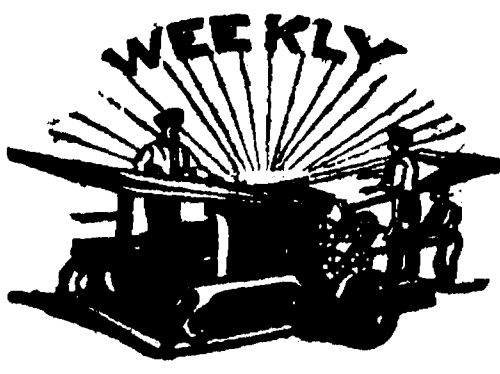


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Local Dispatches.

Oh, and it is, but true, indeed.
The pancake season ends
About the time the maple sap
The maple tree ascends.

School closes Friday (tomorrow) for a week's vacation.

The roads the past week have resembled a mortar bed.

Mrs. F. A. Sigler visited relatives at Leslie the past week.

Richard Roche is reading law with L. E. Howlett, at Howell.

H. W. Crofoot transacted business at the city a couple of days the past week.

Mrs. Daniel Richards has been on the sick list the past two weeks with quincy.

Miss Lizzie Geraghty, of Webster, was the guest of Miss Mame Sigler a few days the past week.

Miss Thressa A. Melvin closes a successful term of school in the Young-love district next Friday.

Mrs. I. J. Cook, who has been on the sick list for the past three weeks, is better and able to be out.

Richard Roche, of this place and E. A. Kuhn, of Gregory, have received commissions as notary republic.

The Livingston county semi-annual Christian Endeavor convention will be held at this place on Wednesday, April 14.

Last Sunday was the first day of spring. It came although it intended to stay and many rejoiced over the beautiful day.

Topic for the Epworth League next Sunday evening is "Prayer for Missionaries," Isaiah 60: 6, 7. Every body welcome.

William Thompson who has been spending the winter at West Branch and Port Huron, returned to this place the past week.

Topic for the C. E. next Sunday evening is "What Christian Heroism is and Does," Luke 9: 18, 26. Every-body welcome. Mrs. W. C. Stickle leader.

Auction bills issued at this office announcing the sale of household goods and farm implements of Otto Jarrendt, on the Telford farm two miles south of this place, on Tuesday, March 30. Sale commencing at 10 A. M.

Our Correspondents are either out of stationery or cannot write for we have not heard from a great many of them in a long while. If you are out of paper or envelopes just notify us at your earliest convenience and we will send the same immediately.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, "I'll pay before I go to bed, the debt I owe the printer?" But there are some, we know full well, who never such a tale can tell; but they, we fear, will go to—well, the place where there's no winter.—Ex.

Now that the "Great American" gladiatorial contest, bull fight, or whatever they may call that disgraceful affair between Fitzsimmons and Corbett, is over, we hope the country will settle down to business again. We are American citizens, and as such, like to see all Americans succeed, and our industries taking the lead over all other nations; but we cannot help being glad that the "pugilistic championship of the world" has been captured by some other nation, and we hope that America or the United States may never be so unlucky as to ever have the chance to win back the "belt." We are glad that as a nation we can boast of the fastest yatch, the finest steamers, and the greatest inventions; yes, even the finest bred, fastest and best fighting blood-hounds and bull-dogs, but when it comes to boasting of the "champion pugilist," hah! even the worst heathen in "Darkest Africa" would blush at such a boast. [Ed.]

Frank Gay was in town the past week.

Mrs. H. D. Grieve was in Stockbridge last Friday on business.

The snow storm on Tuesday reminded one that winter has not left us yet.

Claude Hause has gone to Shelbyville Ind. again to work in the bicycle factory.

Matthew Scott Chapman is working for the Continental Fruit Tree Co. at Chicago.

Mr. Butts and wife, of Howell visited at the home of Chas. Mills the past week.

John Harris and T. Birkett are going to sell some fine horses about the 10th of April.

L. D. Brokaw, of Howell, was a guest of relatives here a couple of days the past week.

Miss Georgia Martin went to Cleveland Monday to purchase goods for the spring's trade.

Miss Meda Smith, of Jackson, spent several days the past week with her parents at this place.

Mrs. John Martin had the misfortune to fall in such a manner as to break the bones in one of her feet.

A few of our young people had their bikes out the past week and enjoyed a few hours of pleasant riding.

We understand that the Emerson quartette have engagements to fill at Stockbridge and Brighton in the near future.

