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Address,

THE DEMOCRAT.

Ann Arbor Mich.

Sister Clough, of the Brooklyn Exponent, has duly installed herself as wet nurse of Jim O'Donnell's governorship boom.

The Democrat is again moved to remark that the postoffice club, column of the Ann Arbor Register is calculated solely for consumption in Washington.

Prof. Frank Taylor does not agree with the currency reform commission and the people do not agree with either. P. S.—The people have the long end of it.

The surface of Washtenaw county g. o. p. politics has been smooth as Fred Weinberg's skating rink during the past week. But just wait until warm weather arrives.

Justin Sturgis, of Ludington, launched a "marked copy" newspaper boom for the Republican nomination for secretary of state last week. Perry Powers is chaperone for the boomlet.

By the way, we are still waiting for the Republican newspapers and politicians of Washtenaw county to define their respective positions with respect to the "federal" and state wings of their political family.

The Democrat's gentle and well-meaning criticism of the postoffice club seems to have worried the editor of the Register a column's worth this week. Never mind, Selby, Billy Judson's O. K. is worth volumes of such rot.

The Democrat would admonish those Republicans who are at present perched upon the fence which separates Jim and Julius from the friend of the people, that their roosting place is a most dangerous one. God hates a coward and so does "Ping."

The striking employees of the Wheeler shipyard at Bay City insist on being paid the scale of 1895. That, if our memory has not failed us was a Democratic year. When Mark Hanna's most gorgeous liars were about the country in the autumn of '96 regarding workmen with visions of McKinley prosperity these wages of '95 were held up as a horrible example of the results of Democratic rule. Yet two years after McKinley's election men are striking to have the wages of 1895 restored.

The Livingstone Democrat has the following which is commended to the attention of the farmers of Washtenaw county:

"We invite every farmer in Livingstone county to call at this office and see the Toronto, Canada, Farmers' market report of last Wednesday, January 19. Wheat was quoted from \$0.87 to \$0.89; oats, \$0.28 to \$0.29; rye, \$0.46; hay, \$7.50 to \$9.00; straw, \$6.00 to \$7.00; dressed pork, \$6.00 to \$6.50; live pork, \$4.60 to \$4.70; hides, green, \$0.09 to \$0.09½; potatoes \$0.60 to \$0.70; beans, \$0.80 to \$0.90. The above are street prices paid for the above products from farm wagon, the same as the street prices paid here in Howell or any other Michigan market place. It is unnecessary we think to ask the farmers of Livingstone county what they receive here in America for the above products. It is rather singular, however, the prices in Canada are much higher for all of the above products than here in America where the high tariff advocates told us the Dingley bill would raise the price of all farm products. Come in, gentlemen, and see for yourselves."

HOW SHALL WE ELECT U.S. SENATORS?

Speaking of the fact that sentiment in favor of electing United States senators by popular vote is gaining ground, the Ann Arbor Courier says it sees no reason to favor such a proposition. So long as the Courier represents the class of citizens whose inclinations lean toward an aristocratic form of government we shall not expect its editor to see virtue in changes which will widen the influence of the people in the management of public affairs. The Courier says:

"To elect United States senators by direct vote of the people will take away from the legislative arm of this government its stability. The house of representatives is subject to the whims and caprices of popular thought, and there should be one body that can stand in the way of hasty action or intemperate legislation. With the senate chosen in the same manner as the house, it will be subject to the same influences and the same sudden changes, and the stability of this government will not be as firm as now. We shall have two houses of representatives instead of one. Our government, as founded by our forefathers, is a wise one. It is not safe to change it radically, and such a change would be a radical one. Congress will do well to go slow in this matter."

And why should popular thought not dominate public business? At the time of the formation of the constitution there was a large and potent faction who distrusted the people. The checks upon the popular will embraced in the constitution of the senate were a concession to that class. But the experience of a hundred years has proven that notion to have been erroneous. The people have been tried in the balance and they have not been found wanting. At this later day the most profound thinkers and those who have the real good of their country at heart do not distrust the masses, but the classes, who, by reason of their power and position, are able to serve selfish and personal ends at the expense of the public.

There are no necessary evils of government; its evils exist only in its abuses. But the abuses which threaten the stability of our government do not flow from the masses—from the farmers and mechanics and laborers, who have neither the time nor the means of corrupting the administration of public duties and securing to themselves special privileges which rest as a tax upon the remainder of society. Those abuses are framed and projected in the interest of the wealthy classes, of which the United States senate has become truly representative and a notorious travesty upon popular institutions.

When the Courier deprecates a change which is calculated to purge this body of its most dangerous elements its action is equivalent to an indorsement of features which must cause every true American to blush for the public morality of his country. We agree with the Courier that the government founded by our forefathers was a wise one. But it does not necessarily follow that a scheme of government framed to suit the social conditions, the prejudices and the clashing of local interests of the 18th century will, without revisions, be best suited to serve the emergencies of the 20th century. That government only is wise which is elastic enough to adapt itself to changing conditions and serve the needs of the hour.

But our government has changed. While the frame is that of 1789 with few alterations and additions, the interpretation put upon it by the courts, the administrative officers and the people has been slowly enlarged and broadened until the constitution of the present day differs in many material points from that under which Washington organized his first administration. And speaking of radical changes, the party of which the Courier is representative is responsible for some of the most pronounced alterations both in form and construction of that instrument—some of which changes the people are beginning to realize were not calculated to produce better and stronger government.

Again the Courier says:

"The great argument that none but wealthy men can be elected to the senate now is not a good one. The wealthy men of the nation are almost without exception the brainy business men of the nation. It takes brains to run the affairs of government the same as a private business. Shut out those men and our nation would be in a dangerous condition."

This paragraph carries its own refutation. Every student of American history knows that it is not from this

class that our statesmen and patriots have come, and every observer of current events knows that the millionaire senators now in that body are there, not as the representatives of the people, but of the monopolies, trusts and great railroad syndicates.

In closing the Courier insists that this change would not be wise because it affects to believe that in states which do not return Republican majorities honest elections are not held. Perhaps the Courier has not observed the stench which arises from the capital of every state which has sent a millionaire Republican to the United States senate.

But the change involved in the transfer of the selection of United States senators from the legislature to the people is not so radical as the Courier would have us believe. The feature of representation by states, as distinguished from the per capita representation of the house would be preserved as would also the six-year term.

The advantages to be gained are an honest selection by the people, the suppression of bribery and corruption in state legislatures, the bringing of the senate into line with popular policies.

It is notorious that under the present system the people have next to nothing to do with the selection of United States senators: It is also notorious that on the eve of the election of a United States senator state legislatures are chosen, not with reference to the fitness of individual members for the performance of the regular duties of a legislator, but on account of predilections for this or that candidate for the United States senate.

The "stability" of which the Courier speaks so highly is a "stability" which more frequently retards than advances the administration of government and is often a positive veto upon the adoption of a national policy upon any question. Only four times since 1872 have both branches of the national legislature been of the same political complexion. The natural consequence of this condition has been that it has often been impossible to carry into legislation the carefully considered demands expressed by large popular majorities. The danger of rash and intemperate legislation at the instance of the people is a bugaboo too ancient to be longer effective. Innovations and changes in national policy are sanctioned by the people only after long and thorough discussion and once that decision is made, a political institution which stands in the way of its realization is dangerous to a free people.

SNAP SHOTS.

Some changes were made in the office force of the Evening Times this week and now Eddie Christensen has requested the habitues of that office to wear goggles and keep their ears filled with cotton.

Captain Schuh has kindly consented to sing "Silver Threads Among the Gold" at the postoffice club banquet next month.

AN ELOQUENT SPEECH.

An Ex-Ann Arbor Attorney Receives Many Compliments—A Great Effort.

The Dowagiac Daily News has the following to say of the speech of Hon. Thos. Cavanaugh, one of the attorney's for the defense in the celebrated Boyd burglary case which was recently tried in that city:

Some little delay intervened before Attorney Cavanaugh, the eloquent advocate for the defense, began his address to the jury. The effort was marked by scholarly flights of eloquence and made a marked impression. In his exordium he drew attention to the importance of the case, and held that it was by far more important to the defendant than it was to the people. A special feature of the first part of his address was an eloquent burst relative to Jay Boyd's excellent family connections, and the seriousness of finding him guilty.

Mr. Cavanaugh covered the case in all its bearings in a masterly manner and his speech produced a profound impression upon both spectators and jury. His closing was characterized by those present as one of the finest efforts at forensic oratory ever heard at the Dowagiac bar.

Mr. Cavanaugh is an old Washtenaw county boy whose success will be gratifying to many friends here.

The New Directory.

Glenn W. Mills' 1898 Directory for Ann Arbor is out and is a very complete and convenient edition. This year's directory deals only with Ann Arbor and the house numbers given are those of the new system.

The next Unity club entertainment will be an "Evening of Irish Poetry and Song," Monday, February 6.

THE REGULATION OF WAGES.

It again becomes necessary for us to insist that the governor shall revise and prune from his stock of economic wisdom certain fallacies which are calculated to breed more trouble than profit. Not long since the governor announced that he would be pleased to sign a bill fixing a minimum wage scale in this state. At the Alger club banquet last week he declared in favor of a compulsory eight-hour law. If Mr. Pingree does not know that both of these propositions are chimerical and outside the province of legislation, then he can with profit to himself and his constituents acquire a knowledge of the fundamental principles which always have and always will govern the rate of wages.

The governor's proposition to regulate the hours and the wages of labor by statute is not a new one. Our English ancestors wrestled with it very early in the history of parliamentary government. And often since have superficial observers attempted similar regulations. At one time, shortly after the first great tide of immigration had set in for America, and an impetus was given to English trade which increased the demand for labor, while immigration decreased the supply, wages rose to such an extent that Parliament considered it necessary to pass an act fixing a maximum scale of wages above which it should be unlawful for employes to pay or laborers to receive.

It is hardly necessary to state that all attempts to fix either a maximum or a minimum scale of wages by statute have been unsuccessful. And the reason is not far to seek. The wages of labor will ever be regulated by the relation of supply to demand and can never in any instance exceed the price of the products of labor. The question of the basic and demand for labor is a supply one and cannot be regulated by superficial statutes. The measure which would increase the demand or decrease the supply of labor must do more than enact that the price for a certain class of labor shall be so much per day or that no man shall work more than so many hours per week. It must begin at the other end and increase the opportunities of labor by destroying those monopolies of natural opportunities which are the real cause of low wages.

If the governor will stick to his text and compel those corporations who are waxing fat from the profits of franchises which rest as a tax upon the people he will have done more to advance the cause of labor than it is possible for him to do in any other way. The value of a public franchise depends upon its power to secure for its possessors something for nothing. No special privilege, which by virtue of this power is valuable, can be granted without placing a burden upon the community. All taxes must be drawn from the wealth of the community; that wealth is the product of labor and the burden of taxation ultimately falls upon him, who by his labor creates the wealth with which they are paid. It would be interesting could we ascertain with certainty what the exact extent of the burden which the special privileges which have been given away in the state of Michigan places upon the toilers. It is safe to say that it would be a most magnificent sum, the unearned increment which makes millionaires of the few at the expense of the many.

Nor is the proposition to increase the wages by decreasing the hours of labor in the line of sound economies. We cannot increase the supply of wealth by decreasing its production, nor can we hope to increase the share which goes to labor by decreasing the sum total which is to be divided. What would we think of the sagacity of a farmer who should refuse to cultivate more than eight out of every ten of his acres? What would we think of any man who having the necessity for a certain article and the capacity to produce it should stop short of satisfying his wants?

A compulsory eight-hour law can be defended only upon the assumption that we have a surplus of national wealth. But we have not. Neither have we too many workers. In a land capable of sustaining 500,000,000 in comfort and plenty it is folly to contend that 70,000,000 are crowding each other. We have none too many workers and we will not have too much wealth until the wants of every one shall have been satisfied. What is wanted is not a shortening of the production of wealth but a reorganization of society which shall guarantee to each his just and proper share in that which is the product of his toil.

These observations are commended to the careful consideration of the "friend of the people."

A WHITE ELEPHANT.

The Orthodox Republican leaders of Michigan are sorely perplexed over the disposition of a white elephant which Las, unbidden and unwelcomed, installed itself within their enclosure and has proceeded without unnecessary formality to appropriate for its own defecation the choicest grazing in the pasture.

The elephant of snowy hue above referred to is one Hazen S. Pingree, some time mayor of the city of Detroit, now pretty much governor of the state of Michigan. Gov. Pingree is nothing if not unique and original. He could be neither unique or original and follow tamely in the Republican rut. And moreover the governor has cast his weather eye to the windward and in his forecast of the future he foresees the inevitable triumph of the new Democracy. The doctrines of this new Democracy not being unpalatable to his excellency he has preached them unceasingly from a Republican pedestal. He has, with unparalleled audacity, denounced Republican gods from within the Republican temple. His Republicanism is but an empty name and he don't care who knows it. His present attitude toward the Republican party takes the form of the interesting interrogation, What are you going to do about it? And what will they do about it? Will they turn Pingree down? They would have done it in '96 but they were just on the threshold of a national election and they needed Pingree's help. The result of the election justified the wisdom of their course.

But Pingree's heresy is greater now than it was in '96 and the excuse for leniency is less. Will they dare to turn him down? No. The Republican state convention will meet next summer, adopt a platform eulogizing McKinley and the gold standard and protection, and railroads and trusts, and a dozen other things of like ilk and then they will complete their work by placing at the head of their ticket a man who is pronounced for silver, who has denounced the tariff as a delusion and a snare, whose political life has been one continuous battle with the trusts and corporations which he alleges have sapped the strength of the people.

Why will they do this? Because bitterly as they hate him the Republican machine leaders fear Pingree more. It has come to be a question of defeat without Pingree or victory and the spoils with Pingree. They will choose the latter alternative and fuse with the governor.

Mr. Gladstone said, the other day, when asked what was the greatest danger threatening Great Britain: "The only danger I foresee is from the trades unions and their attendant strikes." The grand old man evidently overlooks the equally dangerous and more powerful combinations of capital, which render trades unions necessary for the protection of workers.

HE OPENS SAFES.

Without Knowing the Combinations and Does It Easily.

Mr. Frank Church, who is stopping at the Hawkin House Ypsilanti, created a little surprise and a great deal more incredulity yesterday by asserting that without knowing the combination to any safe in town he could open any ordinary one in five minutes' time. Some one jumped at the chance of getting a ten-cent cigar for nothing and, wagered that amount that he could not open the Hawkins house safe. He went to work, turned the combination knob around a couple of times, put down some figures, tried it again and then read off the combination to the clerk. Without waiting to see if any assurance was given as to its correctness he set the marking point on the three numbers, turned back to the opening point and swung open the door in just a minute and a half from the time he started.

It seems that he is of an inventive turn of mind and, having a natural mechanical ability, he had occasion once to study safe locks and became thoroughly acquainted with all the intricacies of the different makes. He relates numerous experiences of how he has convinced people that no safe is "safe" against him if he had the inclination to make use of his knowledge in an unlawful way and certainly the incident of yesterday fully establishes that he is not given to telling fairy tales about it.

The choir of Bethlehem church pleasantly surprised Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Spathelf, of Pontiac st., Wednesday on the occasion of Mr. Spathelf's birthday.

REGENTS' MEETING.

Large Addition to Be Made to Law Library.

The Regents met Wednesday and transacted considerable business. The number of committees for the present year was reduced from 12 to 9, athletics being placed under the control of the literary committee; the pharmacy department under control of the medical committee, and the museum under control of the library committee. The standing committees were then chosen as follows:

Executive, President Hutchins, and Regents Butterfield, Cook, Cocker; literary, Butterfield, Cocker, Lawton; engineering, Dean, Lawton, Kiefer; medical, Butler and pharmacy, Kiefer, Farr, Dentfield; homeopathic, Cook, Fletcher, Dean; library and museum, Lawton, Dean, Fletcher; law, Farr, Butterfield, Cook; building and grounds, Fletcher, Cook, Cocker, finance, Cocker, Kiefer, Farr, Dean.

