

## Local Dispatches.

L. H. Field has a change of ad. E. A. and E. W. Mann were in Howell last Monday.

Mr. John Martin and friend spent Sunday in Plainfield.

Mr. Joshua Sellman has been very poorly for the past two weeks.

Frank Haynes of Marion is assisting Will Moran in the barber shop.

Geo. Reason Sr. was in Jackson a few days the past week on business.

Thos. Clinton has an adv. on page 8 which ought to interest our readers.

Last Friday, Feb. 12th was Union Veteran's Day and was well observed in many places.

Mrs. Geo. Teeple was the guest of relatives at Leslie and Lansing several days the past week.

Rev. N. W. Pierce will preach at the Chubb's Corners school house next Sunday evening Feb. 21st.

Mrs. Connor and son of Dexter were the guests of friends and relatives at this place the past week.

A surprise party was held at the home of Eugene Dunning in Hamburg on Saturday night of last week.

On account of the heavy fall of snow last Thursday night, the harvesting of ice was delayed until Saturday at the Junction.

Word was recieved here the past week that Grattan Sigler of Leslie is suffering from the effects of a stroke of paralysis on his right side.

Rev. M. H. McMahon was called to a former charge in Lenawee County, to assist in revival meetings this week and went Monday morning.

B. F. Andrews of Marshallville has been at this place the past week taking care of his son, F. L. Andrews who has been very sick for some time past.

You should hear E. B. Allen deliver his famous lecture, "Sun-Crowned Men", at the Cong'l church Monday evening March 1st. Admission 15cts.

The topic for the Epworth League at the M. E. Church next Sunday evening Feb. 21st is, "The Cross", Isa. 53: 1-9. You are cordially invited to attend.

We said last week that Mrs. Daniel Sackett was the guest of L. Sellman and wife. It was an error on our part in the name, and should have read Mrs. Geo. Sackett.

A special communion service at the Congregational church next Sabbath. Preparatory services on Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Some business of special interest will take place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crofoot of Iosco visited his sister, Mrs. J. A. Donaldson one day last week. Mrs. Donaldson has been suffering for the past few weeks with the la grippe.

We issued bills the past week for E. A. Mann, our bustling clothier. He is selling clothing at a great reduction and a grand opportunity is given you to get what you need at a low figure.

The topic for the Christian Endeavor at the Cong'l church next Sunday evening, Feb. 21 is, "Our Little Worries and how to get rid of them" Ps. 121:1-8. You are cordially invited to be present.

We have been very busy with job work the past week, and our patrons must excuse us if the paper is not as newy as usual. People know where to get their job work done first class, and when in need of such just remember us.

Last Friday evening Rev. Frank Bloomfield of Dexter delivered one of his very interesting stereoptican and lecture entertainments at the M. E. Church. His subject "Pilgrims Progress" was beautifully illustrated and well worth the price of admission. Mr. Bloomfield knows how to handle a subject of that kind and was highly appreciated by all.

Did you get a valentine?

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ned Chubb last week a son.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Briggs visited relatives in Mason the past week.

Will Dunning and wife were guests at Whitmore Lake the past week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Sheets of Gregory on Saturday last, a 10lb. girl.

Mike Fohey was lucky enough to shoot a large fox one day the past week.

One day the past week John Fitch fell through a barn floor and dislocated his shoulder.

Mesdames H. E. Campbell and F. A. Sigler are the guest of friends and relatives at Detroit.

Senator G. W. Teeple returned Saturday evening, after paying a visit to the Kalamazoo Asylum.

Come and hear Kelley at the opera house next Friday evening. Subject "The Greatest American."

The Misses Jennie and Edith Pierce returned the past week from a visit with New Lothrop friends.

A large crowd attended the social at the home of Patsey Kennedy last Thursday evening given by St. Mary's parish. The receipts were about \$15.

Mrs. W. W. Barnard returned home last Tuesday after spending several weeks at Howell caring for her mother who has been very sick but is much better at present.

Tickets will be on sale at Sigler's Drug store and I. J. Cooks barber shop for the lecture to be given by Rev. E. B. Allen on "Sun-Crowned Men" at the Cong'l church Monday evening Mar. 1.

We received a very appropriate valentine the past week, which resembles a printer very much. Lucky enough we are acquainted with the sender and we hope that they were fortunate enough to fare as well as ourselves. Thanks.

## A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

On Thursday last about twenty of the Ladies of the Maccabees gave a surprise on Mrs. Thos. Turner and partook of a bountiful dinner. Mrs. Turner has been the L. O. T. M. Record Keeper ever since the lodge was first organized and, having been a faithful and efficient worker, they tendered to her this pleasant surprise. All enjoyed themselves, and before leaving they presented to her a fine water set and berry set, as a token of respect, which Mrs. Turner greatly appreciated.

## THE KNIGHTS OF THE ORIENTS.

Held a Banquet at the Maccabee Hall last Saturday evening. A fine time is reported.

Local Knights and their ladies, to the number of sixty, enjoyed a banquet and general good time, at Maccabee Hall, on Saturday evening last. These jolly, lively, ever-hungry Knights know how to make a good time and then enjoy it, if any organization does. After receiving the candidates for Oriental honors, the Knights and ladies "fell to" and devoured the good things with which the tables were supplied. In the oyster-eating contest, Knights Brown and Placeway won "in a walk" Knight Andrews being sick. Knight G. W. Brown was elected to fill the vacancy in office of the G. A. W., and entered at once upon the duties of his office, to which he seemed to take as naturally as a "duck takes to water." At various times, the G. A. W. with a crown on his head, and sword in hand, was observed looking after the comforts of the guests. Knight George Wright, of Iosco, came in to get some points on this sublime degree;—he got them. The entertainment was over at midnight.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Will Be held at Wesleyan Methodist Church, Brighton, Wednesday and Thursday, February 24 and 25, 1897.

A Fine Program Has Been Prepared and a Fine time is Anticipated.

The following is the program of the annual convention of the Livingston county Sunday School Association which will be held at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, at Brighton Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 24th and 25th 1897:—

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Song Service	W. O. Lee
Devotional Exercises	Rev. Herrington
Address of Welcome	Hon. Eugene Hicks
Response	R. R. Smith
Profitable Methods of Bible Study	Rev. A. B. Whitney
Discussion led by	Rev. Dickey
Appointment of Committees	
Primary Work in the Sunday School	Delany Palmerton
Should We Expect to see the result of our labors in the Sunday School	Rev. N. W. Pierce

### EVENING SESSION.

Song Service	
Address "Spiritual Power in Christian Service"	Rev. Gerrit Huyser
Question Drawer	

### THURSDAY MORNING.

Song Service	David Young
Consecration Service	G. L. Adams
Primitive Sunday Schools and Methods vs. Modern Sunday Schools and Methods	Rev. F. W. Warren
Discussion led by	Albert Tooley
Mind Culture	Prof. J. H. Wallace
Discussion led by	William Smith Jr.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Song Service	
Devotional Service	Rev. Platt
Should the Aim of the Sunday School Teacher be to educate the Mind or the Heart?	Miss Fanny Hunt
Discussion led by	Frank Lane
Reports of Township Presidents.	
Reports of Committees.	
Election of Officers.	
Report of County Officers.	

Mrs. Geo. W. Teeple was in Jackson last Tuesday.

Miss Effie Reason of Marion was the guest of Miss Daisy Reason the past week.

Mrs. Chipman, who has been very sick for some time past, is reported better.

Rev. McMahon and wife attended the Webster Farmer's Club Saturday afternoon.

Miss Mabel Swarthout, who has been quite sick the past week, is better and able to ride out.

F. M. Grieve, wife and daughter of Stockbridge spent Sunday with relatives at this place.

Mr. John Pratt of Dexter was a welcome visitor at the M. E. parsonage one day the past week.

Mesdames O'Connor and Fitsimmons have been feasting on elk meat the past week, which came from the state of Idaho.

Rev. E. B. Allen will lecture at the Cong'l church, Monday evening, Mar. 1st on the subject "Sun-Crowned Men". Don't fail to hear him.

Oliver Clark while trapping one day recently was fortunate enough to capture a hawk which measured 51 inches across the wings.

Senator G. W. Teeple was in Jackson last Monday inspecting the states prison, he being one of the committee appointed for that purpose.