George Nichols and sister Martha, of Marion, were guests of O. A. Tupper and sister a couple of days the past week.

Bert Green of the U. of M. spent Sunday under the parental roof. He is tussling with a carbuncle on the back of his neck.

The Pinckney male quartette is at last old enough to be named and you will know them hereafter by the name of Emerson.

Pinckney's fast horse owners are training their steeds again this season. Surely Pinckney will put out some fast ones this year.

T. K. Jeffreys who has been the guest of his mother for the past two weeks, returned to his work at Lansing last Thursday.

The tile bridge near Justice Swarthout's caved in one day the past week and caused much trouble, but has been repaired since.

The Annual State C. E. convention will be held at Jackson Mar. 30, 31 and April 1. This place will be represented by a large delegation.

F. E. Grimes, who has been assisting in this office for the past nine weeks, returned to Olivet to resume his work in a bakery, Saturday.

Our truant officer had better be looking after those scholars who get excused from school for the purpose of hanging around the business places and stores.

A special Review of the Livingston Tent K.O.T.M. will be held on Friday evening Mar. 26. A full attendance is desired as there is important business to transact.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baker, on Thursday last, a son and daughter. The little boy died in a short time but the little girl is doing finely. Dick thinks his daughter is a daisy.

The Republican caucus was held at the town hall last Saturday afternoon. K. H. Crane was chosen chairman and H. W. Crofoot secretary. The nominations were as follows: Supervisor, Norman D. Wilson; Clerk, Chas. J. Teeple; Treasurer, W. S. Swarthout; Justice of Peace, K. H. Crane; Highway Com., W. H. Leland; School Inspector, Frank H. Coleman; Board of Review, Wm. H. Harris; Constables, Frank A. Hall, Benjamin Isham, Geo. Burch and Wm. C. Miller.

Do you hear those wedding bell?
The next "holiday" is next Thursday.

Are you registered as a township voter?

Next week the fourth month of 1897 commences.

One week from next Monday is township election.

The Democratic, Peoples, Union Silver caucus this afternoon.

Miss Jennie Tupper spent Sunday with friends and relatives in Howell.

Our post-office applicants are like hibernating animals, but so far they have failed to wake up.

A large invoice of note-heads were issued from this office the past week for A. G. Wilson of Anderson.

Mesdames H. D. Grieve and F. I. Grimes visited relatives in Howell on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Weather prophets told us to look out for disagreeable weather this month, and we have, and seen it too.

There is a bill before the legislature to prohibit the publishing of any article or picture pertaining to prize fighting. A good thing, push it along.

You'll stop advertising because business is dull, will you! The boatman doesn't rest on his oars when the tide is against him, does he? Well then!

Mrs. R. C. Snow, who has been spending the winter with relatives in this place and in Horton, returned to her home in Warsaw, N. Y., last Wednesday.

School cards have been in great demand the past few weeks and our Putnam teachers and others know where to get their work in neat order and at proper rates.

An exchange gives the following advice: "Drink less—breathe more; eat less—chew more; ride less—walk more; clothe less—bathe more; worry less—work more; waste less—give more; write less—read more; preach less—practice more."

Rev. Thomas McClary who delivered a lecture here a few years ago on the "Mission of Mirth," and one just recently on "Sunshine in Labor," spoke at Williamston last Wednesday evening on the former subject. The audience was well pleased.

Last Sunday Fowlerville was visited by a fire which destroyed the four stores of A. J. Beebe. The loss is between \$10,000 and \$12,000, with \$8,000 insurance. A. J. Harris who lived over one of the stores lost his household goods. Mr. Beebe also lost high household goods and personal effects. Daniel Van Riper was overcome by smoke and a falling wall came near crushing O. C. Carr. Bell's opera house received a bad scorching.

"SHAMROCK AND ROSE."

On Wednesday evening of last week the Columbian Dramatic club produced the four-act drama, "Shamrock and Rose" at the opera house to a large audience numbering about 400. This play having been produced here twice before many knew what to expect and did not fail to see it. From beginning to end the audience were delighted to the utmost. Between acts, selections both vocal and instrumental, were rendered by the Misses Marbelle Herriek of Howell and Nellie Gardner and several violin solos by Mr. Henry Isham. Last, but not least, we mention the Emerson male quartette, who sang their beautiful selections and captured the closest attention of the audience, which received a prolonged applause. Among the selections were "Dixie," "The old home down on the farm," "The bold Seafarer" and "Home Land." At the close of the entertainment the famous calf was raffled off. Twenty-one persons were drawn and the last was Mr. [Name] which was held by [Name].



