

Pinckney Dispatch.

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Local Dispatches.

Mrs. K. H. Crane is under the Dr's. care.

N. B. Mann of Detroit was in town Tuesday on business.

Senator G. W. Teeple was in Marquette the past week on business.

We understand that the ice-men at Hamburg Jct. will begin operation today.

Will Monks, who has been at Lansing working for C. L. Bowman has returned home.

Dr. H. F. Sigler was in Saginaw the first of the week attending the state Masonic convention.

Miss Addie Sigler returned last Saturday from Detroit after spending a couple of weeks with relatives there.

E. E. Mann returned from Detroit last Saturday where he has been spending nearly two months with relatives at that place.

About 200 attended the social held at the home of Thomas Sheban last Thursday evening for the benefit of St. Mary's society.

During the year 1896, one hundred and seventy nine couple in Livingston county joined hands in marriage for better or for worse.

Last Sunday night was about the coldest that we have had this winter, the thermometer registering on Monday morning in this place at 20 degrees below zero. That's cold enough for us.

Watch out for next Tuesday, Feb. 2, for that is the date that the bear is billed to come out and see his shadow. If he sees it, we have six weeks of cold weather therefrom and if he does not see it, why, of course we won't have it. Here's hoping that the sun won't shine.

Mrs. E. D. Brown is on the sick list.

W. B. Darrow has been on the sick list the past week.

It is rumored that some of our citizens will begin filling their ice-houses the coming week.

Geo. Hendee of Fowlerville was the guest of friends and relatives at this place the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. P. Johnson attended the funeral of Mr. Johnson's mother, at Okemos on Tuesday last.

Thos. McCain, the White Oak horse extractor, plead guilty and was taken to Ionia for a period of three years.

It has been very good sleighing the past week and once more the forgotten cry of bob, bob, is heard on our streets.

The people of St. Mary's parish will hold a social at the home of Mike Farley on Thursday evening, Feb. 4. All are invited.

Topic for the Epworth League next Sunday evening is "The Temporal Blessings that follow Christianity". All are invited to attend.

Mrs. Chas. Campbell was called to the sick bed of her mother in Erie Co. Ohio last week, but was unable to reach there before her death.

The Editor of the Pinckney Dispatch is still unable to be around and we are afraid that if he does not soon get better he will forget how to get out a paper.

The time table of the T. & A. A. R. R. has been thoroughly changed and the trains going both ways arrive at the Jct. a few minutes earlier than heretofore.

One of the worst storms ever known to the people of Indiana visited that vicinity last Sunday. At one place in that state the thermometer stood 15 degrees below zero at noon.

"A CORRECTION" CORRECTED.

Detroit, Jan. 23, 1897.

Editor Pinckney Dispatch:

I beg leave to challenge the accuracy of Professor Sprout's "correction" of your "pink edition." It may be admitted that the Professor has taught the Pinckney school from "time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary" but when he dates it back to 1837 his chronology is as faulty as his mental arithmetic.

My father came to Putnam in 1836 and I have often heard him say that there was then but one house in Pinckney and I don't think that was a school-house. I did not "come to Michigan" until the last year of the first half of the century but I recollect very well some of those thrilling stories of his first term, which he kindly forbears to repeat. Perhaps the professor's copy was correct but some "LAMBASTED TYPESETTER" has got the figures mixed.

Respectfully etc,

Jas. T. Eaman.

No, Friend Eaman, the typesetter made no errors. He is supposed to follow copy if "it takes him out of the window." We confess the "correction" nearly took our breath but we set 'er up just as she read. [Ed.]

Jeff Parker has been on the sick list the past week.

Miss Ollie Smith is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Henry Kice.

Sheriff Roche and wife of Howell were in this vicinity over Sunday.

The D. L. & N. is no more in existence as it has been changed to D. G. R. & W.

Geo Green and wife of Howell were guests of Mr. Green's parents here over Sunday.

Miss Florence Andrews spent Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Briggs.

John Conlin and daughter Stella of Chelsea were guests of relatives here a couple of days last week.

Miss Blanche Boylan of Chilson was the guest of Miss Grace Lake the last of last week and the first of this.

In Washtenaw county 334 licenses were issued during the year of 1896. Seventy-three different trades and professions were represented in the ranks of the grocers, the largest number being farmers.

Frank Bailey died at his home near Gregory on Thursday, January 14, of cancer of the face, aged 64 years. He was a peculiar character in many ways and had gained considerable notoriety by his eccentricities. He would at times become almost crazed with passions and amid awful cursings wish his cancer upon nearly every inhabitant in the township of Unadilla. Last March he thought he was going to die and ordered his coffin to be made of two inch green oak plank, put together with three inch wood screws and bound with wagon tire, giving in detail just how it should be bound and how many screws should be put in. He did not want it padded or painted but the men who made it, upholstered it and painted it black. When completed it weighed 600 pounds. It has been kept in his house in the woodshed since last March. He picked out eight bearers to officiate at his burial and requested his son aged 19 years to draw him to the cemetery in a one-horse wagon and requested that no services be held over his remains. This part of the request was not complied with, as Samuel Placeway took his team and platform wagon and conveyed the remains to the Williams-ville cemetery, accompanied by a few citizens and the Rev. Barry, who made a prayer at the house and cemetery.—Fowlerville Review. His wish was complied with and was buried in the coffin that he had provided.

FIVE FORCIBLE FACTS.

We have a clean, well-assorted stock of PURE DRUGS and CHEMICALS.

We know how to compound them in the most SKILLFUL MANNER.

OUR CHARGES are MODERATE, OUR SERVICE the BEST.

We keep a well-assorted stock of all goods usually kept in A FIRST-CLASS DRUG STORE.

We want your patronage, and believe it will be PROFITABLE TO YOU as well as to us.

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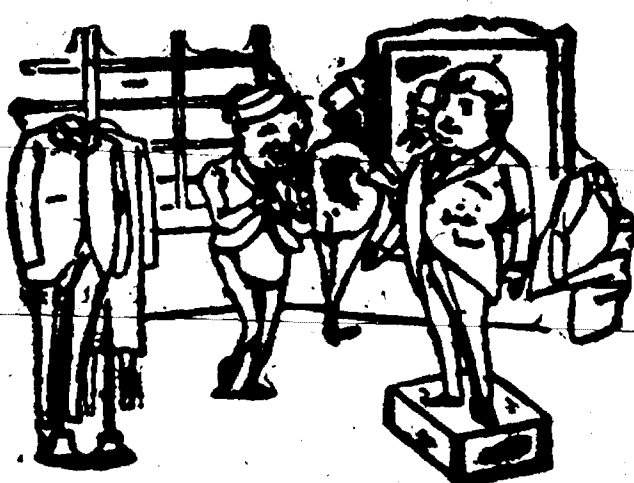
PINCKNEY, MICH.

Teeple & Cadwell.

Winter is here; and so are we with a fine line of Winter Hardware. Stoves, Ranges, Cutters, Bob-Sleighs, Sleds, Skates, etc. Call on us when making your Hardware purchases.

Teeple & Cadwell.

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MEN'S BOYS' and CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.

For the Next 20 Days.

DO NOT MISS THIS SALE.

MANN'S CLOTHING STORE.

Change of adv. for L. H. Field.

R. D. Roche is in Howell this week.

E. W. Mann was in Howell one day last week.

James Green of the U. of M. was home over Sunday.

Richard Clinton was in Chelsea a couple of days the past week.

William Steptoe and family visited at the home of Hugh Clark the last of last week.

J. T. Chambers was called to Ann Arbor last week, to attend the funeral of an uncle.

Professor Sage of Ann Arbor is holding a singing school in the Lakin school house.

Albert Reed and wife of Green Oak were guests at the home of Thomas Reed on Saturday last.

Fire! FIRE! FIRE! We want some wood to make a fire. Bring us a load and pay for the DISPATCH one year.

F. A. Sigler has a change of adv. in this issue. Frank is an up-to-date man and keeps that kind of goods.

The 4th division of the Ladies' Aid will give a dinner at the home of Mrs. Rolland Webb, Friday Jan. 29th. Conveyances will be at the Opera House to take all wishing to go. Dinner 10 CENTS.

The Democrat and Republican were the only papers in the county represented at the Livingston County Farmers' Institute last week. All reports seen in other papers will be like the county fire insurance report, "stolen".—Livingston Democrat. This seems to be a case of a big I and little u.

Rev. O. B. Thurston has resigned his pastorate of the Cong'l church, and has been called to Reed City. A very able and interesting speaker and genial gentleman, with a host of friends.—Cedar Springs Clipper. A "Kind Message" was also published and signed by the trustees of the Cedar Springs church in regard to their kind feelings and appreciation of his good work, both spiritual and financial, during his stay among them, and they regret his resignation.

E. M. Fobey was in Durand last Friday.

The sham lawsuit at the Hick's school house, was postponed indefinitely.

Mr. John Wolfer and Mrs. J. Schenk of Chelsea were guests of J. A. Cadwell and family a couple of days the past week.

The coldest spot in the United States last Sunday night and Monday morning was at Havre, Montana where the mercury fell to 30 degrees below zero. At Medicine Hat, British Columbia it fell to 50 degrees.

Frank Dunlavy of the township of Dexter, has moved his family into the residence on East Main st. owned by Mrs. A. LaRue. We understand that Mr. Dunlavy will run a meat market at this place.

Look out for bills announcing the Great Clothing Sale of Men's, Boy's and Children's clothing at E. A. Mann's clothing store which will continue only ten days more. Here is an excellent opportunity to save money and get exactly what you want.

ENDEAVOR DAY.

Next Sunday evening will be celebrated as Endeavor day by the C. E. at which time the following program will be carried out at the usual hour:

Leader	I. J. Cook.
Song Service.	
Scripture Lesson.	
Prayer	Rev. N. W. Pierce.
Singing.	
History of the C. E. society.	Ross Reed.
Poem.	Mabel Sigler.
Male Quartette.	"Redeemed."
Reading.	
The Pledge.	Mrs. I. J. Cook.
Remarks.	Rev. Pierce.
Singing.	
Misses.	

Durham bull for service. Service fee, 75 ct. V. G. Dinkie.

Strayed from the farm of Eugene Smith at Anderson, a Chester White sow, weight about 100 lbs. belonging to W. E. Tupper. Leave word with Mr. Tupper or Mr. Smith.

TWEEN THE LAKES.

MICHIGAN NEWS RECORDED IN NEWS FOR MICHIGANDERS.

Considerable Damage Caused by a Heavy Gale at Several Points—Cheboygan Man Killed by an Ice Boat Upsetting and Throwing Him on His Head

Michigan R. A. M. and R. A. M.
The grand council of Michigan R. A. M. met at the Masonic Temple, Saginaw. The report of the grand recorder showed that there are 54 chartered councils in the state, with 4,000 members in Michigan. The grand council decided to accept the Masonic home at Grand Rapids in conjunction with other Masonic bodies. The council appointed George P. McMahon, of Detroit, trustee. L. B. Hess, of Grand Rapids was elected grand master.