B. C. Young of Detroit, who was here quite recently to see Dr. Sigler was to have an operation preformed yesterday. Bert was a former Pinckney boy and we are sorry to learn that he was so unfortunate.

On Thursday March 4, 1897 occurs the Presidential Inauguration at Washington, D. C., and for this occasion tickets will be sold from all stations on the Grand Trunk Railway System and connecting lines at the rate of one fare for the round trip.

## 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.

F. A. SIGLER,

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.

Several dog fights occurred on our streets one day the past week.

Mrs. Jerome Drown has been under the Dr.'s care for the past three weeks.

Mrs. H. D. Grieve spent several days the past week with her son at Stockbridge.

And now the talk is: Are you going to the inauguration? Some say "yes" but a great many more say "no."

One day the past week a man living at Hudson by the name of Smith had three ribs broken and was quite badly bruised, the cause being a run-away team.

We got out an invoice of note heads the past week for our hardware merchant, Geo. Reason Jr. Geo. is a hustler in anything that he undertakes and we wish him success in his new undertaking.

During the sickness of our Editor we intend to keep our readers posted on the condition of his health, and this week we are glad to say that, though yet confined to his bed, he is some better but is not gaining very fast.

Next Monday, February 22, 1897 is Washington's birthday.

The Grand Trunk Railway System will make a rate of a single fare for the round trip from all points in Michigan to Detroit an account of the Michigan Club Annual Meeting and Michigan League of Republican Clubs on Feb. 22 and the Republican State Convention on Feb. 23.

## NOTICE.

The Lecture Committee desire that all persons who have not paid for their tickets, should do so as soon as possible as the money is needed to meet the expense of the next entertainment.

## NOTICE.

There will be a meeting held at the Town Hall in the village of Pinckney, on Wednesday afternoon Feb. 24th for the purpose of organizing a driving club and the construction of a race track. All persons interested in an enterprise of this kind, are requested to be present. Come one, come all and help it along.



## WITHIN OUR WALL

### HERE WE MEET OF MICHIGAN MATTERS.

**City Clerk of Allegan Commits Suicide Because His Accounts Were Off—The Michigan Club Banquet at Detroit, February 22.**

#### Michigan Club Banquet.

The twelfth annual banquet of the Michigan Club occurs at Detroit at the Auditorium, Feb. 22. These banquets have become of national reputation, and the club always commands the best talent in the country. Gen. Alger is to act as toastmaster; Gov. Mayor Pingree will deliver the address of welcome, and the speakers are Mark A. Hanna, Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston, Congressman Walker, of Virginia, a Confederate general who took command of Stonewall Jackson's brigade on his death, now reconstructed and a red hot Republican; Congressman Hopkins, of Illinois, one of the leaders of the House; George J. Corey, president of the National Republican Commercial Travelers' association; Senator-elect Penrose, of Pennsylvania; John A. Logan, Jr., of Illinois, son of "Black Jack," and probably others. The club is already assured of an immense attendance, for at the time of the banquet the state Republican convention will be held, and meetings will also be held by the Michigan Press association, the Michigan Republican Newspaper association, the state league of Republican Clubs and the Commercial Travelers' association. A reception will be held at the club rooms during the day of the banquet, and Gen. Alger holds a reception to distinguished guests at his residence in the afternoon, to which the public generally are invited. S. S. Babcock is president and Fred E. Farnsworth secretary, of the club.

#### Michigan Crop Report.

The February crop report says that the ground in southern Michigan was lightly covered with snow much of the time during January, but not sufficiently at all times to afford full protection to the wheat. In reply to the question, "Has wheat during January suffered injury from any cause?" 130 correspondents in the southern counties answer "yes" and 360 "no"; in the central counties 64 correspondents answer "yes" and 94 "no," and in the northern counties 33 answer "yes" and 66 "no." The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers in January is 616,532, and in the six months, August-January, 6,305,775, the latter amount being 311,949 bushels more than reported marketed in the same months last year. The condition of live stock is about 97 per cent, the comparison being with stock in good, healthy and thrifty condition.

#### A Mother's Heroism.

Mrs. H. Kirke White, wife of the editor of the Owosso Press, was severely injured by a passenger train on the D. G. H. & M. at Burton. Mrs. White intended to take the train home with her 5-year-old son, who fell into a cattle guard on the way to the depot. The mother saw the approaching train, and just had time to pull the boy from the cattle guard and pitch him into the ditch, when she was struck in the back and thrown from the track. At Owosso it was found that her injuries were confined to severe bruises and that she will recover. The child was also severely bruised.

#### Labor Will Boycott Prison Goods.

The executive board of the Michigan Federation of Labor met at Lansing and carried out part of the program to hasten legislation for abolishing convict labor in prisons, when it comes into contact with free labor. A formal boycott was declared against the Brook-Buffington Shirt Co., of Albany, N. Y., which has a contract for manufacturing shirts at the prison. The board is having a circular printed and mailed to labor organizations and retail shirt dealers throughout the United States. The chairs manufactured by the Detroit house of correction will also be boycotted.

#### Babe Burned to Death.

A mysterious explosion, followed by a fire, destroyed the little cottage on the Emerson road, Springwells, occupied by the family of Stephen Bogulski, at 2:30 a. m. Michael, 2 years old, was burned to death and the other members of the family were injured. Mary, the oldest daughter, being most severely burned about the entire body. Little hope is entertained for her recovery.

#### Preferred Death to Imprisonment.

John Bishop, a wealthy farmer in Madison township, Cass county, committed suicide by the poison route. It was discovered that Bishop had added a strychnine powder to his wife's dose of medicine last November and she died. It was being investigated. Fear of prison walls probably caused him to kill himself.

John Clay's skull was fatally crushed by a tree while he was cutting wood, near Dowagiac.

## THE TWO PENINSULAS.

Sylvanus McMillan, aged 23, was killed by a falling limb in the woods near Guntin.

Dividends of 20 per cent have been declared to creditors of the First National bank of Mt. Pleasant.

Work has begun at the new tannery at Munising. Over 10,000 cords of bark will be used every year, and 150 to 200 men employed.

Dr. Turner, city health officer of Coldwater, says that Branch county's jail is in such an unsanitary condition that it is a public nuisance.

Edward W. Smith, a Detroit butter and produce dealer, suicided by shooting himself at his home, 150 Calumet avenue, because of ill health.

Mrs. E. Babcock, near Union City, was burned to death by her dress catching fire from the cookstove. The house was saved by neighbors.

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

A banquet given by Jackson citizens to officials of the C. J. & M., and delegates from the Cincinnati chamber of commerce, was attended by 150 people.

Actor Chas. Bishop was arraigned at Adrian and pleaded guilty to the charge of abducting young Mabel Stanton. Judge Lane then sentenced Bishop to three years at Jackson.

Vance Little was driving from Mendon to Leonidas when he was thrown out by a runaway horse. The animal ran across a railroad track and was instantly killed by a train.

The mines on the Menominee range have reduced wages 10 to 20 per cent and a strike may result. At the same time the strikers at Norway want to return to work, but were refused.

State Oil Inspector McMillan has paid into the state treasury \$11,625.75, the net profits of his office during 1896, after paying salaries and expenses. His deputies inspected 18,250,000 gallons.

The farm house of the Fence River Logging Co., with other buildings, nine miles from Menominee, has burned. Loss, \$3,000. Several farm hands were hurt in jumping from the third story.

The Detroit & Mackinac has purchased depot grounds at Posen, from which place the proposed road to Cheboygan will be built so as to take in Rogers City and the shore towns, with a branch to Rainy lake.

The court house was filled at Big Rapids with creditors of the Mecosta County Savings bank, who roasted the management of the defunct bank and called the officials very ugly names and voted to start an official investigation.

A score or more accidents occurred at Bay City on account of icy walks. Mrs. H. W. Wright, wife of the mayor, has been injured internally. Roswell Wands strained the ligaments in his chest, so that he is very ill, and Isaac Elbing fractured a knee cap.

Mrs. Lovina Beckwith, aged 80, a widow, of Flint, was found dead on the floor of her miserable hovel, and in her hand was a tin box containing \$1,100 in certificates of deposit on local banks. She also owns considerable property, but lived a miserly life.

Deputy Game Wardens Ashley and Avery went down to Anchor bay, Lake St. Clair, where they arrested 12 men for spearing fish. Prosecuting Attorney Weeks, of Macomb county, is determined to prosecute the offenders, seven of whom have been taken to Port Huron.

