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## THE DEMOCRAT.

Ann Arbor Mich.

"The best people" too often means those who agree with the person using the term.

A soft answer turneth away wrath. The Courier huris a feather bed in the direction of the irate Register this week.

Senator Campbell assures the friend of the people that the contest for supremacy will from this time forward be a continuous performance.

The strong argument in favor of a bank currency, and indeed the only reasonable one, is that it will allow the bankers to make a profit from the rental of the public credit.

There is a wonderful unanimity in the way that all of the protected corporations and monopolies recognize the salvation of national honor in the reelection of Julius Caesar Burrows.

"Ask nothing but what is right and submit to nothing that is wrong" was Andrew Jackson's code of diplomacy. Would that we had some off of the same piece for present consumption.

It is currently understood that Andrew Jackson Sawyer and Andrew Jackson Campbell have formed an offensive and defensive political alliance for the purpose of winding up the political career of Pingree, Judson & Co.

If Billy Judson is saving wood it is unnecessary to assure the anxious public that he is pursuing that avocation with a degree of intelligent application which will leave its mark upon the woodpile.

Gen. Spalding's propensity for straddling would make him a shining light on a cow ranch where the most brilliant accomplishment of a gentleman consists in maintaining an equilibrium upon the back of a bucking broncho.

The Lansing Journal does not seem to appreciate the humor of the fact that Michigan's attorney-general is the man of all work who acts as Col. Atkinson's advance agent and drives the latter's ammunition wagon when in action.

Moran couldn't vote his proxies at the Postoffice club election, but he swears by the eternal sky shall be heard from in the next county convention and the echo of that hearing will not die out until after the closing of the polls.

"Reciprocity" was the much vaunted corner stone of the Dingley tariff. "Retaliation" has been its legitimate fruit. And the worst feature of the whole mess is that the agriculturists, who receive no real protection from the tariff, are the butt of this retaliation.

Gov. Pingree will lecture at the opera house tonight. The subject of his lecture has not been given to the press, but The Democrat will guarantee that it will not deal with ancient history, and that Abe Lincoln Republicanism will be dispensed with Democratic freedom.

If Gov. Pingree expects to find any O'Donnell or Burrows Republicans in town today he will be mightily mistaken. They'll all rasp their throats with the Pingree yell until the governor is as far away as Geddes on the return trip. And then? The king is dead. Long live the king!

Dr. Wenley is said to have pronounced the Sousa concert demoralizing. With this pronouncement hanging over us we can still manage to pick up a few straggling rays of hope from the reflection that there are others—who do not concede that Dr. Wenley is the whole thing.

The Detroit & Mackinaw railroad has issued a neat illustrated pamphlet describing the resources, farming, lumbering and otherwise, and the resorts along its route from Bay City up the Huron shore. It contains much useful information and may be had upon application to J. D. Hawks, Union Trust building, Detroit, Mich.

If we may be pardoned for chipping in out of our turn we would suggest that a silver truss would be the most rational treatment for the breach in the Republican party of Washtenaw.

It is given out officially that in case Senator McMillan declines to make any further investments in Burrows stock, John Blodgett, of Grand Rapids, will take a controlling interest in the junior senator and furnish the yellow redeemer to float his campaign for re-election.

According to Burchard "R. R. R." stood for Rum, Romanism and Rebellion and his definition beat Jim Blaine out of the presidency. According to Moran "R. R. R." stands for Ring Rule or Ruln. And Moran's alliteration has blasted the hopes of Republican rule in Washtenaw county.

The fact that Gov. Pingree will unbosom himself at the opera house tonight is sufficient ground for the suspicion that the political anatomy of our friend and co-worker in the business of country saving, the Hon. A. J. Sawyer, will be perforated with some exceedingly hot shot.

Cold chills used to play hide-and-seek along the vertebrae of Alfred Russell and Otto Kirchner whenever their thoughts reverted to the anarchistic supreme court plank of the Chicago platform, but each of these gentlemen took a fall out of that distinguished tribunal at the recent bar banquet at Detroit. The view a lawyer takes of a court decision is sometimes determined by whose client is stuck.

While the Republican editors are waiting for time to determine whether the g. o. p. of Michigan is to be all Pingree or all Burrows, they might while away the time by explaining how it is that in this year of unexampled McKinley prosperity the highly protected cotton manufacturers of New England cannot pay at least as good wages as they did when they were threatening their employes with starvation if they voted for Bryan.

The most pointed commentary upon modern journalistic methods is the fact that for ten days every metropolitan newspaper has announced in the first paragraph of its leading news article that the government had no information to give out concerning the Maine disaster, following this announcement, in each instance, with several columns of matter which, to be charitable, could in the very nature of things be little else than the romances of the gifted young men who are paid to secure news, not fiction.

We are in receipt of a very far definition of the question, "What is a Bank?" from the American Bankers' association, with the explanation that it is intended to do away with the present hostility against banks. The Democrat was not aware that there is any hostility against banks within their proper sphere. It is only when bankers leave the channels of legitimate banking, arrogate to themselves a superior intelligence, and presume to become dictators in matters which concern the whole people, that they invite the hostility of the public.

### ONE YEAR OF MCKINLEY.

Today William McKinley begins the second year of his administration of the office of president of the United States. Mr. McKinley and the party which he represented were given the reins of power upon certain unequivocal and oft reiterated promises to bring immediately to the American people a degree of prosperity, contentment and happiness before unparalleled. It is quite proper, therefore, that, upon this first anniversary of Mr. McKinley's accession to power, we review the history of the year just closed and balance the account between himself and the people.

Shorn of all its verbiage the platform upon which the g. o. p. was hoisted into power pledged the party to the policy of protection and to the maintenance of the gold standard. So far as the letter of the platform in these essential particulars is concerned we must credit the administration with its performance. But we were promised in glowing rhetoric of unmeasured volume, that the institution of this policy and the restoration of "confidence" which would follow the ratification of the gold standard, would make the wheels of industry hum, the chimneys to choke with a surcharge of smoke, and prosperity to drop by the bucketful from the brows of fully employed labor.

And yet, after these policies have had full swing for one year, we find that the wheels which were not humming when those promises were made, and are humming now, are chiefly whirling in the heads of candidates for re-election; we find that there is no material decrease in the ranks of the unemployed; while we have witnessed some raises in the wages of labor we have seen more decreases, and many of those in the most highly protected industries; and the confidence that reigns supreme in the business world is the confidence that we have touched bottom and can go no lower. So much for the fulfillment of Republican promises.

On the other hand it would be idle to deny that in some directions a decided change for the better has taken place. It would have been strange indeed if, under any regime, this should not have happened. The surprising fact is that this improvement, even under

present conditions, has not been great.

Shortly after McKinley's inauguration The Democrat said:

"In the very nature of things the times must improve somewhat. During the past two years the prostration of business has been complete. Industrial conditions could not have been worse. Any change must be a change for the better. During this period people have been adjusting themselves to the changed order of things. They have learned that under the gold standard 50 cents must suffice where they have hitherto been in the habit of spending one dollar, and they have accepted the situation. They will now begin anew the creation and distribution of wealth upon the new basis and this will put life into what we call business. This is the character of the prosperity we may look for, and it will come, no matter what congress may do to the tariff. It will come because the inherent productiveness of the American soil and the American people can no longer be restrained by repressive legislation. The federal government may hinder and obstruct the course of commerce, but it can never destroy it so long as the people have wants and the virgin resources with which to supply them. That the people will enjoy so large a proportion of the fruits of their labor under the new order of things as under the old is not to be expected. A rising market is always favorable to the producer—a falling one never. Under the gold standard the market price of the great staples of this country cannot rise permanently. We cannot have increase in the price of commodities and an increase in the value of the money in which they are measured, at the same time. But a half a loaf is better than none and on that basis will American industry resume while shylock exacts his toll."

Since that time the failure of the crops not only of Europe, but of India and of other competitors of ours for the grain trade of Europe, has furnished an outlet for a large surplus of our food products, increasing their sales abroad at advanced prices and correspondingly increasing the prices of those products consumed at home.

As a single instance of reduced competition in wheat note the exportations of India for the past six years, which were as follows:

Stated in cwt., of 112 pounds each: 1892, 36,203,425; 1893, 14,993,453; 1894, 12,155,554; 1895, 6,867,761; 1896, 10,692,912; 1897, 1,919,553.

This has not been without its effect upon the farmers, and increased prosperity for the farmers soon stimulates other lines of business.

A careful review of the business situation as detailed in the reports of the commercial agencies and in the industrial press reveals the fact that while slight improvement has been made in some lines the general tone and volume of business not only does not fulfill the promises made by the Republican party, but it does not even meet the expectations warranted by conditions entirely removed from politics.

The financial policy of the present administration does not differ from that of the preceding one. The only change is in tariff legislation, and that is not as marked as some people would have us believe. The legitimate conclusion is that the tariff tinkering has retarded the return of better times, and this gives added weight to the contention of the silverites that after all the tariff don't have much to do with the making or the unmaking of the prosperity of the country—that the real source of distress lies in the evils of a gold standard.

### WHO SHALL IT BE.

A rumor that the school board contemplates doing away with the services of a superintendent for the city schools for another year, leaving the work of the high school under the care of the principal, and the ward schools to the president of the board, comes to The Democrat.

This would be a most dangerous experiment. What the schools of Ann Arbor need more than anything else at the present juncture is a modern, up-to-date superintendent with strength and force of character enough to recognize, retain and improve the strong features of our system, and with equal ability and fearlessness expose and eliminate the evils which are sapping its strength. It is no discredit to those who now have this work in charge to say that they do not possess the technical training and experience necessary to accomplish that which must be done before the citizens of Ann Arbor will realize the best possible returns from the \$50,000 they are investing in schools each year.

The Ann Arbor high school is recognized far and near as a strong one both in the personnel of its faculty and in its library and laboratory equipments. As much cannot be said, however, of the grades below the high school, especially the lower grammar and primary grades. A well founded notion prevails among the patrons of the schools that they are not up to the high school either in the ability of their teaching force or in their auxiliary equipment. Those well acquainted with the work of the schools believe the grades have been neglected in the upbuilding of the high school. We do not wish to be understood as implying that there are not some excellent teachers in these grades, but that the average of the teaching force is not what the people have a right to demand, and that the methods in vogue are not in line with first-class educational ideas.

Teaching is a profession, and it is quite as essential that those who enter its ranks should have technical training as that the lawyer or the physician should have instruction in his particular professional work. To

this end normal schools are established and chairs for the teaching of educational doctrines, psychology and pedagogy are sustained in our University. Many cities maintain training schools for the technical preparation of their graduates for work in the lower grades. The leaders of educational thought today are agreed that the very best teaching ability is required in the lower grades. Yet in Ann Arbor we still entertain the ancient notion that anyone who has the requisite academic qualifications is sufficiently equipped for primary work. Many of our teachers have had no experience in school work outside of this city. A still larger proportion have entered upon their duties fresh from the high school, without professional training of any sort. This is a vicious system. It is a breeding-in process which inevitably results in deterioration. Such teachers are familiar only with the methods practiced at home. New ideas are never introduced and lack of new blood induces stagnation.

The large percentage of home girls on the teaching force is also a source of weakness, from the fact that it makes the elimination of weak teachers a difficult task. The girl who is teaching in her home town, no matter how inefficient she may be, has her friends whose influence prevents her removal and she goes on like the brook, a never ending source of weakness. Teachers should be appointed and retained because of their fitness and ability alone. The people have the right to demand the absolute elimination of the eleemosynary idea from the school system. The "she needs it" argument has done more damage than high taxation can repair. An able corps of teachers is the first requisite of good schools. That the average of the teaching ability in the lower grades of Ann Arbor schools is not what it should be is well understood and freely commented upon by outside educators, and the school board might acquire some valuable information from outside sources if it has no means of securing it nearer home.

It is understood that there are about forty applications for the position of superintendent although the school board, which is something of a close corporation, will not take the public, which is footing the bills, into its confidence in the matter. If from this list the right man cannot be secured there are others upon whom it can draw, and it is to be hoped that they will secure for next year an efficient superintendent and give him the necessary authority to make the needed changes and improvements along these lines. The grades are the schools in which the great mass of the children receive all of their scholastic training, and they should certainly not lay beyond the high school either in the capacity of their teaching force or in their auxiliary equipments. If there is to be any difference the greatest effectiveness should be where it will do the greatest good to the greatest number.

### FOR CONVENTIONS.

The fact that Messrs. Luick, Manly, Baumgardner and others have secured for Ann Arbor the next meeting of the Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W., with its 200 delegates and 100 more attaches of one sort and another, invites discussion upon a topic which can profitably engage the attention of our citizens, and that is a concerted effort to secure state gatherings of that character for our city. The direct financial profit and the free advertising for the city and the University resulting from these gatherings needs no exposition. It is at once apparent. It remains for us to present our claims for recognition in this matter, and they are by no means meager. We are accessible from all portions of the state. We have hotel capacity for a large gathering. We have halls ample for their meetings. We have a state institution second in importance to none, and equal in the attractions which it has to offer one who has never visited it, to the combined attractions of many towns of much greater population than that of Ann Arbor. What is needed is systematic work and when the money which would be brought to Ann Arbor by such work is considered it should not be difficult to enlist our business men in the work.

### THE CUBAN CRISIS.

One becomes wearied with the deluge of nonsense and worse than nonsense concerning the Maine disaster, which has monopolized the daily press for the past few days, and this, coupled with the vociferous mouthings of members of congress who never have and never will pull the trigger to more dangerous weapons than those same mouths which they are working with such reckless valor, is enough to incite the suspicion that a considerable portion of the country has gone stark mad in midwinter.

This is a case in which both the blood-curdling newspapers and the blood-thirsty orators may be very truthfully accused of not knowing what they are talking about and convicted of the offense upon their own testimony.

It is all right for the government to be prepared for any emergency that may arise. But reasonable people will suspend judgment upon the Maine affair until at least some reasonably authentic information is received bearing upon the cause of that most deplorable disaster.

And then if it shall be proven that

the wreck was the work of some fanatic Spaniard for whose actions the Spanish government is responsible only as it is responsible for the correct conduct of every other citizen, shall we be accounted in a bloody and costly war on account of a wrong for which Spain will be only too glad to make all possible reparation. Will it soften the grief of the American people to know that the fate of the sailors who met death in the Maine has been avenged by the killing of a hundred times that many Spaniards, if a hundred times as many more American homes are made desolate in the avenging?

And should it occur that Spanish officials in Havana connived at the atrocious deed, if Spain punishes the guilty, upon what principle of Christian ethics will national honor require us to sacrifice more lives and more treasure, to plunge into the horrors of war and subject our seaboard cities to the danger of disasters by the side of which that of the Maine will pale into insignificance. It is well enough to be reasonable even in matters of national honor. If our laws required congressmen and newsgatherers to lead the skirmish line in the first battle there would more sense and less nonsense emanate from the capital, for such of them as are posted in American history would reflect upon the wisdom, if not the gallantry, with which divers members of that august body made good their escape at the first battle of Bull Run.

The question of American interference in Cuba is an entirely different matter. If the conditions existing in that island warrant interference upon the part of this government they in nowise hinge upon the determination of the Maine affair. Those conditions have existed for many months and while there is no doubt but that a large preponderance of sentiment in this country is on the side of the struggling Cubans both Mr. Cleveland and Mr. McKinley have wisely hesitated to take a step which might sacrifice more American lives and property than the entire population of Cuba and the value of the island itself.