The grand chapter of Michigan, Royal Arch Masons held its forty-eighth annual convocation at the Masonic temple, Saginaw, Grand High Priest Lou B. Winsor, of Reed City, presiding. There are in the state 129 chapters with a membership of over 13,000, including 300 admitted during the year. There has also been a satisfactory increase in finances during the year. The R. A. M. also decided to assist in the care of the Masonic home and appointed Charles D. Blanchard, of Marquette, trustee. Chas. Gay, of Big Rapids, was elected grand high priest.

Postmaster \$1,700 Short.
James H. Gee, postmaster of Norway, has been deposed from office by his bondsmen, and Miss Libbie Burns placed in charge. Gee is short \$1,700. While holding the same office under Cleveland's first administration, he was found to have squandered the government's cash, for which his bondsmen settled rather than see him prosecuted. Gee will say nothing except that the money was spent to meet private bills. He is married and has several children.

Assault Captured at Bay City.
Herman Baubel, attempted to assault Mrs. Sol Jodway in her own yard at Bay City, but she escaped into the house. After trying to break in the door he smashed a window and started to crawl in, but Mrs. Jodway pounced him over the head until he desisted. Baubel tried to get away but was soon overhauled by the police.

Ex-County Treasurer's Accounts Away Off.
An alleged shortage of \$2,790.91 was found by the supervisors in the accounts of ex-treasurer J. L. Johnston, of Montmorency county. The prosecutor was instructed to collect it from his bondsmen. Johnston says he will make the amount good.

Fatal Ice Boat Accident.
While a party was ice boating at Cheboygan the shoe of the boat struck an obstruction, upsetting the boat. John Griebbrook struck on his head and died almost instantly from concussion of the brain.

Barn Destroyed—Farmer Fatally Hurt.
J. J. Curtis, near Charlotte, had a barn destroyed by the recent storm and Myron Holstein was probably fatally injured. Seven cows, 30 sheep and a team of oxen were killed by being buried in the ruins.

Wind's Costly Work at Jackson.
The recent gale took the roof from Haenule's brewery at Jackson and scattered it for blocks. The rain thoroughly soaked 10,000 bushels of malt and 6,000 bushels of malt. The damage is fully \$7,000.

THE TWO PENINSULAS.

New shingle mills have started up at Fife Lake and South Boardman.

"Grandma" Peck, aged 80, of Attica, is growing her third set of teeth.

John Pratt went insane at Fife Lake worrying over lack of employment.

Jacob Fetter, aged 63, of Reese, cut his throat because he was out of work.

James Mahar, of St. Johns, was knocked down and robbed of \$250 near Vestaburg.

Farmer Silliman, near Albion, has given Albion college \$300 to endow an oratorical contest.

Richard Monks, the slick young Bay City forger, has been sent to Ionia prison for five years.

Lumbermen of Saginaw and Bay City have formed a combination and raised prices 10 to 40 per cent.

The basket factory of C. L. King & Co., of Holland, which has been idle all winter, has resumed work.

The Muskegon river overflowed its banks near Muskegon and swamped hundreds of acres of celery fields.

Hog cholera rages in Fort Gratiot township, St. Clair county. One man has lost 100 porkers and another 40.

The barn of F. H. Mason, of Montague, burned with a large amount of grain, etc. No insurance; loss \$4,000.

The high school and ladies' club libraries of Greenville have been consolidated and thrown open to the public. Considerable damage was done at Salien by the wind storm, which blew down chimneys, smoke stacks and trees.

Several more cases of diphtheria are reported about Willow and additional schools closed. Society and public meetings are strictly forbidden.

The Michigan Equal Suffrage association is sounding the legislature with regard to the advisability of introducing an equal suffrage bill this session.

Fred Rutenberg, aged 18, while skating on 'fallaway' lake, near Pontiac, broke through and was drowned. Ned Phelps also went in, but was rescued.

Two Shelby farmers, Jacob Bettes and David Black, were arrested at Whitehall, charged with stealing 40 bushels of wheat from F. H. Covell's granary.

Lewis Wolcott, aged 22, a prominent young man of St. Johns, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart, after having a disagreement with his father.

Traverse City's council allowed billiard halls to remain open until midnight. The W. C. T. U. petitioned to have them close at 10 o'clock and the council so ordered.

The dead body of John Cavender, a farm hand, was found in a vacant farmhouse near Munith. He had been missing about a week. Drink and exposure probably killed him.

Garabed Assadonian, a well-known Armenian merchant at Petoskey, expects his long lost wife from Armenia very soon, and Petoskey ladies have prepared a reception for her.

About 100 people attended a mass meeting called by the W. C. T. U., at Ann Arbor and adopted stirring resolutions of sympathy with the Armenians. About \$160 was collected for Armenian relief.

Chas. McGee, a colored painter, sold out and left Allegan in a hurry. Now 20 boys of the best families confess to shocking acts in McGee's house. One of the boys is in a terrible condition and may die.

Edward Adair, whose wife had left him some time ago, called at her home at Alba and after drawing her into conversation pulled a knife and stabbed her three times in the back. It is thought the woman will die.

Three burglars, masked and armed, entered the coal office of S. W. Walsh, in Delray, and, intimidating Mr. Walsh and his bookkeeper, who slept in a rear room, they opened the safe and secured \$50 and two watches.

Since Gov. Pingree has declared that no employee of the railroad commissioner's office must use free passes Commissioner Wessellus has figured that the traveling expenses of these employees of the state will be over \$4,500 a year.

While driving at Traverse City Mrs. Henry Wilhelm's horse ran away. Mrs. Wilhelm, aged 32, was thrown out against a post, sustaining a broken arm and fractured skull. She was unconscious several hours, but her injuries may not prove fatal.

Hunters and woodsmen of the upper peninsula will petition the legislature for an increase of the bounty on wolves to \$20 per head. The claim is that timber wolves are increasing very rapidly and that they destroy five times more deer than the hunters kill.

Edward Percy, aged 19, of Adrian, committed suicide at Newark, N. J., by inhaling gas. He was a trapeze performer and was a member of a theatrical company, but having injured himself and being left behind without funds he became despondent.

The executive committee of the Michigan League of American Wheelmen met at Grand Rapids and drafted a bill compelling railroads to carry bicycles free as baggage. The bill will be presented in the legislature and a strong effort will be made to secure its passage.

A horse belonging to Nicholas Waggoner, near Elsie, died and a post mortem examination revealed something strange. What was apparently a reptile of the length of an ordinary streaked snake was found with a part of its body in the lungs and its head deeply embedded in the heart.

B. F. Cooper, alias Connors, the forger, whose operations extended over many states, was sentenced by Judge Wisner, at Flint, to one year in Ionia. He said he had returned all the money he had obtained by his forgeries, and had given all the evidence he could to convict his fellow-forgers.

William Marshall, Jr., rescued Louis Melevier and Miss Millie Dion from a watery grave beneath the ice at Mackinac island. They broke through while skating and he crawled out, threw his coat to Miss Dion and pulled her up. Then he grabbed Melevier just as he was going under the ice.

William Brinkert, of Highland Park, a Detroit suburb, was struck by a northbound Woodward avenue car. He died within half an hour without being able to explain how the accident occurred. He was struck in the right side and thrown some distance. Three ribs were broken and his lungs terribly torn.

August Streichert was recently jailed at Saginaw for stealing bicycles. Later a good looking woman swore out a complaint charging Streichert with ruining her. The fellow agreed to marry her and the ceremony was performed. Then the wife said she was without means of support and at her own request was sent to jail to be near her husband.

THE U. S. CONGRESS.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE.

The Nicaragua Canal Bill the Principal Measure Occupying the Attention of the Senators—Beginning to Clear off the Calendar for Adjournment.

Twenty-second day.—No session of the Senate. House.—The day was spent in considering private pension bills.

Twenty-third day.—No session of the Senate. House.—The day was devoted to oratorical tribute to the late speaker, Charles Crisp, who died during the recent recess of congress. The speeches were listened to by nearly all of the Democrats and a large contingent of Republicans, while many southern people filled the galleries.

SENATE.—24th day.—The Nicaragua canal bill was taken up and made the unfinished business by a vote of 38 to 14, which is thought to presage its final passage. The bill provides for an issue of \$100,000,000 of maritime canal company stock, of which the secretary of the treasury, in behalf of the United States, is to subscribe for \$70,000,000 worth of shares. The company is to issue bonds up to \$100,000,000, these to be guaranteed by the United States. The building and control of the canal are given to American engineers and a board of 11 directors of whom five are to be appointed by the President. The bill providing for an international monetary conference was presented by Mr. Chandler in behalf of Mr. Wolcott, who is in Europe. The army appropriation bill was passed, carrying \$23,129,344. The report of the deep waterways commission was received from the President, together with a message indorsing the report, which favors the proposed deep waterways from the Great lakes to the Atlantic ocean. House.—Three bills were passed, the most important being one prohibiting the sale of liquor to Indians. The remainder of the day was given to District of Columbia matters.

SENATE.—Twenty-fifth day.—The session was without incident. Senator Turpie spoke against the Nicaragua canal bill, and the reading of the legislative appropriation bill was completed with the exception of sections making provision for the congressional library, which were passed over temporarily. House.—The day was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills.

SENATE.—Twenty-sixth day.—Senator Turpie continued his speech in opposition to the Nicaragua canal bill, but did not conclude it. The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$23,000,000, was passed during the day. Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, severely criticised the executive authorities for concluding the Venezuela boundary agreement, which, he said, was a complete surrender of Venezuela to Great Britain. House.—The Yost-Tucker contested election case, from the Tenth Virginia district, consumed nearly the whole day. The conference report on the army appropriation bill was agreed to.

SENATE.—Twenty-seventh day.—Mr. Turpie concluded his speech against the Nicaragua canal bill. Mr. Morgan attempted to secure a time for a final vote, but was unsuccessful. House.—The Yost-Tucker Virginia contested election case consumed the day and the debate was exceedingly warm. The decision was finally made in favor of Mr. Tucker, the present incumbent.

Four Killed in a Political Riot.

For over 24 hours the village of Byron, Ga., was in a state of riot, in which four men were killed. The dead are: C. C. Richardson, C. L. Batesman, C. C. Bateman, B. H. Baskins. The trouble grew out of an election for municipal offices, which resulted in a tie, the town dividing two bitter factions and charges of fraud being interchanged. A second election was called for to decide the contest, in which every voter was brought up to the polls, but a second tie occurred and a bloody riot ensued.

Nearly 3,000 Die of the Plague.

The awful results of the famine throughout India and of the bubonic plague in the city of Bombay continue to increase. Of the 900,000 inhabitants of Bombay over one-half have fled from the city. The dead are multiplying so rapidly that they are often found in the streets, and nearly 3,000 deaths have been officially recorded. The native doctors have refused to care for victims of the plague for fear of contracting it themselves. The disease has spread to the cities of Belgium and Katul.