WALL PAPER.

As spring approaches the thrifty housewife makes up her mind some

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Don't Forget

that the Bicycle Season is close at hand.

Respectfully Yours,

TEEPLE & CADWELL.

L. B. Field has a change of "adv" is this issue.

C. T. Moran who is working for the Central News Co., spent Sunday at home.

David White, of Waterloo, was the guest of J. A. Cadwell and family on Tuesday.

Business cards, fancy or plain, can be obtained at this office at prices that are reasonable.

F. A. Sigler our bustling druggist has something important to say to the patrons of the PINCKNEY DISPATCH (and also those who cannot afford to take it but borrow) about wall paper. Those who intend to do papering this spring should get his prices.

Business Printers.

For sale.

Cheap for cash. A horse suitable for light farm work. Inquire of M. L. Ernsort, Anderson.

Subscribe for the Dispatch.

Notice.

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Notice.

Durham bull for service. Service fee, 75 ct. V. G. Dinkla. t17.

Notice.

Stark gives fine miniature photos for 75c on Mar. 31.

Notice.

Theo. Clinton requests all persons who owe him for debts contracted last fall, to call and settle at once as he cannot carry on business without the proper means.

Notice.

Salzer's Earliest, are the earliest of all potatoes. Strictly pure seed. I have a few bushels of these potatoes for seed, which I will sell at \$1.00 per bushel. Inquire of K. H. Crane.

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The best—
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One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take
Sixty men in the polishing shop of
Derby Cycle Co. at Jackson have struck.

Letters from Farmers.

In South and North Dakota, relating
their own personal experience in those
states, have been published in pamph-
let form by the Chicago, Milwaukee &
St. Paul Railway, and as these letters
are extremely interesting, and the
pamphlet is finely illustrated, one copy
will be sent to any address, on receipt
of two-cent postage stamp. Apply to
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Just try a box of Cascarets, candy cathar-
tic, the finest silver and bowel regulator made.

The baker is the only loafer who is entitled
to respect.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

Look after the Back; A Fall, a
Strain, a Constant Sitting or
Sloping Position Brings
Backache—Do You Know
This Means the Kid-
neys are Affected?

How few people realize when their back
begins to ache that it is a warning pro-
vided by nature to tell you that the kid-
neys are not working properly. You have
a severe fall, you strain yourself lifting or
perhaps you are compelled to maintain a
sitting or sloping position for long inter-
vals as a time, your back begins to ache,
then your head, you become listless, tired
and weary, but do you understand the
real cause? We think not else you would
not use plaster and liniment on the back,
which only relieve but do not reach the
cause. If you would rid yourself of the
pain and cure the root of the trouble, at
the same time save many years of suffer-
ing and perhaps life itself, you will take a
kidney remedy that has been tried and
proven that it will cure.

Mr. John Robison of 661 Russell Street,
Detroit, says: "As a result of exposure
during the war I have suffered ever
since with rheumatism and kidney trouble.
Pains would start in my hip and go
around to my back. Highly colored
urine denoted kidney disorder. The pain
in my back was often so bad I had to give
up work until the severity of the attack
passed away. I have used many liniments
and other things, but received very little
relief. Some time ago I started using
Doan's Kidney Pills and they have worked
a wonderful change in me. My back is
all right now and I owe it all to the almost
magical influence of Doan's Kidney Pills."

Mr. Robison was a member of the Fifty-
first Illinois Regiment, which served
through the war with honor and distinction.
Doan's Kidney Pills are for sale by
all dealers—price, 50 cents. Mailed for
Foster-McLure Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole
agents for the U. S. Remember the name,
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and at every one of our exclusive sale
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AN ISLAND PEARL

BY BL. FARJEON.

INTERNATIONAL PRESS ASSOCIATION.

CHAPTER VIII.—(CONTINUED.)