Representative F. C. Chamberlain, of Gogebic, slipped away from his colleagues at Lansing presumably on legislative business, but he fooled 'em and went to Negaunee where he was married to Miss Etta Bortle. They will be at home at 118 Ionia street west, Lansing, from Feb. 24, until the close of the legislature.

While Peter Neuman was transacting some business at Muskegon he left his son Gustave, aged 15, to hold the horses. A passing street car caused the team to run away. The boy had been standing at the horses' heads and he was caught on the wagon tongue and carried a block, when he fell and was crushed to death.

Mrs. Livonia Healey, of Bridgeport township, Saginaw county, has been married six times and secured \$13,500 on life insurance policies. Her latest husband, J. J. Healey, is in jail at Saginaw charged with uttering forged insurance papers. The much-married woman claims that Healey has swindled her out of all of her money.

M. M. Sloman, of Port Huron, was found guilty of keeping his bar open on Sunday. Sloman permitted billiard playing in a room over the bar, which was connected with a drink apartment by a dummy elevator. Judge Vance held that as the elevator formed part of the bar, any one playing billiards would be in part of the bar proper.

The Detroit pension office has been discontinued by order of President Cleveland, together with nine others in various parts of the country. Secretary of the Interior Francis recommended this move on the ground that it would reduce the cost of disbursing pensions \$150,000 per year. Payments formerly made from Detroit will be made from Indianapolis.

## MAY CAUSE WAR.

### ALL EUROPE STIRRED UP BY THE CRETAN TROUBLE.

**Turks and Christians Meet in Bloody Conflict—The Latter Call to Greece for Aid—Greece Sends Warships and Turkey Follows.**

#### Hundreds of Christians Murdered.

Advices received from the island of Crete are to the effect that serious trouble has occurred at Canea as a result of the massacre of 27 Christians in several villages by Moslems under protection of Turkish troops. The Christians armed themselves and attacked the troops and fighting continued several days, and it was observed that the Turkish soldiers themselves fired from the ramparts on the heads of the Christians. Several villages were destroyed by fire. Canea itself is in a state of revolt. The commanders of the Italian and French gunboats attempted to stop the fighting and landed detachments of soldiers. The Christians at Halepa sought refuge at the office of the foreign consuls and on board the gunboats. Most of the Christians at Canea and the archives of the consulates have been placed on board the warships. Two thousand Christians have gone aboard the British vessels, while 200 subjects of France went aboard the French cruiser. The total number of victims of the fight is estimated at 300.

#### Christians Hold the Greek Flag.

Later dispatches from Canea say that the Christians about Canea have hoisted the Greek flag, have proclaimed the union of that island with Greece and have invited the king of Greece to take possession of it.

The Cretan committee at Athens has issued a proclamation addressed to the people of Greece, calling for assistance from all freemen. The Greek squadron on arriving at Canea did not salute the Turkish flag. Other advices from Canea say that fighting outside the city still continues, and that a provisional Cretan government is being formed. The fires which were started as a result of the conflict have been completely extinguished. By far the larger portion of the town is, however, a heap of ruins. Official advices say that the Mussulmans are preparing a massacre at Retimo. The Turks have been expelled from Halepa by a strong force and the inhabitants of the town of Sphakia, on the southern coast of Crete, are now engaged in a desperate struggle to regain possession of the place. The Christians are fighting under the flag of Greece all along the line.

#### European War May Result.

The trouble on the island of Crete and the appeal of the Christians for help from Greece met with a quick response from King George—who ordered all available warships to the island with all haste.

Not to be caught napping the sultan of Turkey, in spite of the protests of the ambassadors of the powers, ordered Turkish warships and a transport loaded with troops to sail at once for Crete.

London dispatches say that public officials there and on the continent regard the situation as serious and as threatening the peace of whole Europe. In the event of a collision between Turkey and Greece it is doubtful whether the entente of the powers could be maintained. The papers everywhere urge the powers to bring pressure to bear on Greece in order to prevent her further aggravation of Turkey.

#### Russia Files at England.

The tone of the Russian press has taken a sudden turn. First attacking Turkey for the Cretan troubles, the Russian papers are equally sure that England is at the bottom of it. The Moscow Vedomosti says: "Out of the English intrigues come the Cretan troubles." The Novoe Vremya thinks it is not necessary to look to Constantinople or Athens, but to London, for the cause. The Vedomosti, in a frantic article, sees England's hands in the Cretan rising. Prince Okhtomsky's organ calls for the blockade of Crete by Franco-Russian fleets. The occupation of strategic positions by landing parties, it says, is the only way of restoring peace in the island which the enfant terrible of Europe diplomacy troubled. That would be the best reply to England's challenge to Russia and France on the Egyptian question.

#### Young Turks May Revolt.

Anxiety is felt at Constantinople at the danger of an outbreak upon the part of the Young Turks. The officials of the embassies of the powers received copies of the manifesto from the Young Turk party, declaring that they had decided to have recourse to force. The Russian embassy has written to the porte pointing out the necessity of preventing an outbreak "which might imperil the integrity of Turkey."

The Northwestern National bank, of Great Falls, Mont., one of the oldest institutions in the state, has suspended, owing to a defalcation on the part of Cashier Benton D. Hatcher of \$180,000.

## STATE LEGISLATURE.

The state legislature under the present law spends 50 days in the introduction of bills when it is generally conceded that half that time would be sufficient, and Senator Colman has offered a joint resolution reducing the time to 30 days. Senator Blakeslee has a new state fire warden law, providing for the appointment of fire marshals in every county in the state and for the prevention of incendiarism, the marshals to be appointed by the boards of supervisors, to be called upon to settle disputes between the company and the assured and to be paid by the companies. Senator Mudge wants to cut the rate for legal printing from 70 to 50 cents per folio for the first insertion and to 25 cents for each subsequent insertion. The House unanimously passed a resolution congratulating Rep. Chamberlain, of Gogebic, upon his marriage, and ordered his desk decorated with the American flag and a daily bouquet of flowers. During a two hours session the following bills were offered in the House: To revolutionize the method of counting election returns, by providing a double set of election inspectors for all voting precincts. After 25 votes have been cast the second set of inspectors must begin to count, so that at the close of the polls, all but a fractional vote will be counted; providing an elective county board of review of five members, which must see that all property is assessed at its cash value; to provide free railroad transportation for all state officers (not deputies, however), and all members of the legislature, the passes of the latter to expire 10 days after the final adjournment of the legislature; for an interchange of service by telephone companies; to place building and loan associations under the supervision of the state banking commissioner; giving justices of the peace jurisdiction in cases of forcible entry and detainer; providing that in school districts where there are 150 children they shall be graded and classified and a high school erected when authorized by vote of the people of the district; to have the township dog tax fund in excess of the \$100 reserve turned back to the school district from which it was raised according to the per capita of dogs taxed; providing rules for election booths where the Abbott voting machines are used; for a commission and an appropriation to locate the state line between Ohio and Michigan and erect permanent monuments.

The executive sessions of the Senate still continue to be thorns in the flesh of a number of Senators, but they could not muster votes enough to abolish them when such a motion was made. However, it was decided to do away with executive sessions usually held to refer the governor's appointments to a committee. Liquor laws

are beginning to pour in, one of the latest being a bill by Senator Flood, a druggist, which provides that all druggists in Michigan must pay the \$500 liquor license if he sells any malt, spirituous or intoxicating liquors, except alcohol. Senator Holmes, of Wayne, would allow saloons to be kept open on holidays, and would permit saloonists to obtain bondsmen anywhere in the county. Senator Youmans thinks that railroads and electric cars should have an adjustable safety step to come within 12 inches of the ground. Bills by Senator Merriam provide that boards of control of insane asylums may return patients to their home counties when cured; also, authorizes the probate judge to fix the amount that friends may pay for the care of insane friends when they cannot pay for their full care; also, providing that probate judges must be attorneys-at-law. The supreme court records have long been printed by Chicago parties at great expense, but Senator Covell says the state should do the work. The Senate killed the conference report providing for the sending out of 4,000 copies of the legislative journals at state expense. A bill was passed appropriating \$8,500 for the purchase of books and equipments for the Michigan state library and the Michigan traveling library. Rep. Sawyer, of Washtenaw, has a bill providing that the terms of all wardens of state prisons and reformatories shall be only two years in length from the date of appointment. Under this provision the term of every warden in Michigan expires when the act takes effect. Rep. O'Dett, of St. Clair, would allow no county or township officer to serve more than two terms. Other new House bills: To compel telegraph companies to deliver all messages in the country and to all points in the state without extra charge; to authorize Grand Rapids to bond itself for \$300,000 for the improvement of Grand river; making rules for railroad and street railroad crossings, and providing that where rules are not observed persons injured shall have damages regardless of any contributory negligence; to provide that a majority of stock must be present to constitute a legal meeting of building and loan associations. The joint committee's report for the distribution of 4,000 copies of the legislative journal at state expense was adopted.

