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It has been almost three weeks since Bill Byrum has issued a "bright future" prospectus for the gold democracy.

If Senator Chandler don't put a padlock on his mouth he will be in danger of being tried for political heresy.

Secretary Gage would give the banks the function of issuing the currency while the government stands behind them with its guarantee to redeem in gold.

Senator McMillan will probably appreciate the humor of Ann Arbor's city council asking a railroad magnate like himself to oppose the anti-ticket scalper bill.

Republican newspapers are requested to carefully avoid any allusions to the fact that the Amoskeag cotton mills, of Massachusetts, have reduced the wages of 9,000 employes ten per cent.

The Democrat feels perfectly safe in assuring those of its readers who attend the next Republican state convention that they will witness the thrilling spectacle of a "head-end collision."

If you Gage the business interests of the country by the secretary of the treasury you will find the chief constituency to be those business men who make a living by loaning other people's money.

Those individuals who confine their literary pursuits entirely to the perusal of the Detroit Free Press editorials are to be excused if they labor under the hallucination that Grover Cleveland is still making American history.

While the rations are being dished out to the faithful anti-Pingreeites of the last legislature, the meritorious services of the pious fraud who misrepresented the people of the 10th senatorial district should not be forgotten.

At all events, Col. Bliss, Saginaw's millionaire candidate for the office of governor, is a political optimist. He don't want what he can't get and he doubtless soothes his wounded ambition with the reflection that if he don't dance he won't be under the necessity of paying the fiddler.

People need not become unnecessarily alarmed because Editor Lisener has purchased an invoice of salt. He will soon assume the duties of deputy game warden and being no spring chicken he knows that it is necessary to put salt on a bird's tail before it can be successfully ambushed.

The man who was laboriously engaged in an effort to sell socialistic tracts in Ann Arbor this week did not meet with that measure of success calculated to impress him with the idea that he had struck the long-sought Utopia. Such cattle find this mighty poor browsing in these parts.

Collector Avery, of Port Huron, seems to have the correct interpretation of the civil service rules. The man who spells "nigger" with two "g's" or Democrat with a big "D" lacks the requisite educational qualifications to hold down a job in the Port Huron custom house under the present administration.

NOT ONE IDEA, BUT MANY.

Editor Rowley is right when he says that the Democratic party is not a party of "one idea." There may be times when some particular question presses forward for immediate solution and becomes for the moment of all-absorbing interest. But the Democracy is built upon a broader foundation than the determination of any one question. It is the living exponent of those principles which constitute the true theory of popular government and which conserve the political equality and the rights of the masses. From the beginning political parties in America have divided upon fundamental propositions in the administration of federal affairs.

In its earlier years the Democratic party was representative of the interests of the common people as against the classes, of men against property, of local home rule against centralization. It is not to be denied that in its later history it, for a time, relapsed into a mere vehicle of private ambition. But, by the series of events which led up to the climax of the Chicago convention of last year, the common people again assumed control of the Democratic party, re-consecrated it to the service of popular government and committed it to the solution of live questions of the day upon the lines of true Democracy.

Mr. Rowley will not care to contend that each and every position occupied by the Chicago platform is not thoroughly, intensely Democratic, and clearly in line with the teachings of the illustrious founder of that party. That some questions should be more prominent than others is in the very nature of things. All public questions cannot be settled at once. Those which are most pressing must be determined first. Each will have its turn. And when those issues which are today demanding recognition have passed into history, there will be others ready for political action which are now forming in an atmosphere of careful study and consideration. These will the Democracy take up and settle upon Democratic lines. This "one idea" business is a myth, a delusion. So long as popular government shall endure and the necessity shall exist for the protection of the people from the greed and power of organized wealth—the self-constituted American aristocracy—the Democratic party will have a mission to perform.

CHANDLER TO GAGE.

Senator Chandler of New Hampshire has, in a letter to the Washington Post, called a halt upon Secretary Gage's financial reforms. Mr. Chandler says that if the secretary persists in forcing a discussion upon his currency bill, which is confessedly calculated to rivet the gold standard more firmly upon the country, the result will be political disaster for the Republican party. In other words a discussion of financial questions is the one thing which the Republican leaders are most afraid of now. Says the senator:

"It is simply political suicide for the Republican party in this congress to affirmatively open the discussion of the money question and to bring on ye and may votes upon currency legislation. With such an uproar in congress as these proceedings will create with western congressmen embroiled therein, with presidential vetoes, as threatened by Secretary Gage, under angry discussion, it will happen that all business enterprises and funds and stocks will be disturbed, prices will fall, insolvencies will increase, and the Republicans will lose the congressional elections in 1898 as disastrously as they did in 1890, and beyond the hope of a favorable reaction in 1900, at which time, therefore, a Bryan Democratic president and congress will be chosen. * * *

"Whether we are to have one of these results—political safety—or the other—political destruction—depends entirely upon the course to be pursued by Secretary Gage and those who are pressing him forward, namely, the gold standard league of New York, and the self-constituted national monetary conference. How much Secretary Gage cares for the Republican party is not known."

The most remarkable thing about the letter is the candor with which Senator Chandler speaks of things which other Republican leaders handle like hot bricks. He even goes so far as to admit that the fall measure of g. o. p. prosperity has not yet been delivered. While he is unequivocally for the gold standard he thinks it is not safe for the Republican party to be very particular just now. While he is in favor of a bank currency as against greenbacks he knows that the people prefer the latter and it is not safe to offend the people at this juncture. In short Senator Chandler is one of those patriots who

determine the right and the wrong of every question by its effect upon the Republican party and to whom the interests of the Republican party are paramount to the interests of the country.

There are people in Ann Arbor mean enough to say that while Jim O'Donnell is holding bag for Burrows he will take anything that happens to drop his way.

Now that the boom of the Hon. James O'Donnell for the shoes which are at present so comfortably fitting the feet of the Hon. Hazen S. Pingree has been fairly launched we may expect heavy tragedy to begin at any time.

If Governor Pingree would reform his pernicious habit of preaching good Democratic doctrine from a Republican dunghill, the Democrat would be inclined to extend to him the right of fellowship in the party which will take charge of Michigan's public business on the first day of January, 1899, and of the Federal household on March 4th, 1891.

In its bare nakedness the proposition to replace the greenbacks and treasury notes with national bank notes means that the people will surrender the currency which they are now using, pay interest on \$1,100,000,000 of bonds necessary to retire the government paper and allow the banking corporations the profits of the currency making business. How do you like it?

The city council needs some of the "quickenings spirit." Its sessions have become so tame and commonplace that even reporters shun the council chamber. There was a time when a meeting of the common council was sure to exercise the "scrapping" qualities of local statesmen and numerous special sessions were necessary as a sort of precaution against premature explosions.

Knowing that the greater portion of Julius Caesar Burrows' twenty-two years in Washington has been spent in holding down his seat and, presuming from this long chain of precedents that the business of "seat holding" is the purpose of his public life, it is only fair to suggest that his hold upon that seat will be greatly strengthened if he should place a substitute on guard in Washington and inject his personality into the Michigan end of the situation.

That the bankers themselves realize that the gold standard is a "shining fiction" is proven by the fact that their representatives in congress oppose any measure which will force banks to redeem their own notes in gold. Gold redemption is a myth and every gold standard financier in the country knows it. There is not a financial institution in the country which could begin to redeem its obligations in the yellow redeemer. Why mortgage the country to support the antiquated fiction?

Tomorrow will be Christmas, the day when men's hearts are supposed to open a few degrees wider than is their usual custom and mellow thoughts give birth to generous deeds. With this in view we would remind the good (but sometimes eccentric) father in the executive office at Lansing that, while he has dealt generously with his children of Washtenaw in the past, there are others—others to whose sore and troubled spirits that recognition which carries its own rewards (even with a ten per cent. discount for the helping hand fund) would bring that soothing sense of quiet content which would prove a safe and permanent safeguard against infection with the plague of the O'Donnell yellows which has so recently broken out in the city of Jackson.

The Hon. James O'Donnell, editor of the Jackson Citizen, has announced himself a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor next year. Mr. O'Donnell is a man of good parts, he has plenty of the stuff which makes practical politics interesting, and is a good representative of the silk-stocking element of the Republican party. His candidacy is avowed to be in the interest of that element. There will naturally be a close alliance between his forces and those of Senator Burrows. It is to be expected that the anti-Pingree sentiment will crystallize around these leaders and that a war of political extermination will be waged between the contending forces. With this combination lined up before him Hazen will do well to cancel all foreign engagements and concentrate his attention upon domestic affairs.

DIRECT LEGISLATION.

One of the probable reforms of the 20th century, which is at present forming for the argumentative stage through which all great questions must necessarily pass before they advance to the political arena, is that of "Direct Legislation." Direct legislation comprises the referendum and the initiative. The referendum is defined as a demand by a stated percentage of the voters that a particular bill or proposed law before a legislative body shall be taken out of the hands of the legislators and settled by a vote of the people, which demand must be respected by the legislature. This, it will be readily seen, would place any measure in which the requisite number of voters were interested upon the same footing as a proposed amendment to the constitution is at present, and would give to laws thus passed by the people all of the force of constitutional law, for under our constitution all power not delegated by the people rests in the people. There could be no veto or modification of a law so passed for the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the state cannot undo the act of the sovereign authority by which they are created and from which they receive their respective grants of power.

The initiative is the complement of the referendum. By its use the same percentage of voters can frame a law and direct the legislature to submit the same to a popular vote.

Mr. David Inglis, in the Michigan Law Journal, thus tersely sums up the whole subject:

"Direct legislation is a modification of representative government by which the people do not delegate absolute power to either of the three co-ordinate branches of government but reserve to themselves the right to use the powers which are inherent in the people but which we now delegate entirely. It proposes that the people shall take back powers which experience has shown to have been unwisely given away. It does not propose to do away with representative government, but to assert the constant control of the people over their agents."

As before stated this proposed reform is only in a formative state. When the details have been elaborated and the system put in practice it will undoubtedly remedy many of the evils and dissipate the dangers which surround representative legislation. The crying evil of state legislation is that it is not even representative in character. Legislatures are usually elected upon the lines of national politics. State issues cut but a small figure in the selection of the legislator. As a result, the proceedings of the legislature upon a question of grave importance and general public moment, to say nothing of the great mass of private grab-bag legislation which cumber the working hours of every legislative body, are not in any sense representative of the will of the majority of the people for there has been no direct test by which the legislator can determine the will of his constituents. Petitions and "committees of representative citizens" rarely accurately reflect the popular will, and it is safe to assume that had the people of Michigan, at the time of the adoption of the present constitution in 1851, reserved to themselves the powers of legislation and veto which direct legislation proposes to regain for them, the great mass of ill-considered legislation, during the half-century which has since elapsed, and which has been both repressive and oppressive of the people, would never have been enacted.

We are not governed wisely but too much. Experience has demonstrated with respect to the present constitution of Michigan that the people have not only delegated too much power to the several branches of government but they have also failed to properly and sufficiently protect the rights and the personal liberties of the minority. There should be under a wise and beneficent government, under a government calculated to promote the best interests of all of the governed, a reservation of personal rights and privileges which neither legislature, courts or a majority of the people can abrogate. But, unfortunately, our courts of last resort have so construed constitutions which purport to secure civil and political liberty and freedom of conscience that those institutions have at times seemed but a hollow mockery of what promised to be a fair substance. And our friends who are agitating this question of direct legislation should, in casting their propaganda, if they would serve the highest purpose of government, hold those personal and domestic concerns, which are best regulated by the individual himself, inviolate, else the rule of the majority under the new order of things may become as arbitrary and galling as the rule of the

most absolute despotism upon earth.

Nor should it be made too easy for the people to make use of the initiative or of the referendum. At best only questions of first importance could be handled in this manner. In the great mass of business attendant upon the administrative affairs of so populous a state as Michigan, the people directly could take but little part. Nor is it desirable that they should. Only in those matters which involve organic changes and far-reaching policies is it desirable or even feasible that the people should, as a whole, take part. And those are the matters which require the most careful deliberation and cautious determination. To that end the percentage of voters necessary to compel action, and the vote which in any way changes the existing order, should be more than a mere majority—it should be sufficiently large to determine that the great bulk of the people are behind the movement. The proposition made at the last session of the Michigan legislature, that all votes not cast against a proposed constitutional amendment should be counted for such amendment was a most dangerous one. Had it been successful it would be possible to bind and gag the people while they sleep.

The scope of the reforms involved in direct legislation is wide and varied. The temptation to bribery and corruption would be removed. The granting of franchises would rest with the people. The ever-increasing danger of government by injunction would be checked. The scope of local self-government would be enlarged. All of which are in the line of true progress in social science.

These changes involve radical changes in the state constitution. And there are few thinkers who have the real interests of the people at heart, who will dispute the proposition that a constitution framed a half century ago could be so changed as to better meet the requirements of the present day.

The holiday edition of the Chelsea Standard was a very creditable number. It proved beyond question that Editor Hoover is a live man in a live town.

The most surprising circumstance connected with the decease of the silver question is the trouble which the gold trust experiences in burying the corpse.

When the would-be Hon. John O. Zabel and John McBride embark in the governing business it will be necessary to replace turnstiles with cattle chutes.

Until James O'Donnell secures Billy Judson's "O. K." on his gubernatorial boom we shall persist in viewing it as one of Julius Caesar Burrows' "strategic" moves.

The state dairy and food commissioner has an unlimited field in which to constitute himself an unmitigated nuisance without accomplishing any material good for the people.

It may seem like a waste of good material to make a \$1,500 postmaster out of a \$5,000 congressman, but that is just what the people of the Fourth district have done with their ex-statesman, the Hon. Alfred Milnes.

Perhaps if Senator Campbell would start a few of those old familiar hymns with which he and Bill Thompson used to while away the time in Lansing last winter, it would shorten the hours while the latter is waiting for that collectorship.

If the conscienceless prevaricator of the Adrian Press does not soon become more considerate of the feelings of Ann Arbor's cultured codfish aristocracy there will be an elegant opportunity for a Klondyke armistice between the Press and this purveyor of news, sentiment, fiction, etc.

After reading the manifesto of Carl Schurz's civil service reform league the numerous candidates for the Ann Arbor postoffice will proceed to revise their literary accomplishments. The new postmaster will not be expected to write spring poetry, part his hair in the middle or swear in more than three languages at one and the same time.

Judge Morse, of Ionia, says that he does not need to come back to the Democratic party for the reason that he has not as yet experienced the pains of parturition. The judge says he contributed to the campaign fund and advised his friends to vote for Bryan and he proposes to persist in doing so although he does not class himself as a 16 to 1 man.

THE TICKET BROKERS.