It is one thing to talk war; it is quite another thing to make war. In less serious matters it is often observed that those who are most ready in assertion are least numerous in action. It would not surprise many people should this sequel follow real danger of war with Spain.

And as to national honor, that variable quantity has been so cheapened by demagogic and misleading vapors that it may mean at the present time almost anything from Rothschild's gold to Howling Patriot's re-election.

But the jingoes may rest assured that conservative America will be right on hand with a willing sacrifice of blood and treasure when any real danger threatens her citizens at home or abroad, or American dignity suffers an affront which cannot be wiped out by milder means. But until we are sure that we have reached such a crisis a desire to avoid jumping at conclusions will be no reflection upon a man's patriotism.

### U. of M. Comedy Club Prospects.

The U. of M. Comedy Club will give William Gillette's comedy, "All the Comforts of Home," on Friday, March 25, at the Athens Theatre. The proceeds will go to the Athletic Association and the Fruit and Flower Mission. The intention was to give the performance on March 12, but owing to illness among some of the members of the cast, the date was changed to March 25. This change will enable the business men to attend the performance.

The following persons will take part in the play this year: Miss Frances E. Clark, Miss Mary D. Spencer, Miss Florence Hall, Miss Caroline Colver, Miss Annie Bach, Miss Euphemia G. Holden, Miss Genevieve Decker, and Messrs. T. J. Meadock, R. H. Page, D. H. Wagar, L. Young, Jr., P. W. Pilcher, W. J. Stone, A. W. Plum, H. W. Hayes, and R. R. Metheny, jr.

### U. of M. Chess Club.

The U. of M. Chess club is in a very prosperous condition; they will play Detroit some time again as soon as the local players can get together to go to Detroit. Match correspondence games are also in progress with Purdue. In one of the games the University is on the offensive and in the other on the defensive. From present indications the Michigan players have excellent chances of winning; but President Griffith would not give out anything on this subject for publication. The club meets as usual this evening in the Engineering Library.

### Resolutions.

Whereas, The late David Zimmerman, a man held in the greatest esteem and respect, was a much beloved and honored member of the fraternity of Delta Sigma Nu, and whereas his presence among his fellow men, and particularly among his brothers of said fraternity, is greatly missed and bereaved, be it therefore

Resolved, That the said fraternity of Delta Sigma Nu express their heartfelt sympathy for the family of the deceased brother. Be it further resolved, That the brothers in said fraternity, in token of their grief, wear the customary badge of mourning for the period of thirty days, and be it

Resolved further, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the grief-stricken family of the deceased brother, and second, that a copy be printed in the local paper, and third, that a copy be placed on the secretary's book of said fraternity.

JOHN E. TRAVIS,  
ROBERT S. DANFORTH,  
EUGENE F. BOYD.

## SCHOOL PRIZES.

The Democrat's Offer to School Children for the Washtenaw County Fair for 1898. Cut This Out.

The Democrat will give the following cash prizes to the school children of Washtenaw county for historical essays, to be exhibited school day at the Washtenaw county fair of 1898. All essays must be upon some topic relating to the early history of the school district of which the competitor is a resident. It is the design of these prizes to bring out hitherto unpublished reminiscences of early life in Washtenaw county and the originality of the narrative, as well as the merits of the English composition, will be considered by the committee in making the awards. All entries must be made in the regular way with the fair authorities.

To children of the graded schools of the cities and villages of Washtenaw county, below the ninth grade, for best essay conforming to the above conditions, \$3; for second best, \$2.

For children of country schools of Washtenaw county for best essay conforming to above conditions, \$3; for second best, \$2.

These special school prizes are offered thus early that teachers and scholars may avail themselves of the opportunity to compete for them and perfect their work before the close of the current year, as there is not sufficient time between the opening of the schools in the fall and the date of the fair to insure good work and general competition.

### Popular Arts Wanted.

In its report and critique of the Sousa band concert at University hall Saturday evening, the Courier says:

Prof. Stanley was in attendance. It was noted, and it is hoped that he had his ear to the ground. A few popular airs would not spoil the Choral Union concerts, but would go far toward relieving people of that tired feeling when they go home from an evening of pure classics. By interspersing these programs with something, the popular taste craves, the correct thing that it does not crave is made more palatable.

At a hospital, to be sure, the physicians give patients what they need instead of what they want. But healthy people are not apt to take kindly to treatment accorded the sick. And, then again, these concerts are for the pleasure of the people. If there is pleasure in melody they should be given enough of it to digest the solid food.

### Return to Ann Arbor.

Owosso Argus.—Mr. Eugene K. Frueauff, for nearly two and a half years the city editor of the Evening Argus, will sever his connection with this paper in a few days, having accepted the position of special agent for the Travelers' Insurance Co., with J. W. Thompson & Son, state agents. Mr. and Mrs. Frueauff will return to their old home in Ann Arbor, but Mr. Frueauff's work will take him all over the state. It is with sincere regret that the Evening Argus makes the above announcement. Mr. Frueauff is a conscientious and faithful worker, a reporter of unusual ability and discretion, as the readers of this paper can testify. While we exceedingly regret to be deprived of his services, we congratulate the Travelers' company on having secured so excellent a man to represent them in this state, and to Mr. Frueauff we extend our sincerest wishes for a pleasant and profitable career in his new line of work, a business, however, with which he is thoroughly familiar.

### Y. W. C. A. Concert.

The following is the program for the Y. W. C. A. concert to be given at the Baptist church Friday evening:

- PART I.  
Organ Solo.....March of the War Priests  
Miss Davis.  
Paper....."Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy"  
Miss Liebig.  
Read by Miss Crippen, Pres. Y. W. C. A.  
Quintette....."Oh, for the Wings of a Dove"  
Solo, obligato, Freddie Daly.  
Miss Liebig, Mrs. Kempf, Mr. Poyey,  
Mr. Warren.  
Flute Solo.....Spring Song  
Mr. Saunders.  
Duet.....I Waited for the Lord (Gymn of Praise)  
Miss Liebig, Mrs. Kempf.  
Solo.....Freddie Daly  
Organ Solo.....On Wings of Song I'd Take Thee  
Miss Davis.

- PART II.  
42nd Psalm.  
Chorus Dressed by Miss Fischer.  
Soprano Solos.  
a. Chorus—As the Heart Pants.  
b. Air—For My Soul Thirsteth.  
c. Recitation, Solo and Semi-Chorus.  
"My Tears have been my Meat."  
"For I have gone Fourth Most Gladly."  
Miss-Koch and Ladies' Chorus.  
d. Chorus—Why, My Soul Art Thou so Vexed  
e. Recitatives and Quinette—My God With-  
in Me is My Soul Cast Down: Thy  
Lord Hath Commanded.  
Miss Liebig and Male Chorus.  
f. Chorus—Why, My Soul Art Thou so Vexed  
"Thrust Thou in God."

Joseph E. Ware, president and general manager of the independent telephone exchange of Grand Rapids, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Detroit to close up a deal with the New State Telephone company for a copper metallic line between Detroit and Grand Rapids. The work will be pushed with vigor. The exchange at Grand Rapids has 2,300 subscribers.

WHOLE CITY MOURNS

Kalamazoo Grieving Over the Calamity Saturday.

Ten Persons Dead and Thirteen Injured.

They Were Mowed Down by Flying Brick.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Feb. 27.—The explosion of Hall Bros. Chemical Works last night in this city is the greatest horror Kalamazoo has ever experienced.

The building in which the explosion occurred and caused the death of ten men and seriously injured a number of others was a small four-story brick shell only 20 feet wide and 100 feet long.

Church streets, on which at its intersection of the Michigan Central railroad tracks the building stood, is 90 feet wide. Bricks were scattered nearly across the street as thickly as they dropped at the foot of the wall.

OUR HUMANE SOCIETY.

Beginning of the Annual Round of Exercises in the Ward Schools.

The annual round of exercises in the ward schools in the interests of our Humane Society, began yesterday with the Fifth ward school.

There was a feature of the occasion in which sadness and cheer were mingled, the latter greatly prevailing.

WEBSTER FARMERS' CLUB.

Judge Harriman, Free Trader, and Wm. Ball, Protectionist, Have a Discussion.

Notwithstanding muddy roads and other elementary conditions, more than fifty people gathered at the beautiful home of Austin Smith on the 12th inst., to evince by their presence their allegiance to the Webster Farmers' club.

Marriage Licenses.

Claude W. Pray, 22, of Ann Arbor, and Grace M. Shannon, 22, Ann Arbor town.

DR. R. M. WENLEY

Speaks interestingly on "The Idea of a University."

Last Monday in the February meeting of the Graduate Club held at Prof. Russell's residence, Prof. R. M. Wenley addressed those assembled on the subject, "The Idea of a University."

The speaker began by stating one limitation of the subject, which is "The Idea of a University," not "The Ideal University." Things and conditions must be taken as they are, not as they ought to be; preconceived notions and ideals should not hinder our presentation of the facts of the case.

"The beginnings of the university are shrouded in the mists of antiquity and the hardening into a definite middle age fables concerning the university. The terms 'studium generale,' 'universitas,' 'facultas,' 'magister,' etc., have been handed down to us in garbled interpretations.

"The three conditions of a real 'studium generale' were: 1. That the school be open to the public, that it be general; 2. That its aim be higher education; 3. That it be a love for classic study and true knowledge.

"In studying the different ideas embodied in universities we find that two different ideals were at work which struggled for the mastery. The first ideal was that the university is a place of learning for the students, and that this object should supersede all other considerations.

"The English universities are a type of the first ideal. Their great aim is to educate the student to mould their character, to make them able to meet life as it is. Because of this aim they have turned out noble characters and very fine gentlemen, who have been an honor to Britain and whose deeds are still a pride.

A PLEASING CONCERT.

Sousa and His Band Delighted a Very Large Audience.

Saturday night Sousa and his band gave one of the most pleasing concerts heard here in years, to the largest audience that has assembled in University Hall this year.

The rendering of "Sheridan's Ride," one of Sousa's descriptive compositions, was excellent. The "Waiting for the Bugle," "The Attack," "The Death of Thorburn," "The Coming of Sheridan," were all vividly portrayed.

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Fervent Kisses Planted Upon the Lips of Miss McEwen for the Cause.

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VOLUNTEER CONVENTION.

Resume of the Meetings and Work Accomplished.

From point of numbers, in interest, in enthusiasm, in the strength of the program, and in spiritual power, the third Student Volunteer Convention, held in Cleveland, Feb. 23 to 27, was the best of all.

Every nation in the world is open to missionary effort, and there are many brave young hearts ready to do the work. The next step is for the churches to send them. One minister in Central Africa is looking for an assistant.

A few of the most hopeful indications from the missionary fields are: (1) the raising up of local workers; (2) the happy relation between local workers and our own representatives, the missionaries; (3) the introduction of American methods of instruction into institutions of learning.

A wonderful amount of enthusiasm was generated when President Clark, of Christian Endeavor fame, introduced the hammer which the famous William Carey, an early missionary to India, used when a cobbler.

The University of Calcutta paid a glowing tribute to the young leader of this movement, Mr. John R. Mott, when he said that no man had done as much to broaden his vision, and unite and quicken the organized work around the world as Mr. Mott.

The 1,800 students and faculty members who represented the vast army of more than 40,000 volunteers, were deeply impressed with the vastness and the needs of the foreign field.

A Bachelor's Soliloquy.

(With Apologies to W. S.)

To pop, or not to pop? That is the question.

Whether it is better for a man to suffer in single blessedness the rubs of Fortune,

Or ask some pretty girl to share his troubles

And by proposing end them!

To woo, to wed? That's all! And by a form

To say he's free from all the ills,

A bachelor, poor man, is plagued with,

'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished!

To woo, to wed? To wed? Perhaps a family!

Aye, these are the rubs! For in the marriage state what cares may come,

When he has taken to himself a wife

Must give him pause. There's the respect

That makes celibacy so long a life.

For who would bear the washerwoman's

The buttonless shirt, the stocking full of holes,

The pangs of collars with sawlike edge,

And strange evaporation of his brandy,

When he could his quietus make

With a plain gold ring!

Who would chambers keep, and grovel and fret a solitary life?

But that the dread of endless tradesmen's bills,

(From whose doom no Benedict escapes)

Puzzles the will and makes him rather

hear the ills he has,

Than by others that perhaps are worse.

Thus Prudence makes a coward of a man

And thus we see most desperate flirtations

On the account too often end in smoke,

And promises, apparently of granite,

Are broken as the crust of apple pie,

And ladies bring an action.

Eugene J. Helber to Charles Guthardt

York, \$1.

Elizabeth A. Green to Charles R. Lowery,

Bridgeport, \$3,300.

John Miller to J. N. Wallace, Ypsilanti,

\$1.

John N. Wallace to John Miller,

Ypsilanti, \$350.

Mary Jane Water to E. April, Lodi,

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ROOSEVELT HAS CONFIDENCE.

Though He Does Not Expect War in the Near Future He is Ready for It—Big Guns Soon to Be Placed in Position at San Francisco.

New York, Feb. 28.—A special to the World from Washington says: Acting Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt, when asked concerning the probability of war and the condition of the navy in case of emergency, replied:

"I wish you would say that while we do not expect war the navy department is simply making every preparation for it. The work of the navy is going on as rapidly as we could wish. To get into an ideal condition of defense and offense will consume much time and a great deal of patient labor.

His words are susceptible of two interpretations, both consistent with official reserve and caution. Working night and day to prepare for war the secretary may regard as the surest way to avert war.

A special to the Herald from Washington says: Emergency preparations of the most important character yet attempted by the navy department have been formally decided upon, and the necessary orders for carrying them out have been issued by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt.

The authorities have relinquished all idea of keeping secret the preparations which are being made, and, while declining to go into details as to the orders which are being given, it is generally known what steps are being taken to put the country in a condition to meet any emergency that may arise.

It was not denied that orders had been issued to vessels which will entail their movements to different points, but what vessels are affected and where they will go are questions which the department officials decline to answer.

It is generally believed that before any decisive action is taken by the administration the cruiser San Francisco and gunboats Bancroft and Helena will be ordered home, it being appreciated that these vessels would not be effective against the armored cruisers of the Spanish navy.

BLANCO'S EMBARRASMENTS.

Failure of Autonomy Scheme Must Soon Be Confessed.

New York, Feb. 28.—In the turmoil over the Maine disaster internal Cuban policies are forgotten, says the Havana correspondent of the Tribune. Nevertheless, recent movements promise to be as momentous to Spain as the loss of the American war vessel.

Leaving American intervention, whether peaceful or otherwise, out of mind, the explanation of the failure of an official confession. The best commentary on the deadened state of Spanish authority in Cuba is found in the absolute indifference shown toward the proposals of the radical autonomists.

If further concessions would result in an armistice between Spain and the insurgents, this blighted island would be blessed. Many thousands of the inhabitants, who are otherwise doomed to death by starvation, would be saved.

WHAT OF INDEMNITY.

Cabinet Is Divided, Several Members Relieving Money Will Be Enough.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The cabinet is very badly divided on the indemnity proposition. Secretaries Gage and Bliss are with the president. They say that in the circumstances a monetary compensation for the battleship and for the lives of her lost crew is all that could fairly be asked.

Mr. Wilson has expressed himself very vigorously on the question. He said to a United States senator: "The moment it is clearly shown that the Maine was destroyed by design we must declare war against Spain. Any other course will be condemned by the people."