A legislative committee of Populists of Nebraska are investigating their state institutions, and asked the Regents to furnish detailed information as to professors' salaries. The Regents merely furnished a general financial report, and turned down the request. Dr. Theodore Klingman was appointed pathological instructor. His salary will be paid by the four state asylums. Mrs. Jennie McNeil was appointed assistant to Dr. Dock. Lawrence Bigelow, Ph. D., a graduate of Harvard school of technology, and Munich, was appointed instructor in physical chemistry at a salary of \$900, his duties to begin next October.

The matter of introducing military instruction in the University came up for discussion and a committee was appointed to investigate the subject fully and report at next month's meeting. A vote of thanks was rendered James McMillan, of Detroit, for a donation of \$150 to be expended for rare books, which are to be added to the Shakespearean library. The action taken at the last meeting when the "Mary Caswell Angel" Hall in the women's building was named Hebbard Hall by an oversight, was rescinded. It was decided to connect the sewerage of the law building with the city sewer on N. University ave.

Prof. Stanley was granted leave to start to Europe sometime before commencement week, but after his regular courses had been finished. Prof. Dean C. Worcester was granted a year's leave of absence to begin with the close of the college year, his salary to lapse in the meantime. An oil portrait of the late Joseph Clark, who for so many years was superintendent of the University hospitals, was presented to the University by Mrs. Clark and her son, and a vote of thanks returned for the same. The painting will be hung in the hospital. A filing case was ordered for the secretary's office and a catalogue case for the alumni headquarters.

The afternoon session was devoted mainly to discussing plans for the proposed remodeling of the law building. The plans which have not as yet been adopted, contemplate a large addition to the building on the south side. This addition will be used for a library and recitation rooms. The present library will be turned into a lecture room and the offices will, in all probability be rearranged. The improvements will entail an outlay of something like \$50,000.

There was also considerable discussion as to the advisability of placing certain restrictions as to who should be allowed to receive free treatment at the University hospital. Some of the Regents are opposed to allowing those who are abundantly able to pay for medical attendance to crowd out others who are not well enough off financially to stand the usual expense. Acting on this matter was also deferred until next month.

Powers Well Received.

Despite the driving snow and wind a large audience gathered Saturday night to hear Leland T. Powers, giving the best possible evidence of his popularity. Mr. Powers rendered the three-act comedy, "Borrowed Spectacles." The impersonator changed voice and features with remarkable ease and rapidity. His representation of the genial, kindly old Benj. Goldfish, and his brother, "Uncle Gregory, hard, stingy and suspicious was especially good. He changed from the one to the other with the greatest facility, keeping each character true to nature. Then again he changes his character of a cunning, big boot-maker to that of the young wife of Benj., with equal ease. His rendering of the female characters was not so happy, and could scarcely be said to have been up to his work in this and in previous years.

Throughout the audience was attentive and interested, but in no part did he arouse very great enthusiasm.

DIED OF EXPOSURE.

Prominent Ann Arbor Character Found Dead Near the Poor House. Austin Bailey, an eccentric old colored man who has for a number of years been a prominent character about town, was found Monday noon lying dead in a fence corner near the county poor house.

PECULIAR DISAPPEARANCE.

J. Rice Miner Strangely Missing—His Friends Alarmed at His Absence—Police Searching for Him. J. Rice Miner, since the departure of his father for California, manager of extensive business interests in this city, is strangely missing.

Accidentally Locked In.

The vicissitudes of life were forcibly experienced one day last week by two young ladies at the Crescent works. After calling to make sure no one was left in the building the man in charge locked the doors and went off to supper.

Baseball Prospects.

Football Manager Heald and Baseball Manager Keith have both returned from Chicago where conferences were held with Stagg and others in arranging schedules and similar matters.

History of the Library.

The building known as the General Library Building, was occupied Dec. 13, 1883. It was opened for use with 40,000 volumes, which included the medical books. The average annual increase of the two collections in the fourteen intervening years has been a little more than 4,000 volumes.

The main reading room seats 210 readers. In the last two years this seating has often been overtaxed. The two reading rooms for advanced students (seminary rooms), are furnished for the accommodation of 100 readers.

This is the present condition. What will be the condition five years hence? As to readers it is hard to predict. There may be more; there will hardly be less. As to books we are in a better condition to judge. The average annual increase for the last three years has been about 6,000 volumes.

East to Revise Rules.

Representatives of the large universities will meet at the University Athletic Club in New York on Saturday, Feb. 19, for the purpose of again revising the football rules.

Fresh Laws Will Eat.

A meeting of the freshman law class was held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 in the Law Lecture Room, to consider the proposed banquet. The matter was thoroughly discussed and a banquet ordered.

Destroyed His Pants.

A tramp giving the name of John Henry was arrested Monday for a plain drunk. Tuesday when the officers went to his cell to take him before Justice Pond he was found to be minus an important article of clothing, a pair of pants.

DOES NOT AGREE.

Professor Taylor Writes His Opposition to the Report of the Monetary Commission.

Prof. F. M. Taylor, of the University, has written a letter to the monetary commission in which he discusses their recently published report. He does not agree with all the recommendations contained therein, although commending the work of the commission as a whole.

Michiganensian Heard From.

The Michiganensian has given the contract for this year's annual to the Inland Press, and nothing will be spared to make it as handsome and as finely printed as such a volume can possibly be made.

Competition for the Michiganensian Prizes.

Competition for literary contributions will close next Saturday night. The prizes which are the largest ever offered are as follows:

- For the best short story, \$25 in cash.
For the best poem, \$10 in cash.
For the best drawing, \$10 in cash.
For the best legal story, \$12 in law books.

Levi T. Griffin.

The senior law class held an important meeting in the law lecture room Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The first business in order was the report of the committee who had been appointed to correspond with artist in regard to receiving bids for the painting of a picture of Prof. Levi T. Griffin.

The President was then instructed

to appoint a committee to receive bids from different photographers for the taking of the class picture; and another to make arrangements for an oratorical contest, for the selection of a class orator, and for a contest for the choosing of a class poet.

Psychological Experiments.

The psychological department of Columbia University has been conducting a series of physical and mental tests among the students of that institution which are considered of great importance to the world, and are expected to furnish the foundation for a general movement throughout all the universities, colleges and schools of the country to determine the secrets of the physical and mental growth of students.

"Perpetual Motion" Mott.

The following will be of interest to those who remember "Perpetual Motion" Mott. It is taken from the Implement Age of Philadelphia: "Talk about the 'bravery' and 'heroism' of the implement traveler. Who doubts it? Read the following and be convinced: Stephen Spellan, of DuBois, murdered Michael S. Raheer, on the night of the 22d ult., and endeavored to evade arrest by barricading his house, and holding the officers at bay with three guns, two pistols and a large razor.

Inter Society and Dept. Debates.

Plans are being considered for a series of inter-society and inter-department debates next semester. After the big debate is over, interest generally lags in all the debating societies and it is thought that a series of debates would tend to enliven that interest somewhat.

Ellisha Marsh has filed a petition

in the probate court representing that his father, Jonas Marsh, of the township of Seio, is insane and therefore incompetent to manage his estate. The real and personal estate of the old gentleman, who is 86 years of age, is said to aggregate \$5,000, personal and real, and money in the bank. The petitioner asks the court to appoint Bruno St. James or some other suitable person as guardian of said Jonas Marsh. The case will be heard February 8th.

ADRIAN PRESS WITTICISMS.

Editor Stearns Talks of His Neighbors in Washtenaw County—Interesting Extracts for Times Readers.

Because the principal event of the May musical festival at Ann Arbor is "The Flying Dutchman," it is no sign that Jake Schuh has wings, even if he is as near an Angel as any man in Ann Arbor.

The sewing school at Ann Arbor is beckoning the advance agent of prosperity to put in an appearance, even if he has to back in. No funds are on hand, and to enable the pupils to take a stitch in time, it seems they need little help. Ahem!

Ann Arbor men of fair reputation for truth had veracity assert that they heard thunder one night last week. It was only Sheriff Judson's snoring. He dreamed that Ping had appointed him warden of the state prison, and he was trying to voice his gratitude.

Lawyer Wallace, of Ypsilanti, made a New Year's resolution to quit lying. Consequently he has sold his law business, quit practice and gone to Grand Rapids, where he works in a furniture house. They are so truthful there that they won't let a cat lie on the counter.

An Ann Arbor merchant named Wahr lately received 335,000 rolls of wall paper weighing over 13 tons. It is said he has an order to paper Walled Lake. When it comes to house cleaning and papering in the spring, it has been the invariable custom of Ann Arbor ladies to end their quarrels by going to Wahr.

Hand-Ball Tournament.

The first round of preliminaries in the hand-ball tournament commenced Saturday morning and continued till dark. Only two scheduled matches were not played, Ervett defaulting to Lamb in one, and that between Lamour, '99 L, and Miller, '98, being prevented by darkness.

The summary follows:

- Lancashire, '01, beat Churchman, '99 L, 15-6, 11-15, 15-6; Mears, '00, beat Gowan, '01, 15-4, 15-3; Mercer, '98 L, beat Russell, '98, 15-7, 15-14; Albright, '99, beat Elbel, '00, 15-13, 15-13; Rafferty, '99 L, beat Woodruff, '00, 15-3, 15-4; Durand, '99, beat Goar, '99, 15-11, 15-14; Chase, '99 L, beat Finnerty, '00 L, 15-3, 15-6; Ballot, '00, beat Mills, '99, 10-15, 15-12, 15-10; Bishop, '00, beat McNeil, '01, 15-15, 15-9, 15-11; Davis, '01, beat Mitchell, '98 L, 15-10, 15-11; Emmos, '99 L, beat Lyons, '01, 15-9, 15-11; Lamb, '00, won from Ervett, '00, by default.

"A Black Sheep," Monday, Jan. 31.

Mr. Charles Hoyt is easily the foremost author and producer of farce comedies of the present day. His successful plays now before the public are so numerous that there is scarcely a theater-goer that has not laughed himself hoarse many times over at his most humorous productions.



"Save the women and children first!" is the instinctive cry of every brave man in a moment of peril, but in the every day concerns of life men who are ordinarily brave and kind forget the perils of trouble and disease that overhang their families.

McCall's Bazar Patterns and Magazine Year advertisement. Includes text about stylish patterns, fitting, and the magazine's content.

Business Directory listing various professionals and businesses in Ann Arbor, including attorneys, dentists, and a pharmacist.

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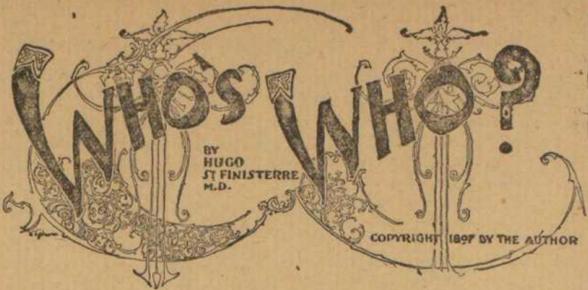
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CHAPTER VI

A LETTER.

Again my horse Jack showed his devilish temper. Urge him as I might, he would not place me beside the heads of the running horses. When at their haunches, he began falling back.

But I saw that one of the gallant policemen, who have done yeoman service so many times in similar cases of peril, was on the other side of the frenzied animals, had seized the bit of the horse nearest him and was fighting like a tiger with the furious beast.

But my interest centered in the middle aged woman, who was not only struggling to leap from the side door of the carriage but in the act of doing so.

"Save her, oh, Harold, save her, or she will be killed!" called the daughter in agony, still clinging with desperate but waning strength to the loved form. I was directly beside the woman and, extending my left hand, gave her a shove so violent that she fell backward into the lap of the daughter, who flung her arms about her mother and held her motionless.

But in the act of leaning over to make my push effective the infernal Jack made a quick shy to the right. That brute knew that it was not his master who was in the saddle and resented it. As he swerved the girth snapped, and out I went upon the gravel with a force that it would seem ought to have driven the breath of life from my body.

And it came mighty near doing so. There was a shock as if I had been struck by an express train, and all became darkness and oblivion.

It was some two hours later that my senses came back to me. I was lying on a cot in the hospital, with my head bandaged and a fierce pain flitting back and forth down my left side. The physician who had examined my hurts was gone, but one of the sweet faced nurses was seated in a chair, looking kindly into my face. Meeting my inquiring stare, she said in her low, soft voice:

"You had a severe fall."

"Yes. It is a wonder I was not killed. Do you know whether I have any bones broken?"

"The doctor said not. You are suffering from severe bruises and the shock." I moved my limbs. The sharp twinges made me wince.

"I would not do that," gently remonstrated my attendant. "It only adds to your suffering and can do no good." "Tell me how the people in the carriage fared. They were in great danger at the time I was flung from my horse."

"The policeman managed to stop the carriage before anything serious occurred. The coachman had both legs broken and is in a dangerous condition, but neither the daughter nor her mother suffered injury."

"Thank God for that!" was my fervent exclamation as I settled back on my pillow.

My attendant gave me a soothing lotion, and I soon sank into a refreshing slumber, which lasted until the following morning.

By that time I was astonished at my own condition. The physician made another examination and pronounced me free from serious injury.

"I was afraid of a fracture of your left leg, but I find it all right. You have been pretty well bruised and will be stiff and sore for several days, but there is nothing beyond that. By the way, are you the possessor of a remarkable degree of strength?"

I flushed, but answered: "Yes; I am said to be unusually strong. Why do you ask?"

"Your muscles are not abnormally large, but there is something very peculiar about them. They are literally as hard as iron. I never saw anything like it."

"I have devoted no more of my life to exercise than do many young men, but nature gave me great muscular power from the first."

"I heard, Mr. Westcott, that at your club last week you nearly killed a professional pugilist, knocking him off the stage and half way across the room."

"Yes, that was cleverly done, though it is I who say it, but there's a good deal of humbug about these professional pugilists. They acquire a certain degree of skill, and their reputation is their capital. They indulge in excesses and dissipation and go back as fast as they went forward. This fellow thought he had an easy thing in me and was careless. He gave an opening, and I took advantage of it. That's all there was to it."

"Nevertheless it was a marvelous performance. I should hate to run against your fist, Mr. Westcott."

"There is no danger of that," I remarked, with a laugh, turning in bed with so little inconvenience that I immediately sat upright. "But did you attend the ladies who were in the carriage?"

"No, I am not their physician, but I understand they were not injured, though the elder would have leaped to certain death had you not thrust her back when she was in the act of doing so. The ladies?"

"The medical man paused, and I understood why. He did not know their names and halted for me to prompt him. But I was silent, for I was as ignorant as he.

"There was unexpected good fortune all around, excepting in the case of the driver, who seems to have been pretty well battered up."

"When can I go home, doctor?"

"At once if you wish, but why not remain here for a few days? You could not be in better hands."

"I will think it over." A few minutes later he bade me good day.

I lay for some minutes in thought. Who were the ladies in the carriage? Evidently they were old acquaintances of Harold, for the younger addressed me by his name. The circumstances were not favorable, and I did not get a good view of her face, though I saw enough to show that she had an unusually attractive personality.

"It is odd that Harold told me nothing about her, but he gave little information of his female friends. The most particulars which I received were concerning Mrs. Murphy."

It was all important that I should know something about the two whom I had attempted to rescue, with the result that the job was completed by the policeman.

"It will be easy enough," I reflected as I began adjusting my garments, which the attendant, with some gentle protestations, placed within reach. A few minutes later I went out from the hospital. I would not use a carriage, for that would have been a confession of weakness, and for the same reason I refused to accept the cane that was offered to me. It took some resolution and compression of the lips for me to walk with my usual gait and without the appearance of suffering, but I succeeded, and it was a good thing for me, for the exercise did wonders in limbering the muscles, so that when I reached my apartments scarce a trace of my hurts remained.