Gov. Pingree has appointed Horatio S. Goodell, aged 22, of Houghton, as commissioner of natural resources.

Many political reformers have maintained that the judiciary of the state should be selected without going through the partisan strife of an election, and Rep. Austin, of Alpena, has introduced a bill in this line, to make the office of the members of the state supreme court and all circuit judges appointive by the governor, the terms of the office to be for 10 years. This would give the governor about three score of judicial appointments. Rep. Bryan offers a bill to repeal the state salt inspection law. Rep. Sawyer would exempt non-taxpayers from voting on village bonding measures. Rep. Adams' bill prevents insolvent corporations from having preferred creditors. Other important bills in the House: Appropriating \$35,000 for a state normal school at Benton Harbor; appropriating \$10,000 for farmers' institutes; appropriating \$15,000 for the removal of obstructions from Kalamazoo river. The House received a petition from the W. C. T. U. of Battle Creek for a law to prohibit the liquor traffic. The House passed the bill making a \$20,000 emergency appropriation for the Michigan Mining school. Speaker Gordon has appointed a committee to investigate the Detroit house of correction, but failed to appoint Rep. Eikhoff, of Wayne, who has been urging the investigation. The Senate descended to confirm two of Gov. Pingree's appointments—T. F. Marston as member of the board of control of the Agricultural college, and F. M. Stewart as member of the board of control of the Coldwater state public school. Several bills were passed by the Senate. Among those repealing the laws for the collection of farm and aparian statistics. New bills in the Senate: For the incorporation of mutual integrity companies for the purpose of insuring to employers the integrity of their officers, agents and employees; providing that everybody paying for first-class passage shall be given a seat in the parlor car, free, whenever he can get no seat in the regular coaches; to exempt musical and educational associations from taxation the same as charitable associations. Gov. Pingree has nominated Rev. Morgan Wood, of Detroit, as a member of the state board of correction and charities, and ex-Gov. Cyrus G. Luce as a member of the board of control of the Ionia reformatory.

The Senate judiciary committee has taken the first serious jab at one of Gov. Pingree's pet bills and has killed the bill which provides that all railroads in the state shall furnish free transportation to the railroad commissioner's office. Commissioner Wesolins is said to be very wrath over the action of the committee and declares that the railroads shall be brought to strict account if the Senate fails to take favorable action for his office. On top of the committee's action on this bill comes a measure from Senator Covell to restrict the powers of the railroad commissioner. Another important measure was killed by the Senate—providing that two women shall be placed on every board of control of state institutions—the vote standing 25 to 4. Senator Moore, of Wayne, offers a bill to remove the homeopathic school from Ann Arbor to Detroit, and appropriating \$25,000 for that purpose, and \$6,000 annually for its maintenance. Other new Senate bills: To do away with the office of commissioner of mineral statistics; providing for an educational forestry commission, to work for the preservation of the forests; providing a maximum penalty of \$500 for the manufacture, sale or use of cigarettes; providing for penalties where females over 15 years of age deprave the morality of boys under that age. The Senate committee on public buildings reported favorably the bill appropriating \$20,000 for an executive mansion and it was then referred to the committee on appropriations. The House acted on several measures in committee of the whole, rejecting the tin-horn gambler bill, but agreeing to bills to permit the spearing of fish in inland waters during December, January and February; providing that a vote of the majority of members-elect of boards of supervisors shall be required to allow claims; to amend the constitution by raising the attorney-general's salary. The Pingree measure to bring the special charter railroads—the Lake Shore and the Michigan Central—under the two-cent fare bill was presented by Rep. Atkinson, of Wayne. It prohibits any road discriminating in rates of fare, that is, they must give all passengers the rates that they give any one, on mileage or otherwise. Rep. Foote has a bill, backed by the G. A. R., for the organization of the American Guard by enrolling every school boy in the state above 12 years of age. Companies shall consist of 28 to 56 members, have regular military organizations and officers, shall be inspected by the inspector-general of the M. N. G., the governor shall be commander-in-chief, and school districts shall bear the expenses. Other new measures in the House: To prevent contractors from paying their laborers in saloons; for a state lighting plant at Lansing; to prevent telegraph and telephone companies from destroying shade trees in the public highways; to combine the laws affecting all judicial circuits into one law, without change of matter.



# WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY



## WASHINGTON.

THE fame of Washington is so immense and the popular conception of his character so exalted, that some skeptical and fault-finding critics are disposed to question the universal estimate, and especially in the matter of his ability as a soldier and military commander. However much we may wish it otherwise, there is in human nature a mean spirit of envy and destruction which instinctively feels the honors bestowed upon a great man to be an indirect reflection and rebuke to its own littleness and baseness. This spirit cropped out conspicuously in the case of Columbus, in the efforts to belittle his great exploit and to blacken his character. I do not say that criticisms upon Washington's generalship all proceed from base motives, but they doubtless do mostly come from the spirit and innate tendency which I have indicated. This unworthy spirit is as old as history, as old as humanity. It showed itself in a memorable fashion when the old Athenians wrote their sentence of banishment against Aristides because they were tired of hearing him called "the just."

**Washington and Napoleon.**  
Great soldiers are to be judged not alone by success, by battles fought and victories won—though this, of course, is the great popular test—but by all the circumstances and difficulties in which they are placed. There are great commanders in history who have won fame by avoiding battles, like the Roman Fabius, and even by great retreats like Xenophon with his ten thousand Greeks. If Washington is to be compared, to his disadvantage, with Napoleon, then the popular question is, would Napoleon, under the same circumstances, have done any better? It is enough for any commander that he fills the great measure of his requirement. This, of course, is not saying that Washington would have filled the place of Napoleon in the vastly different field and circumstances in which that great soldier won his fame. Nor should it be forgotten, all the while, that ultimately Washington succeeded and founded a nation, while Napoleon failed and lost an empire.

**Washington's Difficult Task.**  
The difficulties which encountered Washington when he took up his great trust as commander-in-chief of the continental army were most complicated and immense. The theater of the struggle was a vast one, geographically, stretching along the Atlantic coast from Massachusetts to South Carolina, while the whole population was only three millions—not very much greater than that of the state of Michigan, and not so great into a million as that of Illinois. Out of this small, scattering and peaceful population, an army was to be raised, organized and equipped capable of contending with the chief military and maritime power of the globe. And it was not to be a struggle between government and government, between one nation and another. It was a rebellion, and there was really no central authority, no arms or warlike stores, no navy,

no treasury of financial system or responsibility. It was only a brave and patriotic people, small in numbers, without discipline or military experience, without arms and without money, rushing thus bare-handed into a conflict with the mother-country, their own government; a powerful nation, which had recently been raised by the genius of the elder Pitt to the front rank among the great warlike nations of the world—a nation whose military posts and possessions already dotted the globe, whose victorious navies covered every ocean and sea, whose morning drum beat, as Webster said, was heard round the world. It was against such a power as this that this handful of patriots had thrown down the gage of rebellion and defiance.

**When England Closed In.**  
When England saw that the contest was fairly opened her great navy closed in upon our ports and landed upon our shores different armies of her veteran soldiers, who had fought in the continental wars, and these were soon supplemented by trained Hessian soldiers, hired and paid by her gold. These armies were greater in numbers than the colonies had to oppose to them. And still, as they had to be transported so far, and to cover so wide a field, they were never very large, and the battles of the revolution were never on a great scale, as to numbers. The country was new, there was next to no cavalry and not much artillery, and the engagements were thus mainly with infantry and at close range. There was little chance for tactics or maneuvers. All depended upon pluck, hard fighting and endurance.

