The Quincy mine, however, is the first to do silver mining. Electrolysis will be used in smelting copper. It is an expensive operation, but the company expects to make it profitable by the silver that can be obtained. An average of 65 ounces of silver to a ton of copper is expected.

Greater California.

It sweeps across the mind like a fresh wind from the great sea, this paper by William E. Smythe in The Century on the future of California. If the state's highest and best possibilities as set forth by Mr. Smythe are ever realized, she will be as populous and powerful as the whole nation of France is today and far richer than that country.

"Europe is better known by contact to Americans than California," says the writer. This may be partly explained by the fact that a trip to Europe from the Atlantic side of the country is cheaper than a trip to California, but it does not excuse the ignorance with regard to the Pacific state in the minds of those who have money enough to travel where they please.

California has more territory than France has, and that territory richer and more resourceful. Yet France has a population of more than 38,000,000, while California has less than 1,250,000.

It is like going to a great and beautiful horticultural show to read Mr. Smythe's mention of the fruits of Southern California. He says that of late the people there are learning to pick ripe olives, and these are as much better than the green pickled olive as a ripe apple is better than a green one.

Contrasting industrial systems were never shown in stronger light than they are when Mr. Smythe puts side by side northern and southern California. Northern California is the land of the huge wheat farm, with its hobo labor. Southern California is the land of the small patch of highly cultivated land worked by its owner, and here an intelligent population of horticulturists is growing prosperous and even rich and increasing year by year in the graces of a fine and highly cultured social life.

So far as the best interests of society are concerned, Mr. Smythe says the breaking up of the huge wheat farm of northern California is the best thing that could have happened to the state. With it will go the rich wheat baron on the one hand and the ignorant servile laborer on the other.

Our writer says further that the organization and co-operation in labor enterprises among the small property owners and working people themselves will turn this wonderful state into a paradise on earth. By industrial organization and control of their own goods at every stage from producer to consumer, the Pacific coast people "may win precious victories for humanity."

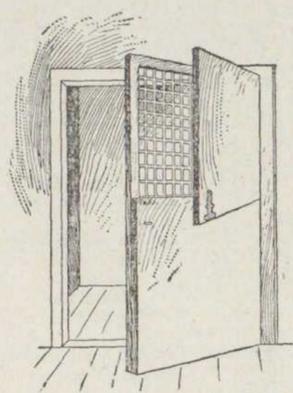
David said in his wrath that all mankind were liars, and there is no record of his ever taking it back either. He probably alluded to that habit of exaggeration into which the best of people sometimes unconsciously fall. For instance, no one for a moment would believe that Ian Maclaren would knowingly make a false statement. Yet at a recent St. Andrew's banquet the newspaper report represents him as saying, "After shaking hands after every lecture (in this country) with hundreds of Scots I began to wonder where I should meet an American." How by any stretch of human possibility could a Maclaren have shaken hands with even 100 Scots after every one of his lectures in America? Even so famous and good a man as he might be reminded of that well known injunction, Tell the truth, and if you can't tell it tell it as nearly as you can.



INSIDE THE STABLE.

Ventilation Without Drafts—A Good Stable Floor Is Described.

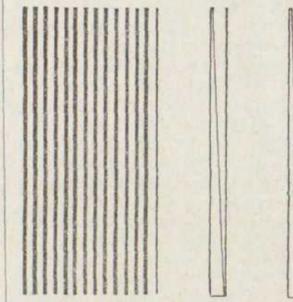
Where box stalls are constantly in use there are many days, not only in summer, but in winter as well, when it is a serious problem to keep the inmates comfortable. There may be a ventilating shaft in each stall and a small window, but even with these exits for over-



VENTILATING A BOX STALL.

heated air there will be days when the inmates of box stalls will suffer for a freer circulation of air, particularly in winter, when it is not always practicable to open stable windows. Under such conditions a contributor to the New York Tribune tells that the best plan is to open the box stall out into the interior of the stable by using such an arrangement as shown in the illustration here reproduced.

The door to the stall is cut into two parts, while attached to the lower half, but extending to the top of the doorway, is a grating of wire supported by the framework that is screwed to the lower half of the door. The upper half shuts into place and bolts to the lower half, when the whole swings as one door. During the day the upper part of the door can be kept open and shut at night for warmth. This not only affords good ventilation during the day, but permits the occupants of such stalls to be seen at any time without opening the stall doors. The same arrangement is



IMPROVED STABLE FLOOR.

useful for poultry houses, sheep pens, etc. In the case of small animals common wire poultry netting can be used for the grating.

The improved stable floor shown in the second cut was originally illustrated and described in The Country Gentleman. The first tier of plank, which may be two inches thick, is laid with an incline of three inches to the rear. These planks are the full depth of the stall, including the manger. The length will vary from eight to nine feet. Over this are laid pieces like C in cut. These pieces are four inches wide and three inches in depth and as long as the stall or plank of first tier. They taper to nothing at one end and are laid an inch apart. B shows how two pieces are taken out of one stick by sawing diagonally any good, hard, tough wood 3 by 4 inches. A shows the floor when complete. In cleaning this stall it is necessary to have a kind of mattock to fit into the spaces in the grating. This improvement is more noticeable when used for stallions and geldings.

When to Sow Winter Wheat.

Winter wheat should never be sown until after frost has come. Some years this may postpone seeding until pretty late, but if the ground is worked thoroughly until the time of seeding there is no danger that the plant will not get all the growth needed before winter. We have seen many more wheat failures from too early seeding than from keeping the seed out of the ground too late. There is some danger of the wheat getting too large a growth if sown too early, but the greater danger from this is that the Hessian fly will lay her eggs, causing the wheat to crinkle down when the worm hatches next spring. No eggs are sown by the Hessian fly after frost comes. If it were not for scattered grain in wheatfields the fly might easily be starved out by delaying all wheat seeding until after frost. There is much less scattered wheat since the wheat harvesting machines have come into use. If all would unite in delaying seeding, the Hessian fly pest might be exterminated.