The city council certainly made a commendable move in the interest of common justice Monday night when it passed that resolution asking the Michigan delegation in congress to oppose the passage of the infamous measure which passes under the title of the anti-scalping bill. If there is one piece of legislation before the present congress which is essentially in the interests of the corporations and which more than any other invades the domain of private rights, that measure is Cullom's anti-scalping bill, which is calculated not only to kill the legitimate business of ticket brokerage, but to prevent any man, under penalty of felony, from disposing of an unused ticket for which he has paid his good money and which is as much his personal property, subject to all rights of sale and transfer, as any other material thing of which he might become possessed. As well decree that having once become the owner of a ware-house certificate for merchandise, or a ticket for a seat in the theater or a meal at a hotel, the party so owning shall be debarred from assigning his interest to any one but the original vendor. And in whose interest is this revolutionary law, this enactment which sets aside principles of equity which have been forming for 500 years, presumed to be passed? In the interest of the man who has paid a railroad company for transportation which circumstances prevent him from using with advantage to himself? Hardly. The man who has paid for transportation between two points upon a railway has in his ticket a certificate for one passage. It makes no difference in the cost of the transportation, for which that ticket is the order, whether it is used by A. or B. But it does make a vast difference to A. If he finds that he is unable to use the ride he has paid for and can find a purchaser in B. And it makes a difference to B. If, by reason of A's inability to use his ticket, B. obtains the same for less than he could purchase it direct from the railway company. A has been benefited in disposing of what circumstances has rendered worthless to him; B has been benefited by securing a cheaper passage; the railroad which sold the ticket has not been injured for it has cost no more to carry B. than it would have cost to carry A.

And here is where the utility of the ticket broker appears. A and B do not always meet at the opportune moment when one holds a railway ticket which the other can use to advantage. A has money invested in an order for transportation for which he has no use. He may have urgent need for the funds tied up therein. The ticket broker advances A his money on the ticket and holds it until B appears to whom he sells it, making, of course, a legitimate profit on the transaction. A has benefited, B has benefited and the broker has benefited by this transaction which is as legitimate as the transfer of any other species of property. The railroad company has lost nothing. All that it could gain by preventing the trade would be gained by receiving A's money without giving value therefor. And yet it is proposed to make the selling of what is rightfully one's own a felony punishable by imprisonment.

All sorts of specious arguments are advanced by the advocates of the measure. The ablest lawyers and lobbyists the country affords are behind it. But no amount of high priced argument can convince a level-headed man that he has committed a felony by making a sale of his own property to the mutual advantage of both seller and buyer and to the injury of no third party.

The trend of the decisions of the courts has been to establish the right of property in the holder of a railway ticket and to fix the liabilities of the company which has received money therefor to furnish the transportation of which the ticket is the evidence, and the courts have not been wont to deal harshly with railroad interests. In the light of judicial determination therefore the proposed law is revolutionary. The corporations seek to obtain from congress what they could not obtain from the courts.

The only rational argument against the sale of a mileage book or other ticket which is sold at less than the maximum rate is that such ticket is a contract between the selling company and the purchaser; one of the conditions of which is that the purchaser alone shall enjoy the use of said ticket. Such is undoubtedly one of the conditions of the contract. But it does not follow that a condition upon which the purchaser has no option, except greatly increased expense, is binding because it is included in a contract. Contracts are made every day.

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day which contain conditions that cannot be enforced in courts of justice. Many contracts are pronounced void because they are against public policy.

That condition upon a railway ticket which enables the company to avoid the performance of services for which it has already received compensation is certainly against public policy and common justice. And such is the purpose of the conditions which limits the use of a ticket to the original purchaser.

But it is contended that a mileage ticket is sold at a reduced price and therefore the company is entitled to insist that the purchaser alone shall be entitled to its benefits. Is this good logic? It costs the railway company no more to haul one person a mile than it does another. It costs no more to haul the person who is riding for two cents per mile than it does to haul the person who is paying three cents. The cost of hauling is not the consideration upon which the reduction is made for 1,000-mile tickets. The reduction is made because the transaction is of a wholesale nature and the company has received its pay for a large amount of transportation considerably in advance of its delivery. The company has received its consideration for the reduction in price when the purchaser has paid over his money. The ticket is then his property and he has as clear a right to dispose of it as best suits his convenience as he could have to any other property.

It is to be hoped that there are men enough in congress who do not wear the corporation yoke to give this piece of 15th century legislation the blackest kind of a black eye.

The enthusiasts who are propagating the idea of a "National University" could otherwise employ their talents with better results to the public at large. It is not more schools we want but better schools. Education is a matter which very properly belongs exclusively to the several states. Each state will solve its educational problem in its own way and in its own good time. We have no more need for a national university than we have for a national institution for the propagation of cranks.

The propensity for noise displayed by the few ex-Democrats who still swear by the Snide of Princeton is altogether out of proportion to their political importance. It reminds one of a steamboat which once plied the Alabama river. The boat had a four-foot boiler and an eight-foot whistle and every time the pilot blew the whistle the machinery of the boat would stop until the boiler could again gather steam. And so with the gold Democrats. They lack sufficient boiler capacity to keep their bugles going and stem the reform current at the same time.

Y. M. C. A. Lyceum Course.

The Mohawk Daily Register of recent date had the following to say concerning Edward H. Frye, the monologist who appears here on the evening of December 28 in the Y. M. C. A. lyceum course:

"An evening of rare enjoyment was experienced at the opera house Monday evening, and the large audience in attendance appreciated Mr. Frye in 'Rip Van Winkle.' Those of the audience that had heretofore had an idea that monologues would be dull and spiritless, soon lost that thought in admiration of the work of the magician who stood before them, for magician he was, adapting himself to the representation of character with a perfection seldom witnessed. Without the aid of costume or scenery to so impersonate the characters that the action of the play is presented as vividly as when given by a company of accomplished artists, is a difficult matter indeed, but this Mr. Frye did successfully Monday evening. The People's Popular course scored a marked success in this entertainment; and if as great pleasure is given in the succeeding numbers as Monday evening, there will be no question about the success of another course in the future."

A Christmas Drama.

A young man who is employed in the vicinity of the Cook house became enamored of one of the fair damsels on the staff of that hostelry. To open communication with the object of his mute adoration he entrusted a letter to the porter. Instead of reaching the young woman, however, the note fell into the hands of conspirators who returned an answer that made visions of a successful "mash" crowd all else out of our young man's head. One note followed another (in the same direction) in quick succession until an appointment for the Harris hall corner was made at 9 p. m. Sunday. Our young man was at the appointed place on time, but, after keeping a weary vigil in the cold night air for two hours, he came to the conclusion that there are many uncertainties in life.

WAS A SHORT SESSION

The Common Council's Meeting Last Night.

Street Committee's Suggestions Followed and Preparation for Paving Begun - Anti Ticket Scalping Bill Condemned.

Monday's meeting of the common council was not remarkably productive of results and the session was somewhat short. Ald. Grossman, Brown, Vandewalker and Spathelf were absent.

Three petitions were presented and ordered referred. Edson Wetherbee asked \$5,000 damages for injuries received on Detroit street bridge; Nicholas Miller asked \$2,000 damages for injuries caused by defective sidewalk on Miller ave. The Ransome-Randolph Co. asked that they be reimbursed in the sum of \$30 for personal taxes.

Telephones were ordered put in the offices of the city physician and city health officer. Then arose a discussion as to the rates which the New State Company is authorized by its charter to charge the city. It was finally agreed that the charter obliges the city to take twenty telephones, ten of which are free and the other ten are at half price.

The council voted to allow \$100 to Contractor Schneider on the recommendation of the board of public works and city attorney, it being understood that this is the contractor's final claim. The recommendations of the street committee relative to preparation for the Main street paving were adopted with the added provision that all electric light poles in the district shall be changed for iron ones. The street railway company is to have new steel rails and ties on the ground by April 1 for the Main street change.

Ald. Koch moved to dispense with the services of Sewer Inspector E. W. Groves and the motion was referred to the finance and sewer committee.

Ald. Rhodes then presented this resolution: "Whereas, there is pending in Congress a bill known as the anti-ticket scalping bill, (H. R. 30); and

"Whereas, we believe that said bill will encourage discrimination in rates and pool forming by the railroads of the United States, besides unwarrantable interference with rights vested in the purchasers and holders of railroad tickets; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the mayor and common council of the city of Ann Arbor respectfully urge our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their influence to defeat said bill."

After some discussion the resolution carried. Council then adjourned.

PROF. W. S. PERRY.

Resolutions Adopted Monday by the Alumni Association and Former Teachers and Pupils of the Ann Arbor High School.

Whereas, in the ordering of an All-Wise Providence our beloved teacher, associate and friend, Prof. Walter S. Perry, has been taken from us by death, therefore

Resolved, That we enter upon record the following minute as expressing in some degree our deep sense of personal bereavement and public loss.

Supt. Perry has been at the head of the public schools of this city for a period of 27 years, being at the time of his decease the oldest superintendent in continuous service in the state.

During this period Mr. Perry has guided the affairs of the schools with great patience and wisdom, exhibiting in his intercourse with fellow teachers and pupils alike a truly Christian spirit of kindness and gentleness, and devoting himself unsparingly to the discharge of his duties and to the welfare of those under his influence.

We mourn in his departure the teacher, who always held up before his pupils the ideals of a noble manhood and womanhood; the man of spotless and exemplary life who furnished a model of pure and beautiful character worthy of imitation; the friend, who stood ready at all times to assist us by his counsel and to aid us in every noble endeavor; the public-spirited citizen, who took the side of every righteous cause and gave his life to every good work.

In his death we have lost a beloved friend and associate, and the community and the state have lost a man who was a blessed and potential force in promoting the interests of sound education and of the purest morality.

Resolved, That a copy of this minute be sent to the sorely bereaved family of Mr. Perry, with the assurance of our deep sympathy with them in the great sorrow that has come upon them.

MARTIN L. D'OOGHE, J. M. GELSTON, President, MARY ELLA BENNETT, Sec'y.

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SCALPERS WILL FIGHT.

Petitions Protesting Against the Passage of Sherman and Cullom Bills.

Ticket brokers are getting ready to fight the Sherman and Cullom "anti-scalping" bills, which the railroads hope to pass through the house and senate at the coming session of congress. The American Ticket Brokers' Association is sending out thousands of petitions to be signed in western states against the bills. The petitions are called "the people's petition," and the ticket scalpers claim that already they have tens of thousands of signatures. The petition is in two parts—one for the house of representatives and the other for the senate, and he who signs one petition is expected to sign the other also. The petition reads as follows:

"We earnestly protest against house bill No. 30, introduced by Mr. Sherman, of New York, and senate bill No. 1575, introduced by Mr. Cullom, or any similar thereto, intended to destroy ticket brokerage, and petition you to examine carefully into their true meaning and effect if enacted into law. No objection is offered to section 5 covering fraud.

"1. The bill would destroy a natural and legal right to dispose of one's own property in the open market.

"2. It would enable the strong railroad systems to shut out the weak lines on through business, and thus destroy competition.

"3. It would send a citizen to prison and brand him with infamy for disposing of his own property, while imposing no penalty upon the railroad company for failure to redeem tickets, as provided.

"4. The business of ticket brokerage is directly in the interest of the traveling public.

"5. The passenger traffic is controlled almost entirely by trusts, leaving the people at their mercy, except for the relief afforded by ticket brokerage."

The petitions are displayed conspicuously in stores, real estate offices, etc., in western cities and towns, and where the space for the folding table cannot be obtained freely a vacant store is rented, and large placards, bordered in red, and bearing the invitation, "Come in and sign the protest to the Sherman and Cullom bills," are used to attract attention. In many towns, according to the ticket scalpers, plenty of volunteers are found to aid the representative of the association in getting signatures.

An interesting phase of this campaign inaugurated by the ticket scalpers is found in the active co-operation of many traveling men, who not only urge their customers to sign the protesting petitions, but carry petitions around with them and personally solicit their business friends and acquaintances to sign them. A traveling man who is connected with a large wholesale dry goods house in Chicago admitted yesterday that he is working tooth and nail to help the ticket scalpers. He said:

"There are hundreds of traveling salesmen who never have anything to do with ticket scalpers, who not only have signed the petitions, but are getting others to sign them. Personally they do not give a rap for the ticket scalpers, but they are justly indignant because of the wholesale indictment lodged against traveling men by the passenger agents of railroads who belong to the Central and Western Passenger Associations. These ticket peddlers, who get big salaries and wear fine linen, tell our employers that they should be in favor of the new interchangeable mileage tickets because their traveling men then cannot cheat them. These railroad men have declared that the average traveling man is no better than a pick-pocket; that he is always on the lookout to cheat a railroad and to cheat his house by turning in false and stuffed expense accounts, besides making a rake-off by 'standing in' with conductors. Those same passenger men for years have been making all sorts of illegal deals with ticket scalpers, and now we are going to do what we can to thwart them when they try to kill off their old friends."

Laid at Rest.

The body of Prof. W. S. Perry laid in state at the Congregational church Saturday from 10 to half past 1. The pulpit was tastily decorated by the teachers of the church with palms, and floral decorations surrounded the casket in profusion. A floral blanket from the school board and teachers, and a bank of hyacinths from the school children were the largest decorations. The senior class of the high school, Virgil class, Sunday school class, St. Thomas' school, Glenadris society, in fact every organization of the schools and church were represented in the floral tributes to his memory. During the morning people from all grades of society and walks in life paused to do honor to him who for nearly thirty years has been one of the most prominent figures in the community. Appropriate music was given on the organ during the morning. The funeral was conducted by Rev.

J. W. Bradshaw. The school board and deacons of the church acted as honorary pall-bearers, while the men teachers in the faculty tenderly laid their chief to rest. Mr. McClellan presided at the organ. A quartet choir rendered the hymn, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." Several selections of scripture were read by Dr. Bradshaw after which he offered prayer. Mrs. Kempf gave a solo, "Forever with the Lord."

Dr. Bradshaw was very deeply moved by the sense of personal loss which he has sustained and the services were very impressive. He briefly reviewed the chief events in the life of Prof. Perry, and then drew practical lessons from its eventful career. "He was a man of God" was the keynote to his character, and his humanity, patience, faithfulness to every trust, tenderness and withal his utter banishment of self were but outgrowths of the life "hid with God." After the hymn, "Asleep in Jesus," was sung the body was taken to Forest Hill cemetery.

Sunday morning the regular service at the Congregational church took the form of a memorial to the late Prof. Perry. The school board and teachers were present in large numbers. His life and character from the standpoint of the church was reviewed by Prof. Martin L. D'Ooge. Prof. E. C. Goddard spoke with reference to his work in the Sunday school. Deacon Wapies reviewed his life as a deacon, and Dr. Bradshaw spoke from the standpoint of a pastor. All agreed that a good man had gone, one whose place it would be hard to fill and one whose example it would be well for all to follow.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Dr. D. W. Nolan Arrested in Detroit - Denies the Charge.

Dr. D. W. Nolan, a veterinary surgeon who with his estimable wife has had rooms for some months upstairs in this city over Martin's undertaking establishment, has been arrested in Detroit charged with criminal assault on a 19-year-old girl who gave the name of Grace Burrill.

Monday evening the girl says she went into a cigar store at the corner of Griswold and Congress streets to buy some cigars for her father. There she saw Dr. Nolan. When she left the store she says he followed her and got on the same car. On the car, she avers, he drew her into conversation and after telling her that he knew the best people in the city and otherwise placed himself in a favorable light, he asked her to take a sleigh ride with him. When the girl asked where they should go he said on the principal streets.