**A Providential Man.**  
Washington is known in history as a providential man; that is, a man raised up by Providence to fill a great place and perform a great mission. However this may be, he certainly had great parts and great and peculiar fitness for the most difficult and trying place which he filled in history. He had had experience in the previous Indian and French wars, and had proven himself a wise, competent and heroic officer. He had great personal advantages for command. He was of fine physique and imposing presence, a splendid horseman, carrying with him ever the port and air of authority and native majesty—an ideal commander.

**Knew It Meant Freedom.**  
So when this noble Virginian appeared before that northern army and drew



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his sword as their commander under those Cambridge elms his fame had preceded him and he was received with shouts of welcome and of confidence. Then all men knew it was to be a struggle to the death. I have no room here, of course, to recount the particulars of that seven years' conflict. Patiently and steadily organizing and disciplining the raw patriot militia, and

volunteers into an army, Washington at the same time closely invested the British in Boston and finally drove them to their ships in the harbor, from which they sailed away, while the patriot army marched into the New England capital, which was never again to be trodden by the footsteps of an enemy. Thus was scored a great success at the opening. Then followed the march to New York to meet the enemy, landing in great force on Long Island; the brave but disastrous battle, followed by that masterly retreat which alone would stamp Washington as a great general; the gallant stand at White Plains; the reluctant but stern and heroic winter retreat through the Jerseys ended by the master counter strokes of Trenton and Princeton, by which the great leader saved the cause of the revolution at its lowest ebb. Then the next year the struggle to save Philadelphia, the defeat at the Brandywine, where Lafayette first shed his blood in our cause; the loss of the continental capital and the well planned but accidentally lost battle of Germantown. Then the gloomy winter quarters at Valley Forge, which tried the souls of patriot men and proved the great soul of George Washington. Who but he could have held that defeated, freezing, starving army together in that terrible winter? And at the same time the country was filled with the praise of Gates, who had conquered Burgoyne at Saratoga.

**In the Darkest Hour.**  
In this dark hour, too, Washington was beset with cabals and conspiracies, in congress and in the army, to depose him from the command which was to be given to the successful Gates. When in the early summer of 1778 the British commander evacuated Philadelphia, and Washington followed him with his little army to give him battle, on the field of Monmouth he met one of these detractors and conspirators, Gen. Lee, his second in command, disobeying his orders and in shameful and unnecessary retreat. It was here that Washington is said to have lost his temper. It is pretty well demonstrated that he did, and if Gen. Lee received upon his miserable head that day an explosion of titanic wrath it was surely no more than he deserved. Despite this untoward disarrangement of his plans Washington here won a partial success. The battle of Monmouth was his last engagement until the crowning victory of Yorktown, three years later. In the meantime the war was going on in other parts of the great field of operations, battles and skirmishes were being fought and subordinate commanders, like Greene and Wayne and Morgan, were winning some laurels. But the central army was not immediately engaged. It was holding the ground and perfecting its alliance with the French forces, on land and water, which had now come to our assistance. When all was ready came that sudden and rapid march from the Hudson to Virginia and the great final victory at Yorktown.

**Had No Personal Ambition.**  
Even from this briefest outline of Washington's career in the revolution, it will be seen that he had little opportunity for personal distinction as a commander. He was an unlucky general; fortune did not seem to smile upon him and he had more defeats than victories. Long Island, White Plains, Brandywine, Germantown—all these were defeats; some of them disastrous. Monmouth was little more than a drawn battle, while to offset these, Trenton and Princeton, while brilliant in conception and execution and great in effect, were so

small in the numbers engaged that they amounted to little more than successful skirmishes. And besides they were with Hessians and not with British regulars. Yorktown was, indeed, a great and crowning success, but it was won with superior numbers and the honors had to be divided with the French.

**Greatest Figure in History.**  
Hardly a better instance does history afford of patience under provocation, of dogged determination under difficulties, of unconquerable will and courage, holding on so long and coming out triumphant at last over such mighty opposition. These great qualities, as we have already seen, belonged to the man more than to the soldier. It was indeed the great man behind the soldier, the man with the great patriotic heart, with the wise head, and the lofty, unshaken soul, that brought us through that long and tremendous struggle and gave us our glorious place and opportunity among the nations. No other man on this continent but he could have done it. Greene, among the generals of the revolution, would have come nearest to it, but he would have failed.

But in looking over the whole field and record, in the light of all the facts and history, it will be seen that Washington made no military mistakes, that he improved all his opportunities, that his generalship will stand the test of criticism. He struck whenever he had the chance, his plans were good, and when compelled, his retreats were masterly.

## THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY.

RESERVING high days, holidays and birthdays is something of which a great many people are very fond. It has been said that we need more holidays. Granting this, but there are many persons who never observe any, whatever they may be.

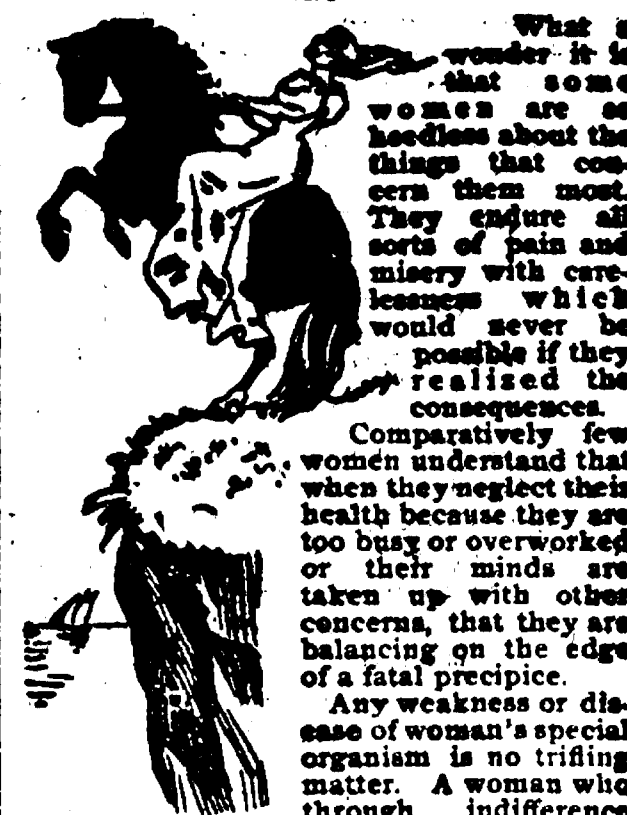
There is one day that is full of suggestions—a day so linked with the history of our country that patriotic sentiments come to our hearts at its mere mention. Washington's Birthday ought to have a special programme of its own. It would be an excellent idea to make it a history day, a stars-and-stripes day, to hold meetings and festivals in commemoration of the great and glorious struggle that gave us our liberty.

Every public school in the land ought to mark the event by suitable exercises. As the schools close for this day, why not make the afternoon previous a gala season, when the events of Washington's career may be reviewed, patriotic addresses listened to, suitable music rendered, and entertainments such as charades or plays appropriate to the time be given by the pupils? Make it a day to be looked forward to; a day of delight; a day on which the young and unfolding mind may grasp the idea that such patriotism as the Father of his Country possessed is sufficient to make a name immortal.

Teach them that love of country is one of the greatest of virtues, and that only by loyalty and fidelity to the flag and the great principles it represents can the men and women of the future hope to maintain that high position which the United States holds among the nations of the earth.

And for the young people themselves who are out of school and just beginning the serious affairs of life, let there be old folks' concerns and entertainments, Continental parties, masquerades in the old time costumes of the days of Washington. Let there be sham battles, with snow forts, if so be it that snow is plentiful. And it would not hurt the elders to take a hand in this fray. It would warm up the blood, stir up the ideas, rouse the patriotism and break the monotony that too often settles over a middle-aged existence. There should be songs and feasting, and dancing and rejoicing all along the line, and the assembled guests should thank heaven that such a man as George Washington ever lived, a man whom nothing could discourage, a man who, through trials, disappointments, vicissitudes, treachery, ingratitude and persecution, kept ever alive in his heart one hope, one idea, one determination, and that was to secure to the citizens of this country and their posterity forever the blessings of civil and religious liberty. And when the day's festivities are over, the most appropriate ending will be that all join in the doxology: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Mr. C. P. Villiers, M. P., "Father of the House of Commons," celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday the other day at his house in Cadogan Place. He has uninterruptedly represented Wolverhampton for sixty-two years having been returned for the first time in 1835.