Staves For Tub Silos.

Some lumber dealer will make a good thing if he will manufacture suitable staves for a round "tub" silo and offer them for sale at reasonable rates. There is sure to be a demand for such staves. We know several parties who would have built the silos this year if they could have bought the staves readily. It is evident that this form of silo is going to be very popular, and there will surely be a great demand for first class staves all ready to put in place.

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LESSON 4, FIRST QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, JAN. 3.

Text of the Lesson, Acts 1, 1-14 - Memory Verses, 7-9 - Golden Text, Luke xxiv, 51 - Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

1. "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach." This associates the writer with the author of the third gospel (Luke 1, 1-4). In that treatise he speaks of the doings and teachings of Jesus as things most surely believed, of which people knew the certainty. This is a record of the continuation of the doings and teachings of Jesus through His followers. Dr. Erdman calls it a mirror of the experience of all true and faithful witnesses till He come, its two themes being the "Great Redemption" and the "Coming Kingdom." Observe that the order is first doing and then teaching and compare Mark vi, 30; Ez. vii, 10.

2. "Until the day in which He was taken up." The gospel by Luke reaches to the ascension, with which also he begins this treatise (a word used only in verse 1, but the Greek word logos is used over 300 times, generally translated "word" and in John 1, 1; 1 John 1, 1, and Rev. xix, 13, applied to Christ Himself. As by the Holy Spirit He was born, baptized, led, cast out demons, offered Himself a sacrifice, rose from the dead, by the same spirit He gave His parting commands to His apostles.

3. "To whom also He shewed Himself alive after His passion" (or sufferings). His ten or more different appearances to the disciples during the 40 days between His resurrection and ascension were sufficient to prove to them that the risen Christ was the very same Jesus whom they had known and loved and had seen die on Calvary. They saw the marks of the nails in His hands and of the spear in His side, and yet there was a change, for His body was no longer flesh and blood, but "flesh and bones," in which He could eat and walk and talk and have fellowship. It was an immortal body, incorruptible, and ours shall be the same (Phil. iii, 21).

4. "Commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father." Compare Luke xxiv, 49, with John xiv, 16, 26; xvi, 7, 13. Although they had the very best of teachers and of teaching for two or three consecutive years, yet they were not qualified for service until they had received in a special sense the gift of the Spirit. It is not the mere knowledge of the truth that will suffice, but the truth set on fire by the Holy Spirit. The word is likened to water, but water must boil to make steam. May the fire cause the water to boil to make His name known (Isa. lxxv, 2).

5. "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost, not many days hence." John had said of Him, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire" (Luke iii, 16). In our next lesson we shall see somewhat of the fire, but I expect that we will see more of the fire in connection with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Israel at His second coming. See Zech. xii, 10; xiii, 9. Since He who loved us enough to die for us is He who baptizeth with the Holy Ghost what hinders us to be baptized? Ask Him.

6. "Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" In all His teaching the prominent topic was "The Kingdom," as it was also during the 40 days before His ascension (verse 2). The only kingdom mentioned in the Old Testament as a kingdom to be joyfully expected was the kingdom promised to David, with a King upon His throne. The angel Gabriel, John the Baptist, the Lord Jesus, the twelve and the seventy, all preached it; but by the Jews' treatment of Christ it was postponed till He shall come again (Luke xix, 11, 12). The disciples had not understood it so, and hence their question because of their unbelief.

7. "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father hath put in His own power." He did not say that their thoughts of the kingdom were wrong or carnal, or that it was to be a spiritual kingdom in the heart and not a kingdom for Israel, as many say today, for He knew, and we ought to know, that the one thing in all Scripture which He had said that He would do with His whole heart was to place Israel in their own land to do them good (Jer. xxxii, 41). He did say that it was not for them to know the time.

8. "But ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto Me" (see margin). According to Luke xxiv, 49, He had previously said, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." The great truth to which they were to bear witness was that He had risen from the dead. See verse 23, with chapters ii, 32; iii, 15, iv, 23, etc. By the resurrection from the dead He was with power declared to be the Son of God.

9. "He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight." Doubtless He had many times ascended to His Father during those 40 days since His first ascension on the resurrection morning when on His way to the Father He met Mary Magdalene (John xx, 17), but now He was not to appear again till He shall come for His church. He must take His seat at the Father's right hand that the Holy Spirit may come to bear witness in the redeemed that Christ is alive forever more, having all power in heaven and earth.

10. "Behold two men stood by them in white apparel." In Luke ix, 30, two men, which were Moses and Elijah, were seen on the mount of transfiguration with Him. For aught I know these may have been the same two, and they may also be the two witnesses, yet to come, of Rev. xi, 3-12. But the chief thing concerning them, whoever they were, is that they were His witnesses, and they spoke of Him.

11. "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." This was their testimony, and it stands recorded by the Spirit of God and is sure of fulfillment. This explains how the disciples could return to Jerusalem with great joy (Luke xxiv, 52), and why in all their preaching they made so much of a Christ who was alive in heaven and would surely return.

12. "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." I think this is the last mention in Scripture of our Lord's mother. Where on earth could we better leave her than at such a place? Would it not be a good record of us to have some one say, "The last time I saw them was at a prayer meeting?" Let us watch and pray and not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is. Only 120 followers (verse 15) after those three years, and the Spirit added through Peter in one day 3,000 souls (ii, 41). Was this one of the greater works of John xiv, 12?