MORE GUNS FOR 'FRISCO.

Two 10-Inch Rifles Will Soon Be Placed in Position.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 28.—Two more big guns, each a ten inch rifle, have arrived from the east for the Presidio fortifications. The guns will be placed in position with all possible speed, in view of the disquieting rumors prevalent.

SUPERLATIVE DEGREE.

The largest mass of pure rock salt in the world lies under the province of Galicia, Hungary. It is known to be 550 miles long, twenty broad and 250 feet in thickness.

King Humbert of Italy is the most heavily insured man in Europe, the amount carried being over \$7,500,000. The late Czar Alexander III. was insured for \$5,000,000.

Wales is the richest part of Great Britain in mineral wealth. England produces annually about \$10 to each acre, Scotland a little less than \$10, but the product of Wales amounts to over \$20 per acre.

The largest house in the world is in Winden, a suburb of Vienna. In this domicile there are 1,400 rooms, divided into 400 suites of from three to six rooms each, and they at present shelter 2,112 persons, who pay an annual rental of over 100,000 florins.

Impatient at the Delay.

Washington, Feb. 28.—No new developments were presented in the Spanish situation to-day, except a show of impatience among senators and representatives at the unconfirmed report that a demand for a money indemnity was in the mind of the president and some members of his cabinet.

To Promote Captain Robeson.

Washington, Feb. 28.—After being pronounced physically unfit for promotion by one naval board, too sound to be retired by another and physically qualified for promotion by a third board, Captain Henry B. Robeson, commandant of the Portsmouth (N. H.) navy yard, has at last been recommended to the president for promotion, and will succeed to the vacancy in the grade of commodore, to be created by the retirement this month of Admiral Selfridge.

Nicaragua Averse to War.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 28.—The press and people are averse to war with Costa Rica, and the government desires peace, provided it is guaranteed by Costa Rica according to Nicaragua's just demands, thus avoiding future trouble. Otherwise the government wants war.

Ex-Confederates Will Fight.

Middlesboro, Ky., Feb. 28.—A card in a local newspaper asking confederates to form a regiment to serve in case of war with Spain has brought more than enough responses to fill the ranks from southwest Virginia, east Tennessee and Kentucky.

La Champagne Still Out.

New York, Feb. 28.—No additional news has been received of the overdue French liner La Champagne. The steamer Paris, which arrived this morning from Southampton, did not sight her on her voyage.

Knocked Thirty Feet.

Lebanon, Mo., Feb. 28.—The boiler at Bunch's mill, at Fyan, twenty-five miles southeast of here, blew out yesterday, knocking Bunch thirty feet into the saw pit. He crawled out of the hot water and walked a quarter of a mile to his home with the flesh falling from his body.

Prince a Mission Preacher.

London, Feb. 28.—Prince Oscar of Sweden, second son of the king of Sweden and Norway, made his first appearance Sunday at Copenhagen as a mission preacher for the Young Men's Christian Association of Stockholm.

Protection for Human Life.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 28.—The Illinois railroad and warehouse commission will soon issue a manifesto compelling the railroad companies in the larger cities of the state to erect interlocking switches and plants where main lines cross street car tracks.

Cruiser Detroit at Key West.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 28.—The United States cruiser Detroit, Capt. Dayton, has arrived here from Mobile. She came up to the wharf to take coal on board.

Cortes Is Dissolved.

Madrid, Feb. 28.—A decree has been issued dissolving the cortes. Subscribe for The Democrat.



In the evening twilight of winter time, when the fire sparkles and glows and dances upon the hearth, there are dreams and air castles of the future in the flames for the young woman who sits and gazes into them.

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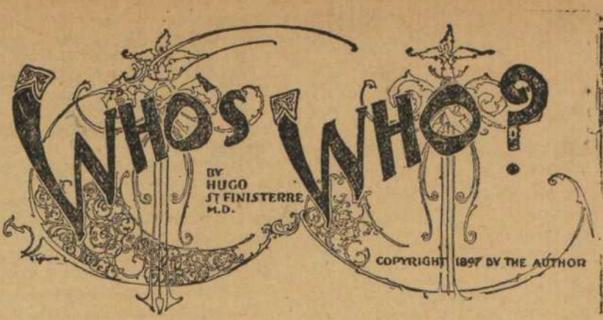
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CHAPTER XI. TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

I came near committing a deplorable blunder that would have brought my ruin. It was easy to subdue this self-confident man who towered above me, and whose fingers were itching to grip my throat, but that would have been only a temporary advantage.

I must first learn all that he had to tell. There must be no violence between us until his secrets were mine.

Ignoring his threat, I backed to a chair and motioned him to take another. "Sit down. After we have finished talking it will be time to act."

He breathed hard, and only by a prodigious effort did he retain mastery of his passion. He was a violent tempered man and was so enraged that he longed to chastise the life out of me.

But he was after money and could postpone his vengeance until it was in his hands. After that, look out!

He took the chair to which I waved him, crossed his muscular legs and with his glittering eyes fixed upon me growled:

"Well, what have you to say?" "It is rather, What have you to say? When I telegraphed you that I had no clear recollection of the events in which you were interested, I told you the truth. To save my life I could not recall your name. I sent my message to 'Budd' at the Auditorium because I did not know how else to address it. The name of Tom Discoc was gone as entirely from me as if I had never heard it pronounced. Even now I cannot recall the incidents that I know are in your mind."

Nothing was clearer than that he did not believe a syllable of this, but he evidently concluded to wait.

"How is it you came out to Englewood?" "I left town by the advice of my physician."

"Why?" "I have intimidated the reason. Last week I was violently thrown from my horse while riding in the park. Since then matters have been so confused in my mind that the doctor told me I must go away for several weeks and take a complete rest."

"Sort of queer that you fix upon Englewood?" he sneered.

"And why?" "So handy."

"So handy for what?" "Come now, that won't do. I can stand a good deal, but you're piling it on too thick."

"I assure you that I am at a loss to understand what you mean."

"Have you forgotten that it is just two miles from here to the Palisades of the Hudson—that there is a certain house on the right of the road, built of stone and standing well back in the woods and not far from the river, where you met Jake Huke and me last autumn to arrange some business matters?"

I bent my head, as if in perplexing thought, conscious all the time of the sneer on the evil face in front of me.

"Mr. Discoc," said I, with the meekness of a lamb, "if you will be good enough to go over as rapidly as you choose, the transactions we have had with each other—that is, from the beginning—it will help us to get on. Unless you do so, I don't believe it possible to arrange things satisfactorily."

"Well, I'll be —!" he growled, lowering the bent leg and crossing it with the other. "This beats anything yet!"

I waited patiently, and, after some hesitation, he shoved his hat from his forehead, jammed both hands in his trousers pockets and leaning back in his chair said:

"There's so little of it that it won't take me long. You remember last summer that down at Sheepshead you put up \$1,000 and won \$5,000? Jake and me had our money on the wrong horse and got it in the neck. While you were cashing in your tickets we noticed your roll of money. You were in high spirits over your good luck, and Jake remarked that if you wanted a good thing he could put you on to it. You said you were ready and would divide. That night we met you at the Brunswick and explained the game, which was shoving the queer."

"Ah, yes! It's all coming back to me now," I interjected without helping matters in the least.

"Our plan was not to do the work here in the east, but in the west. Jake and me were to go out to Kansas and the Dakotas, making the Auditorium in Chicago our headquarters. When everything was ready, we were to let you know."

"And I was to do what?" "Of course in our business we must have good money to work with, but there's nothing mean about Jake and me, and we agreed not to call on you for your share."

"Which was how much?" "Ten thousand dollars, until the thing was on its feet and fairly going. It took us a good deal longer than we thought. Jake got pinched, and it was a tight squeeze. So things drifted along until this spring."

"And you kept me informed?" "Of course. I called to see you several times in New York, and all three

of us had a meeting some months ago at the stone house. When you came out to Chicago last winter, we had a long talk—the three of us again—and you pledged your word that when we needed it you would let us have the \$10,000, for which you were to receive one-third of the profits and take no risks at all."

"And I have never given it to you?" "Never given it to us! I should say not. There's where Jake and me made —fools of ourselves. You offered it to us twice, and we refused to take it."

"Why did you refuse?" "We were so dead sure of you that we were content to wait, being as we did not need it. You set 'em up every time and acted like the royal fellow we believed you to be instead of the sneak you are."

And Tom Discoc's fingers twitched, as if he could no longer keep them off me. I was on my guard, but he did not know it.

"Are you sure I have never advanced you anything on account?" He could hardly restrain his anger.

"Not a — cent! Don't set up that claim. You owe clean \$10,000 and not a penny less. Why, I reminded you of the whole thing in my last letter."

"The one sent before this last note in answer to my telegram?" "Yes; I went over the whole ground, showing that you hadn't paid a dollar, though you offered to do so when we didn't want it. You remember that we agreed to refer to the money as 'farmers,' so that no one could get on to it."

A mountain rolled from off my heart. In the eyes of the law Harold Westcott had committed no crime. He had thoughtlessly agreed to do so, when in the excitement of his success on the race course, and, possibly, while under the influence, too, of wine. In his sober senses he shrank from the dangerous step, but lacked the courage to back out. He was afraid of Tom Discoc and Jake Huke, who no doubt had threatened him, as one had already threatened me.

Harold was lacking in moral stamina, for he as much as confessed it when he declared that he was pestered half to death by the parasites of society. Most likely, too, these evil men believed that in meeting with them and planning this wicked business he had gone too far to withdraw. If he attempted to do so, they not only meant to expose him, but to visit personal violence upon him.

As the only way out of a bad situation he weakly fled to Europe. Aware that the crisis must come within a few months, he left me to meet it, without giving the slightest intimation of its nature.

Therein I condemned him, as I had the right to do, for had he made it clear I would have been prepared at every point, but he was ashamed to do so, and now the all important knowledge was mine.

And with it came a feeling of gratitude beyond the power of language to express. I would find out the address of Harold and tell him everything, adding that there was not the slightest cause to fear these two miscreants. Before he returned to meet them I would have a settlement with Messrs. Discoc and Huke, which, to say the least, would leave them in a demoralized condition.

As if fortune was playing into my hands, this same Discoc had written me a letter in which the whole truth was told, and this letter was now in the hands of Detective Cone. True, he was amenable to the law for pilfering the suffer, but he would not do so well.

"I presume you came to New York to get the \$10,000."

"You guessed it the first time, and, what's more, I'm going to have it. Keep that smoking in your pipe. Why didn't you send it before?"

"That I twice offered it to you ought to be proof enough that I meant to keep my pledge, but three weeks ago matters were so bad with me that I couldn't have raised \$1,000 if my life had been at stake."

"I don't believe a — word of it."

"Nevertheless, it's true."

"How are you fixed now?" "I've got money to burn."

"Are you ready to hand it over?" "Will you take my check?"

"Not by a large majority. Them bits of paper sometimes turn up good for nothing, but coin or green paper hits it every time."

"Do you suppose I carry that amount of money round with me? I have only enough to pay my expenses for a few weeks."

"Then you must draw the money and turn it over to us."

"I will go into town tomorrow and take it out of the bank. I will come back to Englewood on the afternoon train and will meet you—where? Here?"

He thought for a moment. Then his eyes gleamed.

"At the old stone house on the right of the road a half mile this side of the Palisades. You remember it, for it is in plain sight from the road."

"Yes, and a path leads to it where there is an occasional copperhead. But tell me how you knew I had come to Englewood?"

"I didn't know it. You used to talk of the place as being very pretty and said you had a notion of making your home there. It was all guesswork on my part."

"And mighty good guessing."

His face hardened again.

It was clear to me why no had selected this lonely spot for the passing of the \$10,000. There were hundreds of places in New York where we could have met and made the exchange without the slightest personal risk. But my previous hesitancy convinced him I was unwilling to pay over so large a sum. He suspected that I would set some trap by which the money would be saved and he and his pal punished.

But if I were to meet him in the out of the way place, where no human being could give me help, nothing was to prevent their working their sweet will with me.

Nothing but—that, however, later. "Will you meet us at that place tomorrow night, say at 9 o'clock?"

"Only Providence shall prevent me," was my firm reply. "I'm tired of this business and want it settled."

"So do we, and what's more, we're going to have it settled. You needn't think there's any trick by which you can entice us. Of course you can go back to the city tomorrow and stay there. You'll keep us out of the money, but your life will pay the forfeit."

He longed to take me by the throat, but not as much as I longed to take him by the throat! How easily I could wring his neck, as if he were a pigeon! How I would love to crush him to the floor and make him bellow for mercy!

But not yet!

"Don't mind if I am a few minutes late, but if alive I will be at the stone house tomorrow night at 9 o'clock, and I shall have \$10,000 in bank bills with me."

CHAPTER XII. PALISADE AVENUE.

"Good morning, Mr. Westcott. How will you have this?"

"In large bills, if you please."

"Hundreds?" "Thousands, if convenient."

The cashier passed out ten crisp bills of the denomination named. I thanked him, and, walking to the row of desks outside, carefully placed them, without crease or crinkle, within the folds of my large pocketbook, which was shoved into my inner coat pocket and the three buttons fastened over my chest. Then, came in hand I stepped out into the street and once more walked toward Broadway.

But I changed my mind, wheeled and came back.

At the moment of turning some one dodged into a saloon down the street, as if seized with a sudden thirst. I caught only a glimpse of the small, well shaped leg, clothed in business gray, as it whisked through the door.

"I gave Covey Cone the slip once, and he doesn't mean I shall do it again."

Not wishing him to think I suspected

AS THE JESTERS SAY.

She—They say Mrs. Smith cares more for her dog than she does for her child; do you believe it? He—Never! I think she is quite impartial.—Truth.

"I am making my son pay particular attention to oratory and language at school." "Ah! Hope to make an orator of him?" "Yes; or a prize fighter."—Philadelphia North American.

Broadway—I always like to dine with a man who knows how to order a dinner. Manhattan—Yes, it's almost as good as dining for one.—Town Topics.

"Thirteen is an unlucky number in all cases," said Jarley. "I don't know," said Butler. "I'd rather have \$13 than \$12." "I wouldn't," said Jarley. "If I had \$12 I'd spend only \$12, but if I had \$13 I'd spend \$13."—Harlem Life.

Three different waiters at a hotel asked a prim, precise little professor at dinner if he would have soup. A little annoyed, he said to the last waiter who asked the question: "Is it compulsory?" "No, sir," said the waiter. "I think it's mock turtle."

"You seem to have omitted all description of your heroine's looks," said the publisher. "Yes," said the author, moodily. "I had a lot of stuff about her looks, but as soon as you told me you were determined to have the story illustrated by Glibston I cut it out. He'd make her look the same, no matter how I described her."—Indianapolis Journal.

convincing.

Busy Man—I tell you I don't want your book. Book Canvasser—Oh, my dear sir, but you do! In fact, you will have to take it to do! Listen! We have a corps of one hundred agents. I am the first. The other ninety-nine will follow me, one after the other, over the same route. If you don't purchase the book from me, you will be called upon by the other ninety-nine. Purchase the book from me, and I will give you, free of charge, this notice to hang on your front door, and save you just ninety-nine times as much trouble as I have given you. You will take the book? Ah, thanks! Twenty-five shillings, please.—Pick-Me-Up.

Antiquity of the Dog.