A sleigh was finally secured, according to her story, and the doctor drove out Jefferson avenue. He said to have induced her to step into a saloon and have two drinks and then drove to the boulevard, where the crime is alleged to have been committed.

The doctor, it is said, threatened the girl if she made an outcry. She afterward did not attempt to escape, but remained in the sleigh until they arrived back at Burnett's livery barn on Fourteenth avenue. Two patrolmen were near the barn just then and the girl jumped out of the sleigh quickly and called the officers to arrest the doctor. After the girl had told then her story the doctor was taken to the Vinewood avenue station. The girl was detained at police headquarters yesterday. After having an interview with her mother she decided not to make a complaint against Dr. Nolan, because of the notoriety it would give her.

Dr. Nolan is well known in Detroit, having formerly lived there. He admits his identity and denies that he committed the assault.

Y. W. C. A. Notes.

The attendance at Newberry hall Friday evening was an unusual one for a Y. W. C. A. entertainment. About one-fourth the usual number were present, but that was perhaps as many as could be expected under the circumstances. Obligated to change the place so late that the public could not be reached to any extent with new announcements, it is certainly worth much praise that the teacher and class could so readily adapt themselves to the misfortune and give so good a program in spite of the changes. The only failure was on the part of the people who failed to be present.

The violin solo by Miss Rose French was very, very good, and our only regret in regard to Mrs. Leland's singing is that she leaves Ann Arbor so soon that we shall not again have the pleasure of listening to her. The first recitation brought many compliments to the speaker and little Lou Smith, of the Ypsilanti class, shows signs of developing into a second Leotta.

The Bell Drill was a success and reflects much credit both on this Y. W. C. A. election class and Miss MacMonagle, who has so freely given her time and energy not alone to the preparation of this particular number, but to the previous training which made this so effective. The children, who, it was feared, would be discon-

certed by the change of stage and dressing-rooms, proved themselves entirely equal to the occasion and carried out their parts without a mistake. The beauty of this number, however, was sadly marred by the poor lighting of the stage, but that too was among the numerous unavoidable things that fate seemed to gather for this occasion. Financially, all concerned are much disappointed of course, for the association had hoped to pay a good sum on the rent of their parlor and rest-room, but the kindness shown by many friends, especially those of the Men's Auxiliary, who not only gave cheery words and willing hands in making the necessary changes, but who generously sacrificed time and comfort to "help the Y. W. C. A. girls," has proved anew that misfortunes sometimes bring good things as well. We wish that the lining of this cloud had a little more silver in it but we will hope for better fortune next time.

Said a gentleman today: "Twenty years ago when the Michigan Central was giving commutation rates of \$22.50 for three months between Ypsilanti and Detroit, there were 57 commuters in Ypsilanti. Today Samuel Post is the only one left. It was some object for a man then to live out in a suburban town, but when they tripled the price it forced every man in business in Detroit to reside there. The new electric line will have a tendency to bring them back here."

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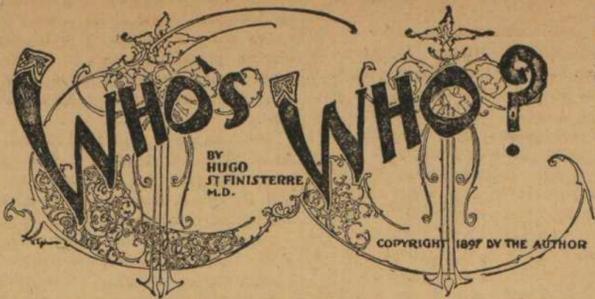
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CHAPTER I. MYSELF.

Professor Hafed Gorgensen, spectacled, round shouldered, very bald and past threescore and ten, wheeled his squeaking chair round so as to face my mother, who in her timid way believed in the startling theories of the dogmatic crank, and who, with a feeling akin to awe, had brought her little boy—myself—for him to pronounce upon.

"Yes, madam," he said, his thin lips moving with a peculiar energy, which showed the single snag in his upper jaw, "any man with common sense who will devote three minutes' thought to the matter will not dare dispute it."

"I always believed what you said, professor, but my husband!"

"Puff! Your husband is a fool, like all husbands."

I looked sideways at mother, wondering how she would take this reference to my father. She said nothing in the way of protest. Perhaps she did not catch the full meaning of the words. Possibly she caught and believed them.

"It's as simple as that two and two make four. In round numbers there are 1,500,000,000 of people in the world. They have all been modeled after the same image. The average length of life is 33 years. So this 1,500,000,000 is renewed three times a century. Since the creation, 6,000 years ago, it has been renewed 18,000 times!"

"But," ventured my mother in a quaking voice, "there have not always been 1,500,000,000 of people on the earth. You know that at first there were only two—Adam and Eve—and a good many years must have passed before the number became as great as it is now."

The professor's jaw dropped, and his little gray eyes twinkled behind his spectacles. He was overcome for the moment with admiration for this timid woman that had dared to throw an obstacle in front of his juggernaut of logic. "Madam, you're not a fool, which is more than I ever said of any other woman, but if you had held your tongue a minute longer you would have heard the qualification of my first statement. Of course many generations came and went before the population of the earth reached 1,000,000,000. I've figured it all out. Making allowance for all this, the total population of the world since the creation has been about 10,000,000,000,000. Do you realize it?" he demanded, leaning forward, with his hands on his skinny knees and glaring through his spectacles.

"Oh, yes, of course." "Well, then, all I have to say, madam, is that you're an infernal sight smarter than every person ever born into this world. All the people that I have known find it rather hard work to grasp the full meaning of 100. When they strike 1,000, they begin to get hazy. Beyond that it is all a mass of terms, with nothing tangible in the way of understanding. Astronomers talk about the distance of heavenly bodies, the velocity of light, the speed of comets and all that without any more real comprehension of what it all means than that little freckle faced boy by your side knows about Pond's asinorum."

"I didn't mean—that is, of course, I don't understand—but"

"Never mind," broke in the professor, with an impatient wave of his attenuated fingers. "The self evident truth is this: Every man and woman born into this world has, with few exceptions, two eyes, a nose, mouth and features and form of the face modeled after one image. Now, while we see a marvelous variety among the faces which we meet on the street, never encountering two that are exactly alike, it is still evident that there must be a limit to this variation. It is not infinite. Do you follow me?" suddenly thundered Professor Gorgensen in such excitement that my poor mother gave a slight start and exclamation, while I looked round for some way of escape.

"Oh, yes; oh, yes; certainly I understand you." "Puff! I doubt it. But you know as much as any of your sex. I have figured the whole thing out. I have made a mathematical demonstration of it."

The professor glared at my mother as if challenging her to dispute his assertion, but the frightened woman remained silent and expectant.

"Now and then," he continued, "we meet two persons so alike in appearance that their most intimate friends cannot tell them apart. Nevertheless there is a difference which manifests itself, after a time, if not in their looks, in their disposition, but what I am striving to impress upon your understanding is that this variation has its limit. When a certain number of human beings are modeled after the one image, a point is finally reached when all possible variations are at end. The work must then go back to the beginning and repeat itself."

"My! And you have figured it all out, professor?"

"I have," was the impressive answer. "I am the only person that has done so. The vanishing point is at the number 128,645,326. In other words, that number of men and women can be born and may grow up with enough variation in their looks and disposition to be distinguishable from each other, but when one more individual is added to the number he must be a reproduction of one of the vast multitude I have named."

My mother showed a surprising aptness in following the amazing theory of Professor Gorgensen.

"Then there are a good many people living today who are exactly the same in every respect?"

"Precisely."

"But what about the different races? If the two reproductions of each other belong to different races?"

"They would not be exact reproductions. You missed the finest point of my beautiful and exact theory. My calculation includes color, race and all previous conditions of servitude. Now, applying the truth I have discovered, it follows that at all times every man and woman in the world has 10 or 11 perfect doubles somewhere else in the world. There are at this moment somewhere among the Caucasian race fully ten women exactly like you in looks, age and disposition. Your own husband or that stupid looking urchin at your side could not distinguish them from one another."

"Oh, my!" gasped my mother, looking apprehensively around. "I hope none of them will move into my neighborhood."

"It isn't likely that you will ever meet in this world. Have no alarm. Following my reasoning, all these doubles are but repetitions of doubles that existed a generation ago, and so on through the past centuries."

"Then thousands of years since there were persons living who were exactly like me and some who were exactly like you?"

The professor nodded his bald head. He was pleased that one woman could appreciate the wonderful symmetry of his logic.

"If we could only know about those persons," she added musingly.

"To some extent we can. Of course the majority died and passed away without leaving any record behind them, but we have the history of some of them."

A strange smile lit up the wan face of my mother.

"As for me!"

"There is no record. All such women were too insignificant to say or do anything that entitled them to remembrance."

"And with you?"

"It is different. It did not take me long to find out the historical personage who is reincarnated in me."

"Dare I ask, professor?"

"You read your Bible, I presume?"

"Daily."

"When you go home, turn to the twelfth chapter of II Samuel and in the twenty-fourth verse you will find the account of the birth of the man who is reproduced in this nineteenth century in myself. Of course our environments are different, and our lives necessarily vary, but my features, my frame, my brain, my disposition—indeed everything in our nature and looks is the same to the shadow of a hair."

"Wonderful, wonderful!" exclaimed my awed parent. "I will be sure to look it up as soon as I reach home. But, professor, I brought my son with me."

"What for?"

"I wish you to tell me what person of the past he resembles."

Those spectacles, like twin locomotive headlights, were now focused upon me with a strange, hypnotic power. I could see the small gray eyes twinkling like points of fire, while he seemed to look me through.

"Come here, sir," he growled without stirring limb or feature.

I slid off the high chair and, summoning my courage, sidled up to him.

"What's your name?"

"Harmon O. Westcott, sir."

"How old are you?"

I hesitated a moment, during which my mother announced that I was in my eleventh year.

"I want the exact date of his birth," she gave it. He reached out his right

hand, and the thin, cold, clawlike fingers rested on my crown. Staring straight into my eyes, he turned my head back and forth, first to the right and then to the left, while my body remained motionless. While doing so he muttered something which must have been in a foreign language, for I could not catch the meaning of a word. I was too young to suspect it at the time, but those tiny, penetrating eyes noted everything. My soft, dark, curly hair, my strong, regular teeth, my clear complexion, slightly freckled, the shape of my face, the features, all were observed with the keenest possible scrutiny.

Then he pinched my arms and legs, doing so with a persistency that caused me more than one twinge of pain.

"Now you may take your seat."

The big chair creaked round on its pivot, and the professor faced his desk, covered with huge volumes, whose backs were worn eaten and whose pages were yellow with time. He took down the middle volume and opened and fumbled it for a few minutes. I saw his gaunt forefinger running along the lines and down the page, while the scrawny neck and bent shoulders stooped forward as he peered at the written words before him.

Suddenly the law stopped. He had found the right place. I could see his lips moving, as some persons' do when reading to themselves. My mother and I silently watched him, afraid to speak. I stealthily sought her hand and slipped mine within it. The warm, hard fingers closed affectionately over the chubby one of her only son, as if she would shield him from some vague, shadowy peril.

Finally the professor slid each hand, palm upward, underneath the covers of the open volume and with a quick flick of it, wheeling on the instant so as to face us.

"I found it," he said, shutting those thin lips together as if to imprison the all important knowledge.

"And who is he?"

"Before answering your question," he said impressively, punctuating each sentence with a dip of his forefinger, "let me warn you, young man, to keep this knowledge a secret so far as you possibly can. You are going to have, if you have it not already, a most remarkable gift, but you must not exercise it except in case of necessity. If you do, it will probably pass from you. Mrs. Westcott, when you go home, you will read the thirteenth chapter of Judges, and in the twenty-fourth verse you will find a statement of the birth of a man of whom your son is to be the exact reproduction. All that is known of that famous character is told in the following three chapters. That's all. Good day."

Notwithstanding my mother's anxiety to learn my horoscope, as it may be considered, she first sought out the reference which bore upon Professor Gorgensen himself. I think she suspected it, for she was smiling when she glanced down the page of the well thumbed Bible to the verse the professor had named and which told of the birth of Solomon, the son of David.

Then she hunted out my own in the second book of Samuel.

In me was born once more Samson, the strongest man that ever lived.

(Continued next week.)

THE SEWER DISTRICTS.

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The second district includes all of that property abutting upon Washington street from the main sewer easterly to 12th street, on State street from Washington to Williams, on N. University from State to Washtenaw, on Washtenaw to Church, and on Ashley, Main Fourth avenue, Fifth avenue and Division between Washington and Liberty, on Fourth avenue between Main and Huron, on Thayer, Ingalls and 12th between Washington and N. University avenue.

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The fourth district includes all property abutting upon Huron street from the main sewer easterly to 12th, on First street, Ashley street, the east side of Main street, Fifth avenue, Division street, Ingalls and 12th street between Huron and Washington, and on Main, State, Thayer and Ingalls between Huron and Ann.

The fifth district includes all property between the main sewer, the first district, State street and the third district to and including Madison street.

The sixth district includes property abutting upon Ann street from the main sewer easterly to Ingalls, Main street between Ann and Catherine, Fourth avenue from Huron to Detroit, Fifth from Huron to Catharine, Division from Huron to main sewer, State, Thayer and Ingalls from Ann street north, Catherine from Detroit to Ingalls, Lawrence street and Kingsley from Division to Ingalls.

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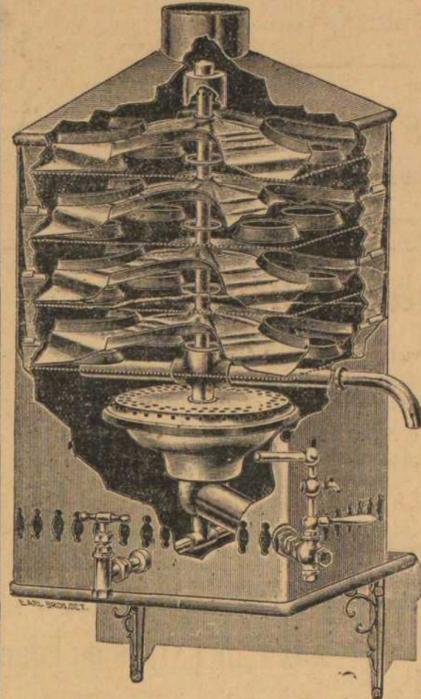
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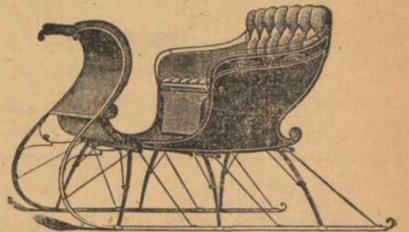
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For the "Holidays" can be seen at our store.

Our assortment this season excels anything we have ever shown and that we can please you.

Haller's Furniture Store,

112-114-116 E. Liberty St.

Ann Arbor.

Christmas Slippers!

We have just received a large line of Christmas Slippers for Gentlemen, Ladies, Misses and Children.

Better Select now while assortments are complete.

Men's Slippers, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00.

Men's Romeos, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50.