It was to be expected that before Harold left the country he arranged matters so as to prevent any letters falling into my hands whose secrets he wished to keep. I know that he sent out many missives which presumably were for that purpose, for it was understood that whatever missives reached his rooms were to be opened by me, and I was to do with them as I saw fit.

When I passed into the attractive apartments, I found two letters which had come during my brief absence. The writing, of course, was unfamiliar, but a glance showed that one was from a woman and the other from a man.

"That," I mused, holding off the delicate white envelope, with its pretty superscription, "is from the young lady whom I tried to help yesterday. Something tells me that it is the opening of an era in my life. I will leave it to the last, and meanwhile find out what this fellow is driving at."

It was an ordinary envelope, the direction in an ordinary business hand, and I sat down, with my elbow leaning on the table and my side toward the light, crossed my legs (somewhat gingerly) and deliberately read the following astounding missive, which was dated two days before in the city of Chicago:

DEAR JED—All promises well, but matters are still in a delicate situation. Some of the farmers have settled in Kansas and will reap good crops if the grasshoppers don't bother them. The same is true of the Dakotas, of Texas and the southwest. Maybe the good work will extend to California. We're sure to win in the long run, but it's expensive. Only the true stuff can be used at this stage of the game. Send ten thousand by return mail to my address at the Auditorium. BRND.

I read this extraordinary missive through several times, until every word was impressed upon my memory. I turned the sheet over and looked at the other side. Not another word was written, nor was there the slightest clew to the identity of "Budd" of the Auditorium hotel, at Chicago. I held the envelope up to the light, but nothing was there to enlighten me. The direction was to Mr. H. O. Westcott, so there could be no doubt that it was intended for the owner of these rooms, who was then upon the ocean, and that it was in accordance with our understanding that the letter was opened by me and was to be disposed of by no other person.

But what in the name of the seven wonders could it mean? Except for the closing sentences, I would have been unable to make even a conjecture. The "true stuff" could signify nothing else but good money, for it was followed immediately by a demand for the remittance of a large sum.

Admitting all this, which was unquestionable, the references in the opening of the missive must be to bad money. The "farmers" were the counterfeiters that were being sent into different parts of the west, and consequently the "grasshoppers" must be the detectives or officers that were sure to be hot on the trail of the "shovers of the queer."

Such was the interpretation I put upon this remarkable document which had come into my hand, and the more I thought of the matter the more certain did I feel that I was right, though never forgetful of the possibility that I might be wholly wrong from the beginning. Often after a theory is once formed all subsequent discoveries seem to fit it exactly, until the final discovery knocks everything to smithereens.

Here, as I viewed it, was a clear indication of some illegitimate scheme afoot in which Harold Westcott held a personal interest. No criminal would dare make so direct a demand upon him for money unless he had solid foundation upon which to base the demand. Harold was one of the principals. All of which confirmed a shadowy suspicion that had never been wholly

absent from me—namely, that the man had cogent reasons for wishing to "disappear" for a year other than the one he gave me. Surely a person who has an abundance of money and who leads an upright life has no cause to fear a residence in New York.

My reflections awoke a resentful feeling toward Harold Westcott. His conduct was cowardly in thus enticing another into a trap in order to avoid the penalty he himself had incurred.

Suppose worse came to worse and I fell into the hands of the law officers. I could not deny my identity. The only possible doubt of that was in the mind of the vicious brute Jack, and his testimony would hardly avail me.

Could it be that I was in error, and that the scheme was a lawful one? The best way out was to ascertain the truth.



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I would write to "Budd," telling him that before complying with his request I must have more particulars.

I pondered for a few minutes, and then wrote such a telegram. The only way to address it was to "Budd, Auditorium Hotel, Chicago." It was so addressed and asked him to give more particulars. With some hesitation, I appended the following: "Have met with an accident; brain hardly clear; instruct me how to address you."

The message was gone, and, reflecting but a moment upon it, I awoke to the fact that a second letter lay before me awaiting attention.

"Ah, now we shall see what the grateful young lady has to say!"

(Continued next week.)

HOT WORDS.

Acrimonious Discussion of the Financial Question.

Washington, January 26.—Yesterday's session of the senate was marked by a heated and almost acrimonious discussion of the financial question. The Teller resolution was under fire for four hours and the sharpest colloquy was at times indulged in between the advocates and opponents of the resolution, the debate often approaching bitterness. The principal speeches were made by Messrs. Allison, Berry, Hoar and Teller, the latter's remarks bringing out the suggestion from Mr. Hoar that Mr. Teller ought to have his statements stricken from the record.

Riot Victims Buried.

Algiers, January 25.—The town is quiet today. About 10,000 people witnessed the funeral of those who were killed during the recent rioting. Their remains were interred in the Christian cemetery outside the town, but on returning there were renewed demonstrations with the usual cries.

The mob attacked an omnibus, upon which two Jews were riding. They were badly beaten and stoned. A few other Jews were similarly maltreated. Chebat, one of the Jews who was stoned, died tonight. His skull was fractured.

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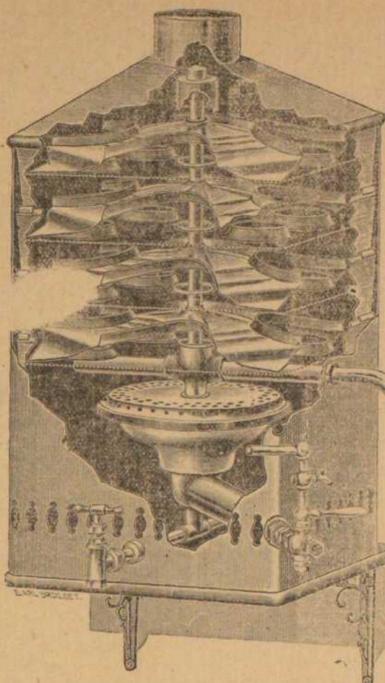
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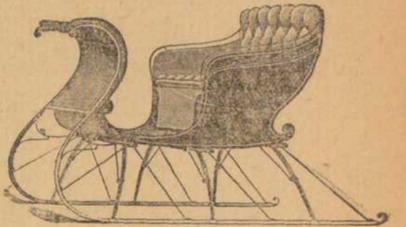
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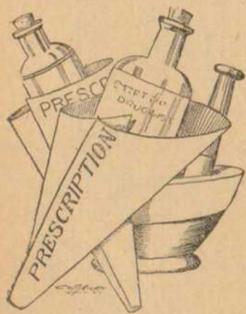
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COUNTY NEWS.

LAKE RIDGE The German minister of this place was driving across the railroad track in Whittaker last Tuesday, when a train struck his horse and killed it. His buggy was ruined and he has three ribs broken. He is still in Whittaker and the doctors claim he has received injuries which may prove fatal. He claims it was caused by the trainmen neglecting to give the proper alarm, while they claim they could not blow the whistle when they tried and so rang the bell. A dance will be given in Mr. Harmon's ball room Friday night, January 28. A cordial invitation to all is extended. Anson Hathaway, of Mooreville, has rented Cyrus Montonye's place, and will move into Mr. Lavery's house in March.

COUNTY NEWS.

The tenant house of Charles Wheelock in Salem township was destroyed by fire last Wednesday morning. Insured for \$200 in the Washtenaw Mutual. A private telephone line is being built between Chelsea and Pleasant lake, a distance of 20 miles. Farm houses will be connected. All persons interested in organizing a Farmers' club in Lima are requested to meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Easton on Thursday, February 3, at 10 o'clock a. m. Bring your lunch baskets well filled and have a good dinner. E. A. Nordman, of Lima, says that he most emphatically approves of the reduction of the salaries of the Washtenaw Mutual Fire Insurance company from \$2 to \$1.50 per day. The Southern Washtenaw Mutual Fire Insurance company reports 280 members, \$680,145 in risks; \$692 paid in losses during the year; \$994.01 received; salaries paid, \$140.75; and \$107.84 cash on hand. George Rawson is president and Henry R. Palmer, secretary. The Young People's Debating Club of North Sharon met and organized recently at Miss Helen Hasel-schwardt's. The following officers were elected: President, Max Irwin; vice-president, Miss Coralline Kendall; secretary, Miss Mae E. Dorr. Monroe County Farmers' institute will be held at Dundee February 1 and 2. Hon. Chase S. Osborn, state game and fish warden of Michigan, announces as follows: "Any line that is set in any manner and that is not held in the hand is very evidently a "set" line. The act that previously defined that floats, bobs and tip-ups were not set lines has been repealed. This department now takes the position that floats, bobs and tip-ups are in their very nature "set lines."

The creamery managers and stockholders have every reason to believe that their adventure here is not deemed to be a failure as some predicted, but on the other hand bids fair to become one of the best patronized and paying in the state. At this season of the year when the milk product is always short and hard to get, the Saline creamery, new as it is, is separating at the rate of 6,000 pounds per day, and their entire output finds market at a good price without solicitation. The milk thus far has come largely from the west, north and east.—Saline Observer.

HOW'S THIS! We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, Ohio.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio. Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

An Egg Service. A novel kind of service has been held at St. John's church, Streatham, an egg service. The congregation, a poor one, was asked to bring offerings in the shape of new-laid eggs for the sick and convalescent in the hospitals. More than 5,000 eggs, including some from the Duchess of York, the Duchess of Fife and Princess Christian, arrived and 4,972 were safely stacked in the chancel. After the evening service they were repacked and sent to the medical charities for consumption by the patient.—Lloyd's Weekly.

As Between Men. "Yes, dear, I met your father and told him that I wanted to talk with him as one man with another." "And I got." "Well, that was the kind of talk I got. With all the temper he has, I am sure he would never have used such language in talking to a woman."—Indianapolis Journal.

THE WONDERS OF SCIENCE

Lung Troubles and Consumption Can be Cured.

An Eminent New York Chemist and Scientist Makes a Free Offer to Our Readers.

The distinguished chemist, T. A. Slocum, of New York city, demonstrating his discovery of a reliable cure for Consumption (Pulmonary Tuberculosis), bronchial, lung and chest troubles, stubborn coughs, catarrhal affections, general decline and weakness, loss of flesh, and all conditions of wasting away, will send THREE FREE BOTTLES (all different) of his New Discoveries to any afflicted reader of this paper writing for them.

His "New Scientific Treatment" has cured thousands permanently by its timely use, and he considers it a simple professional duty to suffering humanity to donate a trial of his infallible cure.

Science daily develops new wonders, and this great chemist, patiently experimenting for years, has produced results as beneficial to humanity as can be claimed by any modern genius. His assertion that lung troubles and consumption are curable in any climate is proven by "heartfelt letters of gratitude," filed in his American and European laboratories in thousands from those cured in all parts of the world.

The dread Consumption, uncertain, interrupted, means speedy and certain death.

Simply write to T. A. Slocum, M. C., 98 Pine street, New York, giving post-office and express address, and the free medicine will be promptly sent direct from his laboratory.

Sufferers should take instant advantage of his generous proposition. Please tell the doctor that you saw this in The Democrat, Ann Arbor.

LUCKNOW AND CAWNPORE.

How the Cities of the Awful Mutiny Look To-Day.

Of the three cities in which the greatest scenes of the mutiny were enacted Lucknow is today by far the most beautiful. Where the cruellest deeds in the bitter tragedy of Cawnpore were done a fair garden was laid out, and into this no native is permitted to come, says the London Telegraph. A cross of white marble upon a black pedestal stands to mark the site of Nana Sahib's Bibighar, or women's quarters, in which, at his brutal orders, the English women and children were done to death. Over the well there stands now Baron Marchetti's lovely figure of the Angel of the Resurrection; with the text "These are they which come out of great tribulation," while the inscription, written by the late Lord Elgin, runs: "Sacred to the memory of a great company of Christian people, chiefly women and children, who, near this spot, were massacred by the followers of Nana Sahib of Bithoor, and cast into the well below." But, outside, Cawnpore is the Manchester of India, doing a huge trade in cotton, saddlery and boots. At Delhi the most striking and impressive memorial is the battered Cashmere gate and bastions, preserved with infinite care exactly as it was after Lieuts. Home and Salkeld, three sergeants and a bugler boy, blew that narrow breach in it, at the cost of every life but one, through which Campbell's column entered the city. Lucknow, however, is a very garden of gardens. It has its delightful parks, and round every European bungalow are wide pleasaunces, in which gorgeous crotons, wonderful climbing plants, hibiscus stephanotis and the delicate mauve bouganvillias make splendid color. Before the beautifully kept grounds of the residency there stands the handsome obelisk erected by Lord Northbrook, while viceroys, to those native officers and sepoy who remained faithful, with inscriptions in Hindoo and Hindustani. Within are other memorials, but the first object of every visitor's pilgrimage are the residency itself and the cemetery. The shot-riddled crumbling walls of the former tell their own eloquent story, and it is with subdued and thoughtful feelings that one mounts the tower whence such eager watch was kept. A very small tablet marks the room in which Lawrence died. In the graveyard are the resting places of those men, women and little children, who died or were killed, and were laid there at night by loving hands, so persistent was the firing in the daytime. The gardener in charge brings a lovely little bouquet of roses and lavender blue plumbago, in case the visitor desires to take away a souvenir of a spot so mournful, so tragic. But surely one would rather cast it in respect upon the marble slab recording in his own words that "Here lies Henry Lawrence, who tried to do his duty. May the Lord have mercy on his soul."

CHANCERY SALE.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Washtenaw, in Chancery, made and entered on the 2nd day of December, 1897, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Mary E. Lapham is complainant, and Henry Forshoe, Harmon Forshoe, Harrison Forshoe, Elmer Forshoe, Addie Forshoe Elwood, Orson Forshoe, Thomas Forshoe, Charles Forshoe, William Forshoe, Sarah Ryder, Ellen Woodward, Ellen Packard, Lacey Ledyard, Elsie Forshoe and Carrie Forshoe are defendants, Notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the easterly front door of the Court House, in the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, on Thursday, the 3rd day of March, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon the following described land, viz: The south fifty-five acres of the north ninety-five acres of the southeast quarter of section number twenty-five, township of Salem, Washtenaw County, Michigan. JOSEPH F. WEBB, A Circuit Court Commissioner in and for said County of Washtenaw. C. C. YENKERS, Solicitor for Complainant. Dated January 5, 1898.

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. C. H. Heintzmann & Laubengayer.

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

Property for Sale!

Parties Having Farm Property or Sale or Exchange Can Have the Same Advertised in These Columns Free of Charge by Placing it With the Undersigned.

Fine residence with all modern conveniences in one of the best residence streets in Ann Arbor to exchange for a good farm. 301.

Two-story house in best of repair in good resident district, to exchange for farm. 302.

Good farm of 160 acres in Clare county to exchange for a 40-acre farm in Washtenaw county. 500.

To Exchange for City Property—20 acres of good land lying three miles from Ann Arbor on the Whitmore Lake road. 6 room house, small barn and other out buildings, considerable fruit on the place. S-D-E-R-F.

For Sale or Exchange for Ann Arbor Property—80 acres, Township 10 of Pittsfield, brick house, barns—all kinds of fruit, including good apple orchard. 3 miles from Saline, 7 from Ann Arbor. 433

For Sale or Exchange—80 acres, in township of Lodi, only four miles from Ann Arbor; seven room house, two barns and other out buildings; young apple orchard. 439

For Sale or exchange—100 acres, in township of Pittsfield, half mile from Saline; good 12 room brick house, large barn and other buildings; apples and small fruit. 436

For Sale or will Exchange for City Property—Eight acres in township of Saline; 10 room house, good barn, orchard; less than half mile from village of Saline. 441

For Sale or Exchange—30 acre fruit farm, just out of city limits of Ann Arbor; a bargain if taken at once 94

For Sale or Exchange—For home in Ann Arbor or farm near by. A newly new modern house, well located in Detroit.