What a wonder it is, that some women are so heedless about the things that concern them most. They capture all sorts of pain and misery with carelessness which would never be possible if they realized the consequences. Comparatively few women understand that when they neglect their health because they are too busy or overworked or their minds are taken up with other concerns, that they are balancing on the edge of a fatal precipice. Any weakness or disease of woman's special organism is a no trifling matter. A woman who through indifference neglects these troubles is laying the foundation for life-long wretchedness. A modest woman naturally recoils from the mortifying ordeal of examinations and local treatment which doctors insist upon. But there is no necessity for any such repugnant alternative. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures these delicate complaints positively and completely. It is a medicine devised for this particular purpose by one of the most eminent of living specialists in woman's diseases. Dr. Pierce has been for nearly 30 years chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. During this time he has received fully ninety thousand letters from women who have been cured by the "Favorite Prescription." Some of these letters are printed by permission in one chapter of Dr. Pierce's great thousand-page book, "The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser." It contains advice and suggestions for self-treatment which every woman ought to read. More than half a million copies have been sold at \$1.50 each. An absolutely free edition in paper covers will be sent for a limited time to anyone sending 31 one-cent stamps to pay the cost of mailing only. Address World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. For a handsome cloth-bound copy send 31 stamps.

Two men, supposed to be tramps, were found frozen to death beside the tracks of the P. & C. railroad near Dunkirk, O. They had been put off a train at North Washington and tried to walk to Dunkirk, but were overcome by the cold before getting half way.

Representative fishermen from all over the state gathered at Saginaw and organized a protective association with Caspar Alpen, of Alpena, as president, and N. J. Orr, of Bay Port, secretary and treasurer.

## A GRAND TRIUMPH.

Baffled Many Times but Success Comes at Last.

(From the Grand Rapids Press.)  
The following incident would be hard to believe if it had not occurred right here in Grand Rapids, and investigation by our representative has placed it beyond the reach of doubt. These are the facts in detail: Mr. J. H. White of No. 25 Halfway Place, has been an instructor in penmanship in different business colleges for the past fourteen years. He says: "Last October I was suddenly taken ill. I consulted a physician, who said the pain was from 'gravel' stones; gradually grew worse; the pain was in my back and side. My back swelled up in a great ridge, and I finally grew so bad that I was taken to bed, as helpless as a child. I passed blood, and when the pain was at its worst, I was like one crazy. The doctor injected morphine to give me relief, but further than that he said he was powerless, and nothing would do me any good but a surgical operation. I believe my flesh was literally cooked in the attempts to relieve my agony, everything was used, mustard plasters, turpentine, hot cloths and all such things. I was in this condition, given up by the doctor, and almost out of my mind with suffering. I commenced taking Doan's Kidney Pills, and really I felt easier in 20 minutes. After about two hours I had a passage of urine, and passed blood and some 'gravel' stones which greatly relieved me. I rapidly improved. I took in all six boxes, and I feel to-day entirely well. Mine has been a wonderful case. I feel that I cannot say anything strong enough for Doan's Kidney Pills. My great wish is that they may become well known. They will prove a boon to mankind."

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.

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Quite a difference there, 'tis said;  
For one, you know, has a head-light  
And the other a light head.

**Lane's Family Medicine**  
Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25c and 50c.

The Christian should not become discouraged because the devil is still working at his trade.

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For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

How many fathers and mothers make religion such a cruel thing that children hate it.

**WITS** stopped free and permanently cured. No fits after first day's use of Dr. Williams' Great Nerve Restorer. Free 32 trial bottles and treatise. Send to Dr. Williams, 361 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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In the oldest and best. It will break up a cold quicker than anything else. It is always reliable. Try it.

Men never like gloomy or cynical women.

Wagon billions or coative, eat a Cascaret, candy cathartic, cure guaranteed. 10c, 25c.

A sin of a moment may blight a whole life.















# AN ISLAND PEARL.

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## CHAPTER I.

W E lived in a little cottage at Brixton, situated in a lane behind the broad highway. At that time there were three of us; Beecroft, Mariner, Mary Beecroft, his wife; and I, Amos, their son. Brixton then was not what Brixton is now; there was more country about, more fields and trees, though there are pretty bits to be found there today, if you search for them. The old cottage stands there still, mellowed by age, and prettier by contrast with its newer fellows that have grown round about it; but Beecroft, Mariner's, cheery "Yo, heave, ho!" is no longer heard within or without its walls. For a sufficient reason: he rests in another kind of habitation. His bones lie at the bottom of the Atlantic. But I, Amos Beecroft, live there at this day, surrounded by memorials of Beecroft, Mariner's, love.

Now, if you want me to describe our cottage, and to describe it briefly, I can do so in one word: Shells. It seemed to be built almost entirely of shells; they met you whichever way you turned, whichever way you looked. About the mantelpiece, on the walls, in the center of the ceiling (from which sometimes one would drop down with a bang), in frames, under glass shades, and skirting my mother's work-box and the looking-glass in her bedroom. Even the tiny plot of ground in front of our cottage—the little plot of garden that was cut off from the footpath by green wooden palings and a green wooden gate—was decorated with them. The shells that met your eye in every corner of the cottage had been gathered north, south, east, and west of the globe; and so that there should be no mistake as to whose residence it was, "Beecroft, Mariner," was woven outside in shells from various shores, directly above the low window which looked into our little front parlor. It may be well understood, therefore, that Beecroft, Mariner's, cottage was pretty well known round about. It served, indeed, as a kind of landmark in the neighborhood, and my father, as I understand, was looked upon as a character. Not by any means as an objectionable character, for everybody had a smile for him, for the simple reason, I expect, that he himself had a smile and a good word for everybody. It was my greatest delight, as a youngster, to walk by his side through the Brixton streets, with my little hand in his big one, and to imitate his walk, the roll of his body, and the very expression on his face, to let the people know that I was Beecroft, Mariner's, son. His shells were my delight as a boy; and on some of the few evenings in the year he spent at home with us, he would take me between his knees, and tell me stories of the sea in connection with these pets of his.

"You, see, my son," he said—he always addressed me thus, and occasionally my mother took after him—"you see, my son, when I am away your mother can't help but think of me. And why? Because of these shells. She puts one of 'em to her ear, and she says, 'Now I'm on the sea with Beecroft, Mariner, the father of my boy.' She follows me about to different places; that's how it is. And shells have different voices. They tell you almost everything about the sea you'd like to know. Listen to this," and he put a shell to my ear. "Can't you hear a storm brewing? And here's the wind howling through a pitch-black night; and here's a mermaid singing; and here's the soft flapping of the sails as we lay becalmed, praying for a breeze; and here—shut your eyes, my son—here we are surrounded by great white ghosts—leahorgs, my son, with sea-voices all about us."

I listened in a kind of rapture to such utterances as these, and saw and heard in the shells all that my father described with rough and eloquent tongue. If he could have found and brought home a shell large enough for us all to live in, I believe he would have been the happiest man alive.

Sitting at home with us one evening, he said, half in jest, half in earnest, "I should like to be buried in a shell coffin, in a grave lined with shells."

Now, it was a circumstance to be superstitiously remembered in after days, that, as he uttered these words in the little parlor at Brixton, a shell fell from the ceiling and grazed his head.

"Oh, my dear!" cried my mother, starting in a flutter. Beecroft, Mariner, wiped the blood from his hand with a smile, but immediately afterward gazed at the delinquent shell with an air which implied that it had been guilty of a breach of duty, and ought to be condemned to walk the plank.

"Oh, my dear!" cried my mother again; "how can you say such things?" "Well, but I should like to be buried in just such a grave," he said, with light persistence. "We must be buried some time and somewhere, and that's my fancy."

She said nothing in reply; but a shudder passed through her at the mere suggestion of my father's death. In a certain way he had his wish, though the pattern of his grave was different, and his coffin a more spacious one than was meant in his expression. He died when I was 7 years of age. On a dark night, during a sudden and raging storm, while helping to reef the maintopgallant sail, he lost his hold, and slipped into the grave of the Atlantic. As the wild waves received and closed over him, blotting him out of the world forever and ever, perhaps a vision came upon him of his wife and child in their little cottage at Brixton, brightened by the mementos of his love; and perhaps, in the midst of his brief agony, it brought a spark of comfort to him.