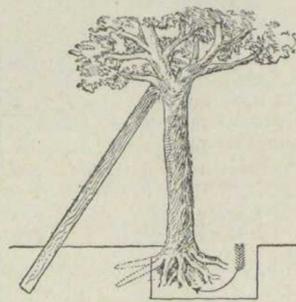
FARM GARDEN

TREES AND TIMBER.

Saving Blown Over Trees - Cutting Down Leaning Timber.

It frequently happens that orchard trees are blown over by high winds. When the roots on one side are still intact, such trees can be easily saved. A Michigan correspondent of Ohio Farmer describes his method, as follows:

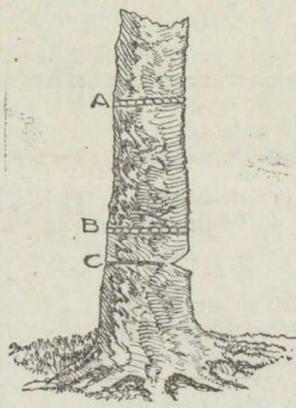
Dig a large hole on the side on which the roots are broken, and some 3 or 4 feet deep. Extend this excavation under



RESTORING BLOWN OVER TREE.

the body of the tree, so that when it is raised up it will settle about 4 inches lower than what it stood before. (See cut). Then trim the tree thoroughly, not by cutting off large limbs, but reduce the leaf surface by cutting away small limbs and twigs and by taking off the ends of the longer limbs. Then raise it into its place and set a fencepost in the ground at an angle so that the tree will rest against the top of it. Then fill in under the roots with sods and rich earth mixed with manure, so as to encourage strong root growth. In a few years your trees will be as good as before. Of course this only applies to trees that have roots enough left intact to keep the tree from withering.

In cutting down large trees for saw logs or trees that do not stand straight those that lean badly are sure to split and spoil some of the butt logs. If the farmer will put a good stout cable chain around the body of the tree, as shown in the second cut here reproduced from Ohio Farmer, he will not have any trees split up, as they are sure to do without. At A is the place to put the chain around tree and hook. Now slip chain



FELLING HEAVY TIMBER.

down to B, or within 4 to 6 inches of row marked C. If chain is not tight, drive in some wooden wedges until it is tight. The originator of this plan says he has cut leaning trees in this way without splitting them, where the top of tree was within 30 feet of the ground, 75 feet from the stump.

Hive Ventilation.

The old fashioned way with box hives was to raise the whole business an inch or so by having a block under each corner of the hive. Possibly harm was sometimes done by that, and in spring and early summer it is important to keep the hive warm so that breeding may not be interrupted, but it is doubtful if on the whole as much harm was done as by the practice of many nowadays in having an entrance throughout the whole working season of not more than two to five square inches. When the thermometer drops from 100 to 60 degrees within three days, there is a bare possibility that some brood might be chilled in the lower edges of the comb if the hive is raised an inch all around, but you will generally find that the cluster of bees will be sufficient protection for the brood. Bees may do with a three-eighths entrance the width of the hive, and many of them get along with no more throughout the season, but they might do a good deal better with more. In hot weather certainly no harm is likely to come from two or three times as much, according to The American Bee Journal.

Waxed Cloth For Budding.

The waxed cloth which is widely used for budding is made by painting thin cotton cloth with hot grafting wax. The wax has to be heated until quite thin so that it will flow well with a brush, the cloth being stretched on a board. When cool, cut or tear the cloth into strips about an inch wide and roll up like a ball of ribbon, to keep from drying. Orange Judd Farmer says that in using the heat of the hand is usually sufficient to make it flexible.

Plan For Feeding Bees.

A Pennsylvanian has a simple plan of feeding bees. As he has never lost a colony that had a queen and enough bees to keep it warm, the plan is worth testing. He makes candy of granulated sugar and pours this into shallow pans. When cool, he lays it on top of the frames right over a cluster of bees. Only this and nothing more.

FORT FRAYNE

BY CAPT. CHARLES KING U.S.A.

AUTHOR OF "A FORT IN AN ARCADE" AND "FROM THE RANKS" ETC.

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CHAPTER I.—Royle Farrar disgraces himself at West Point, deserts the school and leads a wandering life, slaking lower and lower, marries his employer's daughter and then commits a forgery. II.—Colonel Farrar, father of Royle, is killed in a battle with the Indians.

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was an accepted fact—and more so now. Will would be content nowhere without her and would have married her then and there but for his mother's gentle admonition and Kitty's positive refusal. She had been reared from girlhood by a doting aunt, had been petted and spoiled at home and at school and



"Haven't you as if it isn't really Master Will?"

yet had not a little fund of shrewd good sense in her bewilderingly pretty head. She wouldn't wear an engagement ring, wouldn't consent to call it an engagement. She owned, under pressure, that she meant to marry Will some day, but not in any hurry, and therefore, but for one thing, the mother's gentle heart would have been content.

And that one thing was that Will had applied for and would bear of no other regiment in all the army than that at the head of which his father had died, the Twelfth cavalry, and so one could understand, and Mrs. Farrar couldn't explain, how it was, why it was that that of all others was the one she had vainly hoped he would not choose. He was wild with joy and enthusiasm when at last the order came, and, with beaming eyes and ringing voice, he read aloud: "Twelfth regiment of cavalry, Cadet Will Duncan Farrar, to be second lieutenant, vice Watson, promoted, Troop C." Leale's troop, Queen Mother; blessed old Malcolm Leale. What more could I ask or you ask? What captain in all the line can match him? And Kitty's uncle in command of the regiment and post! Just think of it, madre, dear, and you'll all come out, and we'll have grand Christmas times at Frayne, and we'll hang father's picture over the mantel and father's sword. I'll wire Leale this very minute and write my respects to Fenton. What's he like anyway, mother? I can't remember him at all, nor can Kitty."