I reached the cottage, and, not seeing
a light in the window, I thought Mabel
and my mother might be in the kitchen
at the back. I crept thither stealthily,
wishing to have a peep at them before
they saw me; but no light was there
to guide me, and a kind of dismay
overtook me when I found that the
whole house was in darkness. I soon
pulled myself together. "You clumsy,
thick-headed lubber," murmured I,
"not to know that it's too late for
them to be up. They are abed, dream-
ing of you, and little enough you de-
serve it!" It was, indeed, I reckoned,
quite ten o'clock by this time, and I
knew that my mother was an early
body and was seldom out of bed at that
hour of the night. So, putting my hand
to my mouth, I cried lustily, "Yo,
heave, ho!" I listened and waited, but
it was clear they had not heard me.
"Yo, heave, ho!" I cried again, louder
than before, and again waited and lis-
tened, and again heard no sound in
response. "Too fast asleep," thought
I, and I tried the street door. To my
surprise, it yielded to my hand. I en-
tered the room, and knew, though all
was dark around me, that everything
was as I had left it three years before.
I could just distinguish the indistinct
outlines of the old familiar shapes. I
put my bundle on the floor under the
little round table in the center of the
room, and, feeling my way to the stairs,
I crept up them to the bedroom above.
I paused at the door. "Mother?" I
called; and then, "Mabel!" No answer
coming, I went softly into the room
and passed my hand over the bed. It
was empty. "Well," said I, after a
little while, "they are out junketing,
those two, not expecting me home at
such an hour. Mayhap they are spend-
ing the evening with a neighbor." I
considered whether I should go out in
search of them, or whether I should
rest at home, and astonish them upon
their return. But if I went, I should
not know where to look for them, and
it would be sheer folly to wander
about without knowing where one was
going to. Besides, they might return
in my absence. So, without more ado,
I descended the stairs to the little par-
lor below, and there sat down in a
chair, determining to wait till my
mother and Mabel came home. Until
I had quite made up my mind, I did
not know how tired I was. I had
worked very hard during the last few
days, and it was excitement only that
had kept me awake. Directly I sat
down and rested my head on my hand
I was overpowered by drowsiness, and
in a short time I was fast asleep.

CHAPTER IX.

I was still dark
when I awoke.
What aroused me
was the sound of
the door-latch be-
ing lifted. Imme-
diately that sound
fell upon my ears I
was in full posses-
sion of my senses.
There they are,"
thought I, with
throbs of joy, but with some feelings
of fear also; for it suddenly occurred
to me that my appearance there
might frighten them. While this
thought was disturbing me I lis-
tened for the familiar voices. I
heard none, and but one person en-
tered the room—my mother, whose
step I recognized. Where was Ma-
bel, then? Why, lingering behind, say-
ing good-night to a neighbor, per-
haps, or shutting the garden gate! In
my excitement I rose, and stood in an
attitude of expectation. I heard a heavy
sigh from my mother, and the next
moment a match was struck, and I saw
her with her back toward me, light-
ing a candle. The street door was
closed, and we were alone. The sil-
ence, the drooping figure of my moth-
er, who had aged much during my ab-
sence—I could see the signs, although
her face was hidden from me—and the
circumstance of my darling wife not
being at home to welcome me, changed
my joy to sadness. Still, thinking to
cheer my old mother, and for the pur-
pose of dispelling my own foolish fears,
I strove to utter the dear old "Yo,
heave, ho!" but the familiar greeting
died away on my lips, and it was but
the ghost of a sound that proceeded
from me. What following during the
next few moments filled my heart with
unbearable terror. I saw by my moth-
er's attitude that she had heard my
ghostly "Yo, heave, ho!" and for an
instant she stood mute and still, as
though petrified by fear. Then she
turned slowly and fearfully toward
me. I caught but a glimpse of her
white, haggard face, how wan and
thin it had grown!—she taught but a
glimpse of mine. The moment her
eyes fell upon me she gave a frightened

scream, and held up her hands to keep
me off; and as I moved toward her,
a wild shudder passed through her
form, the candle fell from her hands,
and we were again in darkness.

"Why, mother!" I said, in a south-
ing tone, kneeling by her side. "Is
this the welcome you give me on my
return?—and on Christmas night, too!"
I strove to raise her in my arms, but
she shrank shudderingly from me.

"Good God!" I cried, "What is the
meaning of this? Where is my wife—
where is Mabel? Do you not know me?
I am Amos, your son."

The name brought a glimmer of light
to her mind.

"Amos!" she moaned. "No, no! It is
the dead that is speaking to me. I have
no son; he was killed, as his father
was, by the cruel sea. Lord, have pity
on me! Lord, have pity on me!"

Killed as my father was, by the
cruel sea! What had occurred, then,
during my absence? Could it be pos-
sible that the news of our rescue in
the boats had failed to reach home?
No, it was impossible. There were my
letters to Mabel, relating all the cir-
cumstances of our peril and our escape.
Fearing for my old mother's reason,
I searched about for matches, that she
might see me bodily, and so assure
herself. But I could not find them, and
what passed between us took place
in the dark, neither seeing the other's
face.