I was a sailor before my father's death, and the manner of his death did not frighten me. It was a proper sailor's death, I thought in my childish way, and I was proud of my father for dying it, and proud of myself for being such a sailor's son. Sometimes of a night, when I was abed, I would put a shell to my ear, and, with my eyes closed, I would see my father floating down to the bottom of the sea, where he would lie with a cheery and smiling face, among beautiful sea-weed and coral and shells of pearl. I never in these fancies saw him with any but a cheerful and smiling face. Really, I had been a sailor in my heart from my cradle upward. I do not know whether this came from innate love or from education; but I do know that, whether I was bred or born to it, I loved the sea with a deep and passionate love. Never have I forgotten the first time I saw it. It stretched before me calm and vast, and over the water life in the distance lay the wonders which I should one day see. They were hidden from me now, but the time would come. I was silent from joy. That is the world, thought I—my world, in which I shall live and be a sailor, like my father. I regarded the land as of the very smallest consequence; it occupied but an insignificant position in the universe according to my reckoning.

## CHAPTER II.

IT is not to be wondered at that I had such ideas, for my inclination for the sea was fostered and encouraged in every conceivable way. I was the sailor pet of the neighborhood, and from the time I remembered myself I was always dressed sailor fashion. I haven't the slightest doubt, judging from the impressions I gathered, that the children in the neighborhood regarded me as something particularly marvelous, and that no high-admiral, however fine and grand his cocked hat and sword and gold laced clothes might be, would have held a higher position in their estimation than young Amos Beecroft.

I could not have been more than 6 years of age when I found myself standing on the outskirts of a crowd of people gathered together in a street near that in which I lived. How I came there I do not know; but there I was, a spectator of the scene. It was a violent crowd, and loud and angry words were being used. The people were gathered about an open street door, and from what I could understand with my childish mind, a family were being turned out of their house in consequence of owing some money which they were unable to pay. Their furniture had been seized and sold, and they were being bundled into the streets. The sympathies of the crowd were with them, as is invariably the case on such occasions, crowds being always composed of poor people; and oaths and threats were flung at the man to whom the money was owing, and who had in this way enforced his claim. I heard his name. It was Druce.

and by some means I was in the center of it, standing by the two men who played the principal parts. The face of one of these men was white and pinched and livid, as though with fear and malice; the face of the other was convulsed with passion, and blood was trickling down it. Instinctively, child as I was, I knew which was the wronged man, and which the wronger, and their faces became indelibly stamped upon my memory. The name of the wronger, also, would never have been forgotten by me, even if in afterdays I had not cause to remember it. I ran home, in terror of it and him, and told the story to my mother with tears and sobs.

Mr. Druce was a money-lender in our neighborhood. When he died, his son inherited his business. The name was over his office, and I never saw it in my boyish days without its bringing before me the faces of two men, one white and livid, the other convulsed with bitter passion, and with the blood trickling down it, and I invariably hated the one and sympathized with the other.

Up to a certain period in my life I met this son but once. He was a man, and I was a man. Perhaps he was three or four years older than I was. I stood with my hand on our little wooden gate, and he came and stood before me. I had no idea who he was, never having seen him to know him. His shadow falling across my path caused me to look down upon him. I could do that; I was taller than he. A thin, inquisitive face was that face of his, with eyes that were bright, but had no softness in them. He could not have been ashamed of his face, for it was perfectly smooth and hairless. Mine, on the contrary, had plenty of hair upon it.

"Good evening, neighbor," said he. That was a claim to a kinship in friendliness.

"Good evening," said I, scarcely looking at him.

"A fine evening," was his next observation.

It happened not to be a fine evening, and I remarked that he talked like a barber. He accepted my correction good humoredly.

"Not being a sailor," said he, "I don't know the signs of the weather as well as you."

"You know when it rains, I suppose," I said, with a wave of my hand, for a slight mist was falling.

"Ah, yes, indeed," he replied, in a tone of surprise, looking up as though he were only now aware of the falling mist. "You have been a long time away."

I had been absent on a long voyage, and had been home but a few days. I nodded, "Yes, a long time," and would have left him, but that he seemed to have something more he wished to say.

"You have been to Africa, I hear?" "Yes, to Africa, and other coasts."

"I've read," said he, "that gold is dug up there by the savages."

"That's so."

"And feathers, worth their weight in gold?"

"I don't know about their value. Feathers are got there."

"And pearls in other places, and coral?"

"That's so."

"And you've been to those places."

"Ay."

His bright eyes that had no softness in them gleamed still more brightly and eagerly, but still it was in a hesitating tone—as though he were suspicious I should take advantage of him—that he continued his questioning.

"Have you got any?" asked he. "Any what?"

"Feathers and bits of coral and that like."

I laughed at him. "I've enough to do," said I, "without bothering my head about such things. Besides, they're out of my reach."

"Out of your reach!" he repeated. "Ay. It takes money to buy them."

He chuckled, and rubbed his hands. "And you've no money?"

"Not more than I know what to do with. Have you?"

At this question of mine he gave his body a remarkable screw, that it appeared to me as though all in one moment he was buttoning himself up from top to toe.

"I've got a little," said he, with a slow twisting of his fingers, "and I'm fond of turning it over—turning it over."

"Well," said I, with another laugh, "turn it over."

"In trade, I mean. I'd like to buy some of them pearls and feathers and coral."

"Easily enough done if you're as flush of money. Go out there."

"I can't spare the time. Couldn't you bring home some?"

"I'll tell you what I could bring home."

"Yes, yes; what?"

"What do you say to a mermaid?"

"A mermaid?" he cried, excitedly. "It would do to exhibit. Can you get one?"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Jewels have not only invaded necks and clasps, but the belts as well.

## Kidney Trouble and Its Effects

The Word of an Old Gentleman of Mattoon, Illinois.

From the Commercial, Mattoon, Ill. Mr. William J. Winningham is a well-known and venerable gentleman of Mattoon, Illinois. Seventy-five years ago Mr. Winningham was born in Ashboro, North Carolina, where he resided until 1860, when he removed to his present residence.

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"I suffered for all those long years with intense pain in the back, nervousness, and from the passing of large quantities of water. This was undoubtedly a form of diabetes, and so described by my physicians of whom I had many. Strychnine and nitre and many other remedies were tried, as well as change of climate, but nothing did me any good. I was so horribly nervous that I could not lift a drinking vessel to my mouth if there was not a handle attached to it. A great part of the time I was confined to bed. The commencement of the disease was in 1846, when I had a bad attack of 'southern fever' in North Carolina."

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(Signed) "W. J. WINNINGHAM."

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#### PLAINFIELD.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Washburn a boy.

Rev. S. Dunning and Moffat are conducting a series of alternate revival meetings in the churches.

Mr. Bert Washburn and Miss Minnie Mangel were married on Monday evening by Rev. Moffat.

Some people in our little village have taken to stealing hams, etc. Better be careful or some one else will have a hand in the business too.

#### MARION.

(Too late for last week.)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. Gilchrist recently, a daughter.

Marshall Sapp is busy these days enlarging his house, to accommodate his father and sister who will soon move in with them.

James Burden, Gregory's hustling stock buyer, spent Saturday with his sister, Mrs. Frank Backus and bought some stock also, having bought two head of cattle of yester day.

The West Church was filled to its utmost capacity last Sunday to listen to a talk from Miss Helen Norton on Mormonism. Miss Norton talks from experience, as she spent four years among them as a missionary.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Gilchrist lost their youngest son aged 6 years on Friday night of last week, with that dreaded disease, diphtheria. Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist have the sympathy of the entire community in this their sad bereavement.

#### UNADILLA.

Dr. Budd of Stockbridge was in Iowa last week.

Miss Kitty Livermore is in Iowa visiting her sister.

Wm. Livermore has sold his property in the western part of the village.

Lee Lee has returned from Hamburg where he has been working for the past two weeks.

Frank Parrish of Howell was accompanied home on Friday last by a friend of the H. H. S.

The donation for Rev. H. B. Dunning at the Presbyterian hall on Wednesday evening last was a success financially as well as socially.

A goodly number of our young people attended the social at P. Kennedy's on Thursday night and the valentine social at Chas. Bullis' on Friday night.

The Unadilla debating society has proven to be a huge success.