To Exchange for a farm—Residence valued at \$3,000, only four blocks from court house, on one of our best residence streets. D-i-n-g-a

Fine Residence on South Fourth Avenue, all conveniences, to exchange for a farm. 300

For Sale or Exchange—A valuable farm of 100 acres adjacent to the village of Saline, a pleasant home farm—will take a residence in Ann Arbor. 496

For Sale or Exchange—A profitable farm of 187 acres, good soil and buildings, convenient thriving village and creamery—Will be sold on easy terms and at low price. 497

For Exchange for Home in Ann Arbor, a farm of 38 1/2 acres in York township. Has apple and Peach orchard. 499

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202 East Huron Street

Advertisement for Domestic Sewing Machine. THE IMPROVED "DOMESTIC" Is the most perfect Sewing Machine ever produced. Correct mechanical construction. Elegant and artistic cabinet work. Latest and best improvements. Rapid Noiseless Easy Running Handsome Durable Matchless and incomparable in every detail. Highest Award World's Fair, Chicago. Tested for 30 years. Nearly 2,000,000 in use. Experience has shown that the Domestic is the cheapest to buy. It always gives satisfaction, and will last a lifetime. No other ever equalled it. No other ever will. The name is a guarantee of superiority. Handsome Illustrated Catalogue Free. Exclusive Territory to Active Agents. DOMESTIC S. M. CO. 291 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

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GLEANNING OF A WEEK.

Judge E. D. Kinne has just returned from his business trip to New York and Washington.

Captain Granger has been informed by General Case that Lieutenant Belsor's commission has been issued. The doctor passed a very creditable examination indeed.

The Ann Arbor Typographical Union and a number of local business men have sent protests to the state board of auditors against the awarding of the state printing contract to the Adventist publishing house at Battle Creek.

A tramp made a nest in the Saline creamery one night last week, and on leaving his warm quarters in the early morning swiped coats, vests and other clothing belonging to employes. He was caught by Marshal Jerry near Macon, hauled up before Judge Fisher and is now located with Sheriff Judson on a 90-day sentence.

The recent election of officers for the spring issue of the high school paper, the Breeze, resulted as follows: H. J. Brown, managing editor; Guy Betes, business manager; Miss L. Matchett, literary editor; Miss Bess Brown, news editor; Miss K. Georg, circulating editor; Messrs. Huston, McLachlan and Morris, assistant business managers.

At a meeting of the Homeopathic college held in the Homeopathic college building last night, the following officers were elected: President, Dr. C. B. Kinyon; vice-president, R. A. Clifford, '98; recording secretary, Miss M. B. Gault, '00; corresponding secretary, Miss E. J. Millard, '00; treasurer, W. C. Roberts, '99; executive committee—J. H. Ball, '98 chairman; W. A. Crandall, '99; F. E. Westfall, '99.

For the benefit of the new Y. M. C. A. building, Mr. Weinberg has voluntarily donated the proceeds from his skating rink for one night. The association has been chosen Friday night, Jan. 28, if there be good skating, but if not the date will be changed. Music will be furnished by one of the city bands and light refreshments will be served. If there be skating next week, be sure and take advantage of it on Friday night, thereby assisting in erecting the much needed building.

The total number of deaths in Washtenaw county during the month of December, according to the Michigan Bulletin of Vital Statistics was 39, divided as follows: Ann Arbor city 9, Ann Arbor town 2, Dexter 2, Lodi 1, Lyndon 1, Northfield 3, Pittsfield 2, Salem 1, Scio (including Dexter village) 3, Webster 1, York 3, Ypsilanti town 1, Chelsea 3, Manchester 1, Ypsilanti city 6. No reports were received from Augusta or Sylvan.

It is announced authoritatively that as soon as the Whitmore Lake inquest is ended Attorney Miner will in behalf of his clients, Charles Tuerne and Charles Girard, of Owosso, begin damage suits against the Toledo Ice Co., taking the cases to the Shiawassee county courts. Since the accident work on the new ice house has gone steadily forward. Trambull, of Owosso, has succeeded Todd as foreman. The building is nearly completed and as soon as the roof is in place the cutting and storage of ice will begin.

At the annual meeting of the Political Equality club the following officers were elected: Mrs. B. A. Hinsdale, president; Mrs. C. Georg, vice-president first ward; Mrs. George Pond, vice-president fourth ward; Mrs. W. D. Harriman, vice-president sixth ward; Mrs. E. B. Hall, vice-president seventh ward; Mrs. Mary B. Soule, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. A. Finney, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles Millen, treasurer; Mrs. John Avery and Mrs. E. J. Bliss, auditors. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. B. A. Hinsdale, Washtenaw avenue, Monday, January 31st, at 3 o'clock.

John McBride made his statement Monday with regard to cause of the recent ice-house disaster at Whitmore Lake. The injured man is still far from recovery and gave his evidence while lying on his cot at the hospital. He states that he never ordered the braces removed, believing as he did that the walls could not stand without these braces or the roof trusses. After fixing up the pay roll at the hotel on that day he had climbed to the top of one of the walls when someone called to him that the braces had been removed. He at once ordered them put back but it was too late. Does not think walls were blown over by the wind.

The music-loving public of Ann Arbor will soon be given the opportunity of hearing the most prominent musical organization of Michigan, if not of the West. Through the efforts of Mr. R. H. Kempf the Harmonic Maennerchor and Ladies' Chorus of Detroit, under their director, Prof. Wm. Yuncle, of the Philharmonic Club, will give, with the Lyra Singing society of this city, a joint program in the near future at the Athens Theater. This will be a rare musical treat that ought not to be missed. While in the city the Harmonic will be entertained by the Lyra Singing society.

Robert Gerner, of Detroit, spent Sunday with his sisters on Madison street.

M. M. Seabolt, of the Ann Arbor Music Co., went to Ionia Saturday night on business.

Miss Mary Breitenbach, one of the nurses at the hospital, is dangerously ill with appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fawcett, of South Lyon, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Vandawarker.

The Ann Arbor road is progressing. Two hundred and seventy freight cars have been added to the equipment.

The artistic interior decoration of the new store of J. T. Jacobs & Son was done by W. W. Wetmore's decorators.

Gov. Pingree and staff are considering an invitation to attend a military ball and drill in this city Tuesday, April 12.

Edward Harris Waples is making quite a "hit" with his serial story now running in the Sunday News-Tribune.

A litter of five puppies is attracting considerable attention to the snow window of Owen's barber shop in the Cook house block.

L. D. Johnson, of South Bend, Ind., was the guest last week of his sisters, Mrs. L. C. Johnson and Miss Maude Johnson, of this city.

There will be a K. O. T. M. hop at the Clifton House, Whitmore Lake, Friday evening, January 28. Music will be furnished by the "Whitmore Lake orchestra."

The boys of the "Stone school house" will give a "rainbow" social at the home of Prof. J. B. Steere tonight for the benefit of the Sabbath school library. All are cordially invited.

The preliminary oratorical contest to choose a representative for the Ann Arbor High School in the approaching inter-high school oratorical league contest will be held in this city Tuesday evening, March 1.

Frank Latona, of the Black Sheep company, which will appear at the Athens Theater on the 31st inst., was a schoolmate of Sam Bluntach of the Elite cigar parlor. Mr. Bluntach has a fine picture of Frank Latona hanging in his store.

Saturday evening on formally retiring from the tonsorial business, Chas. J. Shetterly was the recipient of a valuable watch chain from a number of his old patrons, in appreciation of his courteous and gentlemanly service, with best wishes for future success in his new project, Boston baked beans.

Mrs. Burd, of S. State street, gave a tea last Thursday evening in honor of her daughters, Mrs. Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Snell, and her granddaughter, Miss Alice Snell, of Muncie, Ind. Mrs. Burd had the young people as well as the older ones, which is always a pleasant feature of her companies.

Prof. F. M. Taylor, of the University, and Judge W. D. Harriman have been duly appointed delegates to the Indianapolis Sound Money Convention which meets in that city tomorrow. The two gentlemen represent the Ann Arbor Business Men's Association. Prof. Taylor has already left for the seat of the convention.

Col. Wm. G. Latimer, of the Fourth Regiment, in a paper read before the Michigan National Guards Association in Detroit yesterday, advocated establishing a chair in the University for military instruction; also that boys in all schools of the state be given military instruction. He would have the state furnish guns and uniforms to students.

Herbert G. and Charles N. Manly will shortly open a high class restaurant in the rooms formerly occupied by Ratti's candy store on E. Huron st. Extensive alterations are being made in the interior of the first and second floors. The need of such an establishment in that locality is apparent.

The Sewing school benefit at high school hall Friday night was well attended. Miss McKinnon showed great ability as a dramatic reader, while little Lou Smith, of Ypsilanti, who is a private pupil of Miss MacMonagle's, completely won the audience. Charlie Stimson was recalled as he well deserved, for he has an unusually sweet voice which he controlled well. The skirt dance by Ella Trojanowski was well done and it was a pity the calcium light would not work for this part of the program. The High School orchestra was at its best and the fairy play and tableaux were enjoyed by everybody.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ann Arbor Organ Co. was held Tuesday and the following board of directors were elected: Frederick Schmidt, Moses Seabolt, Leonard Gruener, F. O'Hearn, Gottlob Stark, Gottlob Luick, Sid W. Millard. The board organized by choosing the following officers: Fred Schmidt, president; M. Seabolt, vice president; G. M. Shelmore, secretary and treasurer; J. C. Henderson, general manager; D. F. Allmendinger, superintendent. The manager's report for the business done in the past year was highly satisfactory, 1443 organs having been sold during the year. It is expected that 2,400 will be disposed of within the next 12 months.

Thos. Colburn, the hardware man, is all smiles this week. It's a girl. Mother and child are doing well.

The St. Andrew's vested choir will give a concert in the near future at Harris hall for the benefit of this choir.

The Epworth League of the First M. E. church is arranging to issue a directory of its membership and that of the church.

Detroit papers speak in high terms of praise of "A Black Sheep" which will be produced at the Athens Theater on the 31st inst.

In the circuit court Monday Judge Kinne issued a decree of divorce in the case of Tole M. McDivitt vs. Catherine McDivitt. Both parties reside in this city.

Daniel S. Millen, of Pontiac st., died Tuesday, aged 74 years. He was the father of George W. Millen, the well-known Detroit life insurance man.

In speaking of the first Michigan house of representatives, Judge Josiah Turner, of Owosso, says he well remembers Judge Wolcott Lawrence, of Ann Arbor, as one of its most prominent members.

A general inspection of Co. A has been ordered by Captain Granger to take place April 11, Easter Monday. Gov. Pingree and staff have been invited to be present and it is probable that the annual military reception and ball will take place on the same date.

Through the kindness of Dr. Herdman and Judge Newkirk the city Y. M. C. A. will receive an addition to its library. Any other persons having books which they will donate to the library should speak to the librarian, Fred Wuerth, or to the general secretary.

Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, of Chicago, delivered his brilliant and original lecture Wednesday at the Unitarian church on "The Cost of a Fool." A moderate sized audience was present and heartily enjoyed the eloquent words and sparkling wit of the speaker.

Prof. and Mrs. Trueblood gave a very pleasant recital Monday night at the First Methodist church. This was the first appearance of the Professor and his wife in an entertainment of this kind in Ann Arbor. The selections were well received throughout. The program was varied by several numbers rendered by the Tech Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

Died, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Haight, of 110 N. First street, Mrs. Mary Royce. Mrs. Royce was born May 7th, 1816 and died January 24, 1896. The deceased was a great sufferer for the last seven years. She was formerly a resident of Ypsilanti and came here to reside with her daughter last April. The funeral occurred at 1 p. m. Wednesday from the house. Interment at Ypsilanti.

Dr. Camden M. Coburn, of Denver, Col., formerly pastor of the First M. E. church in this city, will give the next lecture in the Wesleyan Guild Lecture course probably on February 6. His subject will be "Bible Etchings of Immortality."

Some person found a woman's hat and a bundle of clothes lying beside the mill race at the river Monday forenoon and promptly turned them over to the officers who went at once in search of a sensation. It was discovered that the hat and clothes belonged to a young colored girl living on the north side. The girl related that while returning from her work last evening she heard a noise that frightened her. She dropped her hat and bundle and ran away and was afraid to return after them last night.

The meetings at the First Baptist church conducted by Dr. Shepardson from his wheel-chair, are creating a deep interest in the community. A big audience was present last night. He certainly is a remarkable man. His clear, straightforward, and earnest sermons are enjoyed by the young and the old, by Christians and non-Christians, and by people of all denominations. His wife is an accomplished musician and plays the accompaniment for all the singing. The Ann Arbor Music Co. has kindly furnished Mrs. Shepardson one of their best pianos for use during these services.

The King's Daughters, with the other young people of the Unitarian church, were entertained Thursday evening at the residence of the Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Sunderland.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown entertained the high school faculty and the members of the senior class Friday evening. A pleasantly informal evening was spent, the principal features of which were games of different kinds.

The fortunate ones who attended the exhibition of the Human Kinetoscope and original "X-ray" machine at the Christian church Wednesday evening were more than pleased. They were kept in a constant roar of laughter for half an hour by three clowns. After these came many familiar scenes, last of which was a rooster fight. The whole thing was a howling success, judging from the demonstrations of the audience. Several have asked to have it repeated.

Our citizens have been annoyed recently by a number of half-drunk tramps begging from door to door.

Register of Deeds Cook, who is in California, leaves for home on Friday and is expected here on the Wednesday following.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bement, of Lansing, and H. M. Senter, of Santa Marta, United States of Columbia, are visiting college friends in this city.

Julius Trojanowski, who had the misfortune to fall about three weeks ago and break his leg, is improving and will be able to leave his bed in a few days.

The German Workmen's society expect to attend the dedicatory exercises of the new auditorium of the German Workmen's society at Kalamazoo February 1st.

A mortgage was filed Wednesday in register of deeds office by the Detroit, Ypsilanti & Ann Arbor railway to the Union Trust company in the sum of \$800,000, to run 20 years at 6 per cent., payable semi-annually in gold coin.

John George Zahn, aged 40, died Monday at Lodi, the cause of death being consumption. He leaves a wife and four children. Funeral at the house Thursday at 9:30; interment at Bethel cemetery.

The Ann Arbor Arbeiter Verein will give a social entertainment in their hall on S. Main street this evening. A most enjoyable time is promised. All friends of the society and public in general are cordially invited to attend.

A car of the electric railway line ran into a horse belonging to Frank Parker Wednesday on State street. The animal, which had a shoulder and leg broken, was killed by a man named Wheeler in order to put it out of its misery.

Senator McMillan Tuesday presented to the United States senate among others the petition of Ann Arbor Typographical Union No. 154, protesting against the passage of the anti-scalping bill.

Booker T. Washington, "the Moses of the Negro Race," lectures in the University hall Saturday evening in the S. L. A. course. After the lecture he will be tendered a banquet by the colored students in the University.

Christian Laubgayer, well known throughout this county, died Monday at Elma, Mich. The remains were brought to Ann Arbor for interment at Lodi Plains. The deceased is a relative of the Eberbachs and Laubgayers in this city.

Becker's military band will furnish the music at the skating rink on S. Fifth avenue Friday night. The proceeds are given by Mr. Weinberg to the Y. M. C. A. building fund. Refreshments will be served by the Women's Auxiliary. Everybody get his skates on for Friday night.

M. S. Brown writes: "The Sewing school is in need of more chairs and if any one has one or two old ones to spare we will be obliged if they will send them to our rooms or let us know and we will send for them. We will repair them ourselves."

"Mort" Senter, well known to Ann Arborites, is visiting at the Sigma Phi House. Mr. Senter has lately returned to this country on a business trip from Santa Marta, United States of Columbia, where he is engaged in the coffee growing business. He will remain in the city about a week.

The will of the late Phillip Lohr was placed on file in the probate office Wednesday. The real estate is estimated at \$15,000 and the personal property at \$500. The widow remains in possession of the estate, both real and personal, till her death; after her decease the children share alike in its disposition. Charles P. and Amos E. Lohr have been appointed administrators of the will.