But Mrs. Farrar could not tell. It was years, too, since she had seen him, "but he was always a faithful friend of your father, Will, and he wrote me a beautiful, beautiful letter when we came away."

And so, late in September, the boy lieutenant left his mother's arms and, followed by her prayers and tears and blessings, was borne away westward to revisit scenes that were once familiar as the old barrack walls at West Point. Then it required long days of travel over rough mountain roads to reach the railway far south of the Medicine Bow. Now the swift express train landed him at the station of the frontier town that had grown up on the site of the prairie dog village he and his pony had often "stampeded" in the old days. Here at the station, come to meet the son of their old commander, ignoring the fact that the newcomer was but the plebe lieutenant of the Twelfth, were the ruddy faced old colonel and Will's own troop leader, Captain Leale, both heartily, cordially bidding him welcome and commenting not a little on his stalwart build and trying hard not to refer to the very downy mustache that adorned his boyish lip. And other and younger officers were there to welcome the lad to his new station, and huge was Will's comfort when he caught sight of Sergeant Stein, the veteran standard bearer of the regiment, and that superbly punctilious old soldier straightened up like a Norway pine and saluted with rigid precision and hoped the lieutenant was well and his lady mother and Miss Farrar. "There's nothing," thought Will, "like the discipline of the old regiment, after all," as the orderly came to ask for the checks for the lieutenant's baggage, and all went well until the luckless moment when the colonel and Leale, with some of the elders, turned aside to look at a batch of recruits sent by the same train, and Farrar, chatting with some of his fellow youngsters, was stowing his bags in the waiting ambulance, and there in the driver Will recognized Saddler Donovan's freckle faced Mickey, with whom he had had many a hunt for rabbits in the old, old days, and then an unctuous, caressing Irish voice fairly blubbered out, "Haven't you as if it isn't really Master Will!" and there, corporal's chevrons on his brawny arms, was old Terry Rorke, looking wild to embrace him, and even as Will, half ashamed of his own shyness, was shaking hands

with this faithful old retainer of his father's household in years gone by, the squad of recruits came marching past.

The third man from the front, heavily bearded, with a bloated, ill groomed face and restlessly glancing eyes, gave a quick, furtive look at the new lieutenant as he passed, then stumbled and plunged forward against his file leader. The squad was thrown into momentary disarray. The sergeant, angered at the mishap at such a time, strode quickly up to the offender and savagely muttered, "Keep your eyes to the front, Graice, and you won't be stumbling up decent men's backs." And the little detachment went briskly on.

"I thought I'd seen that man before," said Leale an instant later, "and now I know it, and I know where."

CHAPTER IV.

The winter came on early at old Fort Frayne. Even as early as mid-October the ice was forming in the shallow pools along the Platte, and that eccentric stream itself had dwindled away in volume until it seemed but the ghost of its former self. Raging and unfordable in June, swollen by the melting snows of the Colorado peaks and the torrents from the Medicine Bow, it spent its strength in the arid heat of a long, dry summer and when autumn came was mild as a mill stream as far as the eye could reach and fordable in a dozen places within rifle shot of the post. Many a time did old Fenton wish it wasn't. Frayne's reservation was big and generous; but, unluckily, it never extended across the river. Squatters, smugglers and sharpers could not intrude upon its guarded limits along the southern shore, and the nearest grogery—that inevitable accompaniment of the westward march of civilization—was a long two miles away down the right bank, but only a pistol shot across the stream.

In his day Farrar had waged war against the ransellers on the north shore and von, because then there were only soldiers and settlers and no lawyers—outside the guardhouse—within 90 miles of the post. But with the tide of civilization came more settlers, and a cattle town, and lawyers in abundance, and with their coming the question at issue became no longer that of abstract right or wrong, but how a jury would decide it, and a frontier jury always decides in favor of the squatter and against the soldier. Fenton strove to take pattern after Farrar and very nearly succeeded in landing himself in jail, as the outraged vendor went down to Laramie, hired lawyers there, swore out warrants of assault and appealed to his countrymen. The fact that no less than four of the Twelfth within six months had died with their boots on, victims of the ready knives or revolvers of the squatters across the stream, had no bearing in the eyes of the law. Fenton had warned the divkeeper a dozen times to no purpose, but when finally Sergeant Hannin was set upon and murdered there one fine April evening within easy range, and almost within hearing of his comrades at Frayne, Fenton broke loose and said impetuous things, which reached the ears of his men, who went and did things equally impetuous, to the demolition of the "shack" and the destruction of its stock of spirits and gambling paraphernalia, and it was proved to the satisfaction of the jury that Fenton did not interpose to stop the row until it had burned itself and the "shack" inside out. The people rallied to the support of the saloon keeper—he, at least, was a man and a brother, a voter, and, when he couldn't lie out of it, a taxpayer. The officers at Frayne, on the other hand, in the opinion of the citizens of that section of Wyoming, were none of the four, and Banko Jim's new resort across the Platte was a big improvement in point of size, though not in stock or sanctity, over its predecessor. Jim ran a ferryboat for the benefit of customers from the fort. It was forbidden to land on the reservation, but did so, nevertheless, when the sentry on the bluff couldn't see, and sometimes, it must be owned, when he could.