With a membership of about fifty and the full co-operation of each member, a spirited debate has brought to light the logical and debating power of each participant. A fine literary program is being prepared for this week and on Feb. 26 the question "Resolved that organized labor is detrimental to the employer" will be discussed.

#### ANDERSON.

N. E. Manuel and wife are in Detroit this week.

E. A. Sprout and wife visited friends at Waterloo last Sunday.

Frank Hoff and Elton Jeffery were in Handy on business Friday of last week.

The heavy snows have prevented Frank Hoff and wife from returning home as they expected.

Hoff, Jeffery and Daley have sold their threshing outfit to Frank Pool and Edward Gardner of Iosco.

Miss Kittie Hoff is quite sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Talk were in Howell one day last week.

Norman and Mollie Wilson were in Howell over Sunday.

Mr. Briah of St. Johns was here on business the first of the week.

L. K. Beach and wife of Marion visited friends in this place on Sunday last.

Jas Durkee took his son N. J. to Detroit last Wednesday to receive a treatment from Dr. McLean.

There will be no lyceum in this place until one week from Friday night on account of the lecture at Pinckney.

Last Thursday evening Jas. Marble and wife gave an oyster supper in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hoff of Lansing. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

#### PARSHALLVILLE.

Mr. Scott White is on the sick list.

Mr. A. C. Wakeman is still on the sick list.

Willie Wakeman is visiting friends near Brighton.

Miss Emma Charlie of Clyde is visiting friends at this place.

Mrs. Tucker of Macomb is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cass Hooker.

Miss Allie Voorhies of Davisville is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. C. Wakeman.

Miss Gracie Wakeman has returned home after spending three weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Jessuh at Detroit.

Mr. Ansel Hill is about to move into John Hetchlers house and help Henry Slover in the blacksmith shop.

The firm of Dormire and Preston have purchased what is known as the Griswold House and store, and contemplate running a meat market the coming summer.

Will Wolverton, formerly of the Howell City Mills, has purchased a half interest in the flouring mill at this place, and has returned to be a resident of our little village again.

#### Additional Local.

John Chalker and W. A. Carr were at the Junction last Sunday.

Mrs. B. F. Andrews of Parshallville is the guest of F. L. Andrews and family.

Mrs. L. D. Alley and a friend were guests at the home of Mrs. F. G. Rose on Wednesday of this week.



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Friday Evening, February 19th, Rev. E. D. Kelly "The Greatest American."

You should not fail to hear him. The harvesting of ice is nearly over and our gleaners have some very fine ice.

The Misses Maud Teeple and Edith Carr were in Howell on Saturday of last week.

Rev. E. D. Kelly speaks at the opera house next Friday evening, on "The Greatest American."

The past two days have been very fine and has nearly used up the sleighing and is pretty bare in some places.

Several large fish have been caught in the mill pond lately, the largest weighing 11lbs caught by James Smith.

Pinckney is not very much troubled with "Wandering Willies." They don't care to spend a night in our caboose, you know.

Miss Blanche Done of Dansville was the guest of the Misses Hattie and Laura Hinchey on Thursday and Friday of last week.

That sharp, crackling noise you hear late at night now-a-days, is the New Years resolutions, snapping and breaking under the strains to which they are subjected.

A heavy fall of snow visited this as well as other places last Thursday night, to the depth of nearly one foot which makes the sleighing once more a thing of the present.

The Wayne Hotel is one of the finest hotels in the city of Detroit and when in that city, you can secure a very fine meal for a reasonable price. See adv. on the 5th page.

Bills were issued from this office the past week announcing a clothing sale at F. G. Jackson's. Any one in need of first class clothing will save money by calling on him.

"Time enough yet" has been the cause of many a worthy article not appearing in these columns, and we desire again to say that all lengthy articles, notices, correspondence, changes of ads, etc., must reach us as early as Tuesdays. But local news items, and emergency matters, such as deaths, fires, accidents, etc., may be handed in at any time up to the time of closing our forms on Wednesday at noon. We appreciate and are always thankful for everything of a local nature.

One of the best programs that the Michigan Press Association has ever presented, will be given at the mid-winter meeting, to be held at Hotel Cadillac, Detroit Feb. 22 and 23. The Cadillac is one of the finest hotels in the union, and its whole-souled proprietors know how the average editor thirsteth for a good feed, and so this one will no doubt be a large one. No newspaper man in the state is barred. The doors are to be open and all are asked to come into the fold. The Editor of this paper is a member and would no doubt, like to prepare his stomach for the occasion, but under the circumstances it will be impossible and therefore, "what can't be cured must be endured."

#### Council Proceedings.

Of the Village of Pinckney.

Special Meeting. Feb. 15, '97.

Council convened and called to order by Pres. pro tem, C. L. Grimes.

Present, Trustees Crane Plimpton, Drown, Burch, Grieve and Grimes.

Absent, Pres. Grimes.

Pres pro tem appointed Election Commissioners as follows:

Trustees Plimpton, Crane and Drown.

Moved and carried that the appointment of Plimpton, Crane and Drown as Election Commissioners be confirmed.

Moved and carried that the appointment of Election Officers be made tonight.

The appointment of Election

Officers were made as follows:

Election Inspectors, Grieve and Burch; gate-keepers, Plimpton and Crane; registration, Drown and Crane.

Moved and carried that the appointments as made be confirmed.

Moved and carried that the marshal be instructed to take proper steps to suppress disorderly conduct by reason of snow balling.

Council adjourned.

R. H. TEEPLE, Clerk.

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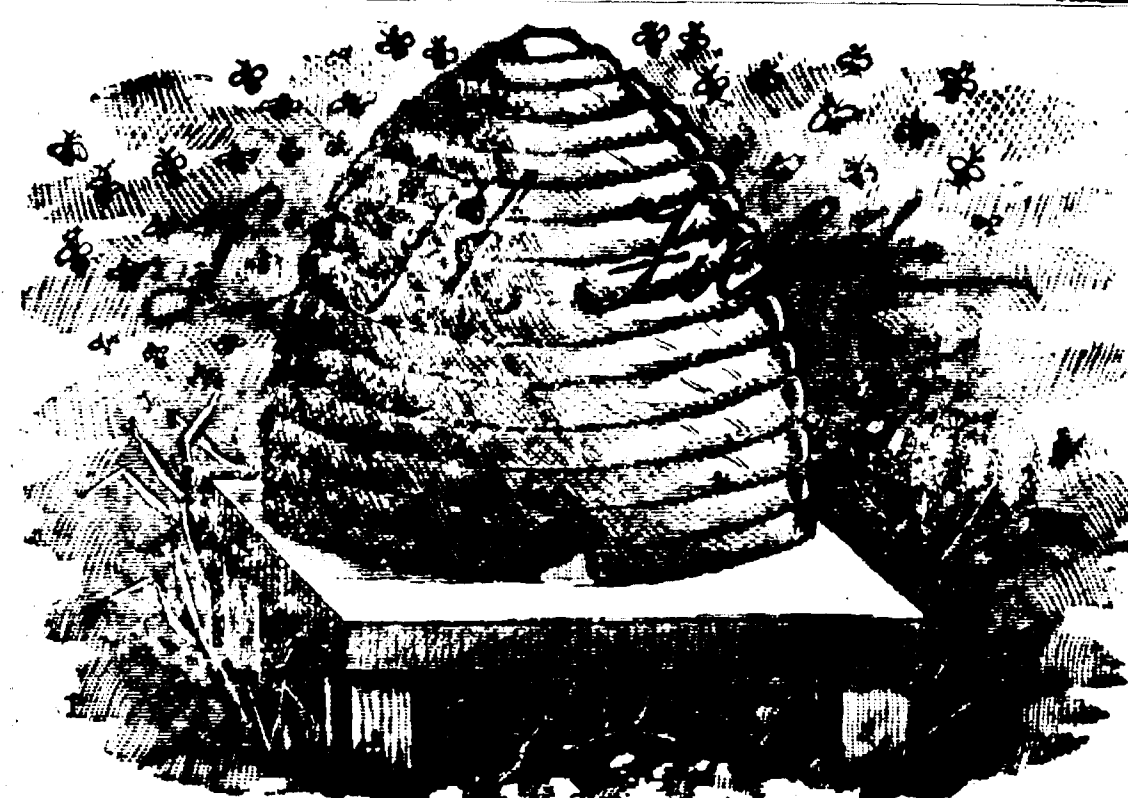
#### DO LIKEWISE.

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