Gomez and Weyler Will Meet Soon.

Havana: Gen. Weyler has again left here with his columns for the field. This time the captain-general marches in the direction of the borders of Matanzas and Las Villas, where Maximo Gomez is supposed to be with a large army marching toward Havana. A heavy battle may be expected soon. Gomez has been having everything his own way thus far, overcoming every obstacle the Spaniards could put in his way.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

The Senate and House have disagreed on the subject of the annual 10 days' junket to visit the various state institutions. The Senate passed a resolution to adjourn from Jan. 22 to Feb. 2 for this purpose but the House declared the junket to be a disgraceful and dishonorable affair, and it was the apparent sense of the House that better results could be obtained by allowing each committee to visit the institutions in a body without notification, or knowledge of any institution. Senator Mason will push his bill for the submission of a constitutional amendment providing an educational qualification for electors—that they shall be able to read and write—and providing further that all electors must be full-fledged citizens. Senator Teeple believes in marrying young, so he has a bill which will permit a girl of 14 to marry, with the consent of parents or guardian. Rep. Bricker offers a Pingree measure—to regulate telephone companies. Representative Kimmins, of Oakland, thinks that there should be at least two women on each of the asylum boards, in order that the female inmates may be given more intelligent consideration. Rep. Madill would license quail hunters. In order to make it easier to take up state lands for homesteads Rep. Reed, of Mecosta, urges that all costs but 10 cents per acre be removed. An entirely new drain law is projected by Rep. Pearson. Rep. Lusk says that a public hearing should be given in any city before legislation is made affecting such city.

It will be a serious thing for a public officer to accept a pass on a railroad, or franking privileges from telegraph or telephone corporations if the bill offered by Senator Robinson, of Houghton, becomes a law. It also makes it a misdemeanor for a corporation to offer such things to a public officer. Mr. Robinson has another bill which would make the railroad fares of the upper peninsula the same as those of the lower peninsula. A bill to exempt from taxation or from sale by execution any home purchased with pension money has been prepared by Senator Hasdell, the purpose of the bill being to insure old soldiers their residences. The same senator has a bill to reduce rates of interest. Gen. Alger will be secretary of war in President McKinley's cabinet if the state legislature has its say. The Senate indorsed a set of resolutions which were presented by Senator Lawrence at the request of a Woman's Relief Corps, and in the House Rep. Bates presented resolutions warmly commending Michigan's son and urging his appointment, and they were promptly adopted. Among the new bills in the House is Fred A. Baker's bill, presented by Rep. Babcock for a tax of 2 per cent on all incomes over \$1,500; a general curfew law; amending game laws to extend partridge hunting 30 days, and to open the trout season April 15 and closing it August 15. Rep. Lee, of Lapeer, has the first capital punishment bill, and it is predicted that it will pass. Rep. Gustin introduced a concurrent resolution urging congress to recognize the independence of the republic of Cuba.

Economy seems to have become the watchword of some of the legislators, now that the army of janitors, messengers, clerks and assistants have been appointed, but a great deal of the cry for retrenchment is looked upon as bluff. For instance, the Senate adopted a resolution for final adjournment April 23—about 40 days earlier than usual—and at the same time preparations were being made for an adjournment of 10 days to go on a junket about the state. Not only that but the visiting committees would not agree to pay their own expenses if they made other junkets as committees to state institutions after the 10 days' blow-out. The Baker income tax bill will be fathered by Senator Hughes in the upper house. Senator Youmans, of Saginaw, has a bill providing for a bounty of one cent per pound on beet sugar produced in Michigan. He also offers a bill to make election days holidays in order to encourage voters to go to the polls; also, a measure to appropriate \$10,000 for a working home for the adult blind. The House unanimously adopted a resolution cutting mileage of members of committees visiting state institutions from 10 cents a mile to 3 and 4 cents in the lower and upper peninsula respectively, and making a uniform allowance of \$3 per day for expenses. Formerly large bill of expenses were sent in and the junketers often made \$150 on a single trip. Both houses appointed committees to investigate the state printing and hold down the bills as much as possible. The thirst for reform is so great that the House is willing to be still more thirsty and has cut off the supply of mineral water usually kept on tap. The "great servant girl question" has been tackled by Rep. Moore who has a bill which says that no servant girl shall be discharged without a week's notice. The House passed a \$3,000 appropriation for the Central Michigan Normal school at Mt. Pleasant for immediate needs.

Gen. Alger's candidacy for secretary of war in McKinley's cabinet is now doubly indorsed, both houses having passed their own resolutions indorsing him and each also adopted those of the other.

The first gun fired at the liquor traffic was by Senator Mason, who advocates an increase of the license on the sale of liquor from \$500 to \$750. While the bill was being passed, the state spent \$200,000 per year on the specific tax on their gross earnings Senator Merriam has a bill to increase the tax one-half of present amount, or \$140,000. It may be that Senator Campbell wants to cut off the appointment from Gov. Pingree, at any rate he has started a bill to continue the term of office of State Statistician De Lund from March 1, 1897 to March 1, 1899, and then abolish the office. Senator Barnard says that the salary of the attorney-general should be increased to \$5,000 and that officer compelled to reside at Lansing. The isolation by the board of health of persons exposed to communicable diseases often works much hardship and loss to the persons thus treated, and Senator Moore thinks such should be compensated. Senator Forsythe introduced a bill providing for a board of commissioners for a uniform system of text books. Senator Jubb desires to provide permanent quarters for the Michigan G. A. R. in the capitol building. House committees reported favorably bills to extend the taxing of franchisees to foreign as well as Michigan corporations; to have the law as to dust blowers in factories enforced by either the prosecuting attorney, sheriff, factory inspectors or constables. The House refused to concur in the Senate resolution to adjourn April 23. Rep. Donovan, of Bay, stirred up the animals when he called attention to the fact that the House committees were doing little if any work and offered a resolution requesting the speaker to urge upon them immediate action. The resolution was tabled, but it had its effect for as soon as the House adjourned seven committees went to work. A bill to give cities the right of home rule is backed by Rep. Lusk. The present law provides that relatives of inmates of poor houses and insane asylums must pay all of the costs of their maintenance or none at all. Rep. Smith, of Houghton, would permit judges of probate to assess part of the costs on the relatives when practicable.

Gov. Pingree's nomination of J. E. Just, of Ionia, as state banking commissioner for four years from April 1, was confirmed by the Senate. If a bill proposed by Senator Robinson becomes a law Ontonagon county, in the upper peninsula, will be divided into two counties, the new one to be named Pingree county. Since the governor refused allow employees of the railroad commissioner's office to ride on railroad passes the subject has been agitated considerably and now a bill has been prepared to get around the difficulty by requiring all railroads to furnish free transportation to the railroad commissioner's force, upon application, for state business. Senator Youmans believes he has a solution of the prison labor problem. He would have state prisoners employed in the copper mines on Isle Royale in Lake Superior, and establish the state prison there. The state at present owns 17,000 acres on the island. Rep. Sawyer, of Washtenaw, has a bill making the watering of stock of business enterprises a serious crime. This bill has the strong indorsement of Gov. Pingree. Mr. Sawyer would also have professors of the U. of M. give the whole of their services to that institution, aside from lectures; he would have the drinking water of any municipality analyzed free at the University upon application, and would require free operations upon children born cripple of poor parents. The House voted to celebrate Jan. 30, the sixtieth anniversary of Michigan's admission to the Union. Rep. Donovan says there are too many privileges allowed prisoners in county jails and he would require more stringent rules. Rep. Gilbert has a measure fixing the compensation of members of the 1897 legislature at \$5 per day.

Agricultural college asks the legislature for \$22,000, which is \$1,000 less than was appropriated two years ago.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.				
New York—Cattle	Best grades.	\$4 00/25 00	\$4 25	\$5 50
	Lower grades.	3 00	4 50	3 50
Chicago—Cattle	Best grades.	4 00/25 00	3 25	5 25
	Lower grades.	2 25/4 00	2 25	3 50
Detroit—Cattle	Best grades.	4 00/24 25	3 25	4 75
	Lower grades.	2 00/3 90	2 00	4 00
Buffalo—Cattle	Best grades.	3 75/4 00	3 25	5 25
	Lower grades.	2 00/3 50	2 25	3 75
Cincinnati—Cattle	Best grades.	4 00/24 25	3 25	5 00
	Lower grades.	2 00/3 85	2 25	3 75
Cleveland—Cattle	Best grades.	3 75/4 00	3 00	4 75
	Lower grades.	2 00/3 50	2 00	4 75
Pittsburg—Cattle	Best grades.	4 00/25 00	4 00	5 25
	Lower grades.	2 00/4 50	3 00	4 00

GRAIN, ETC.				
Wheat.	No. 2 red.	No. 2 mix.	No. 2 white.	
New York	94 1/2 @ 95 1/2	29 @ 30	21 @ 21 1/4	
Chicago	88 @ 92	22 @ 22 1/2	21 @ 21 1/4	
Detroit	90 1/2 @ 92 1/2	22 @ 22	21 1/2 @ 21 3/4	
Toledo	88 @ 92	22 @ 22	17 @ 17 1/4	
Cincinnati	92 @ 95	22 @ 22 1/2	18 @ 18 1/4	
Buffalo	92 1/2 @ 95	22 @ 22 1/2	19 @ 19 1/4	
Cleveland	92 @ 95	22 @ 22	18 @ 18 1/4	
Pittsburg	91 @ 92	22 @ 22	19 @ 19 1/4	
Détroit—No. 1 Timothy Hay, 85.00 per ton.				
Potatoes, 2c per bu. LI Chickens, 7c per lb. turkeys, 9c. ducks, 8c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 15c per doz. Butter, fresh dairy, 15c per lb. creamery, 10c.				

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The Best—Is Fact the One True Blood Purifier.
Hood's Pills cure nausea, indigestion, biliousness, etc.

Calendars and Coupons.
So many beautiful calendars and entertaining novelties have been issued by the proprietors of Hood's Sarsaparilla, that we are hardly surprised to receive this season not only one of the very prettiest designs in calendars, but with it coupons which entitle the recipient to attractive novelties. Every one who gets a Hood's Sarsaparilla calendar for 1897 secures something that will prove interesting and valuable as well as a beautiful specimen of the lithographer's art. The calendar is accompanied this season by an amusing little book on "The Weather." Ask your druggist for Hood's Coupon Calendar, or send 6 cents in stamps for one to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Two freights collided on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad, at Hazlett, Tex., and two men were killed and two injured.

What Everybody Says About Brandy.
That the Wines and Brandy of the Speer N. J. Wine Co., Passaic, N. J., are leading all others in public favor. Their Wines are unexcelled for delicacy of flavor, and are produced by the most capable judges to be the very best in the market. For pure grape Brandy their Old Climax, vintage of 1876, is admittedly the best to be had, and more reliable than French Brandy. Druggists sell it.

Kent county is agitating a county insane asylum on the score of economy.