The Ann Arbor Fruit and Vinegar company held its annual meeting Tuesday at the Farmers and Mechanics bank, resulting in the election of the following directors: Charles E. Greene, G. Frank Allmendinger, Leonard Gruener, David Rinsey, Gottlob Luick, George April and F. H. Belser. The board organized as follows: President, C. E. Greene; vice-president, L. Gruener; secretary and treasurer, G. F. Allmendinger.

The inquest over the body of Austin Bailey was held Tuesday afternoon at the sheriff's office in the court house. After a careful examination of the testimony procurable a verdict was found in accordance with the facts as stated in these columns last evening. The old man became lost once before in a neighboring field and wandered around for a whole night in a dazed condition. The body will be buried today by Undertaker F. J. Muehl.

Nearly every seat was taken Tuesday night at the new Athens Theater to witness Griffith and his excellent company in the production of "Faust." It was a thoroughly representative audience too, which enjoyed to the fullest extent the delightfully realistic story of Faust and his compact with Mephistopheles. Mr. Griffith is beyond doubt the best Mephisto on the stage and his work is apparently growing better and stronger every year. He will always have a warm welcome in Ann Arbor.

There are at least 300 seats that have not yet been reserved for the May Festival.

Arbor Tent, K. O. T. M., sent its degree team to Saline Wednesday. There were five initiates, all of whom were properly attended to. The marvellous and impressive Oriental degree followed in all its Eastern splendor and 34 pilgrims lumbered themselves before the throne of the Grand Padshaw and quaffed rich nectar from the golden beaker so revered by all true Knights of the Orient.

The annual cotillon given by the 40 club Friday evening at Granger's hall was one of the brilliant social events of the year. The patronesses were the Mesdames Warren P. Lombard, Andrew McLaughlin, George Patterson and Victor C. Vaughan. Dr. Lombard, Mr. Andrew McLaughlin and Mr. George Patterson were also present. Between 85 or 90 people were present. Among those from out of town were the Misses May Cooley, Toledo, and Miss Pattie Banker of Jackson.

The board of public works held their regular meeting Wednesday and transacted chiefly routine business. The city engineer reported that the four blocks of paving contemplated for Main street would cost \$23,000. Including the needed storm sewers the work would cost a total of \$31,000. The U. of M. was given permission to run a sewer from the law building to N. University avenue instead of to State street.

Would Not Answer.

Cincinnati, Jan. 25.—The legislative committee has closed its investigation in this city of the Otis charges of bribery in the recent election of a United States senator. The senate committee will continue its work at Columbus. Thirty witnesses have been examined here since last Friday. Mr. Otis will likely be the next witness at Columbus. At Columbus last week several witnesses refused to testify because their attorneys advised them that a senate committee has no jurisdiction in investigating charges made by a member of the house. The employes of President Schmidlapp's bank, and Hon. Harry M. Daugherty, chairman of the republican state central committee, yesterday declined either to be sworn or to answer questions because the committee had no jurisdiction. Chairman Burke announced that as soon as the committee was in touch with all the willing witnesses the proceedings would at once begin to bring all of the unwilling witnesses before the bar of the senate for punishment for contempt.

Allen O. Myers, sr., was the first witness yesterday in the legislature bribery investigation. He detailed the shadowing of Hollenbeck from Columbus to Cincinnati and back; also the carriage drives of Boyce about Columbus. The testimony of Myers caused quite a stir. When Senator Garfield told witness he need not reply to anything that would incriminate himself, Myers became intensely enraged and Chairman Burke has difficulty in proceeding with the inquiry. E. H. Areber, of Columbus, deputy state railway commissioner, testified following H. H. Hollenbeck from Columbus to Cincinnati.

Big Provar in Algiers.

Algiers, January 25.—Last evening the town was in great turmoil. All the shops were closed and troops were picketed in all the squares. Several Jewish shops have been sacked and the chasseurs have several times dispersed the crowds.

This afternoon the manager of an anti-Jewish newspaper, accompanied by the widow of the Christian who was killed last evening, herself dressed in deep mourning, drove along the main boulevard and created intense anti-Jewish excitement. The people massed beneath the arcades shouting "Down with the Jews," and the like. Finally the chasseurs and infantry, headed by beating drums, cleared the boulevard.

A number of the natives joined the mob in hope of pillage. No Jew ventures upon the streets.

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Y. M. C. A. Anniversary.

Yesterday the Young Men's Christian Association, of this city, celebrated its fourth anniversary. At the meeting in the rooms of the association in the afternoon Dr. W. J. Herdman and Judge H. Wirt Newkirk each gave short and inspiring addresses. These gentlemen had both been requested to point out, as far as possible, any defects in the work of the association. Both asserted that it would be hard to criticize the association severely. The association from the very start seemed to start out fully fledged as if the time were ripe for its organization, and its success has been due largely to its having confined itself to its resources; it has never gone beyond itself and got in debt as many associations have done. The spiritual, mental and physical part of the work of the association was spoken of. The supreme purpose of the organization is to lead men to a Christian life, hence the spiritual side of the work is the most important.

The matter of dress was spoken of by one of the speakers at the afternoon meeting. Many people stay away from church because they think their clothes are not good enough to wear to church. The Y. M. C. A. wishes all men to attend its meetings and make use of its privileges regardless of the clothes they may wear. Welcome to all men is its watchword. Sunday evening, in the Congregational church, Rev. Dan F. Bradley, D. D., of Grand Rapids, delivered the anniversary address before the association. The church was crowded. Before Dr. Bradley's address, President E. S. Gilmore spoke and briefly outlined the work of the association and the need for the Y. M. C. A. in Ann Arbor.

Real Estate Transfers.

H. Vedder and wife to Charles Harris, Augusta, \$1,900.
W. H. Wilber and wife to E. Johnson, Augusta, \$800.
Peter Dressie and wife to C. G. Alban, Augusta, \$1,500.
J. A. Rose and wife to Wm. Hopkins, Ann Arbor, \$500.
Mary Gruner to Fred Trinkle, Lima, \$1,225.
Joha G. Feldkamp, administrator, to Fred Trinkle, Lima, \$2,132.
F. Trinkle and wife to C. Eisman, Lima, \$3,357.
E. M. Rooke and wife to Robert Hemphill, Superior, \$4,500.
Moses Seabolt to R. S. Copeland, Ann Arbor, \$4,000.
Charles Long, by executor, to Fanny Robbins, Ypsilanti, \$2,200.
W. S. Thornton to C. E. Hawkes, Augusta, \$1,600.
C. E. Hawkes to W. S. Thornton, Augusta, \$1,000.
A. McKenny to M. Mohrhart, York, \$2,000.
Wm. Burtless and wife to M. Bristle, Sharon, \$3,600.
L. Walker et al. to W. H. Buss, Manchester, \$6,400.

SPECTRUM OF METEOR.

Obtaining It Was a Sheer Piece of Good Luck.

Harvard observatory has obtained a photograph of the spectrum of a meteor, says the Boston Herald. In other words, people can now tell what goes to make up, to some extent, the shooting star which passes so quickly that it can only be photographed by having a camera gaping open, waiting for it to cross the sky. The photograph was taken on June 18, 1897, in Arequipa, Peru, on the South American station of the observatory. It was a sheer piece of good luck. Thousands of plates have been exposed to the sky, with the prism over the mouth of the camera, ready to take a spectrum of anything that traversed the heavens. The lucky plate that caught the meteor has running across it obliquely a light band of six lines, the trail of the shooting star. Without the prism the Harvard astronomers have often caught the trails of meteors passing overhead. The spectrum of the meteor taken at Arequipa shows four hydrogen lines at different colors in the spectrum and two other lines that are unknown quantities at present. Many variable stars, those whose brilliancy increases or falls off from time to time, have had their spectra photographed. The four hydrogen lines of the meteor correspond to four ordinarily found in the variable star spectra. One of the unknown lines caught in the meteor spectrum also appears in those of certain variable stars. Nobody knows what element is represented by this line, as it does not correspond to any found on this earth. The photograph of the spectrum of the meteor was taken in one of the Bache telescopes with an eight-inch aperture. The instrument was arranged in the ordinary way for sky photography, with the addition of the prism for spectrum work.

Leaves a Fortune.

Forty years ago W. H. Trabue, of Kokomo, Ind., disappeared, and until the present nothing has been heard from him. He has recently died, having accumulated \$3,000,000 in Mississippi, under the name of Tribbitt. All his money goes to the families of "brothers and sisters, the will stipulating that the children shall receive a university education.

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SALUTED THE MAINE

Guns of Havana Forts Greeted the Battleship.

Spanish and German Officers Boarded the Ship—Commander Sigbee Had a Conference With Gen. Lee.

Havana, January 25.—The United States battleship Maine, commanded by Charles D. Sigbee, which left Key West, Fla., yesterday, arrived here at 11 o'clock this morning and was saluted by the forts and war vessels.

A report is current that the United States consul-general, Fitzhugh Lee, and Dr. Congosto, secretary-general of the government, have had a slight misunderstanding.

A naval lieutenant of the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII, the Spanish flagship, visited the Maine early in the afternoon, as did also the officer of the German cruiser Gneisenau, the schoolship. Both visits were returned by Capt. Sigbee, who at 6 o'clock called upon Rear Admiral Vicente Mantecola, at the admiralty office, and upon Vice-Admiral Pastor, after which he had a prolonged conference with Consul-General Lee. The consul-general will return Capt. Sigbee's visit tomorrow afternoon. He is arranging for a visit by Capt. Sigbee to Acting Captain-General Parrado. The officers and sailors of the Maine will not go ashore at present in order to avoid possible friction.

The American newspaper correspondents will give a banquet to Captain Sigbee, Consul-General Lee and a number of Spanish officers.

It is reported at the palace that General Maximo Gomez has fallen back across the Moron Jucaro trocha in to the Camaguey district.

Madrid, January 25.—The newspapers generally comment upon Secretary Long's explanation of the visit of the United States battleship Maine to Havana, and agree in expressing the opinion that her visit is "inopportune and calculated to encourage the insurgents."

It is announced that "following Washington's example," the Spanish government will "instruct Spanish warships to visit a few American ports."

HOCKIN ACQUITTED.

The Jury Reached a Decision This Morning.

Detroit, Mich., January 23.—The jury in the Hockin assault case at 3:15 o'clock this morning announced the fact that an agreement was reached and Judge Chapin was sent for. Upon his arrival at 4:30 o'clock the jurors were ushered into the court room, where they announced the result of their deliberations amid intense silence. Hockin, who had been summoned, accepted the result coolly and with a satisfied smile, as if it was what he expected. The jury stood 11 to 1 for acquittal from 11 o'clock.

Only once during its consideration did the jury ask for light from the judge. That was as to whether it had first to determine whether an assault had been committed.

The only argument made was that of Assistant Prosecutor Hunt. The attorneys for the defense waived all speeches to the jury.

Cubans Driven Out.

Havana, January 22.—According to the information from Spanish sources, General Castellano, being aware that the insurgent government was established at Esperanza, in buildings constructed by the insurgents, 17 leagues from Puerto Principe, at the extreme west end of the Cuitas ridge, proceeded in that direction with 2,200 infantry, 400 cavalry and two field cannon. After a three-days' trying march he forced a difficult position on the fourth day, and overcame the obstinate resistance of 1,000 insurgents, pursuing them more than six miles, and destroying and burning the houses at Esperanza, including the insurgent government buildings. The government officials escaped.

On the following day General Castellano engaged the reunited insurgents, 2,500 strong, near Esperanza. He routed them after two hours' combat. The insurgent loss is believed to be numerous, but, owing to the density of the woods, it is difficult, according to the Spanish account, to ascertain the full extent of defeat. The insurgents left 50 dead on the field. The Spanish lost five killed and had 21 wounded, among the latter being Lieut.-Col. Perez Monto.

The insurgents under Leader Montegudo, enraged by the reports of the surrender of insurgent Gen. Juan Maso Barra, attacked the town of Esperanza, province of Santa Clara. Under cover of the darkness they reached the houses in the Rosario ward, but the garrison repelled the attack and followed the fleeing insurgents outside the town. The latter left nine dead. A private dispatch from Spanish sources says the attacking insurgents had thirty wounded

and that the garrison's loss was insignificant.

Although nothing appears to be known on the subject at Spanish headquarters, persistent rumors were in circulation today to the effect that Gen. Calixto Garcia, the famous insurgent leader, was killed in a recent engagement with the Spanish troops. The Spanish steamer Alfonso XII, sailed for Spain today with fifty-six officers and 580 wounded and sick soldiers on board.

It is announced that 750 tons of sugar cane have been destroyed by fire at the colony of Santa Ana, province of Santa Clara.

The local newspapers are requesting the government to pardon all those who have been guilty of offences against the electoral laws.

The issues of the New York World and the New York Journal and Advertiser of Jan. 16, and several issues of the Madrid Herald and Imparcial have been seized by the government officials here.

MANY WERE STABBED

Fierce Anti-Jewish Riots at Algiers.

Jewish Shops Pillaged and the Booty Burned—Troops Charged the Mob With Drawn Swords.

Algiers, January 23.—Anti-Jewish riots were renewed here today. The mob invaded the Jewish quarter and pillaged the shops in the Rue Babazon, driving the Jewish merchants into the streets. A squadron of chasseurs was ordered to the scene and charged the mob with drawn swords, but the mob reformed further on, cheering for the army.

Revolvers and daggers were freely used. One man who was stabbed in the back and shot in the head died on the spot, many were seriously stabbed, one, named Cayol, dying from his wounds at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The crowd, hearing of this, became dangerously excited, shouted, "They are murdering us," "Death to the Jews," and resumed pillaging. The fronts of six shops were destroyed and the loot was burned.

The police repeatedly charged the rioters, but were stubbornly resisted and were powerless to restore order until the troops arrived. Several policemen were severely maltreated. Many arrests for theft have been made. The Jewish authorities recommend their co-religionists to remain indoors. Both the men killed in the riot were Christians and their companions have sworn to avenge them. It is feared there will be further riots.

Called Them Spies.

Paris, January 22.—During the debate in the chamber of deputies yesterday on the estimates of the department of public worship M. Berard denounced the "dangers of clericalism."

The premier, M. Meine, declared there was no ground for such fears. Continuing he denied the government was composed of clericals, or that it was under pontifical direction, adding that the so-called clerical peril was only put forward to divert attention from the socialist and revolutionary peril.

Ex-Minister Goblet then moved the separation of church and state, which was defeated by 309 to 192 votes.

Several members denounced the interference of Chief Rabbi Zadockahn in the Esterhazy affair, whereupon M. Millard replied that if the chief rabbi had acted improperly he could be deprived of his salary.

M. De Maly called attention to the propaganda of English and German pastors in various parts of France, denouncing them as "spies" and as being a "veritable peril to the existence of the fatherland." The estimates were then adopted.

M. Dutrix moved the denunciation of the Concordia (or understanding between the French government and the Vatican). The motion was defeated by a vote of 316 to 171.

The president of the chamber of deputies, M. Brisson, announced that the interpellation of ex-Minister Cavaignac introduced on January 17 (demanding a resolution of the semi-official note issued on that day, in which the government declined to make public the alleged confession made by Alfred Dreyfus to Capt. Lebrun-Renaud, the officer who had charge of him when he was court-martialed), would be discussed tomorrow.

The Storm Was General.

Detroit, January 25.—Reports from all over the state last night show that yesterday's terrific blizzard covered practically the whole of the lower peninsula. The snowfall was exceedingly heavy, and the fierce wind drifted and packed it so badly that traffic was rendered practically impossible, while all trains were delayed greatly, and in some cases completely stalled. In many places the storm was still raging with unabated fury when the telegraph offices closed for the night.

OPENING THE MAILS.

Spaniards Kick on Government Doing It.

Many Consider It a Breach of the Postal Treaty—Precaution Being Taken Against Riots.

Havana, Jan. 24 (via Key West).—The action of the government in searching certain mail matter before allowing it to be delivered is considered by persons well informed upon the subject, a direct violation of the international postal union treaty.