Ladies' Felt Slippers, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Ladies' Fur Trimmed Nullifiers, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Ladies' Party Slippers in Patent Calf, White Kid, French Kid, Bronze, and Vici Kid, from \$1.25 to \$3.00.



Ladies, have you bought a pair of our

Box-Calf Extension Edge

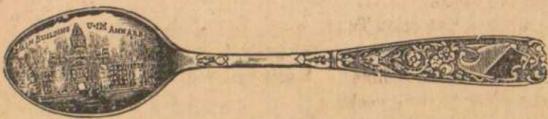
New Coin Toe Shoes,

Nothing like them for winter wear, and only \$3.00. Try a Pair.

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119 South Main Street.

Ann Arbor, Michigan



Christmas Suggestions!

A Fine Umbrella, Handsome Pocketbook, Opera Glasses, Beautiful Gold Mirror, Gold Clock, Libby Cut Glass, Rockwood Pottery, Sterling Silver Toilet Pieces, Chafing Dish, etc. Come in and look.

WM. ARNOLD, Leading Jewelers

FERDON LUMBER YARD,

CORNER OF FOURTH AND DEPOT STS., ANN ARBOR.

--- LUMBER! ---

We manufacture our own Lumber and GUARANTEE VERY LOW PRICES.

Give us a call and we will make it to your interest, as our large and well graded stock fully sustains our assertion.

A full assortment of Sewer Pipe and Drain Tile, manufactured by the Jackson Fire Clay Co. These tiles, being made of fire clay, are of unusual strength.

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We Want for Grinding at the Ann Arbor Central Mills

100,000 Bushel of the Best Wheat Raised
10,000 Bushel Choice Buckwheat
10,000 Bushel Choice Rye.

For our Shipping Department We Want:

20,000 Bushel Barley
25,000 Bushel Oats
30,000 Bushel Corn
30,000 Bushel Beans
10,000 Bushel Clover Seed

And a quantity of "Off Grade" Wheat. We will buy for cash and at top market prices, all you can bring to us.

All consumers are reminded that all Central Mill products are of the best, whether

Jumbo Patent Flour
White Loaf Family Flour
Central Mills Rye Flour
Central Mills Graham Flour
Central Mills Buckwheat Flour
Gold Dust Graham Meal.

Feed of all kinds also Supplied.

Allmendinger & Schneider.

CHRISTMAS KODAKS.....

We have an answer to the question, "What shall I buy for Christmas?" A camera is the one thing that everybody wants and that everybody enjoys when he gets it. Now that a good camera can be had for from \$4 to \$8 it is possible for most anyone to give one at Christmas. If your friends have cameras why not get an album for all their prints. Camera catalogs free.

CALKINS' - PHARMACY.

HOW TO FIX A SMOKEY

LAMP

Use Dean & Co's. "Red Star" Oil—No Odor, No Smoke, no charring of wick—Gives a White Light.

Do not try something just as good, but buy "Red Star" once—then you can give the just as good man your experience. He will not stay long—10c Per Gallon, sold only by

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RATES. \$2.00 PER DAY.

Washenaw County trade especially solicited. Opposite Court House, ANN ARBOR, MICH.

THE HILL ST. SEWER.

Judge Kinne Decides the Test Case in Favor of the City.

Judge Kinne late Tuesday afternoon handed down the following decision in the case of Bryant Walker vs. the City of Ann Arbor:

"An important and necessary public improvement was made in this city. The estate of Corydon Ford received its due benefit therefrom. I discover no equity in the attempt to escape its legitimate burdens. The bill of complaint should be dismissed as destitute of equity."

When the lateral sewer in the Hill street district was completed and the assessments made therefor, there was a great commotion among the property owners affected. They banded together, took legal advice and refused to pay their share of the cost of the sewer, or if they did so, under protest. Among other things it was claimed that the common council had not followed the law in putting down the sewer and that the whole city should help pay the expense, as had been done with the main sewer. The administrator of the Dr. Corydon La Ford estate, Bryant Walker, of Detroit, undertook to carry the matter to the courts in a test case. Against the Ford estate over \$400 was taxed. The case was warmly contested. If the Ford estate won the way was open for every one of the other lateral sewer districts to follow suit, they having been constructed after the same plan of procedure. The brief forbidding decision of Judge Kinne sets the troublesome contest at rest, unless the plaintiffs conclude to carry the case into the higher courts.

Washenaw Fair Society.

A meeting of the Washenaw Agricultural and Horticultural society was held at the court house Tuesday. The amendments to the constitution recommended by the old board of managers were adopted. Hereafter the society will be called the "Washenaw Fair Society" and will hold its annual meetings during the fairs in September.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. F. Avery, Ann Arbor, president; B. D. Kelly, Ypsilanti, vice-president; F. E. Mills, Ann Arbor, secretary; F. H. Belsor, Ann Arbor, treasurer. The following men constitute the board of managers: P. Toumy, Wm. April, George April, Scio; W. E. Boyden, Dehi Mills; Isaac Savery, Salem; A. J. Sawyer, Webster; E. E. Leland, Emery; B. D. Geer, Geer; F. Chapin, Northfield; J. H. Andrews, Pittsfield; J. Heppner, E. J. Helber, M. Seabolt, W. E. Stocking, S. W. Millard, O. M. Martin, Henry Richards, F. B. Braun, W. F. Bird, H. P. Glover, A. C. Schumacher, H. Ball, H. S. Dean, Ann Arbor.

Bicycle Enameling at Wenger's, 106 N. Fourth avenue. 1813

COUNTY NEWS.

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Upon interviewing the officers of the Chelsea Gold Mining company, we learn that they propose equipping their boat with a good steam pump with about 2,000 feet of hose, two centrifugal pumps for prospecting and working the river bottoms, a sawing outfit and a small dynamo for lighting purposes besides their other machinery, tools, clothing and provisions. We cannot see how such an outfit guided by 15 good practical men can help making big money for all interested. Their outfit alone would be worth many times what it cost them as soon as they reach the upper Yukon river. They say they only need six more to go. This looks like business and we wish the company every success.—Chelsea Herald.

Brakeman McLachlin of train No. 11, going north Wednesday morning, fell off a car at Urania and sustained slight injuries. He was brought to Milan and the company's surgeon attended to his case.—Milan Leader.

Willard J. Sisse and Miss Maggie Burns, of Milan, will be married in that village tomorrow night.

Milan's educational advantages are thus tersely described: One beautiful school house, six beautiful teachers and one fine professor.

R. H. Eaton, of York, planted his 60th milestone on December 10, and 36 of his relatives and friends gathered at his farm to assist him in celebrating the event.

W. F. Stimpson is the inventor of an automatic cut-off for brick machines. It is a marvel of simplicity and accurate automatic action, and is something worth seeing even though one is not interested in that kind of work.—Milan Leader.

The Glazier Stove Company band consists of 18 pieces. It has new instruments, and is open for engagements. Fred Fuller is leader, Claude Flagler manager, Charles Kaiser secretary, Fred Clark treasurer, Louis Burg, James Clark and Fred Fuller trustees.

The Webster Y. P. S. C. E. has elected the following officers: President, Will Scadin; vice-president, Will Burnett; secretary, Mary Backus; treasurer, Lottie Latson.

The Catholic Sunday school of Chelsea will have their Christmas tree at the opera house on Tuesday evening of next week, December 28.

George Higgins has a large hornet's nest suspended in Costello's window and labeled "Hot stuff." Bet'cher life 'tis. Memory goes back to the time when as a small boy of investigating mind, he poked a stick into one of those innocent looking things, and although many years have elapsed the very thoughts of that encounter makes us hot yet.—Dexter Leader.

SUPERIOR.

Superior Cornet band met last Saturday evening and elected new officers for next year as follows: President, James Gates; vice-president, E. C. Gale; secretary, G. Quackenbush; treasurer, Justin Gale; first leader, Edwin Quackenbush; second leader, George Quackenbush.

Mrs. John C. Gale is on the sick list. Michael Furlong is taking in taxes at Alban & Johnson's clothing store, Ypsilanti, every Saturday.

Mrs. B. D. Geer is in Ann Arbor taking electric treatment.

Mr. Roe, of Colorado, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Gates for a few weeks.

Robert Sherwood's children are having the scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gates were given a pleasant surprise last Saturday evening by the Superior band. It is always the custom of the band boys to serenade its members when they get married. Albert went to Colorado some seven years ago and married there a Miss Mary Roe, and this is the first time he has been home with his wife. It was so cold the boys could not play out doors, but by a side door they entered in the house undetected by the family, and, well, they were perfectly surprised by one of the bands lively airs. Did Albert jump? "I should say so, and with a shout of 'Oh, the band!' made his way hence. After hearty handshaking and introducing of his wife more music, games and refreshments occupied the evening. We were sorry to have one accident. James Gates had been fitting himself for the occasion and ate so much that he is now satisfied that Klondyke is no place for him in the winter time.

A Complaint.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 20, 1897.

To the Editor:
On August last I took the teachers' examination for a first grade certificate before County Commissioner Lister. He has failed to report to me my returns from Lansing and by so doing has thrown me out of a position of \$35 a month. The people in the northeastern part of the county are far from satisfied with him. What is the matter with him? Is he sick and can not attend to his duty?
J. E. BROWN.

Subscribe for the Democrat.

PAVING.

Upon mature reflection the gentlemen of the city council will probably perceive that their request that the water and gas companies put their service pipes and mains in the proposed paving district in proper condition within the next sixty days is absurd.

Both companies will need to relay all of their service pipes in this district. The earth for the next 60 days will be frozen, not only making the digging of trenches unnecessarily expensive but preventing the proper refilling of the same, and upon this refilling depends in a great measure the permanency of the proposed pavement. This work should not be undertaken until the ground is in such condition that the necessary excavations can be refilled in a thorough and substantial manner, and even then some time should be allowed after the completion of the work for the settlement which is certain to take place. Unless the utmost care is observed in this matter the location of each recent excavation will be evidenced by a depression in the pavement. We want pavement and we want it as soon as we can get it, but we want a first class job, and time is one of the elements necessary to secure that.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Furnished cottage at Base Lake. Inquire 1209 Broadway or 611 N. Main street, Ann Arbor. 2113

FOR RENT—On Jefferson street, four unfurnished rooms suitable for light housekeeping. Inquire at 439 S. Division street. 23

You need a warm bath room. If you haven't got it you can get it with a gas stove.

FOR RENT—Very cheap a part or the whole of a first class 12-room house with furnace; best location in this city; also four unfurnished rooms. Enquire at 439 S. Division street.

BEFORE AND AFTER

Eating your dinner use none but the Ann Arbor Brewing company's Pure Beer and you will always be healthy.

We have a lot of new and beautiful things which would make useful and attractive Christmas Gifts and the prices are right too.

HALLER'S FURNITURE STORE, 2013 112-114-116 E. Liberty street.

For the Chafing Dish.

Alcohol is expensive and slow. Gas chafing-dish burners are much better and ornamental too. We have them. ANN ARBOR GAS CO.

If you wish to please your best girl get her a package of perfume at Schumacher & Miller's drug store. They have a complete line of the latest odors, among them Miyota, Palmer's Fashion, Garland of Violet, Parisian Violet, etc. Please call and examine their holiday packages. Now to make matters even, if any girl wishes to please her best fellow let her call at the same drug store and get him a package of cigars put up especially for the holiday trade.

GO TO THE PORTLAND CAFE

At 310 S. Main street, for a first-class meal, only 25 cents. Also meals and lunches at all hours. Open day and night.

The Merchants' Supply Co. are still doing business at the old stand. Come in and see if we have the premium you want.

Special rates on meats for boarding houses at the Northside Meat Market. Special price on 50 pound cans of pure lard at the Northside Meat Market. Telephone 42-3 rings.

Residents of the Northside will find the best of everything in the Grocery line, also the popular trading stamps at Wm. F. Ludholz's store, No. 4 Broadway.

Elegant Northern Spy, Greenings and Snow Apples at Davis & Seabolt's. Ladies! Purchase your Millinery Goods of Mrs. C. A. Hendricks, 306 S. Main st. She will assist you in filling your book with trading stamps.

A POCKET BOOK

Is something that comes in handy at any time of the year, and if you buy your groceries of Davis & Seabolt you will save money enough to keep yours in comfortable condition all of the year.

August Koch has opened a complete line of groceries at 206 E. Washington street, where he will be pleased to see his friends and can assure them of good goods at lowest prices. 2014 Baltimore Oysters in can or bulk received fresh every day at Weinmann's market.

Purchase your goods in every line of those merchants who will give you trading stamps. See directory.

Buy your Axes, Hatchets and Buck-saws at C. Schlenker's, the Hardware Man, W. Liberty street.

Attention!!

AT THE
Utopia Millinery Parlors!

You will still find an elegant assortment of Millinery Goods.

A full line of Trimmed Hats and Bonnets which will be sold at a great reduction. We also give Cash Coupons with the reduction.

Among the trimmed hats are some imported patterns which we offer at Half Off.

Also three dozen Felts, Walkers, Sailors and dress shapes at 25 cents a piece, worth 75 cents and up. Come and be convinced.

A NEW BATH HEATER.

An Inexpensive, Easily Managed and Cheaply Run Device Patented By E. L. Schneider, of This City—A Bath for Three Fourths of a Cent.

Great improvements have been made in recent years in articles designed to save labor, expense and promote the convenience of domestic arrangements. In no department has that advance been more marked than in the sanitary arrangements of the household. Ann Arbor is not behind in contributions to the stock of labor, health and money-saving inventions, for Mr. E. L. Schneider, of the plumbing firm of Schneider Bros., has perfected a gas heater for the purpose of quickly and cheaply heating water for the bath and other purposes, which is not only a vast improvement over anything in the market, but is much cheaper in its first cost, cheaper in the cost of fuel and quicker in results than any other device of like character yet produced.

The Schneider heater is simple in every part of its construction, safe and indestructible and is manufactured right here in Ann Arbor. It is so constructed that all of the heat is utilized and the water at every turn comes into contact with the heated air. The result of this is that the consumption of gas is less than one-half that of any other heater.

The burner has a peculiar construction which throws the flame right where it is needed. No part of the heater can be injured by heat. The pilot lighter has an automatic movement which prevents accident from inexperienced help lighting the gas. So carefully is the heat utilized that water for a bath can be heated for 1/4 of a cent, and so quickly does the heater do its work that the bath is ready by the time the bather has disrobed. The utility of this invention will be appreciated by those who enjoy the luxury of a summer bath and dislike the long, costly and uncomfortable process of warming water in a hot water boiler.

In the winter time it will be a most desirable adjunct to a hot water boiler, where there are many to bathe and the supply of hot water soon runs out. These heaters are on exhibition at the plumbing store of Schneider Bros., on W. Washington street. If you have nothing of this kind it will pay you to visit them and investigate. They have already placed twelve of these heaters in this city, and they are all giving excellent satisfaction.

A Success.

The exhibition given at the Mowrey school house last Saturday evening was well attended. It was one of the best school exhibitions ever given in this locality. The "Yankee Peddler" was played without a falter. The proceeds amounted to \$12. We wish to thank Wm. Treadwell for his able assistance. Signed by S. B. Winans, moderator; Nathan Nixon, assessor; Martin A. Ryan, teacher.