The Most Unique Calendar of the Season Has just been issued by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. Copy can be secured by sending six cents in stamps to cover postage, to A. J. Smith, G. P. A., Cleveland, O.

White caps dynamited the home of David McArthur at Yale.

Wine for the Communion Table.
Speer's unfermented grape juice preserved absolutely pure as it runs from the press without cooking or the addition of spirits or any substance in any form whatever. It is preserved by precipitating and extracting the ferment or yeast principal by fumigation and electricity.

William Brown, aged 20, was jailed at Vassar, charged with incest with his niece, Orpha Taylor, aged 17, too whom a child was born Dec. 29.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Traffic in the Strand.
A statistician says 12,000 vehicles, including 3,000 omnibuses, pass through the Strand, London, in the day, and the narrowness of the street causes each of the 63,000 occupants to waste, on the average, three minutes. The total waste of time equals 3,150 hours, the money value of which, at the very moderate rate of one shilling an hour, is \$785 per day, or nearly \$250,000 per annum.

Thomas O. Doremus, was crushed under the wheels of an engine at Jackson, and died of his injuries. He was one of the best known railroad men in Michigan.

A CRY OF WARNING.

"I suffered for years and years with womb and kidney trouble in their worst forms.

"I had terrible pains in my abdomen and back; could hardly drag myself around; had the 'blues' all the time, was cross to every one; but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has entirely cured me of all my pains.

"I cannot praise it enough, and cry aloud to all women that their suffering is unnecessary; go to your druggist and get a bottle that you may try it anyway. You owe this chance of recovery to yourself."—Mrs. J. STENAND, 2218 Amber St., Kensington, Pa.

FOR 14 CENTS.
We wish to give 100,000 pleased customers in 1897 and hence offer
1 Pig Stomach Compound 10c
1 Pig Round Globe Bait 10c
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Worth \$1.00, for 14 cents.
Above 16 pkgs. worth \$1.00 we will mail you free together with our great plant and seed catalogue upon receipt of this notice and 14c. postage. How can we do it? Because we want new customers and know if you once try Salzer's seed, you'll never get along without them! Catalogue alone 5c. postage, N. W. J. SALZER, SEED CO., 14 GROSS, WIS.

PISO'S CURE FOR
COUGHS, COLDS AND BRONCHITIS.
Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.

HIS ONLY ROMANCE.



It was two years since Joe Bentley had left his home in a quiet little Ohio town to seek his fortune in the West. For two years each working day had found him at his desk in a large mercantile house in Chicago. He had been fortunate in securing a position at once, through a brother of his town postmaster, who was now chief clerk in the office. Joe will never forget those two years—lonesome two years they were, the more lonesome, perhaps, because he had never been away from home and among strangers before.

When he first came to Chicago the World's Fair and other attractions made the city a wonderful place for the country boy, but these soon paled or passed away, and the loneliness settled upon him as he felt himself a stranger in a strange land. For a time he attended church, as had been his habit at home, but they were such large places, and the congregation and young folks dressed and acted so differently from the church folk at home that he finally got in the habit of staying away. He sorely missed his town acquaintances, the companionship of his sisters and brothers and the bright smile of Cousin Fan, who used to pop in so unexpectedly and leave such a volume of sunshine behind her when her father would come to town to do his marketing. The girls with whom some of his fellow-clerks associated, and with whom they tried to make him at home, somehow failed to fill the bill. Somehow it didn't seem right for the fellows to greet them on the street with a familiar slap on the shoulder and a "Hello, Kit, old girl, how you is?" and in spite of himself he felt too much of an aversion to them to enjoy himself or make himself entertaining and dropped them.

At last a change came—gradually, to be sure, so slowly that Joe hardly knew there had been a change till it was there. For several days the seat at the opposite end of the table in the restaurant Joe ate lunch had been occupied by a modest-looking little woman, whose long lashes fringed the darkest of blue eyes and whose slightly pouting lips and rounded cheeks glowed with the natural health which can never be duplicated by art, and which only country air can give. The next day she was in the same seat, and the next and the next, and Joe soon came to look forward, unthinkingly, to seeing the bright face of the unknown.

One day the chair was vacant, and Joe, with a sense of deep disappointment, knew why it was he looked forward so eagerly to the noonday meal. The next noon he took particular pains with his toilet and was so impatient that he was at the table five minutes before his accustomed time. She was not there and his heart sank. A minute later it bounded again as he saw the well-known figure coming down the aisle. As she pulled back her chair preparatory to taking her seat, somehow or other, Joe never quite knew



"I'M ASHAMED OF YOU."

how it happened, the big blue eyes flashed for a moment into his and he was on his feet blushing and bowing. This was the beginning, and it became customary to bow, later to sit side by side and talk during lunch, and, if time permitted, to walk with her as far as the Monagnoch building, where she was employed. He had vainly tried to discover her name, but when he had naively informed her that it was awkward to call her "Say," she had asked him to call her simply Miss Margaret, adding that this was what she was most generally called and was most accustomed to. This went on for several weeks and Joe had several times been on the verge of asking for her address that he might call, or asking her to accompany him to the theater, but he kept delaying, fearing that he might rupture the growing friendship and be left again to himself and the lonesomeness of feeling that he knew almost no one. One noon (and Joe will always remember it) she was not in her accustomed place, although the day before she had been speculating what the bill of fare would be. He ate as slowly as he could and spent his whole noon hour in the restaurant, but when he

left, the chair was still vacant. The next day the same experience. He reproached himself for not finding out more about her—perhaps she was sick or had met with an accident. At any rate, she knew his name and address why didn't she at least drop him a line? Surely it was cruel to leave him in such uncertainty. He brooded over what might possibly have happened to her, till his health began to fail. He had never thought the daily walk of a few blocks could mean so much to him. Several weeks passed by and the chair still continued vacant. On the very day his two years was up Joe remembered that she had spoken of Oconomowoc one day in connection with her family. He would ask for a few days' respite from work and go up there. He had never asked for a vacation and they surely would not refuse him. Besides, it was not far from Chicago and many Chicago men went up Saturday nights to spend Sunday with their families who were stopping there. Anyhow, he would go for the rest of the week—possibly he might see her or learn of her and the change would do him good even if he didn't.

The next morning, Wednesday, he started. He could only be spared for the rest of the week, but what might not happen in four whole days? When he arrived at the depot of the pretty little Wisconsin town he found himself anxiously looking around, though he condemned himself for his foolishness in doing so—why should she be around the depot if she was in the town?

After he had registered at a hotel he wandered aimlessly about the town, admiring the handsome houses and the beautiful twin lakes, and watching the launches, filled with happy campers, darting to and fro. In the afternoon he hired a boat and tried to fish, but after a couple of hours' effort, when only a couple of sickly looking dog-fish rewarded his efforts, he gave it up in disgust and returned to the hotel.

At dinner that evening he was made aware of the fact that a circus was in town by a couple sitting across the table from him, who had come in from the surrounding country and were going. In the barber-shop also there was nothing talked of but the circus. It made him feel quite at home to see the enthusiasm created by the mere fact of a circus being in town. How different from Chicago, where nothing seemed to be able to command but passing interest.

Then he remembered that at home everybody went to the circus—why shouldn't they do it here?—and perhaps she might be there. He would go to the circus.

It was a little late when Joe reached the tent. He had not calculated on how many would be ahead of him for the single barber's chair nor how long it would take the hotel bootblack to put a satisfactory gloss on his shoes.

As he entered the tent he went down the open space to the ropes and starting at one end glanced as critically at each face as the flickering of the gas-line lamps would allow. Of a sudden he stopped, rubbed his eyes and looked again. Yes, surely that was Margaret, looking fairer and more winsome than ever, appearing quite out of place among the rustics who surrounded her—and, wonder of wonders, there was an empty seat beside her. In a matter of ten minutes Joe had found his way to where she sat and forced himself at her side. She appeared glad to see him and Joe felt supremely happy as explanations on both sides were being made—though he thought it strange that she assigned no reason for her sudden departure from Chicago.

All things must have an end and the entertainment came to a close. Joe's request to "see her home" had been accepted and he seemed to be treading on air as he left the tent with the little hand resting lightly on his arm. As they were nearing a crossing and Joe was opening up a subject of carrying on a correspondence a woman's form came under the light across the way. Margaret half turned around to go back with a "Gracious, there's ma!" Joe looked more closely and saw a middle-aged woman with a determined-looking face hurrying toward them. She took Margaret sharply by the arm and drew her to one side as she said:

"I've been hunting for you everywhere—what made you change your seat? We won't trouble this young man for his company any further"—with a scathing look at Joe—"I'm ashamed of you, out with a young man and your wedding only three days off. I'll be glad when Frank has you to look after instead of me."

And as Margaret was being hurried away from across the street Joe caught the gleam of a ring on the little hand that was surreptitiously waved to him.

Good Cow Story.
There is a cow with eighteen horns at Kerrville, Tex. The two on her head are curved like the horns of sheep. The others take the place of hoofs, two projecting forward and two toward the rear on each foot.

Gold Coin Nearly At New.
Of the gold coin now in circulation in England a small proportion only bears an earlier date than 1879.

Bold Robbery at Toledo.

The boldest holdup in the history of Toledo occurred at the office of the Northwestern Elevator and Mill Co., when a man dashed in and pointing a revolver at the head of the cashier, cried out: "Throw up your hands, give me your money or I'll blow your head off." He then walked behind the counter, still covering the cashier with the revolver, gathered up \$500 in currency, placed them in a cotton bag and coolly walked out, entered a buggy that was in waiting and drove off at a lively rate. It was pay day at the mill and the cashier was in the act of making up the envelopes when the robber entered.

Deep Waterways from Lakes to Ocean.

The commission appointed by President Cleveland in 1895, under authority of a resolution passed congress, by and consisting of President Angell, of the University of Michigan, John E. Russell and Lyman E. Cooley, has reported to President Cleveland that they find the scheme for a deep waterways channel of 28 feet depth from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic ocean to be thoroughly practicable.

15 Orphans Burned to Death.

Fifteen little girls and boys are dead as a result of a fire at the Buckner orphan home, at Dallas, Tex., and nine others are seriously burned and crushed. Three of the injured, it is thought, cannot recover.

NEWSY CONDENSATIONS.

Near New Carlisle, Ind., John Windmill's barn was blown down, killing his son.

Factory No. 4, of the Anderson, Ind., Window Glass Co., was destroyed by a wind storm.

Mrs. Frank Villier, near Port Leyden, N. Y., cut her babe's throat and then her own. Both died.

The New York state assembly has passed strong resolutions of sympathy with the Cuban revolutionists.

A heavy windstorm demolished hundreds of derricks in the Ohio oil fields, besides doing considerable other damage.

The liberal party of the British house of lords have chosen the earl of Kimberley as their leader in place of Lord Rosebery, who resigned.

The Countess Castellane, formerly Miss Anna Gould, gave birth to a son, at Paris. Miss Gould was married to Count Castellane on March 4, 1895.