I knelt again by her side.

"You foolish old soul!" I said, in a
tender and coaxing tone, "do you know
what you are saying? Nay, I'll not
touch you if my touch hurts you? Steady
yourself, mother; I am neither
dead nor drowned, or how could I be
here talking to you?"

She could not have understood me.

"My Amos!" she sobbed. "My boy,
that I loved and worshiped! The best,
the bravest sailor on all the queen's
seas! My old eyes will never again
be blessed with a sight of him—never
again, never again!"

I had strong need to apply myself to
the advice I gave to her. It was as
much as I could do to keep steady, so
as to get the heart of this mystery.
Although I was terribly shaken, I proved
myself equal to the occasion, and by
 dint of tenderness and a good deal of
coaxing, I managed at length to con-
vince my mother that I was alive.

Then, to my amazement, part of the
story was told and made clear to me.
The Blue Jacket that went down with
all hands when within two days' sail
of the Australian coast, was believed
by my mother to have been the Blue
Jacket in which I served. To arrive
at this understanding occupied me fully
an hour, and by that time my mother
was sitting on my knee, soothed and
pacified, and filled with a feeling of
awe and gratitude at my escape. I
could now turn my attention to those
matters nearest my heart. The whole
mystery was not yet cleared. Being
supposed to be dead was a sufficient
reason for my wife not being at home
to welcome me; but I had written to
her, twice from China and twice from
Melbourne. What had become of those
letters? Surely, if she had received them—
and why should she not? they were
addressed to her plainly at her
mother's house—she would not have

kept the good tidings of my safety and
promotion from my own mother. The
first thing I had to do, plainly, was
to question my mother upon this point.
"No word that I have convinced you,
mother," I said, "that I am not lying
at the bottom of the sea, and that I
am no ghost, you must satisfy me upon
some point that is dark to me. Ma-
bel—why, what's the matter with you,
dame, that you shrink from me? Are
you ill again? I will light the candle
if you will tell me where I can find
the matches. We can talk better in
the light."

But she clung close to me again, with
something of terror expressed in her
manner—what I set down to her not
having entirely recovered from her
fears—and murmured that she did not
want a light; that the darkness suited
her best; and that sitting there with
me, with no other soul in the house
but ourselves, brought to her the mem-
ory of the time when I was a child,
and when we two were all in all to
each other, with no one to step in be-
tween us. These sentiments she ex-
pressed, not in so coherent and concise
a manner as I have written them, but
in a way that rendered them not dif-
ficult to understand. I humored her, and
continued:

so as not to alarm her? Mother, I
want to ask you a hundred questions
about her; but I am so eager to see my
darling that I doubt if I shall be able
to control my impatience. But before I
go to her, there are some matters I
must understand more clearly. I am
groping about like a blind man. Mother,
I wrote four letters to Mabel."

I paused here, but my mother did not
speak. As I held her in my arms she
clung closer to me, as though she were
fearful of losing me.

"Rear up," said I, with a fond pres-
sure; "things have come around hap-
pily, and it is our duty to be thank-
ful."

"I humbly thank the Lord," I heard
her whisper, "for my dear son's safe-
ty. Bring peace to him, Lord!"

"Amen," responded I, kissing her.
"But all is well, thanks be. There shall
be no more partings between me and
my dear wife. She shall sail with me, if
she will, wherever I go, and you shall
keep the house warm for us to return
to. Yes, four letters I wrote to Mabel.
The first from China, telling her of our
going to Australia; two from Australia,
telling her of my escape and promotion;
and one from China again, just before
we sailed for home. Do you mean to
tell me that Mabel did not read those
letters to you?"

"I never knew you had written any,
Amos."

"Could she not have received them?"
I asked, dismayed and wondering. "I
addressed them to her, and posted them
with my own hand to her mother's
house. And for her not to have read
them to you! Mother!" I cried, impelled
sudden fear, "has there been foul play
somewhere?"

Her tears and moans were my only
answer.

"Nay, nay," said I, with a cold chill
at my heart, "if I can't learn from you,
I must go elsewhere. I will see Mabel
at once. There must be an end to this
mystery."