Many persons, including a number of loyal Spaniards, such as Senor Francisco de Los Santos Guzman, ex-president of congress, and others of social standing in the city, make complaints of the non-delivery of letters addressed to them. It is reported that in consequence of the government's action, steps will be taken to expel Spain from the postal union.

Endeavors have been made to induce Dr. Cabera to remain at Siguaney and to obtain the surrender of the leaders, Rego and Monteaguado. It is said that \$70,000 has been wired to Gen. Aguirre for the surrender of Maso and his party. Senor Lopez, who formerly held a commission in the Spanish army in Cuba, but who was dishonored and sentenced to jail and who escorted Gomez and Maceo during their invasion, but later surrendered, has now been appointed by Gen. Pando chief of guerrillas and is now acting as a government agent, riding through the territory in the Santa Clara province, trying to induce the insurgents to surrender.

THE HALLS OF ATHENS.

"Go to Court My Son, and See the Men That Rule the World."

The first meeting of the Political Social Science club of Ann Arbor, Mich., better known as the Politicians' club, held its first meeting in the large basement of the Athens Theater on Saturday evening last.

Back in the '60's, when the theater was erected, the auditorium was on the ground floor. For some reason—probably to make the entrance to the various stores and offices in the large structure more convenient of access and acquire larger rentals—its proprietor concluded to elevate the floor of the auditorium. However, instead of raising the floor, it was found expedient to build a new floor directly over the old one.

The old stage and its paraphernalia of scenery, and the old floor with its 700 or more chairs, are in the same condition as they were over forty years ago and give one the impression of a deserted city, reminding one of the catacombs of Rome. Since January 1st, when the Political Social Science club leased the old auditorium for a term of five years, a gang of laborers and mechanics have been engaged in removing the dirt and dust which have been accumulating there many years, and in making necessary repairs and improvements. Captain Jacob F. Schuh, who did the plumbing, said that in view of the fact that the opera house was now known as Athens Theater, an appropriate name for the large new assembly room of the Politicians' club, of which he himself was a member in good standing, would be "The Halls of Athens."

The first meeting of the Political Social Science club in its new quarters was what is known as an extraordinary session, which signifies that the officers of the club appear in togas. What is known as a general meeting is held in the ante-room, where political liberties are tolerated, such as smoking, going-out-to-see-a-man during the deliberations of a session, etc.

Hon. Evert H. Scott, the secretary of the club and of the meeting, after it had been called to order by its president, the Hon. Ezra Benton Norris, L.L. D., asked for recognition. He read the minutes of the last meeting and said that he had sent 480 invitations, which comprised the total membership of the club. He had counted heads (laughter) and found there were 478 members present and 16 students, members of the law department, who had signified their intention of becoming members of the club.

"At our last meeting," said Mr. Scott, "the result of the ballots for the election of officers was read and approved by the meeting. A number of the officers was elected during their absence, but that these gentlemen, who are present this evening, may be apprised of the duties incumbent upon them, I take pleasure, Mr. President, in again reading the list of officers."

President Norris nodded his assent, and Secretary Scott read the follow-

ing list of names—all, all, honorable men:

- President—Hon. Ezra Benton Norris, L.L. D.
Vice-president—Hon. Selby A. Moran, Ph. D.
Secretary—Hon. Evert H. Scott.
Treasurer—Hon. Samuel W. Beakes.
Captain—Hon. Jacob F. Schuh.
Officer—Hon. William McKinley Judson.
Judges—Hon. William Dexter Harriman and Hon. Johnson Willard Babbitt.
Chaplain—Rev. George H. Pond, D. D.
Poet—Hon. C. Lincoln McGuire.
Attorney—Hon. Arthur Brown.
Counsellor—Hon. Thomas E. Kearney.
Scribe—Hon. John W. Bennett.
Reporter—Hon. John Benjamin Hillman.
Inspector—Hon. Joseph Donnelly.
Clerk—Hon. James R. Bach.
Physician—Dr. David Collins.
Representative—Hon. Andrew Jackson Sawyer.

On the stage, under the glare of numerous lights, sat President Norris and Vice-President Moran attired in the toga of the Athenians at the time when Xerxes attempted to cross the Hellespont. They sat in large iron chairs, emblematic of the sturdiness of that remote age when Liberty was born.

When Secretary Scott had concluded reading the list of officers, President Norris slowly arose from his seat and said:

"Gentlemen: Permit me to again thank you for the honor which you have seen fit to confer upon me in electing me president of this organization. It is most gratifying, gentlemen, to feel that one enjoys the confidence of the citizens of the commonwealth. (Cheers). I believe I voice the sentiment of this large body of representative men of Modern Athens when I say that I am highly gratified that the younger generation are taking a deep interest in political, social and economic questions. Our esteemed secretary has informed us that there are a number of students of our great institution of learning present, who are interested in the subject of making politics a science, hence the name of our club—Political Social Science club."

"I take pleasure in saying to these ambitious young men of the gown, that we in these meetings enter into a discussion of every phase known to politics, such as the rights of the citizen, social and individual; citizenship; democracy and aristocracy; government; political law, and universal suffrage."

"It is only the wise man who seeks knowledge; the genius is blessed with wisdom when he is born, while the fool heeds not the counsels of the wise but standeth in the way of sinners. (Applause)."

"I would impress upon the students who are assembled here, and such as may honor us with their presence and co-operation, that they will not forget the dignity of the club and never give the University yell of 'Rip, rip, hurrah!' (loud cheers) when the club is in extraordinary session. In case they are disposed to give the cry, they may consider themselves as having been thrown out. This is not the law department, gentlemen, nor is it a Clarry Fitzgerald show. (Applause). When you arise to address the assembly let your speech be brief, remembering that brevity is the soul of wit, and never indulge in the gushings of a sophomore. We are not an elocution class nor are these halls a school of oratory. (Cheers)."

"For the information of the members of the Political Social Science club who meet with us this evening for the first time," continued the president when the applause had subsided, "I will state that the idea of forming this organization was conceived by a number of gentlemen of this city—of whom I have the honor of being one (applause)—by the unwarranted action of the secret societies of this city in eliminating politics and religion from the deliberations of their meetings. Religion has its churches but has politics its halls? Religion has its necessary function in the betterment of man and the elevation of the race, and likewise is politics—higher politics—as essential in the affairs of government as its better sister in the affairs of the human heart."

"Refined religion is now known as theosophy. In the broader field of theosophy we rise from the letter to the spirit. In order to arrive at fundamental principles, we treat politics scientifically. We rise from the letter to the spirit."

The president sat down amidst deafening applause and Vice-President Moran, founder of the Young Men's Republican Club, arose and said:

"Gentlemen: I fully concur in the statements of the gentleman who has just addressed the house. I also thank you, gentlemen, for the honor in choosing me for the vice-presidency of this honorable body. 'I wish to state at this time

that at the next meeting of this club I shall announce as a subject of discussion the admission of women to these meetings. Students are admitted, why exclude women? Did not Dr. Wenley, on his return from Europe and its dying civilization, intimate that in the realm of philosophy women were our equals, if not our superiors?' (Cheers)."

When the vice-president had taken his seat, the lights grew dim, and the curtain in the rear of the president and vice-president was raised and exposed to view a delightful picture. Seated on a divan in the center of the stage was a beautiful woman and at her sides stood pages watching her intently. In the lap of the beautiful lady lay a stringed instrument. It was neither a guitar, neither was it a banjo.

Sadness appeared to rest in the clear eye and delicate features of the lady. Her hands were small and the fingers long and tapering, an indication of refinement. Her movements were grace itself as she adjusted the instrument to her liking to touch a strain or two. All of the politicians—especially the younger element—strained their necks and eyes at the charming picture before them. It was an innovation to some, a revelation to others. The beautiful lady discoursed sweet music with the pages kneeling at her side watching her every movement, and awaiting her signals to gratify her desires. Like Portia in Julius Caesar, her eyes grew faint as she played on, the music grew soft, and quiet reigned supreme. But a few fleeting moments, and the curtain slowly fell on the enchanting scene and the beautiful lady and the pages and the music were a picture in the mind.

The lights were turned on, and the first meeting of the Political Social Science club in the Halls of Athens came to a close.

Under the directions of Officer William McKinley Judson, the members filed out of the large hall.

When the students had reached the street they clustered together as they marched along and sang:

"Maid of Athens, ere we part, Give, O give me back my heart."

"I'd like to be a page, I'll never be a sage, I'd wait upon my lady And make her my own baby."

STRONG ARGUMENT

By Col. Atkinson in Case of Pingree vs. M. C. R. R. Co.

Detroit, January 21.—Col. Atkinson occupied almost the entire day with his argument in the case of Governor Pingree vs. the Michigan Central. Atkinson declared the power of the legislature of 1846, which gave the Michigan Central its special charter, did not reach to the extent of regulating fares to be paid by the people in 1897 or 2897. He said: "The Michigan Central is operating more than twice as many miles under the general law as under its special charter. If the act applies to any road it must cover at least those organized under the general law. We do not hold that the state has any right to violate its lawful contracts. We hold that railroad fares are not property. They use the provisions of the magna charta for the purpose of charging extortionate fares. Who represent the states when these railroad cases come before the courts? Brave courageous attorneys, generally like the one we have with us here who draws the princely salary of \$2.19 per day. Against them is pitted such eminent counsel as those who sit across the table here, whose every breath is coined into gold from the coffers of their plutocratic employers. Extortion is one of the oldest immoral acts provided against. It is looked after in the law of Moses. Robbery is the word I would use were the culprit not this powerful corporation."

DREYFUSS INNOCENT

According to the Testimony of German Officials.

Berlin, January 25.—The minister for foreign affairs, Baron von Buelow, made a solemn statement yesterday before the budget committee of the reichstag in regard to the Dreyfus affair. He declared most emphatically that there had never been relations of any kind between German representatives or agents and Dreyfus. Continuing, the minister said the story of the waste paper basket incident at the German embassy in Paris, and the finding therein of compromising documents affecting Dreyfus, was sheer invention. He added that the Dreyfus affair had not affected in the slightest the calm relations between the German and French governments. The speaker knew nothing of the visit of Dreyfus to the reichland and still less of the alleged special facilities given Dreyfus by German officials during the alleged visit.

The president sat down amidst deafening applause and Vice-President Moran, founder of the Young Men's Republican Club, arose and said:

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The Woman's Parliamentary club will meet with Mrs. P. W. Carpenter Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Clinton Elder is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Borgardus for a couple of weeks.

Hon. J. B. Wortley has announced the fact that he is willing to run for alderman of the Second ward.

Thos. Marsland, who was formerly in business in this city with Charles Ford, is here for a couple of days.

Al Harrington, the noted billiard expert who at one time resided in this city, is here visiting old acquaintances.

Prof. Wenley will lecture at the Congregational church February 11, for the benefit of the Ladies' library.

George Zwergel, of the Normal bookstore, left for St. Johns yesterday morning and will return a married man.

Hon. J. M. B. Hill, ex-minister to Corea, is expected to give a lecture in this city during the first week in February.

David B. Dodge started out this morning on a trip through Michigan in the interest of the Rubber Tip Dress Stay company.

The Michigan Central wants to put in two solid weeks of ice-cutting at this point and if weather will permit they will do so.

Ald. Gandy presented the fire departments with a box of cigars for the good work done in saving his bakery Saturday morning.

The Normal students are organizing county clubs. Ingham County Club held a "blow out" at Mrs. Newton's on Ballard st. Saturday evening.

Wonder if the blizzard of Saturday night did not have a great tendency to allay a lot of Klondike fever which is raging around here in a very violent form.

Rev. Dr. Talbot, of Chicago, will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church next Sunday evening. His subject will be "Men of the Mayflower."

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church in Ann Arbor have invited the Methodists of this city to a church supper in Ann Arbor on the first Thursday in February and it is expected that at least 100 Ypsilantians will be in attendance.

Wirt Seymour, who has been clerking for E. A. Holbrook, has purchased a photograph gallery in Ann Arbor and Mrs. Seymour will have charge of it at present. Mr. Seymour will remain with Mr. Holbrook for some little time yet.

The sale of seats for the May Festival at Ann Arbor opened at C. W. Rogers' Saturday morning with a rush. By seven o'clock there were people waiting for the store to be opened and they took the place in a line although the sale did not open until 10 o'clock.

The Toastmasters' club at the Normal has elected for the ensuing term: H. G. Lull, president, R. B. Miller, vice-president; Harry Lutention, secretary; Earl V. Hawks, treasurer; executive committee, chairman, William Lee; second member, E. E. Crook; third member, B. J. Walters.

We were mistaken in saying "Uncle" Daniel Pierce was the oldest Mason in Phoenix Lodge. Dr. Batwell was made in Zion Lodge, No. 1, Detroit, in 1853, and John Howland was made in Phoenix Lodge in the same year. Both are still with us and have neither inclination or necessity for obituaries at present.

Fire broke out in George Gandy's bakery Saturday at 7 a. m. and did a couple of hundred dollars worth of damage. The cause of the blaze was the union of some gasoline with a spark from the oven. An entire batch of bread was so badly smoked that it was rendered valueless for sale purposes.

Thursday Mrs. Rachel Hawkins was 80 years of age, and the event was celebrated at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Woodman, by a social party which included six ladies whose combined ages were 483 years, or an average of 80 1/2 years. There were 18 present at the table whose average age was 57 1/2 years. Mrs. Hawkins is still vigorous and very active for one of her years—Ypsilantian.

George W. Cable, the well known author, is at the Hawkins house. Somebody pointed him out to a friend saying: "There goes George W. Cable." "Cable! Who is he?" "Why he is the man that invented that thing so you can send messages across the ocean—cablegrams." "Oh, yes, seems to me I have heard of him," said the man and he seemed greatly impressed with the author's inventive powers.

The Washtenaw County Medical society held a meeting Friday in Ann Arbor at the offices of the president, Dr. Flemming Carrow. It was largely attended and enjoyed by all present. Dr. Victor C. Vaughan and Dr. George Dock gave interesting and instructive accounts of their experiences while attending the International Congress of Medicine at Moscow. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. David Clark, of Ballard st., will go to Buffalo, N. Y., the first of the month to reside with her daughter.

Rev. B. F. Aldrich will deliver a special sermon next Sunday morning upon the subject, "Loyalty to the House of God."

Frank Rathfon, 43, Detroit and Mary E. Webb, 21, Lima, N. Y., is the way a marriage license yesterday issued in Detroit reads.

Mrs. George Hurl, a former resident of this place, lies at her home one and one-half miles west of Ann Arbor very low with lung trouble.

"Dick" Whiting was adjudged insane by Judge Newkirk and as soon as there is room at Pontiac for him he will be removed there.

Dr. John Henry Barrows, of Chicago, the well known lecturer, spent Tuesday afternoon and evening at the home of A. C. Risorian.

The names of Miss Ayers and Mr. Richel should have appeared among the names of the participants in the Junior Exhibition Friday evening.

Rev. B. F. Aldrich, as has been his invariable custom, has gone to Ohio to be present with his mother on the occasion of her birthday anniversary.

Miss Lucile Watling, accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Charles Wright, have gone to Lake Worth, Florida. They will be gone for several weeks.

Frank Glenn states that he still continues his partnership with the firm of Glenn & Miller and has not entered the employ of the Arc Printing company.

The Tuesday Night Club is arranging to give a swell party at Light Guard Hall on Washington's Birthday. Finney's orchestra has been engaged for the occasion.

Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute at Tuskegee, Ala., known as the Moses of the Negro race, will be at Normal Hall, Monday, Jan. 31.

The Juniors of the Normal school have organized and have chosen purple and white as the class colors. That is the reason why the prominent display has been worn on the street during the past couple of days.

The Grand Opera House will not have a professional performance for the next two weeks. Hoyt's "A Black Sheep," which is funnier than "A Texas Steer," is the attraction for Feb. 9. This will be the most important attraction of the light comedy order of the season.

Edward Wilkinson, of Marquette, well known here, is made one of the assignees of his father's business. The ex-state treasurer closed his bank Saturday and assigned for the benefit of his creditors. He died Tuesday, the assignment being made with full knowledge that his end was to come.