The boat was used when the water was high, the fords when it was low, and the ice when it was frozen, and it was a curious thing in winter to see how quickly the new fallen snow would be seamed with paths leading by devious routes from the barracks to the shore and then across the icebound pools straight to Banko Jim's. Bowing, as became the soldier of the republic, to the supremacy of the civil law, Fenton swallowed the lesson, though he didn't like the whisky, but Jim had his full share of customers from the fort, and the greatest of these, it soon transpired, was the big recruit speedily known throughout the command as Tough Tom Graice.

Joining the regiment at the end of September, it was less than a month before he was as well though not as favorably known as the sergeant major. There is more than one way of being conspicuous in the military service, and Graice had chosen the worst. Even the recruits who came with him from the depot, the last lot to be shipped from that once crowded garner of "food for powder," could tell nothing of his antecedents, though they were full of gawson details of his doings since enlistment. He was an expert at cards and billiards, said they—for they had found it out to their sorrow—and a demon when aroused by drink. Twice in drunken rage he had assaulted comparatively inoffensive men, and only the prompt and forcible intervention of comrades had prevented murder on the spot, while the traditional habit of the soldier of telling no tales had saved him from richly merited punishment. Within the month of his arrival Graice had made giant strides to notoriety. He was a powerful fellow, with fine command of language and an education far superior to that of the general run of noncommissioned officers, and it was among the younger set of these he first achieved a certain standing. Professing to hold himself above the private soldier, proving himself an excellent rider and an expert in drill with carbine or saber, he nevertheless declared it was

his first enlistment and gave it to be understood that a difficulty with the sheriff, who sought to arrest him, had been the means of bringing him to the temporary refuge of the ranks.

For the first few weeks, too, he drank but little, and wearing his uniform with the ease and grace of one long accustomed to the buttons, and being erect and athletic in build, he presented a very creditable appearance. The bloated, bloodshot look he wore on his arrival, the result of much surreptitious whisky en route, passed somewhat away, and it was only when one studied his face that the traces of intemperance, added to the sullen brows and shifting, restless eyes, banished the claim to good looks that were at first accorded him. From the first, however, the old sergeants and such veterans among the corporals as Terry Rorke looked askance at Trooper Graice. "Another guardhouse lawyer," said the first sergeant of Leale's troop, as he disgustfully received the adjutant's notification of Graice's assignment. "Another wan of them jailbirds like Mr. American Blood, the newspaper pet," said Rorke, in high disdain. "We'll have a circus with him, too, as they had in the Eleventh, or I'm a Jew. Where have I seen that sweet mug of his before?" he added reflectively, as he watched the newcomer surlily scrubbing at his kit, and the newcomer, glancing sideways at the Irish corporal, seemed to read his thoughts, although too far away to hear his muttered words. It was plain to every man in C troop that there was apt to be no love lost between Terence Rorke and "Tommy the Tough."

And there was another still who wore the simple dress of a private soldier, whose eyes, black, piercing and full of expression, were constantly following that new recruit, and that was the Sioux Indian, Crow Knife, a youth barely 19 years of age. He had been a boy scout before the days of the ghost dance craze. A valiant and trusted ally of the white soldiers, he had borne dispatches up to the very moment when Kill Eagle's mad brained ultimatum drove his band into revolt and launched them on the warpath.

With them went Crow Knife's father and mother, and the boy rode wildly in pursuit. He was with them, striving to induce his mother to abandon the village, when the warriors made their descent on the ranches of the Dry Fork, and later, when Farrar's fierce attack burst upon them like a thunderbolt through the snowclods. Seizing his mother in his arms, the boy had shielded and saved her when Leale's vengeful men rushed upon the nearest Indians, when unquestionably, yet unavoidably, some squaws received their death wounds in the furious fight that followed Farrar's assassination. Recognized and rescued by his former friends, Crow Knife went back to Frayne when the brief but bloody campaign was ended and then was sent to the Indian school at Carlisle. Returning in the course of three years, he had been enlisted in what was left of the Indian troop of the Twelfth, and was one of the few of his tribe who really made a success of soldiering. By the summer of this eventful year Crow Knife's comrades were rapidly being discharged and returning to their blankets and lodge life at the reservation or hanging about the squalid cattle town across the river. Crow Knife, sticking to his cavalry duty and showing unlooked for devotion to his officers, was regarded by the Twelfth as an exceptional case and was made much of accordingly.

"What d'ye think of that fellow, Crow?" asked Corporal Rorke one day as he watched the expression in the Indian's face. "Ye don't like him any more than I do. What's the reason?" "There is a saying among my people," was the answer in the slow, measured tones of one who thought in another tongue, "Eyes that cannot meet eyes glaze hands that strike foul." He-the-stabs-in-the-dark is the name we give such as that man."

"D'ye know him, Crow? Did ye never see him?" persisted Terry. "Ever since the day he came the captain has had his eye on him, and so have ye, and so have I. I can't ask the captain, but I can ye. Where have ye seen him before?"

But Crow Knife shook his head. "I cannot remember his face. It is his back I seem to know. My people say that they see their enemies."

And so Rorke could find no satisfactory solution of the ever vexing question. Twice or thrice he accosted Graice and strove to draw him into talk, but the newcomer seemed to shut up like an oyster in the presence of the Irish corporal, a great contrast to the joviality he displayed when soliciting comrades to take a hand at cards. The recruits had hardly any money left. Graice had won what little there was on the way to Frayne, and now he had wormed his way into the gambling slot that is apt to be found in every fort—all comers who have money being welcome—and for a few weeks fortune seemed to smile upon the neophyte. He knew, he protested, very little of any game, but played for fellowship and fun. Then he kept sober when others drank, and so won, and then came accusations of foul play and a row, and the barracks game was broken up, only to be resumed at night in the resort across the Platte, and there whisky was plenty, and so were the players, and there Graice began to lapse into intemperate ways, and by the time the long, long nights of December came his reputation as a "tough" was established throughout the garrison. All but three or four of the most dissolute members of the command had out loose from him entirely, a matter he regretted only because pay day was at hand—the soldiers would then have money in plenty for a few short, feverish hours. The squatters and settlers had none until the soldiers were "strapped" and so Graice and three or four Ishmaelites like unto himself were left to the concentration of brutality to be found in one another's society.