Real Estate Transfers.

A. Kemfert and wife to John W. Fullerton and wife, Ann Arbor, \$3,000.
Charles and Chris Dorr, by sheriff, to John Pease, \$2,439.
Abigail Van Wormer to G. Van Wormer, York, \$1,000.
Cornelia Abbott to Wm. D. Simmons, Augusta, \$3,000.
Goodrich Conklin to F. Bristwisher, Manchester, \$4,000.
Arthur Jones and wife to Mary J. Slater, Ypsilanti, \$6,000.
Mary E. Martin to Wm. Morhouse, Ypsilanti, \$1,500.
George W. Harris to June Lamb, Ypsilanti, \$400.
Edgar Black et al. to Lydia Frase, Dexter, \$400.
Thos. Chamberlain to Wm. McDonald, Scio, \$2,100.
George C. Raymond to M. L. Raymond, Sharon, \$2,500.
Howard Stephenson to Henry R. Scovill, Ypsilanti, \$1,200.
Jas. L. Hill to W. J. Young, Augusta, \$700.
Margaret Salsbury to L. R. Salsbury, York, \$1,000.

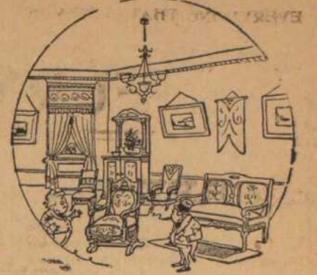
Robert Mantel.

Robert Mantel, the great actor, will appear in Ann Arbor on the evening of January 4, the date on which the holiday vacation closes.

THE STORE

CELEBRATING - THE - HOLIDAY - SEASON!

A HOST OF GLITTERING VALUES UPON OUR SHELVES, COUNTERS and RACKS-- Silks, Trimmings, Dress Goods, Millinery, Jackets, Capes, Men's Furnishings, Ladies' Fine Shoes, Etc, Etc., we bid good-bye to, with the Old Year.



Muslin Underwear

- Fine muslin night robes trimmed in insertion and embroidery and made in the empire style at..... \$ 1 00
 - Fine muslin night robes trimmed in insertion and double hem-stitched ruffles and made in the empire style at..... 1 00
 - Fine muslin night robes trimmed in insertion and embroidered, made in the empire style at..... 1 50
 - Fine muslin night robes trimmed in insertion and embroidery and tucks and made in the latest style at..... 1 50
 - Fine muslin night robes, trimmed in im-broidery and insertion and made in the empire style at..... 1 75
 - Fine muslin night robes trimmed in em-broidery and insertion and made in the Bishop style..... 1 75
 - Finest muslin night robes trimmed in insertion and embroidery at..... 2 00
 - Corset covers in all sizes, trimmed in lace and embroidery and insertion, made with a square neck at..... 50
 - Corset covers in all sizes, trimmed in torch-on lace and insertion made with a V shaped neck at..... 25
 - Outing flannel night robes made of the best outing flannel, trimmed in torchon lace good length and width at..... 1 00
 - Outing flannel night robes made of best outing flannel at..... 75
 - Outing flannel night robes in all sizes at..... 50
- We also have that new little empire corset, the only genuine, made by the people who are agents for the P. D. Corset (French Coaset) in white at \$1.75 and black at \$1.85.



Dress Goods Specialties!

: UNTIL 1897 :

.....LAST "FREE WOOL PRICE" SALE.....



We have not at the present time one yard of dress goods that bears the weight of the "Dingley Tariff Bill." Our entire stock was made from "free wool" when prices had reached the lowest ebb—and are today in many instances 50 per cent less than the same values can be purchased now—and this marked difference in price will be most unpleasantly felt when you come to purchase spring wool dress goods. All the greater reason you should avail yourself of these

- Holiday Prices in all-the-year-round styles in Dress Materials.
- AT 77c—Every day until New Years, or as long as they last, big lot of Imported Dress Patterns, not one in the collection worth less than \$1.25 up to \$1.50, your choice, 77c.
 - AT 60c—Bourettes, Plaids, Fine Serges, Worsteds, Illuminated Fancies. Silks and Wool Mixtures, 50 inch Storm Serge—Black Serge are at two-third's price
 - AT 44c—5000 yards of this season's choicest selections and newest effects strictly all wool, in Fancy Worsteds, Scotch Cheviots, Plaids and Checks, 54 inch wide all wool Scotch Tweeds; all the pretty mixtures and color combinations at 44c
 - AT 33c—Such another bargain you will not have offered you again in many a day Fine, closely woven, good weight, fancy dress goods, the season's latest styles, colors and designs, all the best; are worth in jobbers hands 5c more than our price in this sale, 33c.
 - AT 22c—Correct copies of foreign importations, 40 inch wide serge in plain colors and fancy mixtures, all wool canvas weaves, checks and plaids, a big half counter in center in excellent effects, nearly half priced at 22c.
 - AT 7 1/2c—Half Wool Dress Goods, Tycoon Repts best coloring, splendid material for winter wrappers and half priced at 7 1/2c.

HERE'S

A BIG BID

For Business!

On Monday, January 3, '98, we will commence our Annual Inventory Sale. Stock must be reduced in every one of our seven big department. Goods marked where we are absolutely sure the prices can be guaranteed and will be greatly reduced to bring about this desired result—"turn merchandise into cash." That's what we want to do—that's what our prices will do for us. Sale will continue two weeks.

Memorable Millinery Selling!

1897 Winter Hats—Imported French Models, Go Out with the Old Year at

...HALF OFF...

- \$18.00 Picture Hats..... \$9.00
- 16 50 Picture Hats..... 8.25
- 15.00 Picture Hats..... 7.50
- 12.00 French Model Hats..... 6.00
- 10.00 French Model Hats..... 5.00
- 8.00 French Model Hats..... 4.00
- 7.50 French Felt Hats..... 3.75
- 7.00 French Felt Hats..... 3.50
- 6.00 French Felt Hats..... 3.00
- 5.00 French Felt Hats..... 2.50
- 4.00 French Felt Hats..... 2.00
- 3.90 French Felt Hats..... 1.95
- 3.75 French Felt Hats..... 1.88



EXCLUSIVE PATTERNS

Men's Neckwear.

Fish, Clark & Flagg's Superb Line at Most Extraordinary Reductions for 7 Days.

- At 25c—Tecks and 4-in-hands and Club Ties, worth 50c.
- At 39c—Big line of silk Ties in silks and satins, black and fancy, strictly 50c values.
- At 50c—T-cks, 4-in-hands, Puffs, Imperials, worth 75c.
- At 75c—Elegant line of Ascots in very newest styles, designed for Christmas giving.
- At \$1.00—Finest Line of Men's Neckwear made, including all the new-st shapes and silks.

Men's Cloves.

- At 69c—\$1.00 Men's Kid Gloves, pique stitched, safety clasp.
- At \$1.50—The "West End" Kid Gloves, all sizes, worth \$1.75

Men's Underwear.

- 50c Men's Shirts and Drawers..... 33c
- \$1 00 Men's Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers 75c



GUARANTEED DRESS SILKS!

A SPECIAL PRICE FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

- Black Satin Duchesse, all silk, superior goods, 25 inches wide, special values at \$1.85, \$1.65, \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00.
- Block Peau de Soie Dress Silks, a very desirable fabric, rich in appearance and gives universal satisfaction, we offer extraordinary values—\$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00.
- Black Gros Grain Silks, Black Moire Silk, Failles, Armures Satin Luxors, Crystal Cords, Taffetas, Surahs, all guaranteed to give satisfactory wear, at \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00, 90c and 80c.

.....HOLIDAY SELLING IN.....

JACKETS, CAPES AND SHIRT WAISTS!

Have you bought that Jacket or Cape? You have been waiting until after Christmas for, that you might get the benefit of after Christmas prices. THE TIME IS RIPE FOR YOU NOW—All the Littleness of Price—More Goodness of Value

- At \$6.98 Jackets Reduced From \$12.50, \$12.50, \$14.25 and \$15.00.
- At \$9.85 Jackets Reduced From \$15.00, \$16.50, \$17.50 and \$18.00.
- At \$13.95 Jackets Reduced From \$18.50, \$19.50, \$22.50 and \$25.00.
- \$6.00 Fine all wool Kersey Capes Selling at..... \$ 3.39
- 8.00 Fine all wool Kersey Capes Selling at..... 4.95
- 7.00 all wool Astrachan Capes, Eur Edge..... 4.39
- 10.00 all wool Astrachan Capes, Thibet Fur..... 6.39
- 15.00 Heavy Plush Capes, Jetted and Appliqued..... 9.85

REDUCTIONS IN SHIRT WAISTS.

- LOWLIEST PLAIDS, FRENCH FLANNELS, VELVETS, FANCY SERGES, CORDUDOYS, At the first breath of winter when their comforts are most needed and appreciated we make Shirt Waist buying easy for you.
- AT \$2.95—\$4.00 Ladies Waists in Velour, Velvet, all wool Scotch Plaids, Fine Printed French Flannels.
 - AT \$1.95—\$3.00 Waists, all wool Scotch Plaids, all wool Ladies Cloth and Fancy Wool Mixtures.
 - AT \$1.35—Best Corduroy Waists, all wool Ladies Cloth Waists, Fancy Wool Waists closing at this price.

- Solid Antique Dining Chairs with cane seat, fancy carved back, brace arms—a chair you can't duplicate at less than \$1 50, for two weeks..... \$ 88
- Good Antique Extension Tables worth \$4 25, sale price..... 3 25
- Chamber Suits, three pieces, large pattern plate mirror, pretty carvings, brass trimmed. A suit that was a trade winner at \$16 00, for two weeks..... 12 40
- Beautiful Solid Oak Center Tables, finely finished, regular price \$2.25, sale price..... 1 49
- Elegant Solid Antique Oak Sideboards, \$12 values, sale price... 8 50
- Ladies Desks, mahogany finished, good finish inside. Equal to what other dealers price at \$6.00. Sale price..... 3 75
- Beautiful Music Cabinets in oak, mahogany and white enamel finish, every one reduced for two weeks..... \$1 30 to 18 00
- Solid Oak Rocker, extra large size with large arms and cobbler seat, worth \$2.50, sale price..... 1 50
- Three piece Parlor Suits, made from birch with mahogany finish, silk valour upholstery, equal to many suits at \$35.00 for two weeks we sell them at..... 22 00
- Large office desks with roll top, all antique oak, worth \$12.50 for two weeks..... 8 75
- New designs in Iron Beds, brass trimmed and nicely enameled in white, regular price 4.25. For two weeks..... 3 50
- Combination Bookcases and Writing Desks. The most useful piece of furniture in the home. \$10.00 values. For two weeks..... 7 50
- Carpets have advanced, every person who can read knows it. But to turn carpets into money we offer for two weeks only, Ingrain Carpets..... 12 1/2c to 25c a yd.
- Heavy all wool carpet..... 47c a yd.
- Body Brussels Carpets get the cut too.
- Good Body Brussels in elegant patterns..... 87c a yd.
- Very Best Body Brussels made \$1.25, for two weeks..... 1 10
- Our Curtain Prices.
- Pretty Nottingham Curtains, 3 yards long, 90c values..... 60c a pair
- Irish Point Curtains in all the new effects, all go at reduced rates. A fine one worth \$4.00..... 2.85 a pair
- \$5.00 Fish Net Curtains during this sale..... 3 75 a pair
- Brussels Net Curtains, the curtain that's always in style. The largest assortment ever shown in the city. Beauties worth \$6.00, sale price..... 4 50
- Tapestry Curtains from..... \$2.50 to 12 00
- Silk and Silk Striped Curtains from..... 4.50 to 18 00
- Japanese Portieres..... 3 00 a pair
- Rope Portieres..... 3.00 to 8 00
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GLEANINGS OF A WEEK.

Mark Beattie, of Wilnot street, has gone to Ovid to spend the holiday vacation. Master Harry Collins received by express from Denver, Colo., a pair of white fan-tail doves from his aunt, Mrs. Dr. Low. Francis M. Sessions, lit '88, of Columbus, Ohio, is visiting his parents, 41 Forest avenue, and will remain until after Christmas. Tommy Sessions, of this city, was defeated in eight rounds at the Olympic Athletic club in Detroit Friday by Theodore Gaffney. Mrs. Myrtle Moon, of Ypsilanti, has commenced suit in the circuit court to obtain a divorce from Charles Moon, on the grounds of cruelty and non-support. Dexter Leader, the degree team of Huron Lodge, I. O. O. F. Dexter, have accepted an invitation to visit the Ann Arbor lodge and confer the initiatory at some early date. The ice skating rink of Fred C. Weinberg is open for business. In the future the presence of good skating at the park will be announced by putting up blue flags all over the city. Battle Creek raised \$40 towards the sum needed to pay off the debt on the Women's Building by giving a chicken pie supper and the committee has \$150 in view, part of which it has already in hand. Miss Belle Turnbull, bookkeeper at Noble's Star Clothing House, left Friday for Hamilton, Ont., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Turnbull. She expects to be absent three weeks. At the meeting of the fire committee and fire commissioners Friday night a committee was appointed to consist of Chief Siple and Ald. Vandawalker to look up the probable expense of putting in the proposed electric fire alarm system. The local Masonic bodies have suspended work for the holiday season. The regular meetings in the first week in January will be the dates for resuming work. The only exception to this is Ann Arbor Commandery, K. T., which will meet every Tuesday night as usual. Adrian Press: The Degree of Honor Lodge, A. O. U. W., being the lady annex of the order in Ann Arbor, elects Mrs. Wolf as outside watch. And the members find it mighty difficult to keep the Wolf from the door, though there is plenty of money in the treasury. The Glenadis Debating society of the high school has elected the following officers for the coming term: President, Miss Marie Turner; vice-president, Miss Daisy Hollister; secretary, Miss Mary Sheffold; treasurer, Miss Lucy Glacier; chat editor, Miss Lillian Hillman; marshal, Miss Ethel Bancroft. Manchester Enterprise: One of Manchester's most enterprising farmers has looked up his assessments in the Southern Washtenaw Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company, and says that they had averaged a little more than \$2.50 on his \$4,000 stock, or about 63 cents on each \$1,000. As he was one of the first members this covers a period of 26 years. What company can beat it? Friday last Judge Kinne dismissed the jury, thus practically ending the December term of court. Before doing so, however, with the jury's aid he disposed of two minor cases, Fred Weinmann being required to pay \$12 damages and the costs of the suit for hitting Anton Teufel on the head with his cane, and John Marquardt, of Seio, recovering \$240 for wages from Thomas Richardson, also of Seio. Elijah J. Calkins, a traveling man, has commenced suit against the Ann Arbor railroad, claiming \$50,000 damages. He alleges that on the evening of October 28, when on a train south from Ithaca, the brakeman called out Owosso Junction, and while trying to alight with two satchels the train started up and he was thrown down an embankment, breaking his left arm, injuring his back and receiving internal injuries. At a cost of \$25,000, Philip D. Armour, of Chicago, will erect a new ice-house at Whitmore lake. The building when completed will cover an acre of ground and will be fifty feet high. It is estimated that it will take fifty acres of ice one foot thick to fill the house. The Armour packing establishment uses a great quantity of ice in its refrigerator cars at Toledo and the supply from Whitmore lake will be used for that purpose.