The "Kidpath History Club" which C. W. Rogers has started, is the same one which Hunter, Glenn & Hunter, of Detroit, have so extensively advertised and Ypsilanti is the only sub-branch in Michigan outside of Detroit. Mr. Rogers secured this by not hesitating when contracts were submitted to him and clinched the bargain while other dealers were waiting.

Daniel Davis, the old colored man whose leg was broken by the kick of a horse December 9, has so far recovered that the bandages were removed from the injured member Monday, and much to the surprise of the physician it was found that the bone had grown together again although Mr. Davis is over 80 years of age.

The supreme court Tuesday affirmed the decision of the lower court in the celebrated Eber B. Ward will case. The estate was valued at \$6,000,000 and the obligations of the deceased estimated at \$1,500,000. A bill was filed by Orville W. Owen and other heirs, including T. C. Owen of this city, against the executor but was lost in the lower court and affirmed by the supreme court.

A large sized audience greeted John Griffith in Faust last evening at the opera house. The company carried all an impression. A couple of fuses burned out and the electrical effects were not as good as if there had been no interruption of the character. Miss Kathryn Purnell, as Marguerite, was most excellent. Mr. Griffith's interpretation of Mephisto is decidedly original.

The Misses Norton, Berkey, Plunkett and Martin gave a reception Saturday at the home of Mrs. Shankland to the student teachers of their respective departments in the training school. The rooms were prettily decorated with palms and carnations. The refreshments were served in a manner so that the Normal colors predominated and consisted of pistachio cream, coffee and wafers. Music from a guitar and mandolin enlivened the scene. Dr. and Mrs. Boone, Prof. Hoyt and Miss King were honored guests to the occasion. Miss Minard and Mrs. Len Samson presided over the refreshment table.

M. K. Gay, who recently came here from Detroit where he had been for the past seven or eight years, died

January 23 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rouse, 420 Emmet street. He was sick when he arrived here and although all possible was done for him by his friends and relatives recovery was impossible. He was buried Tuesday in Highland cemetery. He leaves a mother and father, two sisters and a brother, Mrs. Annie Davis of Ypsilanti, Mrs. Samuel Johnson of Conneaut, Ohio, and John G. Gay of Geneva, Ohio.

Attorneys Green and Childs were in Detroit Tuesday to appear before the board of pardons which meets at the Cadillac hotel. They will make a strong appeal for the pardon of Earl Nash who was convicted a year ago of burglarizing Tucker's blacksmith shop and removing therefrom a hammer and some nails. He was sentenced to three years in Jackson by Judge Kinne. The attorneys in the present case are fortified with affidavits and petitions signed by all the jury and are strengthened by one from Mr. Tucker himself, who states that if Nash is pardoned he stands ready to give him a job in his blacksmith shop.

A BIG MORTGAGE

Filed by the Detroit, Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor Railway Co.

The Detroit, Ypsilanti & Ann Arbor railway has given the Union Trust company, trustee, a mortgage to secure an issue of bonds, known as the "6 per cent. first mortgage 20-year bonds." The total issue is \$600,000, and bonds numbered from 1 to 100 are of the value of \$500 each, and bonds numbered 101 to 650 are of the value of \$1,000 each.

The mortgage provides for the issue of the bonds from time to time as the work progresses as follows: Bonds numbered 1 to 300 shall be issued to pay for the stock, bonds, equipment and rolling stock of the Ann Arbor & Ypsilanti Electric Railway company, and for the right of way from the Detroit & Saline Plank Road company; bonds numbered 301 to 650 to be used for the construction, equipment, real estate, cars, etc., and shall be issued as follows: On the completion of the grading \$1,000 per mile graded, to be issued; on completion of the track-laying \$5,000 per mile; on completion and equipment of the power house, \$100,000; on completion of the overhead equipment, \$2,000 per mile, and the remaining \$2,000 per mile to be issued when the railway is ready for operation.

The mortgage further provides that if any portion of the railway shall be completed and placed in operation, \$10,000 per mile in bonds may be issued for that portion. A sinking fund for the retirement of the bonds when due is provided for in requiring a deposit with the Trust company, of \$5,000 per year from the net earnings for the first five years, \$10,000 per year for the next five years, and \$20,000 per year for the remaining 10 years.

The mortgage covers all the real estate, equipments, personal property, etc., of the company and the line extended from Addison avenue in Springwells to the M. C. R. depot in Ann Arbor, with agreements for the use of the tracks of the Detroit Electric railway in Springwells, and the Citizens' Street railway in Detroit. Upon three months' default in interest the trustee is authorized to commence foreclosure proceedings, and authority is given the trustee to reorganize for the benefit of the bondholders.

The mortgage was authorized at a meeting of the directors, held December 7; is due November 1, 1917, and is signed by James D. Hawks, president, and John A. Russell, secretary.

TWO "TIN WEDDINGS"

Were Celebrated in This City Last Tuesday by Surprise Parties.

Ten years ago Tuesday occurred the marriages of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Scovill and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bray. The tenth anniversaries of weddings have by common adoption become known as "tin weddings" and the friends of the above persons planned delightful surprises upon them for last evening.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scovill on Hamilton street about thirty guests, who had assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fell for the surprise, took possession and spent a very happy evening with cards and refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Scovill were presented with all sorts of tin ware.

About fifty persons surprised Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bray at their home on S. Huron street. Refreshments were served and a feature of this was that the bride and groom of ten years ago were obliged by their guests to eat from tin plates and drink from tin cups. A handsome divan was presented them, the speech being delivered by George Alban in a very happy vein. It was about one o'clock before the party broke up.

On both occasions of last evening the guests wished the couples they had so delightfully surprised many happy returns of the day.

Advertise in The Democrat and get value received.

A BIG FRAUD

Which Has Probably Caught a Number of Ypsilantians.

A big fraud has just come to light here and it has probably succeeded in getting several \$2 bills from persons in this city and vicinity. Many persons of Ypsilanti the fore part of the month received letters from E. J. Thorn & Co., agents for the Knickerbocker silk mills, whose address was given as 335 Broadway, N. Y. The letter enclosed a couple of samples of silk and stated that they were selling the factory ends of silks and their lengths consist of 10 to 12 yards in all colors and shades. The price was to be \$3 for each end and not more than two ends would be sent to any one person. Two dollars was to be remitted and on receipt of the silk, if it was satisfactory, the other dollar was to be paid. The letter closed by saying "we advise you to take advantage of this offer at your earliest possible convenience as we are receiving so many orders daily that the supply will not last long." Undoubtedly the bait caught many here as the samples were some of the finest silks obtainable.

One party, failing to get the silk as expected, wrote to the police department of New York and received the following reply:

New York, Jan. 19, 1898.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your favor of the 13th inst., I would state that investigation shows that the Knickerbocker Silk Mills, E. J. Thorn & Co., agents, 335 Broadway, this city, are located at said address. George W. Lett, agent of said building, says that the room, which contains but four old chairs and a small table, was rented to the above mentioned on 6th inst., their circular dated the 3d inst. being incorrect. Frequent visits have been made to said building, but have invariably found the door locked and the room vacant.

The postoffice authorities have been notified that the mails were being used by the said E. J. Thorn & Co. for improper purposes.

Respectfully,
JOHN McCULLAGH,
Chief of Police.

A HORSEWHIPPING.

A Woman Chastises a Man With a Whip on the Public Streets.

Thursday in front of the Sentinel office an exciting scene was enacted, it being no less than a woman laying a horsewhip onto a man while an enraged husband was threatening all sorts of vengeance.

Last Thursday evening William Cross, a printer who has not resided here very long, scraped up an acquaintance or approached a woman named Hahn, who lives in South Lyon and who has been visiting at the home of L. D. Cole. Tuesday Mrs. Hahn swore out a warrant against Cross, charging him with simple assault and the trial was set for tomorrow morning before Justice Joslyn. Yesterday the woman's husband came to this city and last evening he and his wife met Cross just as he was coming down out of the Sentinel office with a basket of papers to go to the mail. Mrs. Hahn went at him with the whip and lashed him a couple of times while the husband swore he would do all sorts of things. Cross turned and ran up the stairs before any further damage was done, any pursuit being barred by Atticus Woodruff who happened to be present.

Cross says he is innocent while the husband maintains his confidence in his wife's honor and still swears to get even.

The case of the People vs. Wm. Cross for simple assault upon Mrs. Hahn of South Lyon in Justice Joslyn's court this morning was nolle prossed. It was claimed that the complaining witness did not want to drag the matter through the court. Many present expected to witness an exciting scene between the husband and the defendant after the case was dismissed but everything continued quiet.

A BAD ACCIDENT.

Ed Collins, Michigan Central Brakeman, Met With One.

Edward Collins, a Detroit brakeman living on Michigan avenue, met with a serious accident in this city Monday. He was on the fast run which is due here at 1:30 p. m. One of the cars of the train contained John Griffith's "Faust" scenery and it had to be placed on a side track. In making up the train again Collins was standing back signalling the engineer. The engine backed up with such force that the cast-iron bumpers broke. Collins was standing ten feet from the track but one large piece of the iron flew over and struck him on the forehead. Dr. Corneau was summoned and after a temporary bandage was made the man was removed to his office. An examination was made and while it was found that the skull was not fractured the force of the iron had

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw.—The undersigned having been appointed by the Probate Court for said County, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Elizabeth Roberts, deceased, hereby give notice that six months from date are allowed, by order of said Probate Court, for creditors to present their claims against the estate of said deceased, and that they will meet at the office of J. W. Harris, Esq., in the City of Ypsilanti, in said County, on Saturday, the 16th day of July next, at ten o'clock A. M. of each of said days, to receive, examine and adjust said claims.

A MASON FOR 40 YEARS.

"Uncle" Daniel Pierce, a Pioneer, Died Friday.

Daniel Pierce, one of the earliest pioneers in this vicinity, died Friday at the age of 82 years.

The deceased was born in Monroe county, N. Y. When he was 18 years of age his parents moved to Livingston county where his father operated a stage route. In 1839 he settled in Rawsonville and built a saw mill there in 1843. He then exchanged this for a farm of 146 acres three miles south of this city.

On June 22, 1858—forty years ago—he was raised to the degree of a Master Mason and up to the time of his death was the oldest living Mason in this vicinity. The funeral will be held Monday and will be in charge of the Masonic bodies.

WILL BUILD.

Congregationalists Unanimously Decided So Sunday.

The Congregationalists Sunday morning ratified the action of the meeting recently held at the home of O. A. Ainsworth, when it was decided to proceed to raise the funds for the addition and improvements on the present edifice. The vote on the question was unanimous and it is estimated that it will take \$8,000 for the work. The trustees were instructed to appoint a soliciting committee and it will be the endeavor of the committee not to overlook anybody who is disposed to donate for the good work.

The Spinsters' Club.

Tuesday evening, February 1, at the opera house, has been set for the production of "The Spinsters' Fortnightly Club, or Old Maids Made Over," by the Choir Chapter of St. Luke's church. This comical entertainment will rival the "Deestriet Skule" in amusing the audience, and will doubtless be as well patronized. A good portion of the program is artistic in its nature and will serve to relieve the monotony of fun that would otherwise result. It has been a great drawing card in other cities, furnishing as it does an excellent opportunity for wholesome fun.

Following is a complete list of the ladies who will take part:

Mesdames T. C. Owen, F. A. Barbour, Austin George, B. L. D'Ooge, C. L. Stevens, E. Loomis, Fanny C. Burton, F. H. Pease, Julia Sherman, W. H. Deubel, C. M. Hemphill, P. W. Carpenter, G. C. Amsden, and Misses Susie Ainsworth, Abbie Owen, Florence Batchelder, Hattie E. Teeple, Alice Denmore, Abbie Pearce, Florence Marsh, Hester P. Stowe, Jane Lamb, Carrie Towner, Emma G. Minor, Bessie Vroman, Josephine Hemphill, Alice M. Shelden, Winifred Wallin, Violet Wilson.

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Tickets will be 15, 25 and 35 cents, and the sale will be opened at Rogers' the latter part of next week.

The Junior Exhibition.

All arrangements for the Junior Exhibition, which is to be held in High School hall Friday evening, January 28, have been completed, and no pains have been spared to make this entertainment a great success. The program will be given by members of the Junior class, and as in former years will consist of orations, declamations, essays, music, etc., in pleasing variety. An admission of 10 cents will be charged, while those desiring reserved seats may now procure them at F. H. Barnum & Co.'s for 15 cents. The proceeds will be used to defray the graduation expenses of the class. Those who will take part are Messrs. Barnes, Bishop, Brooks, Clarke, Kimmel, Lull, McAndrew, Holmes, and Misses Barnum, Deubel, Childs, Pratt, Wallin, Batchelder, George and Ross.

Will Go to Dawson.

Sam J. Redfern, night mixologist at the Hotel Warshauer, is in receipt of a letter from parties at Seattle proffering him a position as bartender in a saloon at Dawson City, Alaska. The new venture will be on the wholesale principle with branch houses at Circle City and other important points in the Klondike region. The great exodus to that particular section of the world in the spring will undoubtedly cause a great demand for wet goods, and as no one can mix them like Redfern there is, of course, great wealth awaiting him there.—Baker City, (Oregon) Republican.

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At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Washtenaw, holden at the Probate Office in the City of Ann Arbor, on Monday, the 10th day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight. Present, H. Wirt Newkirk, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Charles Oscar O'Connor, deceased, On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, in and to the Court, praying that he administration of said estate may be granted to him or some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered, That Monday, the 7th day of February next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the Probate Office in the City of Ann Arbor, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. It is further ordered, that the 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 newspaper printed and circulated in said county three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

H. WIRT NEWKIRK, Judge of Probate.
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In the matter of the estate of Catharine Meyer, deceased, On reading and filing the petition of said estate, into court and represents that he is now prepared to render his final account as such administrator.

Thereupon it is ordered, That Monday, the 7th day of February next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon be assigned for examining and allowing such account, and that all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the Probate Office in the City of Ann Arbor, in said County, and show cause, if any there be, why the said account should not be allowed: And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said account and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ann Arbor Democrat newspaper printed and circulated in said county three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

DEFAULT HAVING BEEN MADE IN the conditions of a certain mortgage made by George L. Carpenter and Mary A. Carpenter, of the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, and State of Michigan, to The Ann Arbor Savings Association, a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the State of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and dated April 2nd, A. D. 1891, as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, on the 2nd day of April, A. D. 1891, under No. 78 of Mortgages.

Following is a complete list of the ladies who will take part: Mesdames T. C. Owen, F. A. Barbour, Austin George, B. L. D'Ooge, C. L. Stevens, E. Loomis, Fanny C. Burton, F. H. Pease, Julia Sherman, W. H. Deubel, C. M. Hemphill, P. W. Carpenter, G. C. Amsden, and Misses Susie Ainsworth, Abbie Owen, Florence Batchelder, Hattie E. Teeple, Alice Denmore, Abbie Pearce, Florence Marsh, Hester P. Stowe, Jane Lamb, Carrie Towner, Emma G. Minor, Bessie Vroman, Josephine Hemphill, Alice M. Shelden, Winifred Wallin, Violet Wilson.

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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 deceased.) The following described Real Estate, to wit:

THE ANN ARBOR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, Mortgagee.

By THOMAS D. KEARNEY, Attorney.

Dated, Ann Arbor, Michigan, January 14th, A. D. 1898.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Default having been made in the condition of payment of certain money mortgage made the 7th day of November, 1897 by Herman Bucholz, purchaser, to Anna Mary Kuehnle, vendor, whereby the power of sale therein contained has become operative, which mortgage was recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Washtenaw on the 8th day of November, 1897, in liber of said register, No. 867, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of four hundred and forty-one dollars, and no proceedings at law having been had to collect the said sum of money or any part thereof.