CHAPTER V.

For several days Trooper Graice had

been in the guardhouse. Absent from check roll call, from his quarters overnight and from reveille, he had turned up at sick call with a battered visage and all the ear marks of a drunken row. He had been hauled up before a summary court, Major Wayne's first duty after reporting at the post, and received sentence of fine with a scowling face and no word of plea for clemency or promise of betterment. What cared he for fines? He could win more in a night than they could stop in a month. He was out again doing penance with the police cart about the post the day the available transportation came driving back from the railway with a load of precious freight, and Trooper Graice, splitting wood in the major's back yard, dropped the ax with a savage oath and turned a sickly yellow for one minute when he heard the busy tongues of the domestics next door proclaiming the arrival of Lieutenant Farrar's mother and sister. The sentry on duty over prisoners bade him stop his swearing and get to work again, for Captain Leale was passing rapidly up the walk in front, and Leale was a man whose eyes were ever about him and whose ears seemed never to lose a sound, but the captain merely glanced keenly at the soldier with his brace of malcontents and hurried on.

It was Leale who opened the door of the stanch Concord and assisted the ladies to alight—Mrs. Farrar, Ellis (for the Farrars had returned to the fort) and a stranger, a gentleman evidently, yet one who seemed to shrink from accepting aid or attention and whose beautiful blue eyes ever followed Mrs. Farrar. "My friend, Mrs. Dannton; my older friend, Captain Leale, of whom you have heard so much," were the words in which these two were made known to each other, while Will and the servants were tumbling out bags and rugs and wraps, even as another and similar vehicle was being unloaded in front of the colonel's.

Leale dined on farralle at the Farrars' that evening, Will proudly presiding, as became the head of the house and the foot of the table, and beaming upon his mother, who sat facing him, and rejoicing in his happiness. Very bright and cozy were the prettily furnished quarters, for, with boundless enthusiasm, the ladies of the garrison had aided the young gentleman in making them attractive against the coming of the wife of their honored old colonel and his fair daughter, and right after dinner the visitors began to arrive, welcoming, army fashion, the old friends long endeared to all the other members of the garrison, men and women both, and, while Mrs. Farrar and Ellis had hosts of questions to ask and answer, Captain Leale found himself interested in entertaining the stranger, to whom all this blithe and cheery intercourse, all the cordial, hospitable, homelike army ways, were so odd and new. It was tattoo when he rose to leave and met poor Will without—Will, who had twice gone up to Fenton's hoping to steal a word or two with Kitty, only to find that such portion of post society as was not gathered about his mother and sister was congregated at the colonel's—and then, fatigued by the journey and showing plainly the effect of the excitement of her arrival, Mrs. Farrar was induced to seek her room, while Ellis remained in the parlor to chat with others still coming in to bid them welcome home, and not until long after 10 were the lights turned down in No. 5, and not until even later did they gleam no longer from the big house on the edge of the bluff.

Whatever trepidation her friend had felt as to the effect of this return upon Mrs. Farrar, it was soon evident that it was groundless. Even the day on which she returned Lucretia's call and was received in the familiar rooms, once her own, she controlled admirably every sign of deep emotion. She seemed happy in being with Will, her idolized boy, and was never tired of watching him as he strode or rode away upon his various duties.

An admirable soldier was Will, as all the officers admitted, devoted to his duties, full of snap, spirit and enthusiasm, a fine drill instructor, and teacher of the noncommissioned officers' school, yet ever handicapped by that exuberant boyishness and by the fact that to save their souls the old soldiers and their families seemed to find it absolutely impossible at first to forget him as Master Will. Many of the old sergeants and their wives had come to pay their respects to Mrs. Farrar, and to talk, as she loved to hear them talk, of the colonel they loved so well and mourned so loyally. One and all they rejoiced in saying everything that soldier speech could frame in praise of their new lieutenant, their boy officer, their colonel's

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THE DEMOCRAT

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

IN AND ABOUT THE CITY.

The Inland Press has a brand new sign on Huron street.

Herman Almendinger has fine skating for children on Lotus pond.

If you want to keep the good will of the community, clear your sidewalks of snow.

Chas. Schenk, a deranged prisoner, has been making things lively at the county jail.

The Ann Arbor Savings bank has declared a semi annual dividend of five per cent., payable on and after January 5th.

The new officials at the Court House have been gaining experience for the past few weeks, and all take hold today.

Martin's ambulance, now we have it, is making us wonder how we ever got along without it. It has had four calls this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Davison had a double celebration Christmas day, it also being the 29th anniversary of their marriage.

The board of directors and auditors of the Washtenaw Mutual Ins. Co., held a meeting Tuesday to wind up the business of the year.

The Mid-Winter Circus! Everybody is watching for it and nobody will be disappointed. Save the date. The wagons are billing the country now.

The fine new stack at the electric light works is now in use. The draft of the boilers is much improved, and the smoke nuisance in that vicinity much abated.

The distribution committee from the Masonic bodies was busy about the streets yesterday delivering the baskets prepared for New Years. About 900 were given out.