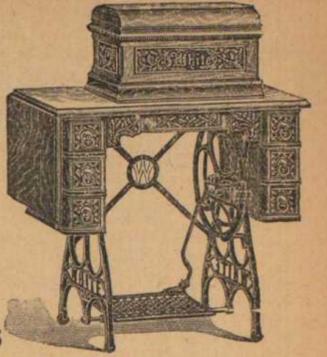
Professors Rutimeyer and Wolrdrich have discovered evidence that domestic dogs, resembling more or less the dogs of today, existed in Europe, not only during the Age of Iron and the Age of Bronze, but even in that exceedingly remote time known as the Neolithic period, when man made his best tools of polished stone. In South America, also, according to the opinion of Dr. Lydekker, man had cultivated the friendship of companionable dogs long before the extinct mammals, whose wonderful remains are now found in the pampas, had disappeared from among the living forms of the world.

An Old Stager.

Uncle—But you are too young, my boy, to think of getting married. Nephew—Oh, I don't know about that. Next session will make the third time I've been a co-respondent.—Punch.

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COUNTY NEWS

WHITMORE LAKE.

March 18 there will be a box social at the L. O. G. T. hall. Good program and fine time promised. Everybody invited.—The Spring Lake Ice company of Toledo are repairing their ice chute here and will load 400 cars of ice and fill their houses besides if weather permits.—Mrs. Gersham Truesdell, living two miles north of here, died Saturday. She had been an invalid for the past twelve years. She leaves a host of mourners.—The new ice company here discharged 21 men on Saturday because they refused to work from noon until 9 p. m. without supper, and when the discharged men demanded their pay they were told to get it if they could, which incensed them and they went in a body to Justice of the Peace Moss and had him issue 20 summonses. The cases were set for Friday, March 18th, at 10 a. m. Some of the men who could not get their pay had to walk to Ann Arbor and come to Brighton after dark.—H. G. Beach, of Toledo, commenced on Monday to fill his ice house at Silver Lake, two miles north of here. Owing to the scarcity of ice in Ohio and south, Mr. Beach could see some money in filling his houses, although in the forepart of February he had abandoned the idea of putting any ice in these houses this season.

DENTER.

Ground was broken last Thursday for the soldiers' and sailors' monument.—Dexter furnished its first delegation to the gold fields of the Klondike in the persons of Gordon Stannard and Bert Miles, who left last Monday for the land of gold and cold.—Hall Calkins, of the Leader office, is the happiest man in town. 'Tis a boy.—The L. O. O. F. lodge is making preparations to entertain about one hundred of their brethren from Ann Arbor, who will visit them next Monday and do the work of one or two of the degrees.—There is a movement on foot to place the cannon that was given to Dexter by the U. S. department of war in the upper park and point it towards Ann Arbor. Every Cleveland (Grover) Democrat must be pleased with McKinley. McKinley's policy in regard to finance, in regard to Cuba, and in regard to Hawaii is identical with Grover's. In fact it is Grover McKinley that is now president.

LIMA.

Five sleigh loads of Chelseas were at Mr. and Mrs. W. McLaren's last Friday evening and devoted the time to cards, music and oysters. The Epworth League will give an oyster supper at the town hall Friday evening, the 11th. Supper, 25 cents.—Mrs. H. Bradley, of Battle Creek, is at T. F. More's taking care of Mrs. More, who is very sick.

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FARMERS, ATTENTION!

The time will soon be here for you to think of taking care of your fruit trees. We wish to call your attention to the fact that Schumacher & Miller, the druggists, can give you full directions for spraying solutions for the different fruit trees. We would also call your attention to the fact that we manufacture a Sweet Clover butter color that will give no taste or odor to the butter sold in bulk, at the rate of 5 cents per cune. This saves you five cents each time you bring your own butter. SCHUMACHER & MILLER, Druggists at 219 S. Main st.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that Bert E. Holmes has sold his interest in the Hurd-Holmes company to J. H. Boyle of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and that the members of the new firm will be known as Earnest Hurd and J. H. Boyle, the business of the new firm to be carried on at 27 Detroit street, where the Hurd-Holmes company is now located. All accounts due the Hurd-Holmes company are to be paid at the office of the new firm.

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SENATE WILL INVESTIGATE.

South Carolina Tragedy to Be Looked Into.

MASON IS ON A NEW TRAIL.

His Resolution to Punish the Slayer of a Negro Postmaster Is Reported Favorably—Senate Day Spent in Executive Session.

Washington, March 3.—The senate committee on postoffices and post roads today authorized a favorable report on Senator Mason's joint resolution for an investigation of the recent killing of the colored postmaster at Lake City, S. C. The resolution was amended and as reported is as follows:

"Whereas, It is asserted that the United States postmaster at Lake City, S. C., has been murdered and his wife and children shot, his home burned and the United States mail and property therein destroyed; therefore,

"Resolved, That a joint committee consisting of six members of congress three from the senate and three from the house, be appointed to investigate the alleged crime and report the facts to congress, together with their recommendations, and that they have authority to administer oaths, to send for persons and papers, and to employ contingent funds of the two houses of congress, and the power to act through a subcommittee."

Mr. Mason of the committee on postoffices and post roads presented his resolution to the senate, and on objection by Mr. Allen of Nebraska, the resolution laid over until tomorrow.

Senate in Executive Session.

Washington, March 3.—As soon as the senate convened today, on motion of Mr. Hale of Maine, it went into executive session.

JURY BRIBING NOT CHARGED.

Drainage Board Attorney Say It Was Only Attempted.

Vollet, Ill., March 3.—There was nothing done in court this morning in the alleged bribery case. All the property owners appeared in response to a citation issued yesterday to answer for contempt. Judge Hilscher entered an order, on motion of attorneys for the accused, to file by noon with interrogatories from the attorneys of the sanitary district, through State's Attorney Heise, touching the matter of alleged bribery. The attorneys for the sanitary district, through Mr. Haley, declared to the court that the jurymen were not accused of being bribed, but that they simply desired to question them to prove that an attempt had been made to do so. The court refused to have the jurors named questioned at present. The general sentiment here is that there is nothing in the charges, as the accused are above reproach. The attorneys of the drainage board, however, claim that the evidence submitted yesterday is not all they have to present.

DECREASE OF ASSETS.

Business of Illinois Building Associations Falls Off.

Springfield, Ill., March 3.—The sixth annual report of the auditor of public accounts, showing the business of building, loan and homestead associations in the state for the year 1897, is out. The business of 682 associations for 1897, as compared with the business of 715 associations for 1896, shows that in 1897 the receipts aggregated \$43,049,061, while in 1896 they aggregated \$46,135,282. In 1897 installments received aggregated \$14,236,837, while in 1896 they were \$16,634,019. Loans repaid and matured in 1897 were \$16,650,681, and in 1896 they were \$16,421,214.

Loans to stockholders in 1897 were \$11,199,028, while in 1896 they were \$16,381,009.34. Installments on stock withdrawn or matured in 1897 were \$16,615,468, and in 1896, \$15,634,929. Profits on stock withdrawn in 1897 were \$5,059,547 and in 1896, \$4,834,147. Real estate in 1897, \$3,226,111; 1896, \$2,788,719.

Route Up Copper River. Portland, Ore., March 3.—The United States government is about to send an expedition from Vancouver barracks to find a practicable route up the Copper River, Alaska, to the Yukon basin. While official information is not yet available, it is understood that this expedition will consist of fifty men and three officers of the Fourteenth Infantry, and that it will leave Vancouver barracks for the north about March 15. The reindeer that were secured for aiding the relief expedition to the Klondike, now abandoned, will probably be utilized in connection with the exploring trip up Copper River.

Mrs. Jack Dempsey Dead. Portland, Ore., March 3.—Mrs. Jack Dempsey, aged 32 years, widow of the deceased prize fighter, died at her home here of consumption. Her physicians say that she contracted the disease from her husband while nursing him in his late illness.

Good Birth for C. F. Mills. Springfield, Ill., March 3.—Colonel Charles F. Mills of Springfield has been elected secretary and superintendent by the executive committee of the State Farmers' Institute. This was done with one office, that of superintendent.

Many of the Dead Blown to Pieces. Havana, March 3.—The divers are working hard upon the wreck of the Maine. It is feared that many of the dead were blown to pieces, which would account for the failure to find their bodies where expected.

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Concert at Baptist Church Tonight.

A very fine program is planned for the concert at the Baptist church Friday evening, March 4th. The music will be from the works of Mendelssohn and will be introduced by a brief sketch of that wonderful composer. Prominent on the program will be his "Hymn of Praise," sung by Mrs. Kempf and Miss Liebig, and "O for the wings of a dove" arranged for a mixed quartet, with soprano obligato by Freddie Daley. The numbers on the organ by Miss Minnie Davis, flute and violin solos and another solo by Freddie Daley will complete the first part of the program. Following this will be the rendering of the 42d Psalm by a chorus of thirty voices under the direction of Miss Emma Fischer. The chorus which is to take part in the concert Friday evening will hold their last rehearsal at the Baptist church at 8:30 Thursday evening, instead of at the time first arranged for. The attendance at the meetings held by Mrs. Norvell was very small but the verdict of all is that they were very helpful. The Girls' club will hold an especially interesting meeting Saturday from 3 to 5 under the direction of Misses Sotant and Corpron.

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MILITARY MINSTRELS. Boards will be opened at the usual places Friday morning. No seats checked off in advance. No free list. All treated alike. First come, first served. Theater parties should book seats Friday evening. Remember the entertainments take place at the Alhambra Theater next week Tuesday and Wednesday.

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FASHION'S FANCIES. A new tea gown is of light-green Sicilian silk with hems of sable and pale-yellow lace and a touch of light-blue at neck and belt.

On some of the new evening gowns where three or four frills of mousseline de sole form the sleeve, each frill is edged with small paste diamonds.

The fashion in hairdressing the last few months has been to wear it as high as possible. It is coming down a little now and inclines to the Greek style. Jewelry is more fashionable than for many years and it is not considered bad form any more to wear diamonds in the daytime at receptions and even rings in the morning are allowable.

A new method of trimming fur capes is with a frill of satin covered with a frill of chiffon the same color as the fur, the chiffon not gathered, but elaborately tucked and drawn.

Turquoise is a very popular jewel in Paris and is worn in amazing profusion. Muff chains are set with them, ribbon slides, collarettes and stick pins also bearing a bit of blue gem.

A trimming gaining in popularity is the fringe in all styles, that of chenille perhaps leading in favor when used on dinner and evening gowns.

A pleasing blouse is of antique ivory satin tucked in Vandykes across the front, opening with a frill fastened with turquoise buttons to show a vest of yellow lace.

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CONGRESS FOR REPRISALS.

Anxious to Know About Preparations for War.

CASH INDEMNITY IGNORED.

Senator Burrows Says the Only Thing That Will Satisfy the People is the Independence of Cuba—General News of the Situation to Date.

Washington, March 1.—Among representatives and senators the question is: "Are the president and Secretary Long actually preparing for war?"

This question is forced upon them by a combination of circumstances. The certainty from all reliable reports from Key West and Havana that the board of inquiry will find the explosion to have been due to external causes, taken in connection with the semi-official announcement at the white house late last night that the president has no intention of asking for cash indemnity, indicates to the minds of members of congress that other means of reprisal will be adopted.

The president would find it hard, it is thought, to get the approval of congress in any attempt to secure a cash indemnity. The members of congress revolt at the idea of placing a cash consideration upon the lives of its sailors. The expression of Senator Burrows, always a friend and supporter of the administration and one of the president's personal and political associates for many years, is a fair sample of what congress thinks of a proposition for cash indemnity. Said he:

EDMUNDS CITES PRECEDENTS.

Status of Maine Disaster as Affected by International Law.

Washington, March 1.—Senator George F. Edmunds, in discussing the status of the Maine disaster as affected by international law, said:

"Above all, it seems to me that American chivalry demands that we exercise our finest and nicest sense of honor and impute nothing evil to the government of Spain unless the most incontrovertible facts demonstrate such a necessity. Our own government is not without precedent of her own making in the matter. At the time of the Mafia riots in the state of Louisiana, some years ago, you will remember that the secretary of state, James G. Blaine, contended, and I think rightly, that the death of a number of Italian subjects was brought about by circumstances so extraordinary that the government could not be expected to have foreseen their danger, and, therefore, could not have prevented it. If, in view of these facts, the United States sought out the real offenders and brought them to the fullest justice, he further insisted that all had been done that the Italian government could properly demand.

The offenders were found and an attempt was made to bring them to justice, but the conditions were such and the public opinion was so prejudiced that it even affected the state courts of Louisiana, and it was impossible to bring them to justice. Then the President was authorized by congress to indemnify the widows and children of the Italians who were killed.

"This case and that of the Maine disaster are analogous in their effect. A great wrong has been done this nation and many families have been sadly broken. The battleship was on a friendly visit to a friendly port and all propriety demands that fullest restitution shall be made. If some wicked person or persons were instrumental in bringing about an explosion which cost so many lives, then the government of Spain must find them and mete out to them the most severe punishment which so cowardly a crime demands. If she does this, she has done her duty, in my opinion. If she fails to do so, then our national dignity will force us to compel something else."

Only Seven Operators Sent.

Chicago, March 1.—Reports that 40 of the swiftest telegraph operators in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph company in this city were to start for Florida within the coming week, practically under government sealed orders, and that thirty-five men already had left New York for Jacksonville and Key West, were denied today by William J. Lloyd, assistant superintendent of the Western Union company. "This story is all nonsense," said Mr. Lloyd. "Some of our eastern officials told me incidentally yesterday that seven men recently had been sent from New York to Key West because of the heavy increase in business at that point, resulting from the destruction of the Maine. From this the story probably originated."

MILLIONS FOR NAVY.

Proposition to Give Secretary Extraordinary Power.

Washington, March 1.—Representative Bromwell (Rep.) of Ohio, today introduced in the house the following resolution:

"The resolution was referred to the naval committee: 'That the secretary of the navy be and he is hereby authorized, whenever in his judgment it shall become expedient for the best interests of the country to do so, to secure options upon and consummate the purchase of such battleships, cruisers, rams, torpedo boats, or other form of naval vessels as are of the most modern type and ready for immediate use; together with the necessary armament and equipment for the same, as in his judgment are necessary to place the naval strength of the country upon a proper footing for immediate hostilities with any foreign power with which the same may be threatened; and that for the purpose of consummating such purchase there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$20,000,000, to be immediately available.'

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Mr. Bromwell said he introduced the resolution to call the attention of the naval committee to the necessity for providing such a contingent fund in the naval appropriation bill. If the committee does not include such a provision in the bill when it is reported he will offer it as an amendment in the house.

Organizing the Cowboys.

Phoenix, A. T., March 1.—A movement is under way for the formation in Arizona of an independent cavalry regiment, composed mainly of frontiersmen well skilled in the management of horses and arms and embracing a large number of cowboys. Companies are being organized at Prescott, Flagstaff, Phoenix, Globe, Solomonville, Tombstone, Tucson and other cities. The intention is to in nowise become a part of the territorial militia but to organize an independent company ready to go to the front at once. The enrollment is expected to reach 1,000.

Will Not Leave Pacific Ocean.

New York, March 1.—It has been decided by the navy department to keep on the Pacific coast the full force of naval vessels now there, says the Washington correspondent of the Herald. Department officials recognize the fact that the strength of the North Atlantic squadron would be greatly increased by attaching the battleship Oregon to Rear Admiral Sigsbee's command, but they appreciate the danger of leaving the Pacific coast without a vessel of this class, just as they appreciated the importance of defending the ports of the Atlantic coast by vessels of the monitor type.