No audience which has attended the theater this season has left it in a more pleasant frame of mind than the one which filed through the doors after M. Durno's performance had closed Friday evening. The renowned French magician performs some veritable wonders in the way of sleight-of-hand and introduces some remarkable new feats. His box mystery is one of the best things that has been offered by any of the great performers. The instantaneous growing of roses is another of his novelties. M. Durno has a pleasant stage appearance and by his clever talk keeps his audience in continued good humor. Mrs. Frank Crossman and daughter returned to Jackson Saturday. Miss Belle Owen has gone to Scotts, Mich., to spend the holiday season. Miss Grace Haven returned Saturday evening from her trip to Napoleon, Ohio. E. W. Groves leaves in a few days for Austin, Texas, to be absent for several weeks. Edward W. Butler, of Waukesha, Wis., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Babcock. Victor Strong, of Jackson, was the guest of his brother, Oscar, in this city over Sunday. Mrs. Dora Lefurge and Mrs. Mason, of South Lyon, visited friends in the city on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carson, of Chicago, are visiting Mrs. Butts on Washtenaw avenue. Rev. Mr. Dieterle is announced to preach at Trinity Lutheran church next Sunday evening. Ben Geer, of Superior, Mich., spent Sunday with his wife who is in the city taking treatment. The annual Christmas festival at the German Methodist church takes place on the evening of Christmas day. A good program has been prepared. There will be a union service of a devotional character in the First Presbyterian church on Christmas day at 10:30 a. m. led by Rev. J. W. Bradshaw. The fire department was out Sunday evening on account of a small fire in a shed near the Ann Arbor railroad track on Miller avenue. It made quite a blaze. Charles Esslinger, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Esslinger of this city, was married in Toledo December 16 to Miss Frederika Rentschler, also formerly of this city. The ladies of Trinity Lutheran church hereby gratefully acknowledge the help received from business men and others for the fair held recently in the church parlors. Many prominent educators were present at the funeral of Prof. Perry Saturday, and all spoke of the high esteem in which he was held by the schoolmen of the state. Judge D. B. Butler, of Frankfort, Mich., accompanied by his wife and sister, Mrs. Fannie Brewer, have been spending a few days with old friends and class-mates in Ann Arbor. John W. Cowan, of Pittsfield, was buried Saturday from the home of John Forshae in the Fifth Ward. Interment at Dixboro cemetery. The deceased was 43 years old and had been a sufferer from paralysis for a long time. The case of the People vs. C. Lincoln McGuire, for obtaining money under false pretenses, has been continued until the next term of court. The Ann Arbor Railroad company has just issued a circular to shippers saying that instead of closing the Menominee-Frankfort car-ferry route during the winter months, from December 1 to March 31, it will hereafter be kept open the entire year. "Reddy" Smith filled up on intoxicants the other day and when put out of the saloon tried to throw a stick of wood through the window to show his disapproval of the proceedings. He was promptly arrested and on Saturday was given a 10-day sentence at the county jail. Adrian Press: Ann Arborites enjoyed a sheet and pillow-case party last week at Granger's hall. The ladies wore quilt skirts, the gentlemen wore red comforters, and after enjoying a fine spread every one took a drink of cool water from the bed springs. This gave some of them a sharp pain, but when they read this item, it will be to them a counter pain. Adolphus Craig Brock, foreman at Baumgardner's marble works, died Saturday night at his home on Chapin street, having been ill since August. He leaves a wife and two children. The funeral occurred Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the house, Rev. J. W. Bradshaw officiating. Interment in Forest Hill cemetery. The deceased was a member of the A. O. U. W., the Woodmen and the Columbian League and had many friends. Jeremiah Jacobs, an old and respected farmer of Northfield, died Sunday at Whitmore Lake of pneumonia, having been sick only a few days. He was nearly 88 years old at the time of his death and had lived in the state over 60 years. He never married and has lived with his wife for several years. The funeral occurs at the house Wednesday at 10 a. m. Interment at Forest Hill cemetery.

Miss Martha Corson, a high school graduate of '97, is teaching school at Sitka, Mich. H. F. Frost has just returned from an extended business trip through the extreme South. B. Frank Bower and wife are expected to arrive today from Cleveland to spend Christmas in Ann Arbor. Miss Julia Cotant has gone to Milwaukee, Wis., to spend the holiday season with Dr. and Mrs. Bushman. Chester R. Bond, whose family resides at 109 N. Thayer street, this city, died Sunday morning at Holyoke, Mass. The Misses Menyetta and Belle Millison and Maude Turk went to Jackson Tuesday to attend the Lathuis-Edsall wedding. Thursday evening, December 30, Welch Corps, W. R. C., will give a social and entertainment. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged. The young ladies of the Junior Auxiliary cleared over \$50 by their dolls' bazaar Saturday at Harris hall. A most enjoyable time is also reported. Augustus Johnson and William Harrison, two "hoboes," were up before Justice Pond Tuesday and go to jail for ten days each for a "plain drunk." Several young men are reported to have broken through the ice at the river while skating Monday. No harm was done, all of the young fellows getting off with nothing more than a bad wetting. Oscar Burkhardt has just returned from Chicago where during the latter part of last week he was in attendance on a convention of the agents for the New York Life Insurance company. He had the honor to be one of Michigan's three delegates to the convention. It is not generally known that Ann Arbor is sending a large quantity of milk daily to the creamery at Howell but such is the fact. F. E. Mills ships every morning over the Ann Arbor railroad from 1,500 to 2,000 pounds of milk and has been doing so for some time. The Christmas day services in St. Andrew's church will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 6:30 a. m., and a second celebration and sermon at 10:30 a. m. The Sunday school festival will be held in Harris hall Friday, Christmas Eve, at 4 p. m. All those interested in the children are invited to be present. The season's second appearance of Katherine Germaine and Richard Golden in the effervescent "Isle of Champagne" at the theater last evening was greeted by a most enthusiastic audience. Comment upon the sterling merit of Mr. Bier's excellent company was made upon the former appearance of the opera some weeks ago. The company has been maintained intact and fully sustained the reputation it enjoys with Ann Arbor theater-goers. Arrangements are about completed for a joint debate between Lyceum No. 1 of Ann Arbor high school, and the House of Representatives, Detroit high school, which will be held the first or second Friday in March. The question to be debated is "Resolved, That the Initiative and Referendum should be introduced into the city, county and state government of the United States." Ann Arbor will support the negative. At a meeting of the high school annual association and the association of the classes from 1856 to 1876, held at Newberry hall Monday, resolutions were adopted concerning the decease of Supt. Perry. They are published in full elsewhere in this paper. In June, 1896, a committee consisting of J. E. Beal, G. F. Allmendinger and J. V. Sheehan was appointed to formulate plans for the establishment of a Perry fellowship. At the meeting last night the following were added to this committee: Mrs. Sunderland, Miss Alice Porter and Miss Emma Bower. At its last meeting Welch Corps, W. R. C., elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Della B. Dean; senior vice-president, Mrs. Sutherland; junior vice-president, Mrs. George Scott; treasurer, Mrs. Hattie M. Doig; chaplain, Mrs. W. T. Grote; conductor, Mrs. Quincy Turner; guard, Mrs. Hattie Long; delegates to state convention, Mrs. Julia Colgrove and Mrs. Duncan; alternates, Mrs. H. Ball and Miss Allmendinger; delegate to district convention, Mrs. E. W. Hatch. The remaining officers are appointive and have not yet been named. Installation will occur in January and will probably be in connection with the G. A. R. post. "Honey" Stuart, the football player, has written a long letter to Prof. J. C. KuoWilson, chairman of the board of control at the University, in which he disclaims all intention to defraud the board, and states that his absence from the University now is due entirely to sickness, and that he intends to return to Ann Arbor at the beginning of the second semester and take up the work of the law department. This bears out the statements Stuart had made all the fall to the other members of the football team, but it has by no means satisfied the board of control that there is no need for a searching investigation.

An informal dancing party will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Granger at the academy next Tuesday evening. All former patrons and friends are invited to attend. Eugene Oesterlin had a severe fall Monday afternoon at his home on W. Huron street. He has so far recovered as to be able to come down to his office Wednesday. John Baumgardner, past commander, and T. O'Conner, warden of the local lodge, were in Ypsilanti Tuesday helping to institute Columbian Lodge, No. 35, Columbian League. The Inland Press has just issued a handsome paper bound book of over one hundred pages containing the complete report of the proceedings of the National School of Dental Teachers. Four annual conventions are reported. F. S. Gage, the popular New York Life Insurance agent, was in attendance at the big convention in Chicago last week. New York Life Insurance company's agents to the number of 250 representing ten states made up the gathering. Alfred Laughland, the young man who stole some clothes from another young man at Prettyman's a few days ago, pleaded guilty Wednesday before Judge Kinne and was given a sentence of 90 days in the county jail. M. C. Wood-Allen returned Wednesday from a business trip to Chicago. He reports having seen a big conflagration as he came through the town of Palmer, a fire that threatened to wipe the town out of existence. Lucy P. Huber, secretary of the Ladies' Library association, writes: "Members of the Ladies' Library association please notice that the library will be closed on Christmas day; also on Friday, Saturday and Monday, December 31, January 1st and 3d." The board of directors of the Farmers and Mechanics bank met Monday evening and organized as follows: President, Reuben Kempf; vice-president, Charles E. Greene; cashier, F. H. Belser. The board declared the usual four per cent. dividend to stockholders. Mrs. Rosseter G. Cole, head of the piano department of the School of Music, Grinnell, Iowa, reached here Saturday and will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gwinner, of Packard street, during her vacation. Miss Crocker, who has been the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Harry Hutchins, for the past few weeks, went on Saturday to visit friends in Detroit before returning to her home in Mt. Clemens. Treasurer Soule, of the University, reports the receipt of the following additional contributions to the Women's gymnasium fund: Hypatia club, Detroit, \$14; G. Ticknor, Cleveland \$5; Wixom club, Caro, Mich., \$5; Women's clubs, Detroit, \$35; commissions on sale of Miss Lowell's U. of M. calendar, \$50. McClure's Magazine for January will contain the first of a series of articles by Herbert E. Hamblen describing, from fifteen years' personal experience, the daily life and disasters of a railroad workman. Mr. Hamblen is the author of "On Many Seas," a record of his own sailor adventures and experiences that has had a great sale. He knows the life of the railroad as thoroughly as he knows the life of the sea, and his forthcoming papers can not fail to be interesting. The first will give his experience as a brakeman in the yard and on the road. The papers will be illustrated with drawings from life by W. D. Stevens. The Upa Phi society held its initiation on Friday evening, from 6:30 until 9 o'clock, at the residence of Miss Bessie Eggert. The new member was Miss Georgia Clark, of Kansas City. The society now has a membership of ten: The Misses Beth Cooley, Margaret Cooley, Kathleen Cutting, Ruth Russell, Gertie Jones, Rose Carhart, Gretchen Lydcker, Madge Cady and Bessie Eggert. After the ceremony the young people devoted themselves to dancing and games. The programs, painted by Miss Glrie Jones, were a pretty feature of the evening with dainty Brownie designs and tied with white and blue, the society's colors. Ice-cream, cake and candy closed the program for the evening. J. H. Frome, of Princeton, delivered his lecture, "The Alchemy of Human Nature," at Newberry hall last evening to a large audience, considering that his lecture was only announced Friday. Mr. Frome held the attention of his audience by his intense earnestness. There is some excellent matter and much originality of thought in "The Alchemy of Human Nature," and a complete mastery of his subject will stamp Mr. Frome as a success in the lecture field. As Mr. Frome stated, this was his first appearance and the necessity of cutting down two hours of material to one hour of delivery gave his effort somewhat of a garbled appearance. There is the making of a first class entertainment both in the lecturer and his subject, and with more painstaking effort and further experience as a speaker, Mr. Frome may be expected to develop into an excellent popular lecturer.

Supervisor Wm. Burtless, of Manchester, is in the city, presumably looking after his political fences, for it is whispered about town that the genial supervisor is figuring on stepping into Sheriff Judson's shoes when then gentleman "goes up higher." Postmaster Beakes has opened an extra window at the postoffice through which to attend to Christmas parcels. While there is an almost continuous stream of people sending out Christmas packages every day, the postmaster believes that the rush is considerably slower than in former years. Postmaster Beakes has made especial arrangements for handling quickly the present rush of Christmas mail. He advises that a special delivery stamp be attached to every parcel sent out if it is addressed to parties at any of the larger cities. This will insure freedom from delay in delivering. Mrs. F. E. Allen has sold her beautiful place, Elmbrook Farm, on the Whitmore Lake road, to a stock company in Detroit, the Wayne County Creamery. Mrs. Allen in the early spring will remove to the city. Miss Genevieve Allen, sophomore in the high school, will go south for the benefit of her health. The Gift Edge band minstrels give their up-to-date minstrel show at Ypsilanti Monday night next under the auspices of the Ypsilanti Arbeiter Verein. An early trip to Howell and Manchester is also being arranged for. The boys are in great demand. They cleared about \$80 by their recent entertainment in Ann Arbor. Ann Arbor Home Forum, No. 1424, has elected the following new officers: President, John Baumgardner; vice-president, Mrs. Ida Moore; second vice-president, Mrs. Ella Armbruster; secretary, A. Turk; treasurer, P. Snauble; orator, A. Frueauff; assistant orator, H. C. Exinger; historian, Mrs. Nora Tedrow; porter, Mrs. H. F. Frost; guard, Charles Warren; physician, Mrs. Jennie Hughes. The annual meeting of the Washtenaw County Horticultural society was held Tuesday at the court house. The amendments as printed in The Times of December 13 were adopted and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: J. F. Avery, president; Ben B. Kelly, vice-president; F. E. Mills, secretary; F. H. Belser, treasurer. The usual number of members were chosen for the board of managers. J. D. Ryan and H. W. Douglass leave Sunday night for a two months' trip to Venezuela. They sail from New York on the 28th inst., touching at the Windward islands and Trinidad on their way to Caracas. We are not advised whether this journey is for purposes of business or to gain a more intimate knowledge of our southern neighbors, but they will go well provided with precautionary requisites for climatic changes and the best wishes of many friends. A few years ago a little girl baby was found and adopted by Pyron and Loretta Fellows of Sharon. Mrs. Fellows afterward inherited some property, which at her death was divided among her sisters. Mabel, the adopted daughter, now sues for her share in the property. The sisters defend themselves by the claim that being a married woman Mrs. Fellows had no power to make a contract of adoption that would affect the disposition of her property. The case was heard Tuesday in the circuit court. The Michigan Alumnus for December is just out and is a number of exceptional merit. The frontispiece is a half-tone cut of Eliza M. Mosher, M. D., and the leading article, "Thought Life—a Developmental Force," is from her pen. Other articles are written by Kate Holladay Claghorn, Katherine Cole, the late Henry S. Frieze, Romanzo Adams and Alice Brown. The publishers announce that Rufus L. Weaver, law '98, has won one Michigan Alumnus scholarship while J. H. Ehlers, lit '99, has nearly secured another. The publishers also propose to start a fund for the erection of a building to be known as "Alumni Hall," which shall furnish the much-needed art gallery and will also provide quarters for the graduate school. The Alumnus offers to head the list with \$100 and to give to the fund one-half of the sum paid The Alumnus by each new subscriber who sends in his order under this offer. "Darkest Russia." "Darkest Russia" is the announcement of the attraction that will appear at the Athens Theater, December 27. It is a Russian drama, but has been constructed on original lines with a touch of real American humor that is at all times refreshing. This accounts for the fact that it is one of the greatest successes of the stage for years. Everywhere it is greeted as a masterpiece of realism. Its story is interestingly told, while the comedy that is interspersed in liberal quantity lends a brightness and cheerfulness that is all its own. Close attention has been paid to all the details and the production can be appropriately called complete in every particular. Advertise in The Democrat.