The action of the city council soon after election in ordering the city attorney and a committee to bring a test case on the subject of students' voting, seems to have fallen to the ground. Some way or other this question should be settled.

Rev. W. L. Tedrow has announced a series of Sunday evening talks at Trinity English Lutheran church on Biblical characters, which he will illustrate with stereopticon views. The first will be given next Sunday evening.

At the morning service the sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered.

George D. Tienken, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Tienken, died at Ann Arbor, last Wednesday morning, Dec. 16, of typhoid fever. The remains were brought home and the funeral took place Friday afternoon, eight of his mates from Ann Arbor acting as pallbearers.—Rochester Cor. Oakland County Post.

Miss Mary Brown, the well known Chinese missionary and former resident of Ann Arbor, returned Saturday from a seven years' sojourn in the land of the Celestials. She came direct from Wei Hei, China, and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. McNaughton, of 33 E. Jefferson street. She has one year's leave of absence.

Karl Harriman has been receiving a number of very complimentary notices lately on his dramatic work. We endorse everything that has been said of Karl, and prophesy that some fine day we will all be going around to the side door, on the strength of our early acquaintance, in order that the great Harriman may "frank" us into a good parquet seat.

The Ann Arbor Schwaebian society elected the following officers last Tuesday night: President, Fred Staeb; vice-president, Christian Wichtermann; secretary, Richard Oesterlin; finance cashier, William Schiller; treasurer, Enoch Dieterle; fine collector, Charles Staeb; standard bearer, Jacob Hoerz; steward, Fred Hoerz; physician, Dr. M. L. Belsler; executive committee, Fred Staeb, C. Wichtermann, Christian Lutz, F. H. Belsler, G. H. Wild.

The Electric Railway Co. has just placed in position and started a new generator, which will give them ample power for their work. They start a new time table today. Cars will arrive at and leave Ann Arbor 7:40, 9, 10:20, 11:40, 1:20, 3, 4:20, 5:40, 7:10, 8:40, 9:50 and 11 o'clock, making 12 trips per day. Running time when things are completed will be thirty minutes between the cities. The company intend to leave no stone unturned to give perfect service. Time tables will be published as soon as verified by practice.

The Detroit Free Press, Michigan's greatest daily, came out Dec. 30 with the "Peninsular State Edition." The various interests of the state are carefully considered, and a number of the leading business concerns in the various parts of the state are touched upon. The University is given a full page with illustrations, and the School of Music Farmers & Mechanics and Ann Arbor Savings banks, and the American House, are the other Ann Arbor institutions to receive mention. The Free Press, like good wine, grows better with age, and it is today easily the leading paper of the state. Alive and progressive, yet careful to be reliable, it is a potent force in the affairs of the state.

How many times will you write it 1896 during the next two weeks? Glen V. Mills, according to the Owosso American, has placed 200 directories in that city this year.

Herman Gundert is in Saline and the the surrounding country, looking after a supply of hardwood lumber for the Table Co.

The Odd Fellows hold their second social and dance in their new hall in the Henning block on tomorrow, Thursday evening.

The board of supervisors will meet Monday to settle up with the county officers and transact such other business as may come before them.

How about starting the new year with a donation to the building fund of the Y. M. C. A.? You can't place, say \$500, where it will do more good.

The Ann Arbor Athletic Association propose to give a trophy for the middle weight wrestling championship of the county. The contest will be limited to amateurs. For particulars address the secretary.

The next entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. course will be given in the Presbyterian church, Jan. 21st, by the Mozart Symphony Club of New York. The program promises an evening of unusual enjoyment. Full particulars later.

The Chicago News-Record insults Hon. A. J. Sawyer of Ann Arbor, with a cut of him, atrocious enough to "hold up" an express train. It calls him "Col." too. It is a paper that is capable of a great deal of meanness.—Adrian Press.

Chas. J. Conrath, one of the Conrath Bros., who left the city last summer so unceremoniously, was in the city the first of this week. He kept out of sight of his creditors, and left Tuesday night for Tampa, Florida, where it is understood the brothers will engage in truck raising.

Fred A. Howlett and wife of E. Ann street, had the family re-union this year, and about thirty members or the tribe gathered at Fred's wigwam on Christmas day. His father and mother, 80 and 83 years old, had as much pleasure out of it as any of them. It was a pleasant occasion.

Matthew Baylis, colored, was arrested Tuesday by officer Zenas Sweet on the complaint of Mrs. Baylis, the charge being that of assault and battery. She claims her husband knocked her down and pounded her unmercifully. Baylis does not agree with this view of the case, and Justice Pond set Monday next for a jury to find out the truth.

The Olympia quartet, consisting of Messrs. Joseph Jackson, Wm. Allison, A. Johnson and A. Murphy, give a concert tonight, January 1, at the A. M. E. church. The prices of admission will be 10 and 15 cents. Proceeds go to the church to assist in paying off the debt. These singers are the equal of any of the traveling jubilee singers and a fine entertainment may be assured.

Bryant Walker and Herbert E. Sargeant were in the city Tuesday. The gentlemen are both interested in conchology and have fine private collections of shells. They spent the afternoon visiting the museum. Mr. Sargeant is arranging the magnificent collection of shells belonging to Mr. Frederick Stearns, and which that gentleman has loaned to the Detroit Museum of Art.

Arbor Hive, L. O. T. M., elected the following officers at its meeting Tuesday evening: Commander, Miss Emma E. Bower; lieutenant commander, Mrs. Dedrick; record keeper, Mrs. Carrie Kellogg; finance keeper, Miss Mary Miley; chaplain, Mrs. Eva Almendinger; sergeant, Mrs. Inez Burdick; master at arms, Mrs. R. Feiner; sentry, Mrs. Ada Swartout; picket, Mrs. Clara Stoll. The hive is in a flourishing condition, and a social center for a large membership.