Welcome to the Vizcaya.

Havana, March 1.—Great preparations are on foot among the Spaniards here to give a hearty welcome to the cruiser Vizcaya, which is expected to arrive at this port today. Gen. Weyler's street is arched with bunting and the Casino is gay with color. It is believed that the election of the autonomist delegates, set for March 29, will be postponed until April 27, to correspond with the election for deputies to the cortes in Spain. The postponement, however, has not yet been officially announced.

To Protect Washington State.

Port Townsend, Wash., March 1.—The work of fortifying the three conspicuous points contiguous to Port Townsend, which has been going on in a desultory fashion for some months is now being pushed forward under special orders from Secretary Alger and now the double forces at work at Points Marrowstone and Admiralty are being worked night and day to finish up, and already preparations are being made for placing the heavy guns, which are due to arrive any day.

Militia Are Organizing.

Tacoma, Wash., March 1.—Gov. Rogers has ordered that the twelve companies composing the national guard of Washington shall be immediately recruited to their full strength. Recruiting is being carried on actively. Gov. Rogers is giving personal attention to the Tacoma and Seattle companies with the object of bringing the state militia up to the highest point of efficiency.

Vesuvius Sailed at 5 A. M.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 1.—The dynamite gun vessel Vesuvius sailed very suddenly at 5 o'clock this morning. Her destination is unknown, although it is rumored that she has gone to Key West. The crew was gathered up by messengers during the night. It is believed here that the vessel has left to join the fleet at Key West, where orders await her from Admiral Sigsbee to leave for Havana at once.

Opinion of a Paris Newspaper.

Paris, March 1.—The Echo de Paris expresses the hope "that a European statesman will be found to intervene with the view of the maintenance of peace between the United States and Spain." Continuing, the paper says it regards the dissolution of the Spanish cortes as an encouraging symptom.

Havans Americans Are Impatient.

Havana, March 1.—Americans here complain of the slow progress made in the investigation into the Maine disaster. Some fear is expressed that it is the policy of the administration at Washington to delay the inquiry until the people forget the atrocious character of the disaster.

Divers Hunt for Bodies.

Havana, March 1.—The day promises well for the divers who are at work securing bodies from the wreck of the battleship Maine and making salvage there. Including the Spanish divers, there are probably eight men below the water simultaneously.

Money Indemnity Will Not Do.

Washington, March 1.—Senator Burrows of Michigan says: "A money indemnity will not satisfy the people of the United States, and nothing but the ultimate independence of Cuba ever will."

Not Asking Increased Rates.

London, March 1.—There is no truth in the report circulated in the United States that Lloyd's underwriters are asking slight war risks upon Spanish steamers bound for the island of Cuba.

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SCHOOL PRIZES.

List of Prizes Offered by the Washtenaw County Fair Association and Special Prizes Offered by Merchants of Ann Arbor for School Day.

The following advance pages of the premium list of the Washtenaw Fair Society are published for the benefit of the city, village and district schools of this county:

To the Grades, Scholars and Patrons of the Schools of Washtenaw County: The Washtenaw Fair Society in offering the following premiums wishes it to be thoroughly understood, that these premiums are to be paid in books for the school libraries.

Teachers are requested to be very correct in every detail in regard to this. Be careful in giving the number of the pupils. No borrowed children or outside work not belonging to the respective schools will be accepted. Make entries early, being sure to give post office as well as the directors' address.

We desire that every school in Washtenaw county be represented. We shall be glad to have suggestions from those interested in this work.

F. E. MILLS, Superintendent.

SCHOOL EXHIBIT FOR THE WASHTENAW COUNTY FAIR.

In view of the fact that our exhibits have proven so valuable to us as incentives to careful, painstaking school work and have met such a cordial reception at the hands of the Fair Society, we shall have an exhibit in 1898.

A chart of the character of the work best adapted for exhibition purposes and a list of the premiums offered by the Society are given in this circular. The "Specials" will be announced later. We hope that this schedule will meet your approbation and that each teacher will interest herself or himself in the work and thus interest both patrons and pupils. If this is done there can be no question as to the success of the enterprise. Do not wait until next fall, or leave the work to be done by your successor, but begin at once and have the most of it done during the spring term.

Teachers, the success of the School Exhibit lies with you. This revised plan takes part of the responsibility from your shoulders and makes the individual pupil feel his responsibility; but it will be necessary for you to encourage, advise and direct his energies.

Talk about it to the patrons, inspire the children, arouse the sympathy of both and let us make this the finest exhibit in the State. With the liberal and widely diverse list of premiums offered by the Fair Society this can be done.

DIRECTIONS.

- 1. The exhibit is open to all pupils in the county. No entrance fee charged. 2. Each piece of work must be marked with the pupil's name, age and postoffice address. 3. The teacher must certify to its being pupil's work. 4. Examination work should be upon heavy legal cap paper, or such as is used in the school. 5. Maps should be upon card board 11x14 or 22x28 inches. 6. Drawings same size as maps. 7. Work done during the spring term should be carefully preserved until fair time. 8. The work must be sent by the teacher or pupil to the commissioner. I will give full directions for sending in a later circular. 9. A pupil may present one or more samples, or a full set, and thus compete for several prizes. 10. I suggest that the teacher assign the work to the different pupils and thus have them all interested and call out their best efforts. 11. I shall be glad to explain any points that are not understood. 12. Post this circular in your school room and if you can use more of them, write me. First premium for each section, an eight dollar library. Second premium for each section, a five dollar library. Books to be selected by the Commissioner, Secretary of the Agricultural Society and the teacher of the school or department entitled to a prize. Do not hesitate, "go in" and let us have your school represented. Very truly yours, W. N. LISTER, Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT M—School Work.

M—CLASS 1—City Schools. HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION. It is hoped that our two leading High Schools, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, will sufficiently interest themselves in their own advancement and in the welfare of our schools in general to make exhibits in this department without the inducement of money consideration. The following outline is suggestive only. Any work of these schools not mentioned here will be given good display room and the good will and interest manifested by its presence will be duly appreciated.

- 1. Five geometrical drawings and demonstrations. 2. Three historical charts or outlines. 3. Three outlines in English literature. 4. Five descriptions of experiments in Physics, with drawings. 5. Translations in Latin, German, Greek or French. 6. Herbariums. 7. Drawings from work in structural botany. 8. Object drawings. 9. Physical apparatus made by student. 10. Literary criticisms. 11. Physiology work illustrated.

GRAMMAR GRADES.

- 1. Best set of examination papers in grammar, history and arithmetic. \$1.00 \$2.00 2. Best sample vertical writing from preamble of the constitution of the U. S. 50 25 3. Best business letter. 50 25 4. Best review of a classic. 50 25 5. Best map of Michigan. 1.00 50 6. Best eight drawings. 1.00 50

PRIMARY GRADES.

- 1. Best sample color work. 50 25 2. Best card paper folding. 50 25 3. Best reproduction story. 50 25 4. Best work in numbers. 50 25 5. Best designs in weaving. 50 25 6. Best map of Michigan. 1.00 50 7. Best one page sample vertical writing. 50 25 8. Best specimens of elementary drawings from 3 and 4 grades. 50 25

M—CLASS 2—Village Schools. HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION.

- 1. Best geometrical drawing and demonstration. \$1.00 \$2.50 2. Best drawings in physiology, showing the structure of bones, heart, and the eye. 1.00 50 3. Best six botanical drawings. 1.00 50 4. Best literary criticism on Lowell's "Rattus". 1.00 50 5. Best physical apparatus. 1.00 50

GRAMMAR GRADES.

- 1. Best set of examination papers in grammar, history and arithmetic. 1.00 50 2. Best diagram of vertical writing from preamble of the constitution of U. S. 50 25 3. Best business letter. 50 25 5. Best map of Michigan. 1.00 50 6. Best essay on "Our Village". 1.00 50

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- 1. Best sample color work. 50 25 2. Best card paper folding. 50 25 3. Best reproduction story. 50 25 4. Best work in numbers. 50 25 5. Best designs in weaving. 50 25 6. Best map of Michigan. 1.00 50 7. Best one page sample vertical writing. 50 25

M—CLASS 3—District Schools.

- 1. Best essay on "District Schools". \$1.00 \$2.50 2. Best map of Europe. 1.00 50 3. Best map (political) of the United States. 1.00 50 4. Best one page sample of penmanship from pupil 13 years of age or under. 50 25 5. Best collection of leaves (mounted). 50 25 6. Best written business letter. 50 25 7. Best execution of design in weaving. 50 25 8. Best reproduction story. 50 25 9. Best township map of Washtenaw county. 1.00 50 10. Best collection of samples of Michigan products. 1.00 50 11. Best drawing of country school house. 1.00 50 12. Best diagram of the five paragraphs of a school district. 1.00 50 13. Best display of school apparatus from a country school. 2.00 1.00 14. Best diagram of the five paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence. 50 25 15. Best drawing in physiology. 1.00 50

SECTION I.—ADVANCED GRADES.

- 1. Map of Michigan, location high lands, six rivers, three railroads with important places on them, ten important cities. By seventh or eight grades. 2. Product map of the United States. By fifth or sixth grades. 3. Map of Washtenaw County. By fourth or fifth grades. 4. Physical map of North America. By any grade. 5. Complete set of examination papers in block form in Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic. By any grade above the fourth. 6. Three sentence diagrams. By sixth grade. 7. Five sentence diagrams. By seventh or eighth grades.

SECTION II.—PRIMARY.

- 1. At least two specimens of plaiting, weaving, paper folding. 2. At least two specimens of busy work. 3. At least two specimens of language work. From each grade to the fifth. 4. At least two specimens of letter writing. 5. At least two specimens of number work.

M—CLASS 1 and 2—City and Village Schools.

- SECTION I. 1. Product map of the United States. 2. Physical map of North America. 3. Complete map of Europe. 4. Complete map of Michigan. 5. Six botanical specimens with analysis. 6. Six botanical drawings. 7. Six physiological drawings. 8. Two specimens of language work. From each grade to the ninth. 9. Set of examination papers in Grammar, Arithmetic and Geography in block form. From any grade above the fifth.

SECTION II.—GENERAL CONTEST.

- 1. Best collection wild flowers, list named and arranged by school. \$2.00 \$1.00 2. Collection fruit named arranged by school. 2.00 1.00 3. Load of school children, from school within 10 miles of Ann Arbor, wagon, horses, children, teachers, mottoes, decorations to be considered. \$8.00 \$5.00 \$3.00 4. Load of school children, from school more than 10 miles from Ann Arbor 8.00 5.00 3.00

SECTION III.—CITY AND VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

- 5. Best appearing ward school in Ann Arbor, marching on the grounds with flags and mottoes. \$5.00 \$3.00 6. School song, sung by any ward school of Ann Arbor. 3.00 2.00 7. School song, sung by any other graded school of the county. 3.00 2.00 8. School song, sung by any county district school. 3.00 2.00 9. Best appearing graded school (not Ann Arbor) marching on the grounds. 5.00 3.00

SECTION IV.—GENERAL CONTEST.

- 10. Finest display of cultivated flowers, cut, collected and exhibited by any ward or district school (not Ann Arbor) flowers to be arranged and named by teachers and children. \$3.00 \$2.00 \$1.00 11. Finest display of cultivated flowers, cut, collected and exhibited by any Ann Arbor ward school. Flowers to be arranged and named by teachers and children. 3.00 2.00 1.00

SPECIAL PRIZES GIVEN FOR SCHOOL DAY AT THE WASHTENAW FAIR.

- 1. For lady teacher in country district schools receiving the highest number of votes. Price of vote one cent each. Prize: \$3 package of perfume, by Schumacher & Miller, druggists. 2. For lady teacher in city schools receiving the highest number of votes. Price of vote one cent each. Prize: \$3 package perfume, by Schumacher & Miller, druggists. 3. For lady teacher receiving the highest number of votes. Price of vote one cent each. Prize: Set of books, value \$5, by Martin Schaller.

(The ballot boxes for voting will be stationed at Schumacher & Miller's drug store, 219 S. Main st., until the time of the fair, when they will be removed to the school exhibit at the fair. The proceeds for the voting contest will go to the books for the libraries in the school districts in which the winners teach. Result of voting announced once a week.)

FOR THE BEST DRESSED DOLL, DRESSED BY SCHOOL CHILD, TO BE AT LEAST 3 IN. HIGH.

Prize: 5 pound box of candy, by E. V. Hangsterfer.

FOR THE BEST DRAWING OF A HORSE AND COW, BOTH ON ONE CARDBOARD, SIZE OF CARDBOARD 11X14 IN., BY CHILD UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE IN CITY SCHOOLS.

Prize: One doz. photos, value \$3.50, by F. Rentschler.

FOR THE BEST DRAWING OF A HORSE AND COW, BOTH ON ONE CARDBOARD, SIZE OF CARDBOARD 11X14 IN., BY CHILD UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE IN DISTRICT COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

Prize: Pair of shoes, value \$2.50, by Wahr & Miller.

FOR THE BEST DRAWING OF A HORSE AND COW, BOTH ON ONE CARDBOARD, SIZE OF CARD 11X14 IN., BY CHILD UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE IN VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

Prize: Book or cash, value \$1, by J. Goetz & Son.

FOR THE BEST PRODUCT MAP OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, MADE BY SCHOOL CHILD IN COUNTRY DISTRICT SCHOOL, ON CARDBOARD 22X28 IN.

Prize: One-half doz. amber-colored handkerchiefs, value \$2.50, by E. St. James.

FOR THE BEST DESIGN OF MY NAME AND BUSINESS, WORKED WITH GRAIN ON CARDBOARD 22X28 IN., BY ANY SCHOOL CHILD UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE.

Prize: A handsome oak rocker, value \$5, by Martin Haller.

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Prize: Set of fruit knives, value \$2.25, by Schlicher & Co.

FOR THE BEST PENMANSHIP BY BOY UNDER 10 YEARS OF AGE IN CITY OR VILLAGE SCHOOL. SUBJECT NOT TO CONSIST OF OVER 50 WORDS. WRITING TO BE ON COMMON LETTER PAPER.

Prize: Child's suit, value \$5, by Lindenschmitt & Aplet.

FOR THE BEST PENMANSHIP BY GIRL UNDER 10 YEARS OF AGE IN CITY OR VILLAGE SCHOOL. SUBJECT NOT TO CONSIST OF OVER 50 WORDS. WRITING TO BE ON COMMON LETTER PAPER.

Prize: Dress pattern, value \$2, by Schaller & Miller.

FOR THE BEST WRITTEN ADVERTISEMENT OF OUR BUSINESS BY SCHOOL BOY UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE. SIZE OF WORK ON 22X28 IN. CARDBOARD.

Prize: Umbrella, value \$2, by E. F. Mills & Co.

FOR THE BEST DRAWING OF WASHTENAW COUNTY COURT HOUSE BY BOY UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE IN COUNTRY DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Prize: Choice of books to the value of \$2, by Emanuel Spring.

FOR THE BEST DRAWING OF WASHTENAW COUNTY COURT HOUSE BY GIRL UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE IN CITY OR VILLAGE SCHOOL.

Prize: Pair of shoes, value \$2.50, by Wm. Reinhardt.