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YPSILANTI.

Ed Worden, of Geneva, N. Y., is visiting his mother in this city during the holidays.

Miss Ella Welch, who has a position as trimmer in a millinery establishment in Detroit is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, of Forest avenue, leave Friday for Howell to visit their daughter, Mrs. Albert Wright.

This week's Truth, the organ of the Michigan Liquor Dealers Protective Association, contains the pictures of George Letter and John Terns, of this city.

The remains of the late Gen. Justus McKinstry were brought here from St. Louis, Mo., Friday and the interment took place in Highland Cemetery.

Major Howell, major of this regiment in the Michigan National Guards, aspires to be a paymaster in the regular army. His rival is a son of Col. Rogers of Orchard Lake.

Mrs. Henry E. Beard, wife of Police Captain Beard of Jackson, died Monday of cancer trouble. The deceased will be remembered as a former Ypsilanti resident.

The marriage of Miss Florence Cunningham, a former and well known Normal student, and Mr. Orington Newberry, of Port Huron, took place at the bride's parents in Hamburg last week.

The boom of John P. Kirk for congress was formally launched last evening at the Cosmorama show. A big sheep was led across the stage bearing the sign, "For Congress—John P. Kirk."

In response to repeated inquiries, Mrs. D'Ooge has decided to keep the Mexican drawn-work and U. of M. calendars at her home, 423 Ballard street, until after the holidays, to accommodate those wishing to purchase.

Mr. Dort, who lives east of the city and who was badly injured some three months ago by running into an electric light pole east of the high school building, was able to be out Saturday for the first time since the accident.

The terms of enlistment of about 40 members of Co. G., M. N. G., expire the latter part of March and the first of April. Capt. Kirk's term of enlistment expires, but he will re-enlist and nearly every one of the 40 will follow his example, it is understood.

The Boston Poultry House killed, picked and shipped seven tons of poultry in one day last week. The pickers get 2 1/2 and 3 cents for picking each chicken and as an illustration of how skillful the pickers become, Miss Carpenter in one day earned \$2.95 at this rate.

Corra Eva Robinson, the young girl arrested upon complaint of her grandmother, Mrs. Geo. Barnes, for being disorderly was brought before Justice Joslyn Friday afternoon. The girl promised to return to her grandmother's home and so the complaint was dropped.

Addie O. Jackson-Fenner has commenced suit for divorce against her husband, Richard E. Fenner, in the Wayne circuit court. A peculiar feature of the case is that each of the parties to the present proceedings had secured divorces from spouses in order to get married.

Charles Siegmund who has run the torsorial parlour—in other words barber shop—in the basement under the Boston shoe store for the past 20 years, has moved to his home at 101 River street. They have lately added an addition to the house and he is very pleasantly situated.

Sunday evening Rev. Wm. Gardam took occasion to remark very feelingly upon the fact that the day was the 20th anniversary of his ordination into the ministry and stated that the past two years spent in Ypsilanti was the happiest and most pleasant of his life.

A young man of this city became very much excited the other morning about 2 o'clock by what he thought to be an airship. Night Watchman Kane told him to come around the next night about the same hour and he would convince him that what he had taken for an airship was simply two stars in close proximity.

It will be remembered that David Wixom, who was sentenced to five years in Jackson for larceny of a watch and some clothes from Charles Begole, secured a pardon by eating soap and feigning sickness. He is now reported to be dead but the warden of the prison is so suspicious of Wixom's craftiness that he is going to investigate the rumor.

Mr. Hawkes, of the proposed new electric line to Detroit, has hit upon a great scheme for parties living out on the line to easily discern while in the city the cars which will run to Ann Arbor. They are to be painted a bright blue, something different from that on any car service running into the city. Blue paint costs no more than red or brown and it will save a lot of trouble.

George H. Hammond says he has

reached his last light harness performer for two years. He will confine his attention strictly to breeding and training on his Simmicolon farm for the time being. Contrary to general report he did not sell his pacer Dan Q., at the Chicago horse sale. The pacer is in Ypsilanti. Mr. Hammond expects to sell him during the winter. —Evening News.

The exciting E. Congress street runaway yesterday noon was caused originally by a horse belonging to Mr. Hicks slipping its bridle at Wayne and running the entire distance to this city. What a scattering of teams there must have been between the two places! When coming down Congress street the runaway horse collided with a buggy containing Mrs. Day of Willis. It threw her out and both horses continued on in their wild career. The first horse ran into the Congress street bridge smashing the cart. The second horse following close behind gave a leap and cleared the obstacle. The first horse ran on through Congress with sweat fairly dripping from him. Nobody was hurt but the buggy and cart were smashed as badly as Seth Low's hopes for the presidency of the United States.

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BROKE AND UNEMPLOYED

M. B. Hauze, of Sioux City, Iowa, Tried to Commit Suicide Last Friday Night.

"Where is the nearest doctor?" asked a fine looking and well dressed young man of Night Clerk Starkweather, of the Hawkin's house Friday night. He was directed to Dr. Hull, who only lived about a block and a half from the hotel. The fellow went out and came back in a few minutes, seemingly more excited. "The doctor is not at home. Can't you get me a doctor here quickly? I am very sick and must have one right away," said he. Dr. Owen was called up by telephone and he quickly responded. Upon coming to the hotel, Dr. Owen went to the young man's room and asked him what the trouble was.

"I have taken morphine and I don't want to die," said he.

"How much have you taken?"

"Nineteen pills."

"How much did they weigh?"

"An eighth of a grain apiece."

Dr. Owen looked at the fellows eye and saw that the pupil was contracted to a considerable extent.

The physician argued as he quickly went to work that the morphine pills being in pill form were coated with gelatine and if he could get the man to get a divorce from them he could save the would-be suicide's life before the gelatine had dissolved to any great extent. He gave the fellow a strong emetic and the decree of divorce was soon granted. As the doctor watched the progress of the work the young man told his story: "My name is M. B. Hauze. I live at Sioux City, Iowa. I had a good position once and while doing my duties had flattering offers from other firms. My father was taken sick and I threw up my position to go and take care of him and my mother. He finally died and again I sought employment in my old business but somebody was installed there and I could not resume my old position. I sought elsewhere but no places seemed to be vacant for me. I came here with only 15 cents in my pocket and thinking 'What's the use of living longer,' I took the poison. As soon as I had swallowed it, I repeated. Life was just as sweet as ever and I want to live. If you can save me, do so. If you cannot, I must take the consequences."

After a thorough vomiting, Dr. Owen ordered the man to be taken out on a brisk walk until midnight. The orders were obeyed and Hauze was allowed to go to bed about 12 o'clock last night. In the morning he called upon Dr. Owen and was even more sorry for what he had attempted than he was last night. He was thoroughly despondent at his ill-success in securing employment, but sympathizing persons made up a purse so he could get to Detroit. He said he was willing to do anything honorable for a livelihood and asserted that he would never rush into the presence of His Maker uncalled for.

Before Hauze left he said his father was a Baptist minister.

Banned Out of \$45. (From Saturday's Times.)

Day before yesterday some smooth sharper stepped into the Detroit Soap company works at Detroit and asked for Mr. Post. Mr. Rathfon told him that he would not be back for two or three hours. The fellow said he was C. C. King, who kept a grocery store near the depot in Ypsilanti, and wanted to order five boxes of Queen Anne soap. He then remarked that he had a check for \$45 for a load of poultry which he had delivered in Detroit and wanted to be identified so that he could pay for the soap order. Mr. Rathfon informed him that he was too late for the banks but cashed the

check, took out the amount for the soap and the fellow departed. It was afterwards found to be a forgery on C. C. King of this city and Marsud Westfall was telephoned to. Mr. King and Mr. Westfall held a conversation with the Detroit Soap company and the conclusion arrived at was that some smooth man who was acquainted in Ypsilanti had watched his opportunity until Mr. Post was absent from the office and then succeeded in getting the check cashed. The very boldness of the man in claiming to be in business in Ypsilanti, Mr. Post's Lome, was enough to allay any suspicions.

THAT NORMAL FOUNDATION

Again Comes up in the Common Council Meeting but is Deferred.

Webster, Clay & Co. stated in a communication that they would give the city of Ypsilanti \$25 for a warranty deed for the end of Park street south from South street to the railway track. The ways and means committee and the committee on streets and walks recommended that \$25 be not accepted but that the transfer be made for \$50. The recommendation was adopted.

Herman Hutzel presented a formal claim for \$400 for damages sustained for what he claimed to be obliged to do extra work in digging deeper than the profile called for on the Huron street sewer. The matter was referred to the board of public works and Aids. Huston, Worden and Davis. Property owners asked that a walk be built across the west side of Park street, lying between Parsons and Congress street, known as the Fifth Ward park. Referred to the board of public works with power to act.

Chief Worden recommended that the city purchase a double harness suitable to be used on the hook and ladder truck. The recommendation was adopted.

The board of public works recommended that the gratuitous water supply for the Normal college fountain be denied for two reasons: First, the limited supply of water. The board is of the opinion that if the extravagant use of water is continued that the city will have to look elsewhere for a greater supply. Second: It is a well known fact that this department has never paid expenses, as each year more or less bills on the water works fund are for the want of funds in this department paid out of the contingent fund. Therefore the board deemed it inadvisable to furnish water for any more fountains but would rather see the supply of water for public fountains, watering troughs, etc., be restricted. The matter was referred back to the board for two weeks in order to give the Normal people an opportunity or a chance to make a statement as to what they intend doing. Not, however, was this done before a kick was registered from Ald. Moore, who wanted the report of the board adopted forthwith. Ald. Gaudy explained that the Normal people did not ask that the fountain be maintained during the summer vacation which lasts nearly three months. Ald. Schaffer stated that the Normal college was continually asking the city for something and that it was about time to call a halt. That the University did not ask Ann Arbor to do such things. Ald. Gaudy responded that it was just as much the province of the city to beautify the western portion of the city as the Fifth ward park. That the fountain was on a public thoroughfare. Aids. Schaffer and Moore were the only ones who favored the immediate adoption of the report.

The committee on ways and means recommended that John P. Kirk be allowed \$25 retainer's fee in the case started by the city against Mack and Mack, bondsmen of C. P. McKinstry. The council then adjourned.

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The audience, which was a very large one, seems to be highly pleased with the evening entertainment and each young lady as she appeared attracted in an appropriate costume to represent some certain firm was invariably greeted with a generous amount of applause. Many of the costumes were very lavish in design and showed a very painstaking effort. It would take a very lengthy description to do justice to the entire number and justice can only be done by saying that all the participants were elegantly and appropriately costumed. The grand march which was the finale of the evening and was led by Miss Allen, who represented Little Lord Fauntleroy and Miss Hutchinson who, dressed as a newsboy, represented the Washtenaw Evening Times. Their leading through intricate figures was perfection.

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That is Now Lacking for a Complete "Purchase" for an Electric Road to Detroit.

Thomas Kearney, of Ann Arbor, who is interested in the projected electric railway between Detroit and Ann Arbor through Ypsilanti, attended a meeting of the promoters in this city yesterday. He said today that the line would be in operation by May 1. Half hour trips are to be made, and the fare will be just one-half that demanded by the steam railroads. The construction is complete as far as Dearborn and the rest of it will be rushed as rapidly as possible.—Detroit Journal, Dec. 14.

All that is now lacking to complete the chain from Ann Arbor to Detroit for the new electric line franchise is the continuation of the road in the city of Ypsilanti to the eastern limits of the city. The Howard-Kearney people who held a franchise through VanBuren and Canton townships have been satisfied by the new company and the village of Dearborn has been given a \$25,000 indemnifying bond against any damages secured by other promoters who have already secured a franchise through the village. The Ann Arbor & Ypsilanti Street Railway people, or at least the officers of it, already hold a franchise from the eastern limits of the city to the Wayne county line, and will only be to anxious to consolidate their interests or join hands with the new company so that a complete line from Ann Arbor to Detroit may be had.

Messrs. J. D. Hawkes, Angus, John A. Russel and an attorney from Detroit were in the city yesterday looking over the ground to see the most feasible route through the city with which to connect up with the new line and the common council will be asked for a franchise. The gentlemen mean business and there cannot

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

Marriage of Harry W. Clark and Miss Clara Pinckney Yesterday

Harry W. Clark, of this city, and Miss Clara E. Pinckney, of near Ypsilanti, were united in marriage at noon Tuesday at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. J. M. Gelston performing the ceremony. The wedding party consisted of the relatives of the contracting parties and a few personal friends. After the wedding came an elegant dinner and at 5:13 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Clark left for the East over the Michigan Central to spend a couple of weeks in New York.

The following persons from Ann Arbor attended the wedding: Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Reeves, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Gelston, Miss Nannie Hadley, Miss Mattie Warner and Messrs. Secretary J. H. Wade, Stirling, St. John, Will Hadley and C. J. Price.

Mr. Clark is the popular superintendent of the University hospital, a young man with many noble qualities of heart and mind. The young lady whom he has chosen for his life partner is highly esteemed by all who know her. The Times tenders its sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clark and wishes them the longest and happiest of lives.

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Judge Kinne so Holds the Transient Traders' Ordinance.

Everything was ready Friday for hearing the case of the city of Ann Arbor vs. Luther L. James, Edward Croarkin and Patrick Sloan, the case testing the "transient traders' ordinance" appealed November 19 from Justice Duffy's court. M. J. Cavanaugh and A. J. Sawyer appeared for the plaintiff and Arthur Brown and J. F. Lawrence for the defendants. The jury was in its box and a large number of witnesses were on hand for both sides. The trial progressed slowly. Finally the defense moved to quash the case. In the midst of the arguments which followed Judge Kinne took the case from the jury and issued an order for a verdict for the defense. He stated that while his sympathies were certainly in favor of some such protection for the home merchant he could not but hold that the ordinance in question was a direct discrimination between home and foreign merchants and that the license is an unreasonable tax, and for these reasons contrary to the laws of the state of Michigan.

"Darkest Russia."