SOCIETY DOINGS.

Dr. Yutzy is visiting in Grand Rapids.

J. D. Ryan is in the East on a business trip.

Wm. Walke of Hill street, is visiting in Detroit.

Arthur Potter is visiting friends in Tecumseh.

Miss Rawden is spending a week in Northfield.

Miss Carrie Owens is visiting friends in Marshall.

Horace Purfield is visiting friends at Muir, Mich.

Miss M. May Hathaway spent Sunday in Toledo.

Geo. Fiegel spent Sunday with friends in Bridgewater.

Miss Belle Sperry is spending her holidays at home.

Mrs. Henry Herzer is visiting her parents in Albion.

C. A. Skinner and son visited friends in Novi last week.

Geo. Theurer and wife are happy over the arrival of a baby boy.

W. B. Stickney is in Illinois and Wisconsin on a business trip.

Miss Susie Whedon of the Jackson schools, is home for vacation.

Miss Florence Potter is visiting friends in Alpena and Detroit.

Geo. Dengler and wife of the Courier office, visited in Owosso last week.

Theodore Gross of Lansing, spent the holidays with friends in Ann Arbor.

Hon. Emery Townsend of Saginaw, called on friends in the city Monday.

Dr. Austin McGuire of Detroit, spent Christmas with his parents in this city.

Dr. W. T. Wright of Albion, visited the family of Prof. Beman over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Bhead of Napoleon, spent Christmas with friends in this city.

Mrs. O. M. Van Kleeck is entertaining her sister, Miss Lide Squeirs, of Chicago.

Prof. Kelsey left Monday morning for New York city, to be gone during the week.

Miss Jennie Wiles of Canton, spent Christmas with Mrs. Byron Cady of the fifth ward.

Miss Anna Hurrell of Owosso, is spending the holidays with relatives in Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koch have been entertaining a new boy since Christmas evening.

Moses Seabolt entertained Wm. Hausbrouck, and family of Marshall, over Christmas.

D. B. Cheever, Esq., of Chicago, visited his mother on E. Washington street, last week.

Mrs. T. G. Potter of E. Huron street, has returned from a three weeks' visit in Birmingham, Mich.

Will Snauble and wife of Toledo, are spending vacation with relatives and friends in the city.

Gottlob Buechler of Jackson, visited his mother on W. Third street, during the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Albers, and Mrs. Louise Lutz of Byron, visited their parents in Saline last week.

Chas. and James Williams of St. Louis, Mich., visited their parents in this city over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. Solis of St. Clair, are visiting their daughter, Dr. Jeanne Solis, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wain of Whittaker, will spend the winter with P. D. Rogers and family of this city.

Rev. J. T. Sunderland and family enjoyed a drive to visit friends near Plymouth, Christmas morning.

Geo. W. Seybolt gave a pleasant party to a few friends, the occasion being his birthday anniversary.

Prof. E. N. Bible, now connected with the Pittsburg Symphony Orchestra, visited in the city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Cumiskey of Howell, spent Christmas with J. W. Rogers and family of S. Main street.

S. T. Bruegel of S. Fifth ave., is entertaining his brother, Prof. G. A. Bruegel of Thiel college, Greenville, Pa.

Mrs. N. D. Cochrane of Toledo, arrived Tuesday for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

L. A. Pratt entertained his father and mother over Sunday. They came down Saturday evening from Traverse City.

Ralph Newton, '94 E. of Pittsburg, Pa., and Guy Newton, '96 E. of Toledo, spent their vacation with their mother in this city.

J. S. McGuire and wife of Durand, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McGuire of N. Main street.

Misses Ann L. Richards and Ella Wagner, teachers in the public schools of Pontiac, are spending the vacation at their homes in this city.

Dr. C. G. Huber has been in Boston this week, attending the meeting of the American Physiological Association, before which he reads a paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Mack, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmid, and Miss Sophia Schmid, attended the funeral of Prof. Emanuel Schmid in Columbus Wednesday.

August Oversmith has been obliged to discontinue his studies at the U. of M. on account of his eyes. Dr. Torrey is treating him.—Manchester Enterprise.

C. R. Stickney, '89 son of Prof. W. B. Stickney of this city, was married Dec. 24th to Miss Grace Robinson, daughter of Hon. Henry G. Robinson of Washington, D. C.

Geo. R. Cooper, of the Inland Press, was having such a good time with the old folks (and young folks) at Howell, that he stretched his vacation out over both holidays.

E. K. Frueauff and wife of Owosso, spent Christmas with friends in the city. Mr. Frueauff is editor of the Owosso Argus, and was formerly a well known newspaper man of this city.

Mrs. Frances E. Burns, Great Commander of the L. O. T. M., was in the city Tuesday. On Wednesday Miss Emma E. Bower went to Detroit, to attend the meeting of the executive officers of the L. O. T. M.

John Moore of Chicago, Dr. Geo. S. McKean, wife and son of Granger, Ohio, Mrs. Harry Robeson of Port Huron, and Mrs. Ida Ludlow of Detroit, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore of this city.

Jan. H. Prentiss leaves this week for Chicago, where he will go into business. Mr. Prentiss has been one of the most successful business men ever connected with the University organizations, and has had a hand in most of them during his day. A multitude of friends will unite in wishing him all the success his many good qualities entitle him to. We are glad he is to locate where he will have so many opportunities to assist the University as he will have in Chicago, as his loyalty and patriotism are of the kind that will stand the test of time, and we shall yet benefit by his efforts in our behalf.

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