It is reported that France is preparing to open negotiations with the United States for a general arbitration treaty similar to the pending Anglo-American treaty.

The London Daily Mail dispatch from Vienna says that starting rumors are current that the czar and czarina are suffering from indications of poisoning, supposed to have been administered in their food.

It is reported at Washington that McKinley will, by special messenger, offer the post of ambassador to Great Britain to Benjamin Harrison. There is a belief that Mrs. Harrison's ambition may cause the ex-president to accept.

Allice Cook, aged 8, while walking to school on the railroad track at Riverdale, caught her foot in a cattle guard. A freight engine ran over her, cutting her leg off at the knee. The child's mother, who is ill, may die from the shock.

Residents of Pickford, which wants to be a county seat, are agitating the formation of a new county, to include Pickford, Rudyard, Raber, Detour and Drummond townships, of Chippewa county, and Marquette, Cedar and Sherwood townships of Mackinac county.

The Lake Superior, Lake Angeline and Cleveland Cliffs mines at Ishpeming have added about 100 men to their working force within two weeks. Other mines will soon employ from 200 to 300 more men. There are now 1,900 men working at Ishpeming and 1,000 at Negaunee.

Sam Palatka, a villainous looking fellow, has been captured in Putnam county, Ga., and confesses to having caused the terrible wreck at Cahaba bridge, near Birmingham, Ala., a few weeks ago when 35 people were killed and 20 badly injured. He says he did the deed so he could rob the dead.

The republic of Peru has asked the United States to grant more time for the settlement of a \$200,000 claim against the government of Peru by V. H. MacCord, a U. S. consular agent who was falsely imprisoned. The case has been pending 11 years and Secretary Olney has replied demanding an immediate settlement, and the U. S. cruiser Philadelphia has been sent to Callao, Peru.

Gen. Carlos Roloff, secretary of war for the insurgent Cuban provisional government, had just completed the organization of one of largest military expeditions ever prepared in this country for the aid of the Cuban revolutionists, when he was arrested and placed under \$5,000 bail. It is thought the expedition will go just the same. It will carry 2,000,000 cartridges, 3,000 Mauser rifles, 4 rapid fire guns, 2,000 gun cartridges and a large quantity of dynamite and medical stores and camp material.

A BACK BLOW.

The Weapon Small,—but None More Certain or Effective.

In these times when backs are lame, when almost every other one we meet has now and then, or all the time, a back that aches or pains—"a weak back," "a bad back," a back that makes their life a misery to bear—and still they go on day by day in pain and suffering. Now is the easiest thing in the world to give this played out back "a blow" that will settle it, and put in its place a new one equal to any. It's just like this: hit at the cause; most backaches come from kidney disorders. Reach the kidneys, start their clogged-up fibres in operation; when this is done you can say good-bye to backache. Here is a case from Battle Creek: Mr. Josiah M. Shoup lives at 51 Broad Street, he was a member of the Battle Creek police force for many years. As a member of the force he served the city well, but the rough weather he was often subjected to laid the foundation of kidney disorder, which has troubled him very much. Here is what he says about it:

"About three years ago, while on the police force, I contracted from exposure a kidney trouble, which has since given me no end of trouble. The pain was right through my kidneys and across the small of my back; if sitting down and I wanted to stand up, I had to arise very slowly and gently to avoid increasing the pain; I had such tired-out feelings all the time, and I was steadily getting worse. About two months ago, hearing of Doan's Kidney Pills, I got a box. Their action and effect was most complete, they removed the old aching pains for good. I can now get around as quickly as anybody. Doan's Kidney Pills are certainly as represented."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no other.

A rainproof umbrella with transparent cover enabling the user to see where he is going has been invented in England.

A Very Popular Calendar.

Few people in these busy days are willing to live without a calendar to mark the passing of time. This fact, we doubt, accounts for the calendars of all kinds, colors, shapes and sizes which flood the mails at this season. Among them all the one that best suits us is the one issued by N. W. Ayer & Son, the "Keeping Everlastingly At It" Newspaper Advertising Agency of Philadelphia. We have just received our new copy and are fixed for 1897. It is not difficult to see why this calendar is so greatly favored. The figures on it are large enough to be read across a room; its handsome appearance makes it worthy of a place in the best furnished office or library, while its business-like all the way through. The publishers state that the demand for this calendar has always exceeded the supply. This led them years ago to place upon it a nominal price—25 cents, on receipt of which it is sent, post-paid and securely packed, to any address.

British revenue from beer last year was \$63,995,000, an increase of \$3,085,000, over the previous year.

WHAT A STUPENDOUS LIE!

We hear a farmer say when he reads that John Breider, Mishfott, Wis., grew 173 bushels of Salzer's Silver King Barley per acre in 1896. Don't you believe it? Just write him! You see Salzer's seeds are bred up to big yields. And Oats 230 bushels, corn 260, Wheat 60 bushels, Potatoes 1,600 bushels, Grasses 6 tons per acre, etc., etc.

\$1000 FOR 10 CENTS.

Just Send This Notice With 10 Cents stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and get 12 farm seed samples, worth \$10, to get a start. w.n.

No matter how large a woman is when a man likes her he says she is a dear little thing.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Theman dies well who dies in the consciousness that he has done his best.

NO-TO-BAC FOR FIFTY CENTS.

Over 400,000 cured. Why not let No-To-Bac regulate or remove your desire for tobacco. Saves money, makes health and manhood. Cure guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00, all druggists.

Many a man puts his family in the dark to help the saloon pay its gas bill.

FITS stopped free and permanently cured. No more first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Free 21 trial bottle and treatise. Send to Dr. Kline, 231 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Everybody in this world wants watching but none more than ourselves.

Wm. Winslow's Sassafras Syrup For children's teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain. Cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

A weak constitution can be strengthened, but a weak set of brains can't.

I never used so quick a cure as Pisco's Cure for Consumption.—J. B. Palmer, Box 1177, Seattle, Wash., Nov. 23, 1895.

The man will be well occupied whose first aim in life is to do God's will.

Seegerman's Camphor Ice with Glycerine. The original and only genuine. Cures Chapped Hands and Feet, Cold Sores, etc. C. C. Clark Co., N. Haven, Ct.

The strongest of all men is the one who takes God to be his strength.

Just try a 10c box of Cascarets, candy cathartic, the finest liver and bowel regulator made.

Where there is no money there is no devil.

Pinkney Dispatch.

FRANK L. ANDREWS, Publisher.
PINKNEY, MICHIGAN.

Only what we have wrought into our characters during life can we take away with us.

Laziness is contagious, while it is almost impossible to spread industry, even by inoculation.

There are too many people who imagine they are privileged to worry their living out of their neighbors.

There is nothing which marks more decidedly the character of men and of nations than the manner in which they treat women.

The fact that you cannot change the whole world should not prevent your trying to smooth over a few of the rough spots in the path that somebody has to walk.

Some of the experts employed during the trial of Maria Barberi charged \$300 a day for their services. The entire cost of expert testimony in this trial was \$10,000, and in the case of Dr. Meyer the expert testimony cost \$62,000. District Attorney Olcott intends to draft a bill to be presented to the New York legislature enabling the city to employ its own experts at a stated salary.

A short time ago some of the pupils attending the Riverside school in Montreal took into the school a quantity of cured smoking tobacco. By way of punishing them, W. A. Kneeland, the principal, made an infusion of the weed in a glass of water, and compelled a number of the offenders to swallow some of the nauseating dose. Mr. Kneeland was summoned before the board of school commissioners and reprimanded for infraction of the regulations on punishments. The board declared that in future the authorized modes of punishment must be adhered to.

Summaries of the results of establishing postal savings-bank systems in a few important countries have been printed. Among these countries are England, France, Russia and Austria-Hungary. The main feature of the systems is that the government, through its post-offices, is the custodian of deposits in small amounts, special attention being paid to encouraging the young to acquire the habit of saving. In England one person in every seven is a depositor in a postal bank, and the total amount of the deposits in the keeping of the government is more than four hundred million dollars. Although the system has never been tested in the United States, its adoption has been urged by various public officials of high rank; and it is probable that the more than satisfactory results in foreign countries will lead to its establishment here.

The largest national debt is that of France, which is \$6,000,000,000, or nearly double the debt of England, which is second on the list with \$3,300,000,000. Austria-Hungary is third, with \$3,030,000,000; Russia fourth, with \$2,875,000,000, and poor old Italy fifth, with \$2,530,000,000; the United States seventh, with \$996,141,952. Though Spain is sixth, she is the only one of the lot which may be said to be completely bankrupt. Her debt is \$1,395,000,000. As far as lending power is concerned the French are altogether the richest people in the world, for it is an invariable rule in France to lay aside a certain percentage of one's income, no matter how small the income is. Following is the comparative list of the debts of all countries owing over \$500,000,000 in 1896: France, \$6,000,000,000; England, \$3,300,000,000; Austria-Hungary, \$3,030,000,000; Russia, \$2,875,000,000; Italy, \$2,530,000,000; United States, \$996,141,952; Spain, \$1,395,000,000; Germany, \$1,200,000,000; Australasia, \$1,200,000,000; Turkey, \$900,000,000; Portugal, \$765,000,000; India, \$635,000,000; Brazil, \$550,000,000; Egypt, \$530,000,000. The total amount of interest on the world's debts approximates \$1,115,000,000 annually. Twenty years ago it was as much as \$1,000,000,000, in spite of the fact of the present increase in the indebtedness of more than \$5,000,000,000. In 1875 Spain and Mexico were paying as high as 16 and 18 per cent. Considering the amount of her indebtedness, France pays the lowest amount of interest. She pays out \$185,000,000 a year in interest, as against England's \$125,000,000, Russia's \$120,000,000, Austria-Hungary's \$185,000,000. In round numbers, but in fact, almost \$1,000,000 more than France, though her debt is only \$30,000,000 more than half as much, Italy's \$117,000,000, and Spain's \$56,000,000. Every Frenchman pays toward the interest on his country's debt each year \$4.75, every Russian \$1.20, every Englishman \$3.15, every Austrian or Hungarian \$7.50, every Italian \$3.80, which comes harder than the Austrian's \$7.50, every Spaniard \$3.25, every United Statesian 42c, every Portuguese \$3.90, and every German 32c.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

STORMING THE HEIGHTS OF LEAGUED OPPRESSION.

From the Text, "Who art thou, O Great Mountain? Before Zerubbabel Thou shalt become a plain."—Zechariah, Chapter 4, Verse 7.