FOR THE BEST DRAWING OF WASHTENAW COUNTY COURT HOUSE BY GIRL UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE IN CITY OR VILLAGE SCHOOL.

Prize: Choice of books to the value of \$2, by P. J. Lehman.

FOR THE BEST WRITTEN ALPHABET BY GIRL UNDER EIGHT YEARS OF AGE IN COUNTRY DISTRICT SCHOOL. WRITING TO BE ON COMMON LETTER PAPER.

Prize: Pair of shoes, value \$2.50, by Wm. J. April.

FOR THE BEST WRITTEN ALPHABET BY BOY UNDER EIGHT YEARS OF AGE IN COUNTRY DISTRICT SCHOOL. WRITING TO BE ON COMMON LETTER PAPER.

Prize: Teacher's bible, value \$3, by George Wahr.

FOR THE BEST MAP OF THE UNITED STATES DRAWN BY SCHOOL CHILD UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE. DRAWING TO BE ON CARDBOARD 22X28 IN.

Prize: Book case, value \$3, by Henne & Stangor.

FOR THE BEST WRITTEN ALPHABET BY GIRL UNDER EIGHT YEARS OF AGE. THE WORK TO BE ON PAPER NOT OVER 6X8 IN.

Prize: Choice of book, value \$1, H. W. Newkirk.

FOR THE BEST WRITTEN ALPHABET BY BOY UNDER EIGHT YEARS OF AGE. WORK TO BE ON PAPER NOT OVER 6X8 IN.

Prize: Boy's suit, value \$5, by Cuting, Royer & Co.

FOR THE BEST MAP OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ON CARDBOARD 11X14 IN., BY SCHOOL CHILD NOT OVER 14 YEARS OF AGE.

Prize: Globometer, value \$2, by Schumacher Hardware Co.

FOR THE BEST DRAWING OF "SAVINGS BANK BLOCK" BY BOY OR GIRL UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE ON CARDBOARD 11X14 IN.

Prize: Cash, \$2, by Chas. E. Hiscock and M. J. Fritz.

FOR DRAWING OF THE BEST GROUP OF GARDEN FLOWERS BY SCHOOL CHILD UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE. DRAWING TO BE ON CARDBOARD 22X28 IN.

Prize: Pair of shoes, value \$3, by Muehlig & Schmid.

FOR CHILDREN IN CITY OR VILLAGE SCHOOLS BELOW THE 8TH GRADE FOR BEST ESSAY OF NOT LESS THAN 250 OR MORE THAN 300 WORDS ON SOME TOPIC PERTAINING TO LOCAL HISTORY.

Prizes: 1st, \$3; 2d, \$2; by Chas. Ward, Democrat.

FOR CHILDREN IN COUNTRY SCHOOL FOR ESSAY SAME AS ABOVE, ALL ESSAYS MUST CONCERN THE IMMEDIATE LOCALITY IN WHICH THE CONTESTANT RESIDES.

Prizes: 1st, \$3; 2d, \$2; by Chas. Ward, Democrat.

FOR THE DISTRICT SCHOOL MAKING THE BEST DISPLAY IN PENMANSHIP THE Clergy Business College will give a \$20 scholarship good for any of the departments in their college.

Prize: \$20 scholarship.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw, ss.—Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the County of Washtenaw, made on the 7th day of February, A. D. 1898, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of Charles Oscar O'Connor, late of said County, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate Court at the Probate Office in the city of Ann Arbor, for examination and allowance on or before the 8th day of August next, and that such claims will be heard before said Court on the 7th day of May and on the 8th day of August next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days. Dated, Ann Arbor, Feb. 7, A. D. 1898. H. WIRT NEWKIRK, Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Washtenaw.

At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Washtenaw, holden at the Probate Office in the City of Ann Arbor, on Wednesday, the 24 day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight. Present H. Wirt Newkirk, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Rebekah Todd deceased, Amos Corey, executor of the last will and testament of said deceased comes into court and represents that he is now prepared to render his final account as such executor. Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 22nd day of February next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the examining and allowing such account, and that the devisees, legatees and heirs at law

# YPSILANTI.

It is said that the Republicans of the Fifth ward will nominate Ed. Thompson for alderman.

Miss Avery, of Clinton, and Will Langell, of St. Clair, were the guests of Mrs. Nellie Bacon last week.

Mrs. Samuel Post entertained a company of fourteen ladies at tea at the Hawkins house Saturday evening.

Among the names mentioned for alderman of the fourth ward on the Republican ticket is that of Henry Platt.

The subpoenas are now ready to be served in the Starkweather will case, asking for the court's construction on the document.

The Light Guards have received a large quantity of ammunition for target practice in the armory. This target practice is a new feature in the drill of the National Guards.

The Normal school paid a six months' water tax this morning amounting to \$407.15. The amount comes in hands especially when the water works fund is overdrawn as at present.

Edward Cornwell and Fred Pease started for the Sandwich Islands this morning. They go by the Southern Pacific and will spend a day or two in Old Mexico before going to California.

The Normals are receiving a great deal of encouragement in the matter of baseball this year. From the classes Owen and Mr. Broesky will run the battery and both are bona fide students.

F. G. Crippen has invented a bean picker which it is said will do the work of forty girls. Mr. Deubel of the Conditment company is interested and the machines will be manufactured this fall.

L. L. Holloway, who was killed in the chemical works explosion at Kalamazoo Saturday night is a cousin of Mrs. Jay Worden of this city. Mr. Holloway was a spectator at the fire and was fatally injured in the abdomen.

C. M. Hall has invented a bicycle pump which is attachable and detachable with very little trouble and he claims that the tire is quicker inflated than with any other pump on the market.

After Lent dancing parties will be revived. Already the Eastern Star and the Young Married People's club are talking of giving swell events in Light Guard hall and the Tuesday club and a private club of gentlemen are arranging preparations for similar parties.

George Hammond, of Detroit, was in the city yesterday. He says that Detroit is in the morning and returning in the evening. The car will start from Ann Arbor and make stops only at Ypsilanti, Detroit, Wayne, Dearborn and Detroit.

The Opera House Company have an opportunity to book Walker White-side, the great tragedian. Tragedy just at present is in a state of innocuous desuetude as far as patronage is concerned and unless the management could be assured of a large house they feel that he should not be booked.

The Detroit, Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor Electric Railway company are now employing 20 men on their power house, and during the next week will double the force. The company is going to put in five-foot solid concrete footing for the machinery. They go on the principle that the best is the cheapest in the end.

Ike Davis says he has had enough of being alderman of the Fifth ward and will not stand for re-election. "I tell you," says Ike, "this job of running for alderman on the Republican ticket in the Fifth ward is not like sitting down in an upholstered chair. There is too much sawing wood connected with it and I think somebody else needs exercise."

Three cars carrying 125 people went to Ann Arbor Saturday evening to listen to Sousa's band concert. That everybody came back well satisfied with the time and money spent is putting it mildly. The electric line rendered good service, the three cars being in waiting in front of the hall after the concert and brought the Ypsilantians back in quick time.

There is a chance of Ypsilanti securing inter-collegiate games here for next June and a committee of Normal students are around soliciting a guarantee fund. The games were held here four years ago. They bring in 500 outsiders for three days. These 500 have to eat, sleep and drink. The latter necessities being supplied with Ypsilanti Mineral Water.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Hazelton returned last evening hurriedly from Florida to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hazelton's father, the late John Schaff. Mr. Hazelton says that war talk in Florida is the one topic of conversation and it was his intention to be in Key West yesterday afternoon from there to Havana, but the telegram announcing the death of Mr. Schaff reached him just as he was prepared to start.

The marriage of Jay Cross and Miss Nora Whalen, both of this city, occurred at Saline last Thursday. Mr. Cross is employed by Greene, the printer.

Mr. Boyd left for the Klondike last evening. He has had experience in mining and has taught in the Northern School of Mines two years. A couple of well known Ypsilanti gentlemen have each given him \$500 to invest in claims.

The directorship of the Presbyterian choir by Mrs. Pease is very satisfactory to the church and congregation. The chorists has done some effective work in anthems and in the hymns of the church. The new hymnal is winning golden opinions, and Mrs. Pease's selection of anthems, it has been remarked, is every way wise and fitting and has greatly contributed to the service of praise.

John Schaff died at his home on Niles st. Saturday night, after a brief illness. He was 73 years of age and had been a resident of this city for over 30 years. He leaves a widow and five children who are as follows: Mrs. W. P. Brooks, Mrs. B. Hazelton, Mrs. Mary Acker, John Schaff and Mrs. Henry Miller. The funeral will be held from St. John's church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

A calm has now come over the excited Superior school district. The case in which Platte Hinkle had Elmer Nelson arrested for assault and battery has been decided. A jury of six brings in a verdict of not guilty. All three of his teachers swore that Elmer Nelson was a good, obedient young man and not at all quarrelsome. This extra cost upon the people might have been avoided had proper authorities felt so disposed.

Rehearsals have been going on for several weeks for the recital to be given next Friday evening at Cleary Business college. A large number of children take part, together with a number of well known young ladies of Ypsilanti. Miss Maude Hoover will take the leading character in "Ladies of Athens." Little Lou Smith, who is a private pupil of Miss MacMongle, will give a very pretty recitation and song called "Little Bo-Peep and Boy Blue."

Wednesday afternoon the single mast battleship, Anson Wright, and the full armed ship, Arthur Campbell, became engaged in a conflict on Congress street. The Wright sent out a broadside that caught the Campbell well in the bow. The cruiser Stanton Ferguson was anchored near the scene but immediately upon noticing the battle weighed anchor and ran both ships into Justice Childs' harbor for official investigation. The state expected an indemnity of \$8,750 for Wright for disturbing the peace and let Campbell go. Mr. Campbell afterward swore out a warrant against Wright for assault and battery.

There has been a great deal of conjecture as to what will be done with Company G, in case war with Spain is declared. In the first place the state militia are no longer Michigan State troops. They are now Michigan National Guard and the president calling through the governor can order them anywhere. It is probable though, if war is declared, that the United States "regulars" at Fort Wayne and Fort Brady will be sent to the coast and the state militia will be sent to guard those forts in their absence. The war will be mostly a naval battle and there is little likelihood of Company G seeing any actual engagement.

Samson & Son will next fall start a plant in this city that is destined perhaps to develop into one of the large manufacturing concerns of Ypsilanti. It is no more or no less than a bicycle factory. They have engaged already a competent man who has had a great deal of experience in bicycle building to take charge of the work. At first they will simply build the frames, and buy the hubs, handles, chains, sprocket wheels and wheels, but will put in an engraving machine, a braiser and a vulcanizer. The first year's output will probably be a hundred complete wheels. In the meantime they are prepared to change over old wheels into any style of frame desired.

Church service does not seem to stop some from playing pranks. A man who had on his Sunday shoes and was in the Methodist church last Sunday evening suffering intensely, not so much that the minister was treading on his feet as he was from the fact that his new shoes pinched his favorite corn. He took off the foot wear for comfort. A young man behind him got hold of a shoe and started to pass it. Before it had reached a point where it could be passed no further it had got to the other side of the edifice. After service was out the owner discovered it at the expiration of a diligent search. The chances are that he forgot all the good domine had said about taking the Lord's name in vain.

## BUSINESS MEN'S BANQUET.

### A Fine Supper Disposed Of and Good Toasts Listened To.

The third annual banquet of the Ypsilanti Business Men's association was held in Light Guard hall and the most representative gathering of business and professional men possible was present. Nearly every mercantile and manufacturing establishment of the city was represented. The Normal school and the Cleary Business college were present in the persons of Dr. Boone and P. R. Cleary. Doctors and lawyers and, of course, newspaper men were there. And all had the very best time in the history of the association. It was by all odds the most successful of the three banquets.

Queen City Hive, L. O. T. M., did the catering for the occasion and served it in a most prompt manner. Great credit is due the Hive and hereafter it will be a strong competitor for conducting affairs of this kind. The music was rendered by Reader & Corbell's Mandolin and Guitar club.

It was 8:30 o'clock when Toastmaster W. L. Paek was introduced and he assumed his duties throughout the evening in his inimitable manner.

Ex-Mayor Wells was the first speaker and his subject was "Impressions." He commenced by saying that he was lately in Baltimore, Md., when a man asked him what place he came from. "Ypsilanti," said the ex-mayor. "Oh, yes!" replied the Baltimorean, "that is where they have the cow-sheds up and down the streets." This brought forth lots of applause from those assembled. Mr. Wells assumed that he was a stranger coming into Ypsilanti and was taking a trip around with a view of locating here. His investigations would bring him the following results as to the manufacturing and school resources of Ypsilanti:

Yearly pay rolls.	
Clayton, Lambert & Co.	\$18,200
Scharf Tag, Label and Box Co.	20,800
Ypsilanti Dress Sty Co.	20,000
Rubber Tip Stay Co.	18,200
Peninsular Paper Co.	18,200
Ypsilanti Machine Works.	6,500
O. E. Thompson & Sons.	7,250
Michigan Mfg. Co.	10,400
Ypsilanti Gas Co.	5,200
Ypsilanti Paper Co.	35,000
George W. Loughridge.	5,200
Hay & Todd Mfg. Co.	52,000
SCHOOLS.	
140 students at Cleary college at estimated exp. of \$3 per week.	\$41,840
Pay roll of the college.	2,750
Normal college pay roll.	70,800
800 Normal students at \$3 per week for 40 weeks.	96,000
	\$454,670

Making a total of nearly a half a million dollars a year coming in from outside sources. "I return to the depot," said Mr. Wells, "and am asked by a newspaper man what my impressions are, and I say to him that the business portion of the city is far behind the residence portion in enterprise and thrift, and from the standpoint of a stranger would recommend that they remove the sheds, signs, crooked telegraph poles, etc., have Congress street paved, catch up with the balance of the world, and not let it be said that the business portion of Ypsilanti is dead." (Applause.)

Charles M. Hemphill responded to "The Y. B. M. P. association" and called attention to the fact that although there were 125 firms engaged in business in Ypsilanti, of whom 110 are in the retail trade, only about sixty belong to the association and offered some well studied suggestions in regard to perfecting the organization.

Henry M. Rose and Andrew Fyfe, of Grand Rapids, were called upon and made happy remarks.

W. H. Sweet responded to the toast, "The Abuses in the Retail Trade." His telling points were, 1. Keeping open after 6 p. m. on five nights in the week; 2. the credit system as now in use; 3. misleading advertisements; 4. stealing by shoplifters; 5. business men receiving benefits of the association and not belonging thereto. Said he in closing: "A residence town is a dead town; a business town is a live town. Much depends on the business men of Ypsilanti to meet the changed conditions which the electric line to Detroit will bring about. We must put forth our best efforts to keep such complete stocks that nobody need go outside the city to buy goods."

Bert H. Comstock responded in a very scholarly manner to the toast, "The Pleasant Side of Business Life." Agro Fletcher's subject was "The Creamery—Its Benefits" and said that the Ypsilanti creamery, which is now in the front rank in the state, is prepared to "declare war" on outside markets "without investigation." He stated that \$50,000 was annually brought in here to the farmers of this vicinity for their creamery products.

George Alban responded to the toast "The Street Fair," and after reading his report to the common council, which has already appeared in *The Times*, said that he hoped the executive committee of the association would take steps immediately to see if Ypsilanti cannot hold a street fair next fall.

Lawyer Fred W. Green gave some good, sound advice to the business men on the troublesome question of "Debts" and Frank Joslyn responded to an impromptu toast on "The Ladies."