It is coming in all its glory. "What," you ask. Easily answered. "Darkest Russia" with the endorsement of theater-goers and critics in metropolitan centers as well as in all the principal cities of the Union. It can be confidently expected at the Grand opera house next Tuesday evening.

THE IMPERIAL COURIER OF THE CZAR.

In every sense of the word it is a play for the people, catering to no special class and telling a story that goes straight to the heart of every hearer. The characters immediately ingratiate themselves into the good graces of the auditors and the pleasure of the latter is at all times complete.

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In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth Roberts, deceased, on reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Geo. E. Roberts praying that a certain instrument now on file in this Court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased may be admitted to probate and that administration of said estate may be granted to himself the executor named or to some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 17th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for examining and allowing such account, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be held at the Probate Office, in the City of Ann Arbor, in said County, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

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

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REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw, ss. In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth Wallington, deceased Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order granted to the undersigned Administrator of the estate of said deceased by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Washtenaw, on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1897, there will be sold at public Vendue, to the highest bidder, at the east front door of the Court House in the County of Washtenaw in said State, on Monday, the 31st day of January, A. D. 1898, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day (subject to all encumbrances by mortgage or otherwise existing at the time of the death of said decedent, and all other claims against the estate of said decedent) the following described Real Estate, to wit:

The south-west quarter of the south-west quarter of section numbers five and six town three north of range number five east Washtenaw County, Michigan.

FREDERICK WALLINGTON, Administrator.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw.

Present, H. Wirt Newkirk, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of John Shanahan, deceased, on reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Ambrose Kearney, Administrator, with the executor praying that he may be licensed to sell the Real Estate whereof said deceased died seized.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Tuesday, the 4th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs-at-law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be held at the Probate Office, in the City of Ann Arbor, in said County, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

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If you want to buy, sell or trade use the local columns of the Democrat.

Thomas J. Cavannah, of Paw Paw, is in the city today.

A. W. Bahke is in Mt. Pleasant for the holiday season.

Mrs. Henry Stark and daughter, of York, have been visiting relatives in the city for some time.

Mrs. Rossiter G. Cole, of Grinnell, Iowa, is spending the holidays with her parents on Packard street.

M. M. Seabolt returned last night from a business trip to Manistee where he sold two Ludwig pianos.

Miss Lou Daly, who has been lying sick for some time at the residence of A. H. Holmes, left this morning for home in Lyndon.

Hon. W. W. Wedemeyer, of Lansing, deputy state railroad commissioner, is in the city to spend the holiday season with friends.

Miss Cora Crandall has returned from Big Rapids where she has been attending school and will spend the holidays with her parents on S. State street.

John Taylor, colored, was up before Justice Duffy Wednesday charged with the larceny of a suit of clothes. His hearing was set for December 28.

Judge Kinne issued two decrees of divorce Thursday, the cases being Luella M. Rice vs. Albert J. Rice and Byron McCauley vs. Marian R. McCauley.

Mr. Charles C. Schlee, of Ann Arbor, and Miss Mary Bouris, of Grand Ledge, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at Trinity Lutheran parsonage Wednesday, Rev. W. L. Tedrow officiating.

Mrs. Attorney Whiting, special agent for the New York Life Insurance company, received among other Christmas presents for the company a large sized original etching of the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, Lakue county, Ky.

Agreeable to a long accepted custom the Sir Knights of Ann Arbor Commandery, K. T., meet at 11 a. m. Christmas Day as do the knights of the order all over the country, to drink to the health and prosperity of the esteemed Grand Master.

The management of the New State Telephone exchange desires to state that subscribers who have failed to receive a copy of the new directory should notify the office and have one delivered to them. By calling for the number, instead of the name of the party desired, quick service can be given.

A delivery horse belonging to the Eberbach hardware company disappeared Wednesday rather mysteriously. The loss was reported to the police, who later discovered the horse out near Forest Hill cemetery. It is thought that the horse wandered away not having been tied to the post where he had been left.

Dr. C. K. Lahuis, of the faculty of the U. of M., was married Wednesday to Miss Crystal Edsill, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Edsill, of Jackson. A large number witnessed the ceremony at the Presbyterian church in that city, Rev. R. S. Inglis officiating. A reception followed. Dr. and Mrs. Lahuis left for the west on a bridal trip.

Ann Arbor Courier: Prof. Wenley left for New York as soon as his last class recited last week, and sailed for Edinburgh. He expects to return in time for the opening of the University again on January 4. The object of the visit is a secret but may result in the loss of the professor to the U. of M. It is understood that he objects to co-education.

Dr. D. W. Nowlan, Ann Arbor's dashing veterinary surgeon who is in jail in Detroit for criminal assault, will be prosecuted. The young woman upon whom the assault was made has at last been brought to consent to the suit! The Detroit papers are paying considerable attention to the case and are telling a great many things about the doctor. Mrs. Nowlan went to Detroit Wednesday.

Little Miss Margaret Merry and her friends visited the hospital and took as Christmas presents for the sick children about twenty large cards of stiff paper, on which were pasted beautiful pictures. Several Saturdays had been profitably spent working, under the guidance of Mrs. Merry, and the result is a pleasing and durable lot of playthings for the feeble hands of the sick children. Each card is separate. Four years ago Mrs. Merry's kindergarten children trimmed a tree for the hospital, making all the trimmings themselves and mending old toys until they were good as new. How many children have old toys that might be mended and sent this Christmas!

The Lansing, Dexter, & Ann Arbor Electric Railway company was organized at Lansing Wednesday. The new company proposes to build an electric line from Lansing through the southeastern part of Ingham county, through the southern part of

Livingston county and along the Huron river to Dexter. A water privilege on the Huron river has been secured, and it is claimed it will furnish sufficient power to operate the entire line. The company's headquarters will be in Lansing, but prominent men from Livingston and Washtenaw counties are interested in the project. The new company has a capital stock of \$250,000, and its articles of association will be filed today. The following officers were elected: President, O. A. Mapes, Lansing; vice-president, R. J. Shank, Lansing; secretary, Charles W. Taylor, Lansing; treasurer, Thomas Berkett, Dexter. These officers with Morris Topping, of Plainfield; L. C. Chase, of Dansville, and C. P. Black, of Lansing, constitute the board of directors. The winter will be devoted to securing the right of way, and it is expected to commence construction in the spring.

THE REGENTS MEETING.

A Long and Busy Session Yesterday—The President's Annual Report.

The regular December meeting of the board of University regents was held here Wednesday. President Hutchins read his annual report and the board ordered 15,000 copies printed for distribution.

Treasurer Soule reported the receipts for the year as follows: From the state for current expenses, \$187,410.18; from the state by special appropriation, \$60,000; earnings and miscellaneous sources, \$199,939.48. The disbursements during the year have been \$421,635.73.

Prof. F. N. Scott presented the report of a committee appointed to formulate a plan whereby the news of the University may be circulated among the country newspapers throughout the state. The committee recommended that some member of the literary faculty be appointed to organize a bureau of University news and to be known as University editor; that the Alumni News be made the official organ of the University, and that a part of its space be under the supervision of the University editor; and finally, that a bulletin or news letter be issued every other week for distribution by mail to the various newspapers of the state. The Alumni Association offered to assume the expense of printing and postage, and the board voted \$100 to start the plan going. Prof. Scott, of the English department, was appointed University editor. He hopes that eventually the work of gathering and editing the news will be assumed by the department of English composition.

In executive session during the afternoon and evening the regents decided to call the women's gymnasium the Barbour gymnasium, as a compliment to the Hon. Levi L. Barbour, of Detroit, whose term of office as regent expired this month. Regent Barbour has been one of the foremost benefactors to the gymnasium as well as a most efficient regent, and the board takes this method of doing him honor. They also decided to name the audience room in the women's building Hebard hall, in honor of ex-Regent Charles Hebard, of Pequaming, whose term of office expired in 1895, and who gave \$10,000 towards the building. The hall is on the third story and will seat 900 people.

A vote of thanks was tendered Hon. Orlando M. Barnes, of Lansing, for a gift to the University of thirty-seven volumes of reports of the scientific expedition which accompanied the French to Egypt under Napoleon in 1798. This gift was made in 1894, with the understanding that the name of the donor be withheld. This prohibition no longer exists and the vote was given.

Miss Estelle M. Halemb, Florence E. Davenport and Beatrice Reynvaan were graduated from the hospital as trained nurses. George Rebege, instructor in philosophy, was given the degree of Ph. D.

The following appointments were made: Julia W. Snow and H. G. Timberlake to be instructors in botany until the end of the year; Dr. C. A. Rabthege, instructor in dermatology in the homeopathic department, without pay, and H. H. Parke assistant in the museum without salary in place of W. E. Praeger.

ONCE A YEAR

Christmas comes but once a year, but Weinman has everything sold in a first class meat market every day in the year.

Don't fail to see our splendid assortment of Holiday Goods. It exceeds anything we have ever had. HALLER'S FURNITURE STORE, 2013 112-114-116 E. Liberty street.

BEGIN RIGHT

By ordering your Christmas Turkey of the Northside Meat Market. Telephone 42-3 rings.

If you are looking for something useful for a Christmas present, go to Schlenker, the hardware man, on W. Liberty street, and you will find it.

Skate grinding at Wenger's, 106 N. Fourth avenue. 1813

M. P. Vogel's meat market on W. Huron street gives trading stamps.

Christmas Menu.
Green Sea Turtle Soup. Ox Olive.
California Salmon. Potatoe Duchess.
ROASTS.
Fillet of Beef, Mushroom Sauce.
Loin Pork, Green Peas.
Leg of Lamb, Sauce Spaniel.
Young Turkey, stuffed, with Cranberry Sauce
Spring Duck with Current Jelly.
BOILED.
Sugar Cured Ham. Horse Raddish Sauce.
Ox Tongue, Tomatoe Sauce.
Turkey Oyster, Cream Sauce.
ENTRIES.
Fruit Salad, Claret Punch. French Toast,
with Crystal Sautée. Lobster a la Newburg.
Celery salad. Fricassee Chicken on Toast.
VEGETABLES.
Sweet Potatoes. Lettuce. Mashed Potatoes.
French Peas. Plain Boiled Potatoes.
DESSERT.
Apple, Mince, Lemon-Cream, Cranberry,
Pumpkin, Current Pie
English Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce.
Vanilla Ice Cream, Assorted Cake.
Full Cream Cheese,
Fruit, Nuts, Candy,
Tea Coffee and Milk.

This menu will be served from 12:30 to 3 p. m. on Christmas day (Saturday) at the Portland Cafe.

A Good Grate Fire.

Is always appreciated. Gas coke makes the finest fire in the world. No dirt and no smoke.

THE BOY WHO

Likes candy will go to Davis & Seabolt's where he will find an endless variety of the best Christmas candies and nuts that the market affords.

FORTUNE FAVORS THE BRAVE

And good health favors those who drink none but Ann Arbor Brewing Co.'s Pure Beer. Phone 101.

Two Thousand Welsbach Lamps.

Are now in use in Ann Arbor. This fact speaks for itself.

We are proud of our immense stock of Holiday Goods. It is the largest we have ever exhibited and every article is of entirely new design and handsome finish.

HALLER'S FURNITURE STORE, 2013 112-114-116 E. Liberty street.

Half An Hour a Day

Saved in starting fires amounts to SEVEN DAYS in the course of a year. You can save this and more too with a gas stove.

WE WANT TO REMIND YOU

That the Ann Arbor Brewing Co.'s Beers are pure and wholesome drinks. Call up Phone 101 and order a sample case.

Highest cash price paid, for Hides and Pelts—Coon, Skunk, Mink, etc. 214 Heintzmann & Laubengayer.

FOR TWELVE DAYS WE PERSONATE

SANTA CLAUS

During the 12 days of our "CHRISTMAS SALE," which begins, Saturday, Dec. 11th, we shall distribute a large number of valuable presents to our patrons, subject to the following conditions:

To every Cash Purchaser of goods to the amount of \$2 or any sum between that amount and \$5,

CHOICE OF

Elegant Japanese Cup and Saucer—Value 50c, or Set of 6 Nickel Plated Nut Picks and Nut Crack in box—Value 50c.

To every Cash purchaser of goods to the amount of \$5 or any sum between that amount and \$10,

CHOICE OF

Set of Six Coffee Spoons, in lined box, made by Forbes Silver Co., and quadruple plated on nickel silver—Value \$1.50, or Sugar shell and Butter Knife in lined box—Value \$1.50, made by same Co. and quadruple plated on nickel silver, or Sterling silver Bon Bon Spoon—Value \$1.25.

To every Cash Purchaser of goods to the amount of \$10 or over

CHOICE OF

Sterling Silver Sugar Shell—Value \$2.00, or any one of the pieces in the Quadruple Plate Tea Set, all of which are gold lined and handsomely finished.

To secure these presents we require that the purchases necessary for any particular present be all made on the same day.

E. F. Mills & Co.,

20 South Main St.

Xmas Presents

.....For EVERYBODY.....

Elegant Handkerchief Assortment, Price from 1c each upward.

Umbrellas from 50c upward.

Our lot special values steel rod with case only 69c each.

Fascinators,

Leggins,

Mufflers.

Coupon tickets on Premiums given with each purchase of 25c and upward. Ask for them.

Wm. Goodyear & Co.,

118 South Main Street.

Holiday Opening

Brown's Drug Store.

We have a very attractive stock this year. Some new and beautiful goods that are quite inexpensive. Do not fail to come in and see the goods. It will SAVE you money.

Busy Store
—OF—
Schairer & Millen.
Christmas Handkerchiefs!
Our Annual Holiday Sale of HANDKERCHIEFS Will Commence.....
FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 17.
The most popular of all Christmas Gifts. Thousands to select from. The Greatest variety ever shown in Ann Arbor.
SCHAIRER & MILLEN.

Holiday Specialties!!
Women's and Children's Beaver and Warm Lined Goods.
Men's Slippers in Fancy Leathers and Velvet Embroideries.
You want them NOW. We have them for You NOW. All Grades and Styles.

WAHR & MILLER'S THE SHOEMEN.
48 S. Main St. New No. 218 S. Main St. Ann Arbor.
P. S.—Sole Agents for Klondike Shoes.

Have Arrived
OUR FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF
Holiday Goods
Was received this week and each succeeding day will bring more.
Pottery! Pottery! Pottery!
Of this ware we have a very large selection of the Latest Styles and Prettiest Designs.
Silverware, Clocks and Watches!
When you hear of an article having been purchased at HALLER'S, you know it is good. So, also, when you wish the donee to know it is good, see that the name HALLER is on the articles and on the Box.
The largest repair shop between Detroit and Chicago. Only first-class workmen employed. Established in 1858.
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True Economy
In clothes buying means getting the greatest possible measure of satisfaction and intrinsic value for the smallest price.
A Suit or Overcoat
Which is disappointing to you in either service or style is not cheap at any price.
STEIN-BLOCK AND HAMMERSLOUGH BROS'.
CLOTHES are built with a view to giving the wearers the requisite strength, style and beauty, which make their clothes successful competitors with the product of first-grade merchant tailor at about half their price.
But one measurement, one try-on, your clothes ready to wear immediately, and money back if you want it.
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