ZERUBBABEL! Who owned that difficult name, in which three times the letter "b" occurs, disposing most people to stammer in the pronunciation? Zerubbabel was the splendid man called to rebuild the destroyed Temple at Jerusalem. Stone for the building had been quarried, and the trowel had rung at the laying of the corner-stone, and all went well, when the Cuthaeans offered to help in the work. They were a bad lot of people, and Zerubbabel declined their help, and then the trouble began. The Cuthaeans prejudiced the Secretary of the Treasury against Zerubbabel, so that the wages of the carpenters and masons could not be paid, and the heavy cedar timbers which had been dragged from Mount Lebanon to the Mediterranean and floated in rafts from Beyrout to Joppa, and were to be drawn by ox team from Joppa to Jerusalem, had halted, and as a result of the work of those jealous Cuthaeans for sixteen years the building of the Temple was stopped. But after sixteen years, Zerubbabel, the mighty soul, got a new call from God to go ahead with the Temple building, and the Angel of the Lord in substance said: "They have piled up obstacles in the way of Zerubbabel until they have become a mountain, height above height, crag above crag; but it shall all be thundered down and made flat and smooth as the floor of a house. 'Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain.'"

Well, the Cuthaeans are not all dead yet. They are busy in every neighborhood and every city and every nation of every age, heaping obstacles in the way of the cause of God. They have piled up hindrances above hindrances until they have become a hill, and the hill has become a mountain, and the mountain has become an Alp, and there it stands, right in the way of all movements for the world's salvation. Some people are so discouraged about the height and breadth of this mountain in front of them that they have done nothing for sixteen years and many of those who are at work trying to do something toward removing the mountain toll in such a way that I can see they have not much faith that the mountain of hindrances will ever be removed. They feel they must do their duty, but they feel all the time—I can hear it in their prayers and exhortations—that they are striking their pickaxes and shovels into the side of the Rocky Mountains. If the good Lord will help me while I preach I will give you the names of some of the high mountains which are really in the way, and then show you that those mountains are to be prostrated, torn down, ground up, leveled, put out of sight forever. "Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain."

First, there is the Mountain of Prejudice, as long as a range of the Pyrenees. Prejudice against the Bible as a dull book, an inconsistent book, a cruel book, an unclean book, and in every way an unfit book. The most of them have never read it. They think the strata of the rocks contradict the account in Genesis. The poor souls do not know that the Mosaic account agrees exactly with the geological account. No violin or flute ever were in better accord. By crowbar and pickaxe and shovel and blasting powder the geologist goes down in the earth and says, "The first thing created in the furnishing of the earth was the plants." Moses says, "Ay! I told you that in the Book of Genesis: 'The earth brought forth grass and herb, yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit.'" The geologist goes on digging in the earth, and says, "The next thing in the furnishing of the earth was the making of the creatures of the sea." Moses says, "Ay! I told you that was next in the Book of Genesis: 'God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creatures that have life; and God created great whales.'" The geologist goes on digging, and says, "The next thing in the furnishing of the earth was the creation of the cattle and the reptiles and the beasts of the field." "Ay!" says Moses; "I told you that was next in the first chapter of Genesis: 'And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind.'" The geologist goes on digging in the earth, and says, "The next creature was the human family." "Ay!" says Moses; "I told you that was next in the Book of Genesis: 'So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female,"

created he them.'" These prejudiced against the Bible do not know that the explorations in Egypt and Palestine and Syria are confirming the Scriptures,—the same facts written on monuments and on walls of exhumed cities as written in the Bible. The city of Pithom has been unburied, and its bricks are found to have been made without straw, exactly corresponding with the Bible story of the persecuted Hebrews. On terra cotta cylinder recently brought up from thousands of years of burial, the capture of Babylon by Cyrus is told. On a Babylonian gem recently found are the figures of a tree, a man, a woman, and a serpent, and the hands of the man and woman are stretched up toward the tree as if to pluck the fruit. Thus the Bible story of the Fall is confirmed.

In a museum at Constantinople you see a piece of the wall that once in the ancient Temple of Jerusalem separated the court of the Gentiles and the court of the Israelites, to which Paul refers when he says of Christ, "He is our peace, who hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us." On tablets recently discovered have been found the names of prominent men of the Bible, spelled a little different, according to the demands of ancient language. "Adamu" for Adam, "Abramu" for Abraham, "Abilu" for Abel, and so on. Twenty-two feet under ground has been found a seal inscribed with the words "Haggai, son of Shebaniah," thousands of years ago cut, showing that the Prophet Haggai, who wrote a part of the Bible, was not a myth. The Royal Engineers have found, eighty feet below the surface of the ground at Jerusalem, Phoenician pottery and hewn stones with inscriptions, showing that they were furnished by Hiram, King of Tyre, just as the Bible says they were. The great names of Bible history, that many suppose are names of imaginary beings, are found cut into imperishable stones which have within a few years been rolled up from their entombment of ages, such as Sennacherib and Tiglath-Pileser. On the edge of a bronze step, and on burned brick has been found the name of Nabuchadnezzar. Henry Rawlinson and Oppert and Hincks, and Palestine exploration societies, and Assyriologists, and Egyptologists, have rolled another Bible up from the depths of the earth, and lo! it corresponds exactly with our Bible, the rock Bible just like the printed Bible, inscriptions on cylinders and brick-work cut thirty-eight hundred years before Christ testifying to the truth of what we read eighteen hundred and ninety-seven years after Christ. The story of the Tower of Babel has been confirmed by the fact that recently at Babel an oblong pile of brick one hundred and ten feet high evidences the remains of a fallen tower.

In the inspired Book of Ezra we read of the great and noble Assnapper, a name that meant nothing special, until recently, in pried-up Egyptian sculpture, we have the story there told of him as a great hunter as well as a great warrior. What I say now is news to those prejudiced against the Bible. They are so far behind the times that they know not that the Old Book is being proved true by the prying eye of the antiquarian and the ringing hammer of the archaeologist and the plunging crowbar of the geologist. No more is infidelity characterized by its blasphemy than by its ignorance, but oh! what a high mountain of prejudice against the Bible, against Christianity, against churches, against all evangelizing enterprises—a mountain that casts its long, black shadows over this continent and over all continents. Geographers tell us that Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world. Oh, no! The mountain of prejudice against Christianity is higher than the highest crags that dare the lightnings of heaven. Before our Zerubbabel can it ever become a plain?

Yonder also is the Mountain of Crime, with its strata of fraud, and malpractice, and malfeasance, and blackmail, and burglary, and piracy, and embezzlement, and libelism, and theft, all its heights manned with the desperadoes, the cut-throats, the pick-pockets, the thimble-riggers, the plunderers, the marauders, the pillagers, the corsairs, the wreckers, the bandits, the tricksters, the forgers, the thugs, the garotters, the fire-fiends, the dynamiters, the shoplifters, the kleptomaniacs, the pyromaniacs, the dipsoniacs, the smugglers, the kidnappers, the Jack Sheppards, the Robert Macraes, and the Macbeths of villainy. The crimes of the world! Am I not right in calling them, when piled up together, a mountain? But we cannot bring ourselves to appreciate great heights except by comparison. You think of Mount Washington as high, especially those of you who ascended as of old, on muleback, or more recently by rail-train, to the Tip Top House. Oh, no! That is not high! For it is only about six thousand feet, whereas, rising on this western hemisphere are Chimborazo, twenty-one thousand feet high, and Mount Sahama, twenty-three thousand feet high, and Mount Sarcot, twenty-four thousand eight hundred feet high. But that is not the highest mountain on the western hemisphere. The highest

mountain is the Mountain of Crime, and is it possible that this mountain, before our Zerubbabel, can ever be made a plain?

There is also the Mountain of War, the most volcanic of all mountains, the Vesuvius which, not content, like the Vesuvius of Italy, with whelming two cities, Herculaneum and Pompeii, has covered with its fiery scoria thousands of cities and would like to whelm all the cities of both hemispheres. Give this mountain full utterance, and it would cover up Washington and New York and London as easily as a householder, with his shovel, at ten o'clock at night banks a grate fire with ashes. This mountain is a pile of fortresses, barricades, and armories, the world's artillery heaped, wheels above wheels, columbiads above columbiads, seventy-four pounders above seventy-four pounders, wrecked nations above wrecked nations. This Mountain of War is not only loaded to cannonade the earth, but it is also a cemetery, holding the corpses of thirty million slain in the wars of Alexander and Cyrus, sixty million slain in Roman wars, one hundred and eighty million slain in war with Turks and Saracens, and holding about thirty-five billion corpses, not million but billion.

"What a hissing, bellowing, tumbling, soaring force is Kilauea! Lake of unquenchable fire: convulsions and paroxysms of flame: elements of nature in torture, torridity and luridly: congregation of dreads: molten horrors: sulphurous abysses: swirling mystery of all time: infinite turbulence: chimney of perdition: wallowing terrors: fifteen acres of threats: glooms insufferable and Dantesque: cauldron stirred by the champion witch of Pandemonium: camp-fire of the armies of Diabolus: wrath of the mountains in full bloom: shimmering incandescence: pyrotechnics of the planet: furnace-blast of the ages: Kilauea!" But, my friends, mightier, higher, vaster, hotter, more raging is the volcanic Mountain of War. It has been blazing for hundreds of years, and will keep on blazing until, until,—but I dare not hazard a prophecy. Can it be that its fires will ever be put out? Can it be that its roar will ever be silenced? Can it be that before our Zerubbabel that blazing mountain will ever become a plain?

Sometimes a general begins a battle before he is ready, because the enemy forces it on him. The general says, "The enemy are pushing us, and so I open battle. We are not sufficient to cope with them, but I hope the reserve forces will come up in time." The battle rages, and the general looks through his field glass at the troops, but ever and anon he sweeps his field-glass backward and upward toward the hill, to see if the reserve forces are coming. "Hard pushed are we!" says the general. "I do wish those reinforcements would come up." After awhile the columns of the advancing cavalry are seen toasting on the ridge of the hill, and then the flash of swords, and then the long lines of mounted troops, their horses in full gallop, and the general says, "All is well. Hold out, my men, a little longer. Let the sergeants ride along the lines and cheer the men and tell them reinforcements are coming." And now the rumbling of the batteries and gun-carriages is distinctly heard, and soon they are in line, and at the first roar of the newly-arrived artillery the enemy, a little while before so jubilant, fall back in wild retreat, their way strewn with canteens and knapsacks and ammunition, that the defeated may be unhindered in their flight. That is just the way now. In this great battle against sin and crime and moral death the enemy seem too much for us. More grogshops than churches. More bad men than good men, and they come up with bravado and the force of great numbers. They have opened battle upon us before we are, in our own strength, ready to meet them, and great are the discouragements. But steady, there! Hold on! Reinforcements are coming. Through the glass of inspiration I look, and see the flash of the sword of "him who hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written King of kings and Lord of lords." All heaven is on our side and is coming to the rescue. I hear the rumbling of the King's artillery, louder than any thunder that ever shook the earth, and with every roll of the ponderous wheels our courage augments, and when these reinforcements from heaven get into line with the forces of God already on earth, all the armies of unrighteousness will see that their hour of doom has come, and will waver and fall back and take flight and nothing be left of them save here and there, strewn by the wayside, an agnostic's pen or a broken decanter or a torn playbill of a debasing amusement or a blasphemous paragraph, or a leper's scale, or a dragon's tooth, to show they ever existed. Let there be cheering all along the lines of Christian workers, over the fact that what the shovels fall to do will be accomplished by the thunder-bolts "Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain."