The assemblage broke up singing "Auld Lang Syne."

## MODELS OF ELEGANCE.

### The Cars to Run Between Detroit and Ann Arbor.

(From Tuesday's Times)

The Detroit, Ypsilanti & Ann Arbor Electric railway is sparing no expense to make its equipment first class. Track-laying will be rushed as soon as the frost is out of the ground, and on or before May 1 the finest electric cars in the United States will be running between Detroit and Ann Arbor. The cars will be larger than those on the Rapid railway or Detroit & Pontiac lines and much more elegant. President Hawks has decided to spend \$146 extra on each car for plate glass windows. The cars will be handsomely upholstered, with plush seats, toilet rooms and in every way models of comfort and convenience. Ten cars in all are being built by the Barney & Smith Co., of Dayton, Ohio, each 45 feet long, equipped with Westinghouse air brakes and four 60-horse power Westinghouse motors, enabling it to run 40 miles an hour. The Rapid railway cars and other cars running in Detroit have only two motors.

The power house now building at Ypsilanti will be a complete Westinghouse plant. The Detroit office of Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., has the contract for the entire equipment. Only the best known and most economical type of machinery will be used. The Fuller company, of Detroit, is building two nine-foot fans, which will be placed between the Roney stokers and the smokestack to insure good draft.

## SUCIDE.

### Christopher Rathfon Takes a Fatal Dose of Poison at Pittsburg.

The following dispatch appeared in this morning's papers:

"Pittsburg, Pa., March 1.—C. E. Rathfon, of Ypsilanti, Mich., supposed to be a detective, died at the Hotel Richelleu this afternoon from a dose of poison taken with suicidal intent. He arrived at the hotel February 14 and paid two weeks' board in advance. He registered as Elmer C. Johnston, of St. Louis. When a chambermaid could not get into his room today the door was forced and Rathfon was found dying. He expired in 15 minutes. He left a note giving his right name and address and said family matters forced him to suicide. The police notified his wife and received an answer from her to hold the body until her arrival."

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Christopher Rathfon, who lives about four miles west of the city, was the recipient of a letter from her deceased husband, stating that he had disgraced his family and was not fit to live longer and by the time she had the letter he would be dead. Mrs. Rathfon came down to the Western Union office and inquired if any message had been received for her. A telegram had just before been received from a coroner at Pittsburg, announcing the suicide and the threats of the rash man had been fulfilled.

Christopher Rathfon was the adopted son of Sidney Rathfon, of the Detroit Soap company, and had married the only daughter of John Ellsworth. Rathfon was a little eccentric and the married life had not been very happy. Last fall his barn caught fire and was destroyed. With the insurance money he started to speculate in hay. By holding for higher prices the demurrage crept up until the value of the hay was consumed and he became discouraged. Parties of whom he bought the hay threatened him with personal violence and prosecution if he did not settle and about three weeks ago he started out for parts unknown with a horse and buggy. It has transpired that he drove as far as Columbus, Ohio, where he left the rig and proceeded to Pittsburg by rail. The suicide creates no great surprise among his acquaintances here.

Rathfon was about 30. He was sent here with other orphans from Boston, 25 years ago. He was first taken into the family of Norman Redner, of Augusta township, and at 12 was legally adopted by Sidney Rathfon. Four years ago he married a daughter of John Ellsworth, a wealthy farmer. He has left home several times. In 1895 he joined a circus and arrived at Lima, N. Y., a ragged tramp. He was taken in by Frank Rathfon, a brother, kept two weeks and sent home.

The deceased leaves two children, a boy of 3 years and a babe of 9 months. He had an elegant home and a devoted wife, but was always considered mentally unbalanced.

**Mrs. Cowell Won Her Suit.**

Along in 1896 Mrs. Anna Cowell, of this city had her husband, E. R. E. Cowell, a former Sunday school superintendent of this city, and a Mrs. Skinner arrested in Detroit for adultery. Mrs. Skinner had some property in Eaton Rapids and in settlement of the injuries done Mrs. Cowell deeded over to the latter a house and lot valued at about \$800. Mrs. Cowell then withdrew her complaint and the guilty parties were allowed to go. After being released Mrs. Skinner filed a bill in chancery asking that the deed given Mrs. Cowell be set aside on the grounds that it was obtained from her by duress. Capt. Allen defended the deed in the Eaton Rapids circuit court last December and today received a decree from the court substantiating her position and allowing Mrs. Cowell to retain the property.

## ALLEN FOR PINGREE.

### Looks as if the Ex-Congressman Was on the Governor's Side.

If all reports are true, and it looks as if they were, Governor Pingree has made the most valuable acquisition to his ranks in the queer split in the Republican party of Michigan that he has accomplished in the past two years. And when the news was broken to Pingree it is a cinch that the great anti-monopolistic governor felt just like a University student getting a remittance from home.

It is none less than Hon. E. P. Allen, ex-congressman of this district, is now a full fledged Pingreite and hereafter will carry his credentials all filled out, properly signed and attested and decorated with a big red-sealed, long-ribbed certification for His Excellency.

"Ping" has the rank and file of the people following him as closely as small boys after a minstrel parade. What he has lacked is convention workers—men that can get up on the floor of a convention and do a good job of wind-jamming. Does anybody think for a moment that with Col. Atkinson and Captain Allen that this feature of the program will not be carried out? Mr. Allen is one of the very best in his line in the state and if the McMillan-Burrows-O'Donnell crowd think that they possess all the mouth workers in the Republican party in Michigan the next gubernatorial convention will dispel that belief like submarine mine under a modern warship.

Keep your eyes peeled on Atkinson and Allen. Mr. Sawyer and somebody else can have all that game they want.

## ALL CAN NOW RIDE.

### Low Price of Wheels Will Make Many More Bikes.

Bicycles will be so low in price this year as to be in reach of almost everybody and it is predicted that riding will be greatly increased. Probably at no time since the invention of the bicycle have conditions been so favorable to the prospective purchaser as they are at the present time. Wheels may be bought at any price from \$25 to \$125, or higher. If a special wheel formerly been sold for \$100. The \$50 bicycle is guaranteed to have as good tubing, spokes and rim, forgings, chain and to be as well finished as the same wheel that once sold for double the price. The \$75 wheels are declared to be equal to the \$125 wheels of previous years, while for \$65 just as good a wheel can be bought this year as required \$85 to secure last year. Not only are the best grade wheels cheaper, but the quality of material entering into their construction is declared by experts to be better and the finish more artistic. There are some practically new wheels, cheap-work or very little used and of the highest grade, left over from last year that can be produced for \$25 in the local market. Of course, they have not the latest improvements, but for all practical purposes they are just as good as the 1898 wheel and are bargains.

The famous Old-Time London Restaurant.

Of course, everybody who does London goes to the famous Cheshire Cheese in Fleet street for luncheon. It is one of the show places—an ancient tavern that has retained all its early characteristics from the plain furniture of its stuffy, little crowded coffee room to the rough pewter mugs in which is served your ale or "bitter." If you are in luck you'll be sure to get the coveted seat at the head of the table near the old fashioned fireplace, labeled in brass tablet as Samuel Johnson's favorite corner. Here, on the straight-backed, hard wooden settee, in the sawdust and sand, and amid smoke and dirt and smell of cookery sat Johnson, with pipe and bowl holding forth to the clever gentlemen of his day and association. Even the sight of the brass tablet and the big grease spot on the wall that still bears the impress of his learned head do not inspire me as I ought to be inspired; for I cannot appreciate this fad for dirty surroundings in which to eat. Perhaps Johnson had no better place to go in his time, but we certainly have. The cheese, however, is apparently typical of all of the historic inns of the older civilization, and one wonders why the exquisites and learned of that time should have preferred such environment to the elegant clubs and general decency of life. Was good wine, cookery and personal freedom known only to those public hostleries—the tap room of the sanded floor? Yet all English literature, from Shakespeare down to Dickens, reeks with the odor of the pot-house.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

## UNFAMILIAR HISTORY.

### A New Version of An Extremely Old Affair.

The Chinese port which Germany has recently seized received its name by a curious incident, the poetic recital of which forms a separate chapter in the Peachblossom Annals of the Emperor of Peeks-ti, says an exchange.

It seems that the Son of Heaven who had just had the spot surveyed and cut into corner lots, was hard up for an appropriate name for it. He thereupon summoned his ministers asking them to suggest one, but as the proposal of each one displeased him he ordered them all beheaded. At last in great anger, he summoned the eldest grand-niece of his thirty-second wife "What," he shrieked, "shall I name it?" "Your majesty," faltered the frightened girl, "I would call it—call it—call it—" So incensed was the emperor at her hesitation that he seized his royal three-eyed peacock feather and tickled her nose with it—a gesture too extreme to be indicated by boiling oil or the slicing process with a rubbing of fresh salt. "Well what?" he howled. "Kia-Chou!" she exclaimed, instinctively. The emperor was so pleased with her poetical exclamation, which is High Old Manchurian for "Take the darn old thing away!" that he christened the port on the spot and married the princess the same evening. From this union sprung the first rulers of the Atch-at-chew dynasty. The German emperor, who is a close student of the Mongolian dialects, was charmed by his first view of this port. "Kia-Chou!" he exclaimed, in rapture, as he took a pinch of snuff; "take the darn thing away!" This natural exclamation being misunderstood by his followers, the place was seized and Germany unwittingly committed to her recent course of action.

## VERY EMBARRASSING.

### The Young Frenchman Kissed His Anglo-Saxon Friends.

In the center of a group that gathered about the gangplank of an outgoing steamer lately was a young Frenchman who was returning to his home abroad, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. The steamer was on the point of starting and the friends of the young fellow had formed in a circle, each in readiness to extend his expression of farewell. Most of those in the group were of the Anglo-Saxon race, the male representatives of which are very undemonstrative in times of parting, and choose to indicate the intensity of their feelings in a firm hand grasp and a significant look, and they were unprepared for the vehement and impassioned salute that the foreigner gave them. With the officer's order of "All ashore that's goin'," the Frenchman turned to the friend nearest him. The hands of the two men clasped and the Saxon was struggling to pronounce correctly the "bon voyage" when he was seized about the neck and kissed squarely on the mouth. This form of salute was as unexpected as it evidently was unpleasant, for the recipient blushed deeply and looked uncomfortable. He was not alone in his humiliation, however, as the Frenchman passed around the circle, bestowing upon his friends the same embrace and the same kiss, which was always followed by a sounding smack. It was amusing to watch the way in which the kissed, after they had received the salute, turned their heads, and drawing out their handkerchiefs, indelicately wiped their mouths.

## HOPEFUL AFTER SPALDING.

### Andrew Fyfe, Ex-Collector of Customs at Grand Rapids, in the City.

Andrew Fyfe, who says he held office by grace of the Democrats of Grand Rapids for nine years and then became a "general" under the banner of Palmer and Buckner during the last campaign, was in the city Thursday with the avowed purpose of getting the single-gold-standard, name-blown-on-the-bottle, none-genuine-without-the-signature believers to inject some limestone into Congressman Spalding's backbone, and thus see if the Monroe banker cannot be stiffened up on the currency question.

Mr. Fyfe was "drumming" up these "sound money" men by virtue of his having now the great office of secretary of the Michigan Division of the Indianapolis Monetary Conference, and said that Gen. Spalding was the only congressman in Michigan who was not "all right" on the money question. His purpose was to get the leading single standard men of the district to write personal letters to the congressman and whip him in line if possible. Besides personal interviews Mr. Fyfe secured a long list of names and promised to flood this part of the state with literature pertaining to what the Indianapolis delegates want Congressman Spalding to do. This can be taken as an indication that the single gold standard men are camping on Spalding's trail and if he does not show up more fight along their line of battle than he has done, there will be some tomahawks lifted high in the air at the next congressional convention.

Several sleigh loads containing Messrs and Messdames, Stowell, Cady, H. Luffin, G. Palmer, Valmour, D. Kelllogg, N. Carpenter, J. Gridley, H. Platt, L. Crittenden, C. Roberts, O. W. Seymour, H. Owen, S. Fletcher, M. Crane, N. Ayers, G. Howe, the Misses Lela and Lulu Stowell, Donna Ayers, Leolya Nichols, Maude and Mabel Carpenter, John Weston and Mrs. Emma Randall, went out to Herman Rayers and gave him a surprise last Monday evening.

Progressive Pedro was the chief feature of the evening, Miss Nichols winning prizes first prize; Mrs. Valmour second; Mr. Howe, gentleman's first booby; and O. W. Seymour, booby. When you meet him on the street ask him to give you a shine.

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THE DEMOCRAT.

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IN AND ABOUT THE CITY. If you want to buy, sell or trade use the local columns of the Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rentschler have moved into their new home on E. Ann street.

H. Harper, of Silver Creek, N. Y., is in the city visiting his daughters, who are attending the University.

It is reported that J. H. Maynard will take Henry Merithew's place in the coming match which will game with the U. of M. team.

Tom Cox, the new trainer for the U. of M. football team, arrived in town yesterday and commenced operations on the men in training.

The "Trip to Klondike" entertainment Monday and Tuesday evenings at Germania hall was well attended and proved a unusual interest.

The first annual banquet of Lombard and Ann Arbor Camps will be held Tuesday evening, March 15, instead of March 10 as previously announced.

The Hausfreund-Post says that W. W. Wedemeyer, who made a speech at a Republican banquet at Bad Axe last week, is evidently on the war-path.

The great bill hanging in County Clerk Schuh's window at the court house advertising the coming Pingree speech in this city attracts considerable attention.

On account of the large number enrolled in civil government classes, the high school faculty has seen best to drop the course in political economy for this semester.

Andrew M. Leonard brings suit in circuit court of chancery against Albert F. Ball and Lucy Ball for specific performance of a land contract. The case is being tried.

Rev. R. Schreiber, pastor of St. Jacobs church in Saline township, has received a call from a German congregation in Grand Rapids, which he has accepted. Mr. Schreiber is a son-in-law of Rev. J. Neumann of this city.

Deputy Canfield served the capias on Louis Boyden of Dexter Tuesday in the case charging him with alienating the affections of a neighbor's wife. Boyden readily gave the bond for \$1,000 fixed upon by Judge Kinne.

C. H. Manly states that the Mutual Life Insurance company are requested to meet at Odd Fellows' hall at 7 p. m., Friday night, as matters of importance to them will be discussed.

The special meeting of the common council Saturday night for the purpose of attending together with the mayor, the Al G. Field colored minstrel show at the Athens Theater, on the invitation of Manager Lisemer. The aldermen will go in a body.

Four of Dr. Dell's Shetland ponies escaped from the barn this forenoon and attracted a great deal of attention by their antics on the street. They enjoyed their freedom to the utmost, gamboling about in the snow like overgrown puppies.

Reports received at Tuesday's meeting of the Y. M. C. A. directors showed that the sustaining membership plagues amounted thus far to about \$300 less than is actually needed to carry on the work of the association. This amount must be raised in some manner.

Marie Degan, a 27-year-old woman about town, was found lying in an alleyway dead drunk Wednesday. She was taken to the jail on a dray and as soon as sober will be taken before Justice Pond charged with being a tippler.

Miss Lydia M. Glasier, aged 52 years, died Tuesday morning at her home at 1209 Geddes ave. The funeral will occur tomorrow afternoon at the house and will be private. Rev. Dr. Sunderland officiating. Interment at Forest Hill cemetery.