Notice is therefore hereby given that on the 8th day of March, A. D. 1898, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day and at the south front door of the court house in the city of Ann Arbor, State of Michigan, the said purchase money mortgage will be foreclosed and the lands and tenements, by the said mortgage conveyed will be sold at public vendue to the highest bidder to satisfy the money secured thereby and the costs and the expenses of these proceedings including an attorneys fee of twenty-five dollars provided for in the mortgage.

The lands, tenements and premises in the said mortgage mentioned and then and there to be sold are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the city of Ann Arbor, county of Washtenaw and state of Michigan to-wit: Lot Number twenty-seven (27) of Jewett's addition to the city of Ann Arbor, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Dated, Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 7th, 1897.
ANNA MARY KUEHNLE, Mortgagee.
E. B. NORRIS, Attorney for Mortgagee,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

If you didn't see it in The Democrat it didn't happen.

THE DEMOCRAT.

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

IN AND ABOUT THE CITY.

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

It is announced that General Spalding will attend the banquet of the Young Men's Republican club February 17th.

A subscription paper has been circulated to procure funds with which to give the remains of Grandpa Bailey decent burial.

By those who are supposed to know it is said that the sleighing in town is excellent while the country roads are yet quite rough.

Wm. Schaller, who has been missing for three weeks, has been located at Toledo. His wife and children are said to be in destitute circumstances.

C. C. Church, of Seventh street, insists that he is not dead yet although some "smart Aleck" who has been hanging crape on his door seems to think so.

The will of Helen Reid, of Cook county, Illinois, is being probated here today to perfect the title to the property adjoining the Lawrence building on Fourth street and recently purchased by Lawrence & Butterfield.

Miss L. M. Ross, head operator with the New State Telephone company in this city, has resigned her position and accepted that of bookkeeper in The Times office. Miss K. F. Fitzgerald, of Detroit, has Miss Ross' former position.

The football mania is amusingly treated by Charles Hoyt in "A Black Sheep." Jarvis Field, a Yale graduate and Hot Stuff, a Harvardite, have a football rough and tumble tussle, which is tempestuously funny. At the Athens Monday next.

The great play of "Nancy Hanks" is billed at the Athens Theater for the 9th of February, and Hoyt's "A Stranger in New York," for the 17th. In the latter will be Otis Harlan and Annie Boyd. February 23 Gilmore & Leonard's "Hogan's Alley."

Miss Nina Doty, preceptress of the high school at Vassar, has been chosen critic and lecturer in University extension work in that city under the direction of the University association of Chicago, so says the Tuscola County Pioneer.

Mason Whipple, administrator of the estate of A. Leach, of Chelsea, has entered suit against the M. C. R. R. in the sum of \$20,000 for damages. Leach jumped from an M. C. freight train at Essex, Canada, September 27, 1897, was severely injured and died in the following October. The train was running at the rate of 16 miles an hour.

Kalamazoo Gazette: Prof. Nancrode, of the University of Michigan, arrived Monday night to see Dr. James McCall. He was obliged to return, however, to Jackson to visit a patient who has appendicitis. Prof. Nancrode will come again today and amputation of the leg will probably take place this afternoon. Dr. McCall was resting yesterday as comfortably as could be expected.

Samuel F. Dibble, chief electrician at the public lighting plant of Detroit, has resigned to accept a position with the General Electric company at Chicago. He has been with the public lighting plant of Detroit for the last four years. He spent a day this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory E. Dibble, of E. Washington street, this city.

Supt. A. S. Whitney, of E. Saginaw, will deliver a lecture in the lecture room of Tappan hall on Friday, the 28th, at 4 p. m., on the subject: "Educational System of Germany." Supt. Whitney spent last year in Germany, devoting much time to the investigation of this subject, and is entirely competent to give an unusually entertaining and valuable lecture. Doors open to the public.

John Kelley, a sharp young fellow who should be in better business, was caught begging about town the other day and gaining a great deal of sympathy and many loose nickels by an apparently deformed leg and painful limp. An officer detected the cheat, arrested the fellow and a doctor's examination showed the leg perfectly sound. Justice Duffy yesterday gave the "cripple" an order on Sheriff Judson for 20 days' lodging.

Two prominent young ladies of the west side started out for a sleigh ride around the block yesterday. One was attired in her brother's overcoat and cap. They went farther than they intended, however, and the horse becoming frightened ran away and carried them up town to the livery from whence they were obliged to walk home, one of them very much embarrassed with the thought that she was making quite an impression with her borrowed suit.

FOR RENT—The farm known as the Eber White farm. Inquire at the residence, 1025 W. Liberty st. 30

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

Social and Personal.

The annual cotillion given by the Forty club last Friday evening at Granger's academy was one of the brilliant social events of the season. The patronesses were the Mesdames Warren P. Lombard, Andrew McLaughlin, George Patterson and Victor C. Vaughan. Dr. Lombard, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Patterson were also present. A program dance began at 9 o'clock and lasted until supper was served. After supper the german commenced, lead by Mr. Lester Maher, Beta Theta Pi, and Miss Winifred Smith, Alpha Phi. The figures, changing with each set, were all favor figures and kept the patronesses busy giving out the favor, which consisted of paper caps for the men and aprons, Japanese dolls, whistles and flowers for the girls. Miss Margaret Thane was chosen flower girl by cards. The last figure was the chef-d'oeuvre, exhibiting skill both in arrangement and execution. The 39 couples went through an intricate march, carrying lighted candles, the tapers of the girls being adorned with parti-colored shades. The party broke up at 2:30 o'clock to the air of "Home, Sweet Home." The gowns, principally decollete, were as a rule simple and light. One of the daintiest was a white mousseline de soie over light blue silk and trimmed with cerise velvet bands round the bottom of the skirt. Gowns of black lace, pure white and pale green were seen. Between 85 and 90 people were present. Among those from out of town were the Misses May Cooley, Toledo, and Patti Banker, of Jackson. Mr. Pease, of Saginaw, who is paying his fraternity men a flying visit, was also present and sang several times during the evening.

The Enterpe society met on the evening of last Monday at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. S. N. Hoff. Dr. and Mrs. Hoff were assisted by Major and Mrs. Harrison Soule, Dr. Louis Hall and Miss Anderson. The program for the evening consisted of the following numbers: Paper on Jenny Lind, Miss Clara Jacobs; "Sweetest Flower," Van der Stucken, and "Love Go Hang," Werner, Miss Koch; Impromptu, Chopin, Miss Martha Clark; "Forest Song," Kreuzer, Damsingburg; Nocturne, Chadwick, "Before the Dawn," Miss Clara Jacobs; "Gaze on This Face," serenade, Misses Burke and Jacobs; Ballade and variations, Grieg, Mr. Elbel; "My Little Love," Hawley, Ecstasy, Beach, Miss Daniel; "Visions of Paradise," Amphion Trio, Messrs. Steinbaur, Davis and Fenton.

The Hobard Guild reception given Friday evening at Harris Hall was well attended. The Mesdames Henegar Gibbs, A. C. Eggert and Woodbridge received and the committee having the party in charge did their work well. Blank cards were handed to the guests as they entered the parlors, on each of which was written, "Who am I?" and "Who are you?" The answer to the former question consisted of the owner's name, that to the latter of as long a list as possible of the names of people present. Miss Margaret Tatlock and Mr. Alexander having respectively the largest number of names on their cards, received the prizes. After supper, which was served at 9:30 o'clock, the young people danced until 11:30 o'clock. Mrs. Tyler and Mr. Sanders furnished the music.

The St. Valentine Sale and Kettle-drum given by the Ladies' Library association February 12th, at Granger's academy, has become more than a rumor. In fact it is very much the thing. They will have tea served from a Russian samovar by ladies in appropriate Russian costume and a literary salad are to form part of the menu for the afternoon. A house party was given Friday evening by the members of the Delta Sigma Delta fraternity. The floral decorations consisting of smilax and carnations were effective. Dr. and Mrs. Louis Hall and Dr. Hoff received and the young people, who numbered 14 couples, danced until 12:30 o'clock. The Woman's League will hold the third "At Home" of the season next Saturday in the Woman's building from 4 until 6 o'clock. All college women and league women are cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. Warren P. Lombard gave a thimble party Saturday from 3 to 6 o'clock for Mrs. Adolph Wheeler, of Adrian. The number of the guests was twelve.

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Y. W. C. A. Notes.

Mrs. Norvell, the Y. W. C. A. evangelist, is expected some time in February to hold a three days' meeting here.

We want to send the subscription list of The Evangel next week Monday, January 31. Those who have given their names please hand their money to the general secretary before then, as we wish to send money with the list.

Miss Olivia Bates will give a parlor talk Tuesday evening, February 1. Subject: "Parliamentary Law."

The Girls' club holds its business meeting Saturday from 4 to 5 o'clock. A lesson on finance will be given. Club dues payable at this meeting. Treasurer, Edna McLaren.

It is requested that the one who took The Evangel from the rooms a week ago will please return it.

This week is the time to join classes. New classes in elocution, English, Bible study, vocal music and dress-making.

Our president, Miss Hattie Crippen, spent last Wednesday with the Y. W. C. A. of Ypsilanti. A joint committee tea was planned to be held here in the near future.

At the Theatre.

Playgoers welcome with relief the advent of romantic plays such as "Under the Red Robe" and "The Prisoner of Zenda," because they are more or less tired of modern society plays. "Under the Red Robe," which appears at the Athens Theater next Saturday evening, deals with the time when the great Cardinal Richelieu was in the height of his power and held the lives of almost all the French citizens in his grasp. The hero, Gil de Berault, is sent on a spying mission by the Cardinal and ordered to bring one of the French rebels before that worthy, a prisoner. But Gil contrives to fall in love with the rebel's sister, and he returns to the Cardinal and tells him he cannot do his bidding, albeit knowing that his own life will be the forfeit.

On next Monday evening at the Athens Theater Hoyt's greatest comedy, "A Black Sheep," will be produced in all its originality, consisting of a wealth of comedy, humorous situations, new and up-to-date specialties by a corps of vaudeville artists and a bevy of pretty girls in bright and handsome costumes. This is the brightest creation of this most prolific writer, equalling in interest "A Texas Steer."

According to the consensus of opinion of the press throughout the United States, "The Hoosier Doctor," Augustus Thomas' latest success, is instinctively his greatest play, combining comedy, wit, pathos and human nature to a greater extent than either "Alabama" or "In Mizzoura." As the title indicates, the play is founded on Indiana life and is a comedy of a domestic nature. Digby Bell, in the title role, is credited with having made the most pronounced success of his career.

Ann Arbor Courier: Manager Lisemer is joining for Ann Arbor, in the entertainment line what no other manager has ever done, and he ought to have the hearty and cordial support of every lover of the play who attends the theater. The young fellows in the gallery, mostly boys, who cluck and kiss at people coming in, in an insulting way should be set down on by those who go to see and hear. It was not very bad last night, but the gallery gods should have manliness enough not to make other people uncomfortable at all.

University Notes.

Capt. Lombard, of the High School, baseball nine, reports that prospects for an excellent ball team this spring are very bright.

Those holding S. L. A. tickets must have them exchanged for the next entertainment. They may be accommodated at Palmer's Drug Store between 9 to 11 daily, and Saturday, 8 to 12, and 1 to 5.

The senior medical class will make an excursion some day next month to Battle Creek for the purpose of inspecting the Sanitarium which is located there. It is one of the largest institutions of its kind in the world.

The securing of Gullmant, the great French organist, for a recital on the Frieze Memorial organ, was a most commendable step on the part of the University Musical Society. The opportunities afforded the student body of hearing the great instrument in University Hall have been rare and this occasion will no doubt be one of the prominent events of the college year.

A Few Left.

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ALL QUIET IN HAVANA

Gen. Lee Reports That Order Prevails.

Commander Sigsbee Was Well Received and Will Visit the Palace Today.

Washington, January 27.—Secretary Long has received a telegram from Admiral Sicard saying that the North Atlantic squadron had gone into the inner anchorage at Dry Tortugas. The telegram was brought to Key West by the Fern, which is serving as a dispatch and supply boat for the fleet.

Secretary Long said today that he had received no notice from the Spanish minister or from any other source that Spanish men-of-war have been ordered to visit United States ports. They were perfectly welcome to come and go as they pleased, he said, and as far as he was concerned he would be delighted to have them come. Secretary Sherman also said he saw no reason why the Spanish ships should not visit the United States and in fact he would be glad if they did come. They would be welcome.

All the advices received by the state department and navy department from Cuba today were satisfactory. Gen. Lee at 2 o'clock reported that all was quiet and order prevailed in Havana. At about the same hour a cablegram came to the navy department from Capt. Sigsbee, of the Maine, saying that general interest was manifested on the arrival of the Maine in Havana harbor, but there had been no demonstration. He had been ashore himself several times officially and had been received with the greatest courtesy. He expected to visit the palace tomorrow.

The information from Madrid by Associated Press that the Spanish government had decided to send the warship Vizcaya on a visit to American ports caused no comments in official circles. She is a formidable craft, larger, faster and more powerful than the Maine. Her points as recorded here are as follows: Length, 340 feet, beam 65 feet, draft 21 feet 6 inches; two propellers, 13,000 horse-power, with a 12-inch armor belt and barbettes 10 1/2 inches and an armored deck varying in thickness from 2 to 3 inches. Her battery is made up of two 28 centimetres; ten 14 centimetres, one 9 centimetres (all Honoria guns, made in Spain); eight 557 millimetres, four 37 millimetres, and two machine guns. There are six torpedo tubes. The ship was launched in 1891, cost \$3,000,000 and is capable of 21 knots speed, while the Maine is but 17 1/2 knots.

Arrangements for the Debate.

The final University debate for the choosing of the three debaters who are to represent the University in the intercollegiate debate with Chicago, will be held tomorrow night in University Hall. This is the second annual debate held since the Oratorical Association has had control of the debating interests at the University, and since then the final University debate has become as prominent as the University oratorical contest. This year the Oratorical Association has increased the testimonials for this contest to \$70, \$50 and \$30 for the three winners respectively, and the increase of interest due to this has been shown in the very large numbers who entered in the society preliminaries.

The question to be debated is the same one that will be used in the debate with Chicago: "Resolved, That the United States senate acted wisely in rejecting the proposed arbitration treaty with England." Hon. Sullivan M. Cutcheon and Judge G. S. Hosner, of Detroit, and Prof. F. A. Barbour, of the Ypsilanti Normal will act as judges. Hon. Dexter M. Ferry, of Detroit, will be the presiding officer.

The debate will take the form of a contest between the literary and law departments as well as one for individual honors. W. B. Harrison, W. Sanger and E. L. Geisner will represent the literary department and will have the affirmative of the question, while the law department will be represented by L. C. Whitman, T. A. Berkebile and D. F. Dillon.

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Laws Were Ignored.

Washington, January 27.—The house devoted another day to the consideration of the Indian appropriation bill, most of the time being consumed, as on the two previous days, in discussing extraneous subjects. By far the most interesting feature of the day was the debate on the question of reducing the mail carrier service in the larger cities, owing to the failure of the senate to attach the estimated deficiency of \$100,000 to the urgent deficiency bill. This subject has been agitating the metropolitan cities ever since the order was issued for cutting down the force on February 1.

A dozen representatives from as many different cities protested against the proposed reduction and urged an immediate appropriation, when Chairman Loud of the postoffice committee and Chairman Cannon of the appropriation committee allayed the wrath of the members by assuring them that there was no occasion for alarm; that the service could not possibly suffer until June 15, before which time there would be ample opportunity to pass a deficiency appropriation.

The motion to strike out the appropriation for the Carlisle Indian school was defeated after considerable debate, 29-65. Ten pages of the bill were disposed of today. The conference report on the urgent deficiency bill was adopted.

Japanese Importations.

The attractive bead and rattan portieres imported from Japan have still another use; as yet they have been, for the most part, hung in a narrow doorway, to half conceal, half reveal the room beyond. At present they are sometimes employed, instead of voluminous draperies, at the window. They act as an effective screen, while they by no means shut out either the light or the air, as do the muffling folds of heavy materials.—New York Post.

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