The mountains look on Marathon, and Marathon looks on the sea, Shrine of the mighty can it be That this is all remains of thee!

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A Tale of Three Lions

H. RIDER HAGGARD

CHAPTER II.—(Continued.)

"Lions, my boy," I said; "they are hunting down by the river there; but I don't think you need make yourself uneasy. We have been here three nights now, and if they were going to pay us a visit I should think that they would have done so before this. However, we will make up the fire."

"Here, Pharaoh, do you and Jim-Jim get some more wood before we go to sleep, else the camp will be burning round you before morning."

"Pharaoh, a great brawny Swazi, who had been working for me at Elligra's Rest, laughed, rose, and stretched himself, and then calling to Jim-Jim to bring the ax and a rope, started off in the moonlight, toward a clump of sugar-bush where we cut our fuel from some dead trees. He was a fine fellow in this way, was Pharaoh because he had an Egyptian cast of countenance and a royal sort of swagger about him. But his way was a somewhat peculiar way, on account of the uncertainty of his temper, and very few people could get on with him; also if he could get it he would drink like a fish, and when he drank he became shockingly blood-thirsty. These were his bad points; his good ones were that, like most people of the Zulu blood, he became exceedingly attached to you if he took to you at all; he was a hard-working and intelligent man, and about as dare-devil and plucky a fellow at a pinch as I ever had to do with. He was about five-and-thirty years of age or so, but not a 'keshele' or ringed-man. I believe he got into trouble in some way in Swaziland, and the authorities of his tribe would not allow him to assume the ring, and that is why he came to work at the gold fields. The other man, or rather lad, Jim-Jim, was a Mapoch Kafir, or Knobnose, and even in the light of subsequent events I fear that I cannot speak very well of him. He was an idle and careless young rascal, and only that very morning I had to tell Pharaoh to whip him for letting the oxen stray, which he did with the greatest gusto, although he was, in his own way, very fond of Jim-Jim, and I saw him consoling him afterward with a pinch of snuff from his own ear-box, whilst he explained to him that the next time it came in the way of duty to flog him, he meant to thrash with the other hand, so as to cross the old cuts and make a 'pretty pattern' on his back.

"Well, off they went, though Jim-Jim did not at all like leaving the camp at that hour, even though the moonlight was so bright, and in due course returned safely enough with a great bundle of wood. I laughed at Jim-Jim, and asked him if he had seen anything, and he said yes, he had; he had seen two large yellow eyes staring at him from behind a bush, and heard something snore.

"As, however, on further investigation the yellow eyes and the snore appeared to have existed only in Jim-Jim's lively imagination, I was not greatly disturbed by this alarming report; but having seen to making up of the fire, got into the skerm and went quietly to sleep with Harry by my side.

"Some hours afterward I woke up with a start. I don't know what woke me. The moon had gone down, or at least was almost hidden behind the soft horizon of bush, only her red rim being visible. Also a wind had sprung up and was driving long hurrying lines of cloud across the starry sky, and altogether a great change had come over the mood of the night. By the look of the sky I judged that we must be about two hours from day-break.

"The oxen, which were as usual tied to the disselboom of the Scotch cart, were very restless—they kept snuffing and blowing, and rising up and lying down again, and I at once suspected that they must mind something. Presently I knew what it was that they minded, for within fifty yards of us a lion roared not very loud.

"Pharaoh was sleeping on the other side of the cart, and beneath it I saw him raise his head and listen.

"Lion, Inkooos," he whispered, "lion."

"Jim-Jim also jumped up, and by the faint light I could see that he was in a very great fright indeed.

"Thinking that it was as well to be prepared for emergencies, I told Pharaoh to throw wood upon the fire, and woke up Harry, who I verily believe was capable of sleeping through the crack of doom. He was a little scared at first, but presently the excitement of the position came home to him, and he became quite anxious to see his majesty face to face. I got my rifle handy and gave Harry his—a Westley Richard falling block, which is a very useful gun for a youth, being light and yet a good killing rifle, and then we waited.

"For a long time nothing happened, and I began to think that the best thing that we could do would be to go to sleep again, when suddenly I heard

a sound more like a cough than a roar within about twenty yards of the skerm. We all looked out, but could see nothing; and then followed another period of suspense. It was very trying to the nerves, this waiting for an attack that might be developed from any quarter or might not be developed at all; and though I was a very old hand at this sort of business I was anxious about Harry, for it is wonderful how the presence of anybody to whom one is attached unnerves a man in moments of danger, and that made me nervous. I know, although it was now chilly enough, I could feel the perspiration running down my nose, and in order to relieve the strain on my attention employed myself watching a beetle which appeared to be attracted by the fire-light, and was sitting before it thoroughly rubbing his antennae against each other.

"Suddenly the beetle gave such a jump that he nearly jumped headlong into the fire, and so did we all—give jumps, I mean, and no wonder, for from right under the skerm fence there came the most frightful roar—a roar that literally made the Scotch cart shake and took the breath out of you.

"Harry ejaculated and turned rather green, Jim-Jim howled outright, while the poor oxen stood and shivered and lowed piteously.

"The night was almost entirely dark now, for the moon had quite set and the clouds had covered up the stars, so that the only light we had was from the fire, which was burning up brightly again now; but, as you know, fire-light is absolutely useless to shoot by, it is so uncertain, and besides it penetrates but a very little way into the darkness, although if one is in the dark outside one can see it from so far away.

"Presently the oxen, after standing still for a moment, suddenly wined the lion and did what I feared they would do—began to 'shrek,' that is to try and break loose from the trekto which they were tied, and rush off madly into the wilderness. Lions know of this habit on the part of oxen, which are, I do believe, the most foolish animals under the sun, a sheep being a very Solomon compared to them; and it is by no means uncommon for a lion to get in such a position that a herd or span of oxen may wind him, shrek, break their reins, and rush off into the bush. Of course, once they are there, they are helpless in the dark; and then the lion chooses the one that he loves best and eats him at his leisure.

"Well, round and round went our six poor oxen, nearly trampling us to death in their mad rush; indeed, had we not hastily tumbled out of the way, we should have been trampled to death, or at least seriously injured. As it was, Harry was run over, and poor Jim-Jim being caught by the trekto somewhere beneath his arm, was hurled right across the skerm, landing by my side only some paces off.

"Snap went the disselboom of the cart beneath the transverse strain put upon it. Had it not broken the cart would have overset; as it was, in another minute, oxen, cart, trekto, reins, broken disselboom, and everything were soon tied in one vast heaving, plunging, bellowing, and seemingly inextricable knot.

"For a moment or two this state of affairs took my attention off from the lion that had caused it, but whilst I was wondering what on earth was to be done next, and what we should do if the cattle broke loose into the bush and were lost, for cattle frightened in this manner will go right away like mad things, it was very suddenly recalled in a very painful fashion.

"For at that moment I perceived by the light of the fire, a kind of gleam of yellow traveling through the air toward us.

"The lion! the lion!" hallooed Pharaoh, and as he did so, he, or rather she, for it was a great gaunt lioness, half wild no doubt with hunger, lit right in the middle of the skerm, and stood there in the smoky gloom, and lashed her tail and roared. I seized my rifle and fired at her, but what between the confusion, and my agitation, and the uncertain light, I missed her and nearly shot Pharaoh. The flash of the rifle, however, threw the whole scene into strong relief, and a wild one it was I can tell you—with the seething mass of oxen twisted all around the cart, in such a fashion that their heads looked as though they were growing out of their rumps and their horns seemed to protrude from their backs; the smoking air with just a blaze in the heart of the smoke; Jim-Jim in the foreground, where the oxen had thrown him in their wild rush, stretched out there in terror; and then as a center to the picture the great gaunt lioness glaring round with hungry yellow eyes, and roaring and whining as she made up her mind what to do.

"It did not take her long, just the time that it takes a flash to die into darkness, and then, before I could fire again or do anything, with a most fiendish snort she sprang upon poor Jim-Jim.

"I heard the unfortunate lad shriek, and then almost instantly I saw his legs thrown into the air. The lioness

had seized him by the neck, and with a sudden jerk thrown his body over her back so that his legs hung down upon the further side. Then, without the slightest hesitation, and apparently without any difficulty she cleared the skerm fence at a single bound, and bearing poor Jim-Jim with her, vanished into the darkness beyond, in the direction of the bathing-place that I have already described. We jumped up perfectly mad with horror and fear, and rushed wildly after her, firing shots at hap-hazard on the chance that she would be frightened by them into dropping her prey, but nothing could we see, and nothing could we hear. The lioness had vanished into the darkness taking Jim-Jim with her, and to attempt to follow her until daylight was madness. We should only expose ourselves to the risk of a like fate.

"So with scared and heavy hearts we crept back to the skerm, and sat down to wait for daylight, which now could not be much more than an hour off. It was absolutely useless to try even to disentangle the oxen till then, so all that there was left for us to do was to sit and wonder how it came to pass that the one should be taken and the other left, and to hope against hope that our poor servant might have been mercifully delivered from the lion's jaws. At length the faint light came stealing like a ghost up the long slope of bush, and glinted on the tangled oxen's horns, and with white and frightened faces we got up and set to the task of disentangling the oxen till such time as they should be light enough to enable us to follow the trail of the lioness which had gone off with Jim-Jim. And here a fresh trouble awaited us, for when at last with infinite difficulty we had got the helpless brutes loose, it was only to find that one of the best of them was very sick. There was no mistake about the way he stood with his legs slightly apart and his head hanging down. He had got the red water, I was sure of it. Of all the difficulties connected with life and traveling in South Africa, those connected with oxen are perhaps the worst. The ox is the most exasperating animal in the world. He has absolutely no constitution, and never neglects an opportunity of falling sick of some mysterious disease. He will get thin upon the slightest provocation, and from mere maliciousness die of 'pov'erty'; whereas it is his chief delight to turn round and refuse to pull whenever he finds himself well in the center of a river, or the wagon-wheel nicely fast in a mudhole. There is always something wrong with him.

"Well, it was no use crying as I should almost have liked to do, because if this ox had red-water it was probable that the rest of them had it, too, although they had been sold to me as 'saited,' that is, proof against such diseases as red-water and lung-sick. One gets hardened to this sort of thing in South Africa in course of time, for I suppose in no other country in the world is the waste of animal life so great.

"So, taking my rifle and telling Harry to follow me (for we had to leave Pharaoh to look after the oxen, Pharaoh's lean kine, I called them), I started to see if anything could be found of or appertaining to the unfortunate Jim-Jim. The ground round our little camp was hard and rocky, and we could not hit off any spoor of the lioness, though just outside the skerm we saw a drop or two of blood. Several hundred yards from the camp, and a little to the right, was a patch of sugar-bush mixed up with the usual mimosa, and for this I made, thinking that the lioness would have been sure to take her prey there to devour it. On we pushed through the long grass that was bent down beneath the weight of the soaking dew. In two minutes we were wet through up to the thighs, as wet as though we had waded through water. In due course, however, we reached the patch of bush, and in the gray light of the morning cautiously and slowly pushed our way into it. It was very dark under the trees, for the sun was not yet up, so we progressed with the most extreme care, half expecting every minute to come across the lioness licking the bones of poor Jim-Jim. But no lioness could we see, and as for Jim-Jim, there was not the least trace of him to be found. Evidently they had not come there.