The farm of Timothy Foley, situated in Northfield, was sold yesterday by Circuit Court Commissioner Butterfield on a chancery execution. The farm was sold in three parts of \$3 each. The land was purchased by John Coyle and Patrick Coyle and Philip Duffy and brought \$6,800.

The Gilt Edge Minstrels are going to put on the "Coontown Picnic" which made such a hit at Saline recently. King Amiel, the ventriloquist, is another added feature. Cousins & Hall, the florists, will furnish the flowers for use on the stage during the vocal overture—itsself something entirely new and very striking. The entertainment is going to be a splendid one.

Prof. B. M. Thompson, of the law department, in an address at Harris hall, said: "Seventy-five per cent. of all divorces granted are on the ground of cruelty and desertion, but I have never known a single such decree when the woman concerned was a good cook and good housekeeper." But the great difficulty with most women is that they don't want to be cooks and housekeepers.

"Will there be war?" inquired a down-town statesman of the Honorable Ezra Benton Norris Saturday. "No," replied the Democratic chieftain ironically. "The commission was sent to investigate the wreck of the Maine to report adversely. If we were to have war gold would go to a premium in five minutes, and that's what the administration doesn't want. The gold standard objects to war. War? Nil."

The supreme court sustained Judge Kinne in the case of Nellie A. Lennon vs. Wilbur M. Serviss Tuesday. Miss Lennon sued Mr. Serviss for wages and he asked the court to set aside the process because he was a non-resident. The circuit court refused and a mandamus was applied for and refused by the supreme court. Lawrence & Butterfield were attorneys for Mr. Serviss and M. J. Cavanaugh and Arthur Brown for Miss Lennon.

A Lansing dispatch says: "The politicians are figuring on just what was done at a conference of the friends of ex-Senator John Patton at Ann Arbor last week. They know it was held at the residence of Julius E. Beal, and that Patton and Grant Fellows, president of the State League of Republican clubs, were among those present. Inasmuch as Beal is a Pingree as well as a Patton man this year the anti-Pingreeites are particularly anxious to get next to the affair."

About forty dollars was realized from the entertainment recently given for the benefit of the Perry fellowship by Mrs. Sunderland. The committee in charge of the work met this afternoon to talk over plans for canvassing the graduates residing in the city and county, also those in other parts of the United States. A list of a thousand names was presented and equally divided up among the members of the committee. It was decided that as soon as a careful canvass of the graduates in the county and city had been made to send out circular letters to every graduate of the high school in the United States. Beside a request for money, each of these letters will contain a small picture of the late Prof. Perry. It is hoped to raise enough money by next October to keep at least one worthy student in the University.

Social and Personal.

The Lenten season is here. Our dear friend, Dame Society, has laid aside her gay and costly party gown of brilliantly colored silks and has attired herself in a gray and sombre garb of sack-cloth. For forty days and forty nights she will endeavor to forget such things as balls and dinners and luncheons and receptions ever had an existence. For forty days she will try to abstain from gossiping at afternoon teas. Just think of it! Can she possibly succeed in doing this? No longer do the trivial frivolities of life occupy her attention. Her merry, mischievous smile has disappeared. She now wears a meek and thoughtful expression. She resolves to be better than she was; she will practice self-denial; she will be kind and helpful to her neighbors; she will attend church regularly; she will lead a nobler and purer life. Consequently we shall expect the social world to settle down and become quiet and peaceful for the next few weeks. Society will rest.

The Ladies' Art club held its regular meeting at the Ladies' Library building on E. Huron street, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Warren P. Lombard, the president of the club, was not present, but her place was ably filled by Miss Alice L. Hunt. The particular subject under discussion was the great Italian painter, Correggio. Mrs. R. Bushnell read a very carefully prepared paper on the painter's life and character. An intensely interesting account of Correggio's most notable paintings was given by Mrs. Karl E. Guthe, who illustrated her talk with a number of photographs and engravings of the different paintings of the old master.

Miss Helen Kelly, of Cadillac, Mich., has been spending the past week with her friend, Miss Elizabeth Brown, of Kingsley street. She left yesterday for her home.

Mrs. L. T. Stone, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., is the guest of Mrs. Hendry of E. Ann street, where she will make an extended visit.

The girls of the Zeta Rho sorority gave a sleighride party last Wednesday night out to Whitmore Lake, where a most enjoyable time was spent in dancing at the Clifton house.

Last evening Mrs. Victor C. Vaughan entertained the members of Sorosis at her home on E. State street, in honor of Mrs. W. T. Eschler of LaSalle, Ill., who is making a short visit in this city.

Mrs. Andrew C. McLaughlin entertained last Thursday evening at a small progressive euchre party, which was given in honor of Miss Dean of Kansas City.

Miss Annie Knowlton, of Hill street, who has been seriously ill for the past three weeks, is recovering very rapidly. She was able to be out for a short while this morning.

The Gamma Phi Beta sorority had a masquerade party last Tuesday evening at their house on S. State street. Only members of the sorority were present.

Mrs. Warren P. Lombard returned last Wednesday from Boston, where she had been called on the sad errand of attending the funeral of her mother.

Miss Louise Whitcomb, of Battle Creek, is the guest of Mrs. Floyd R. Mechem of Hill street. She will leave for her home tomorrow evening.

Miss Mary Dean, of Kansas City, Mo., is the guest of Mrs. Waldron on S. State street. Miss Dean will leave for her home sometime next week.

Mrs. J. C. W. of Grand Rapids is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Albert H. Pattengill of Hill street.

Mrs. James H. Brewster entertained a few of her friends last Wednesday at an afternoon tea at her beautiful residence on Hill street. The affair was given in honor of her two aunts, the Misses Cammin, and was a most delightful one.

Master Willis Clarkson, the youngest son of Mr. C. W. Clarkson of Division street, gave a sleighing party this morning to about twenty of his friends. The youngsters had a very jolly time and enjoyed themselves hugely.

The Forty club will give its next dance on Friday evening, March 4, at Granger's academy. It is the intention of the club to give a series of three dances during the second semester.

The trustees of the Students' Christian association will give a reception at Newberry hall next Friday evening at 8 o'clock, in commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the association.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Presbyterian church was entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. J. M. Gelston at an afternoon tea. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in listening to several interesting papers read by members of the society describing the home mission work that the church is doing among the various Indian tribes in the west. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Combs read papers telling about the progress the church had made in educating the Indians and the difficulties to be overcome in the work. A most instructive talk was given by Mrs. Schurz on the Indian schools that were being conducted by the government in the Indian Territory. She illustrated her talk by a large map on which she pointed out the location of the different schools.

On the Death of Dr. Zimmerman.

(From Friday's Times.) At a meeting of the trustees of the first Unitarian church of this city, held February 23, 1898, the following minute upon the death of Dr. David Zimmerman was adopted and a copy ordered sent to the family of the deceased: "Dr. Zimmerman died at his home on Huron street, on Friday the 18th inst. During his residence in this city he was a supporter of this society and a regular attendant upon the services of the church. For the past three years he had been a member of its board of trustees and rendered especial service as chairman of the music committee. He had served with great acceptance as president of the Unity club. Dr. Zimmerman had endeared himself to all the members of this society and especially to the members of this board of trustees, for the great interest he took in all the activities of the church, by his genial manners, by his pure and upright character. As members of this board we are touched by sorrow at the untimely death of our associate and friend, and we extend to his widow and family our heartfelt sympathy for a loss which, to them, must be irreparable."

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Echoes from Prof. Thompson's Lecture.

The stranger who came to town yesterday in search of a wife who would make him a good cook and good housekeeper, must have misconstrued Prof. Thompson's lecture on the subject of domesticity, recently delivered at Harris hall. He was told to go to Ancient Athens.

The wife of a citizen of Modern Athens was yesterday asked if she had heard Prof. Thompson's lecture at Harris hall on "Domesticity, or the Requirements of a Good Cook and a Good Housekeeper," replied that she had sent the servant girl.

A citizen of Modern Athens, who had the good fortune to hear Prof. Thompson's lecture at Harris hall on "The Household Trinity—a good wife, a good cook and a good housekeeper," said the professor offended his (the citizen's) wife when he said that if (the professor) had never heard of a divorce in the household where the wife was a good cook and a good housekeeper. "My good wife," continued the citizen, "once cooked a meal and I afterward told her that if she ever attempted to cook a meal again I'd get a divorce. My darling thinks I have had a talk with the professor and given away home secrets."

"Did you attend Prof. Thompson's lecture on domesticity at Harris hall a few evenings ago?" inquired one lady of another yesterday. "Yes," was the reply. "I always attend every lecture, concert or entertainment. I constantly keep two servant girls, you know. The professor has most singular domestic views, don't you know. I am surprised to hear a professor talk so, don't you know, about a wife's place being in the kitchen and in the bed chamber. And in Classical Ann Arbor, too. Why the idea!"

At the Theatre.

The Owosso American: Al G. Field's Minstrels proved an attraction which did not fail to attract a large crowd to Salisbury's opera house last evening. The company treats its audience to jokes, some of which are sanctioned by time-honored usage. Other "gags" and they were in the majority, were as fresh and new as a bride's wedding gown. The specialties, including the dog circus, musical novelties, and so on, proved a delight to the audience, and encores were frequent. In short, the performance gave the best of satisfaction.

"Miss Francis of Yale," Michael Morton's most successful comedy, is the funniest work from the author's facile pen. Couple that fact with the encomiums bestowed upon the comedy by the New York and Chicago press, and one will realize the excellent quality of the farce that will receive its initial presentation at the Athens Theater next Monday evening.

Banquet of Lucullus Lodge.

The banquet given last evening by Lucullus Lodge No. 4, (colored) Knights of Pythias, was well attended and can be looked upon as a social and financial success. The committee in charge of the affair arranged a bountiful supper. After the Times man had been fully satisfied the rest of the evening was spent in responding to toasts. G. W. Gough, acting as toastmaster, introduced the various speakers of the evening. Those who responded to toasts were: Sheriff Judson, Thomas Rodeman, Mrs. Mary Rodeman, Rev. S. Simmons and others. All the speakers spoke on subjects in close touch with the interests of the lodge. The music by W. O. Thomas, Prof. Johnson and Harry Woods was much appreciated and the solo, "Will You Forgive Me," sung by Miss Letta Adams, was heartily enjoyed.

The object of the banquet was to raise funds to procure uniforms for the Uniform degree soon to be established and Sheriff Judson aided the boys by a present of \$10. In a word, the banquet was an event of the year.

Will Discuss Caps and Gowns.

The senior class of the literary department will hold an important meeting next Saturday afternoon in Room C. Although at its meeting last Friday the class adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock Saturday, it has been thought advisable to call the meeting at 1 o'clock in view of the fact that the freshman-sophomore indoor meet is scheduled for 3 o'clock on the same afternoon. It is necessary that all the seniors turn out to the meeting for the reason that it will be decided definitely whether or not the class will adopt the cap and gown. The memorial committee will also make a report which will probably be in favor of establishing a trophy room in the gymnasium. This will undoubtedly call forth a hot discussion in which every member of the class is interested. The method of laying the class tax is another matter of importance which must be definitely decided by the whole class.—U. of M. Daily.

Jeffersonian Society's Program.

The program of the Jeffersonian Society for Saturday night is as follows: Current topics, F. W. Chadbourne; reading, W. W. Croze; essay, Mr. Danneburg; biography, L. A. Grove; impromptu discussion, affirmative, F. S. Steinmeyer, negative, F. W. Heatherly; debate, "Resolved, That the United States senators should vote according to instructions of their state legislatures," affirmative, B. V. Kouout and W. F. Danes, negative, W. D. Ellsworth and P. H. George.

It is a well known fact among theatrical managers that a perfect cast is the most difficult object to obtain in the production of a comedy. This fortunate result, if one may judge of press opinions from all parts of America, seems to have been obtained in the production of "Miss Francis of Yale."

GEORGE G. WASHINGTON.

Willis Correspondent Pays a Tribute to the Daddy of His Country.

Fraternity Grange at its last session initiated a class of five in the third and fourth degrees of the order. It fell on Washington's Birthday. The physical exercises commenced at 10 a. m. An oyster dinner at 1 p. m. supplied felt wants and the literary exercises commenced by quotations that had to do with the life work of the man who stands pre-eminently above those in his class in liberating the colonies from the cruel bondage to which they were subjected by the Mother Country. He wrestled from crowned heads the acknowledgement of innate rights. His sublime patriotism in the war of independence enabled the colonies to sing the superlative anthem of which we boast. Of all the altars that we build those erected to Washington and his men are sublimed by the Poetry of Patriotism that the eulogist has failed as yet to pronounce. Imagination can paint no fairer picture than that of the hovering war eagle when it caught the vibrating aspiration, spread its wings and soared aloft, bearing in its talons the blood-stained banner, and shaking out its folds and screaming out from its bloody beak those words that had fallen with such distinctness: "Give me liberty or give me death." Such is history. The donations of master minds have enriched its pages with the fervor of eloquence and we carry it in grateful remembrance of the man whose ministering spirit meets us on the threshold of devotion to country as one chosen of God to establish in the new world a confederacy of states to be known in all coming time as the land of the free and the home of the brave. "Current Events," by Sister Kelly, included the disaster to the Maine in Cuban waters, the Chinese, the South American republics, the Dark Continent, the Hawaiian Islands and their desire to become a part of our glorious republic, and was in keeping with the Sister's minute guns that she fires rapidly in her portrayals of grasping ambition on the one hand and deserving patriotism on the other. Sister — read a carefully prepared essay on "The Life and Character of John Wesley, the Founder of Methodism," in which she found much to applaud. Elijah Darling gave a report of the work accomplished by the Dairy association in its meetings in Ypsilanti, that was listened to with interest by all present. The choir sang a parting salute to the retiring day, the chaplain pronounced the benediction and the overseer declared the labor of the day closed.

Expectancy is the gold-headed cane of the reincarnationist.

MUSINGS.

Mind moves in realms of the infinite. In the midst of doubts and fears; At home in depths of the centuries That are formed of the cooling years. It visits the stary realms of space Where unnumbered beauties lie; And writes its own Where the light is thrown By the rays of its flashing eye.

Laws to Get Out June 1.

A rumor has been flying about the law building all day to the effect that the law department will be closed about June 1 to allow the beginning of work on the addition. Prof. Johnson stated to a Daily representative that there was as yet no foundation for the report, but that such action might be taken. In this case there will be no spring vacation for the laws. Such a step would meet the approval of the students generally.

Lyra Concert a Success.

One hundred and fifteen ladies and gentlemen came from Detroit yesterday afternoon to be the guests of the Lyra Maennerchor and to aid in the concert and festivities of last night. Eighty-three of these composed the well known Detroit Harmonie club. Foremost Ann Arbor citizens joined in entertaining the guests and the time until the opening of the theater passed most pleasantly. The visitors were ladies and gentlemen of refinement, people whom it was a pleasure to know. We trust they have each and every one enjoyed their visit to our little city as much as have their hosts.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the concert began. The program as announced was carried out in every detail, the large crowd present attending their approval by frequent hearty applause. Master Freddie Daly was as usual the favorite, but the work of Mr. Garslein, Miss Mayer, Prof. Yunck, Mrs. Kempf, Mr. Dierckes and the Lyra and Harmonie clubs was of a high order, deserving much praise. After the concert came an elaborate banquet, speech-making, dancing and a pleasant social time at Germania hall.

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