"So, pushing through the bush we proceeded to hunt every other likely spot about, with the same result.

"I suppose she must have taken him right away," I said at last, sadly enough. "At any rate he will be dead by now, so God have mercy on him, we can't help him. What's to be done now?"

"I suppose that we had better wash ourselves in the pool and then go back and get something to eat."

(He as continued.)

Recounted the Policeman's Presence. A thousand men in a West Hartlepool, England, shipyard recently went on a strike because a policeman had been stationed on the premises.

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PARSHALLVILLE.

"Wedding bells begin to chime."
Mrs. Frank Johnson is on the sick list.

Nellie Cole is attending school at Fenton.

Rodman Bryant's health is very poor and is notable to be out.

Mesdames Dr. and William Merriman are on the sick list.

Miss Grace Wakeman is in Detroit being treated by a doctor.

Mr. Patrick Daniels of Oceola was buried last Friday, Jan. 22nd.

Charles Wimbles fell while in his barn striking on a manger and breaking a rib.

Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Tyrone M. E. Church next Sunday, Jan. 31st.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. A. C. Wakeman next Friday afternoon Jan. 29th.

Dr. Merriman is very busy day and night caring for the sick but busy as he is he thinks that he will take care of a small boy that came to their home last Friday.

Royal Cornell, who has been in Detroit the past week died at that place last Friday morning. The funeral services were held at the family residence Monday at 11 o'clock, Rev. S. W. Bird officiating.

PETTEYSVILLE.

Little Mary Rohrgass is on the sick list.

William Peters has been quite sick with the gripe.

Two of Ed. McCluskey's children are sick with the pneumonia.

C. J. Gardner visited at W. H. Placeway's in Putnam last Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Whitbeck of Webster visited friends here one day last week.

A few from this place attended the dance held at Hudson last Friday night.

Mrs. Aleck Mercer is in Howell taking care of her sister-in-law Mrs. M. A. Cook, who is very sick.

Eugene Dunning has bought a farm in the township of Oceola and will move his family there in the spring.

A young gentleman of Pinckney who was visiting friends here, was greatly surprised Sunday morning on finding his buggy safely lodged on the top of the blacksmith shop and containing an effigy of a namesake of the well known Irish patriot who said, "Give me liberty or give me death".

Additional Local.

Starks' \$3 Photo's for \$1 Feb. 3rd.

F. G. Jackson has change of ad. in this issue.

Horace Pick of Gregory was in town on business, Wednesday.

F. E. Grimes has been assisting in this office the past week.

This week's issue contains a supplement containing the supervisors proceedings at Howell.

V. G. Dinkle went to Ann Arbor last Monday with a load of buckwheat flour and found it pretty cold riding.

Dr. A. A. Willis gave a lecture at the opera house last night on the subject "Sunshine" or "How to Enjoy Life".

N. E. Mannel is buying logs for Detroit parties, and anyone having black ash or elm logs to sell will do well to see him.

There are three kinds of newspaper subscribers. Those who pay for the paper in advance; those who pay at the expiration of the year and those who don't pay at all. To which class do you belong?

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L. O. T. M. INSTALLATION,

Last Saturday evening the Ladies of the Maccabees of Pinckney Hive No. 385 installed their officers for the coming year in the presence of a large number of invited guests. Among them was the Com. of the Chilson Hive, who during the evening favored us with a few remarks. The occasion proved to be a very pleasant one. At 8.15 Miss Villa Martin began the Maccabees March, to which the retiring officers marched through the hall to their respective places, followed by eight guards. After they were seated The Hive sang the opening ode, followed by the address of welcome by the Lady Com. Julia A. Sigler. The officers for the coming year are as follows; L. C. Julia A. Sigler, Lieut. Com. Lilla Conway, R. K. Amelia Goodspeed, F. K. Georgia Van Winkle, Chaplain. Lavina Cadwell, Hive Physician, Dr. H. F. Sigler, Sergeant, Ellen Lake, M. A. Annie Francis, Sentinel Emeline Barton, Picket, Charlotte Smith Past Lady Com. Nettie M. Vaughn, acted as installing officer which she did with great credit to all the members. Miss Goodspeed Capt. of the Guards proved herself to be an efficient leader. After installation came refreshments consisting of a great variety of fine cakes and lemon ice, after which all went home feeling it was good to be there.

Miss Gartrell L. C. of Chilson L. O. T. M. and Mrs. Carpenter of the same place, attended the L. O. T. M. installation exercises last Saturday evening.

The DISPATCH is always ready to chronicle any good news for the benefit of the people of Pinckney, and when anything happens that you think will interest the people, hold up the editor and give it to him.

To call a girl a "duck" is regarded as a compliment, because some people so seldom see ducks that they forget that they waddle, have ugly feet, big nose, like mud, and make the worse noise in the barnyard. You will offend a girl by calling her a hen though a hen is a neat, useful, modest fowl compared to a duck. There is no accounting for compliments.—Ex.

In one of our neighboring villages a society of ladies proposed to give a "spider web" social. A notice was handed to the local paper for publication, and the intelligent compositor made it read, "The ladies of ——— lodge will give a "spider leg" social." It is unnecessary to say that the wrath of the sisters was beyond comprehension, and that the publisher was informed if he ever called them "spider legs" again he would be publicly horse whipped.

Apples rotting in the cellar are said to be a fruitful source of diphtheria. If this be true, people should be on their guard as on every hand apples are rotting very rapidly. Any kind of vegetable decaying matter in a cellar must be exceedingly unwholesome and a menace to the public health. There is one vegetable however, which if in a proper state of preservation would be well to find in every cellar and that is the malodorous and despised onion—one of the best disinfectants that nature has provided.

The Ploverville Observer has discovered that the feet of American women are growing larger. Doesn't Editor Peek peek too much at the ladies' feet?

A certain man at Westwood, Mich., made a prolonged yawn a short time since which dislocated his jaw and for three days he could not close his mouth. Now when he yawns and smiles rather broadly, he keeps his hand on his chin for fear he will open his mouth too wide.

A southern editor talks thusly to his subscribers who are backward in coming forward to settle up arrearsages: "Wagons cannot run without wheels, boats without steam, frogs without legs, nor newspapers carried on without money, any more'n a dog can wag his tail when he has none. Our subscribers are all good, but what good does a man's good do when it don't do any good? He has no doubt but that every one has paid except him, and as it is a small matter makes no difference."

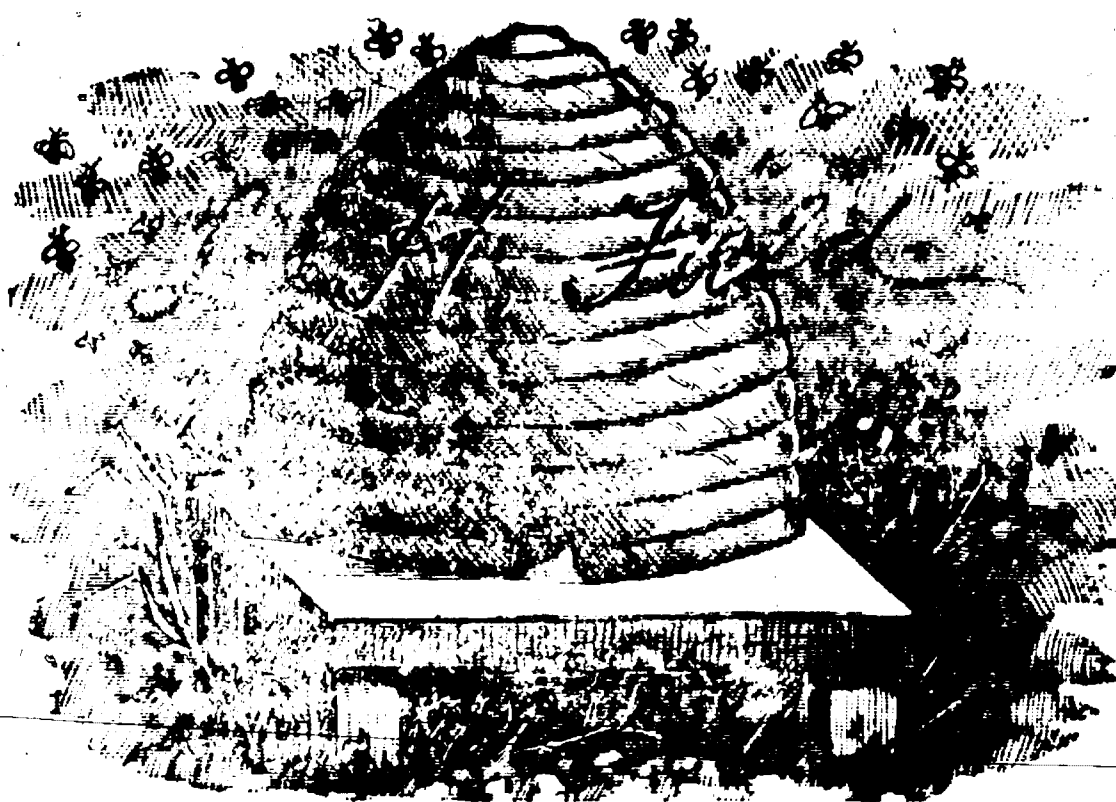
A man in Clarkston mortgaged his farm to buy his wife a pair of diamond ear-rings. The wife took in washing to pay the interest on the mortgage, but the first job she did, she lost one of the sparklers in the suds. She tried to hang herself in the barn, but the rope broke and she fell on a Jersey cow worth \$150, breaking its back. Her husband then undertook to shoot the cow to end its misery but the gun burst and destroyed his eyes, and his wife ran away with a lightning rod agent. The mortgage is the only thing that is left intact.

The most of men when they take a colt to a trainer want to go once in a while and see what kind of treatment the animal is getting. The most of men put their children in the public school to be trained and never go near them. Why?

"A skunk is the biggest fool in the world" says C. O. Cappers, the cleverest amateur trapper in Lewiston, Maine, who can catch a skunk every night in a barrel. All he does is to incline an empty barrel over a stone and drop in a hunk of bread or almost anything to bait it. Along comes a skunk in the night; he smells the bait jumps into the tilted barrel, his weight tips it up and there he is and can't get out.

The following was taken from the Ingham County News published at Mason: Alonzo Austin who enlisted in the army received at the second battle of Bull Run, Aug. 30th 1862, a musket ball and three buck shot. One of the buck shot could not be found and he has been an intense sufferer since. During a spell of vomiting recently he threw up the buck shot, which had been in his body near the heart for 34 years.

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