I rose to go; but my mother clung to
me with convulsive sobs, and strove
with feeble hands to restrain me. But
they were strong enough; they clutched
my very heart strings. A deadly faint-
ness stole upon me, and would have
overpowered me, but that I wrestled
desperately with it and overcame it.

"In the name of God!" I cried, when I
had recovered my speech, "do not tor-
ture me any longer with your silence! Tell
me what is in your mind."

The agony of my tone compelled her
to obedience.

"Amos, my son," she said, in a weak,
wandering voice, "it is late; it must be
one o'clock. And see, Amos, what a
wild night it is."

CHAPTER X.
MECHANICALLY I
looked toward the
window. The snow
was coming down
thick and fast. I
went to the door
and opened it, my
mother following
me, still with her
hands upon me.
White surfaces, pure
and unstained, met
my eye whichever way I turned.

The virgin covering imparted a rare loveli-
ness to the prospect. The white outline
of the shells which formed the dear de-
vice of "Beecroft, Mariner," above our
cottage window, were delicately quaint
and beautiful, and the memories asso-
ciated with the sign, and the cold wind
blowing upon my skin, calmed me
somewhat. But still I seemed to be
moving in a dream. I turned my eyes
to my mother's face, and saw that it
was as white as the falling snow.

"Come in and rest," she pleaded.
"Wait till the morning, Amos; then I
will tell you all."

"Wait till the morning!" I echoed,
with a laugh which sounded strangely
in my ears, it was so harsh and bitter.
Heaven knows I had no cause for mer-
riment. "Wait till the morning! That
is good counsel at such a time as this!
No; love calls me elsewhere, and I
must go. If there is anything to tell,
tell it quickly, and without further pal-
tering. I can scarcely believe it is my
mother who is speaking to me, bidding
me linger here, while love is tugging
at my heart strings; or has she forgot-
ten that I have a wife, and perhaps a
child?"

I felt my mother's form sliding from
me, and I caught her in time to pre-
vent her falling to the ground.

"Keep your senses about you," I
muttered roughly between my clenched
teeth, "if you do not wish me to go mad
before your eyes! It cannot be that
you are purposely torturing me, and
yet you cannot know what I am suffer-
ing. Great God!" I cried, staggering at
the agony of the thought, "is Mabel
dead?"

"No, my son," she said, faintly, "not
that I am aware of."

A sob of thankfulness escaped me.
"Thank God!" I exclaimed. "What
cause is there for this mystery? Moth-
er, did you hear what I said just
now? Am I a father?"

"Amos!"



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the power
which cap-
tates the
strongest
natures.

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personal at-
tractiveness
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Can a Monkey Swim?

AN EASY QUESTION LEFT TO THE NEWSPAPER.

All sorts of funny questions come over the telephone into a newspaper office. Somebody is always making a bet on some queer proposition or other and the decision is left in many cases to some of the papers. No sooner is the bet made than the men who have put up the money or promised to do so, lie themselves to a telephone and ring up "the editor" of the paper to which the decision has been left.

Some of the propositions advanced are enough to make a mule laugh, and some are sent over the telephone just to worry the man who answers the ring and possibly to catch the man with some trick. The other day, for instance, some fresh boy rang up a newspaper to ask for the decision on this proposition:

"Is it legal for a man to marry his widow's sister?"

The young man who answered the phone refused to "bite" and told the inquirer that his question would be answered through the columns of the paper if he would write it out and forward it with his name and address. That is the rule in most offices and this particular question never came of course.

Another anxious inquirer, presumably a farmer, wanted a cure for potato bugs. The agricultural editor, to whom the question was referred replied that he could not tell until he knew what ailed the bugs. The questioner was probably unable to describe their complaint, and the consultation was not renewed.

But the other night there came one that was too good to lose, so the young man who received it answered it on his own account.

"We've made a bet," said the fellow who rang up the office, "and we want you to decide it."

"This paper don't decide bets," was the answer.

"Never mind the bet, then. Just decide the question will you?"

"Well, what is your question?"

"It's this," came the answer. "Can a monkey swim?"

What an easy one! The young man at the phone smiled happily as he put his mouth down close to the transmitter and softly whispered:

"Just go down to the lake and jump in. Then you'll find out all about it."

And then he gently rang off and went on with his work.

Last Saturday evening W. E. Holman of Durham, N. C., in the presence of a great crowd, ate a baked cat. He bet on Corbet and the loser was to eat a cat. A fine, large Thomas cat was prepared with proper trimmings. Holman announced that he would eat the greater part of the cat. He ate it all.

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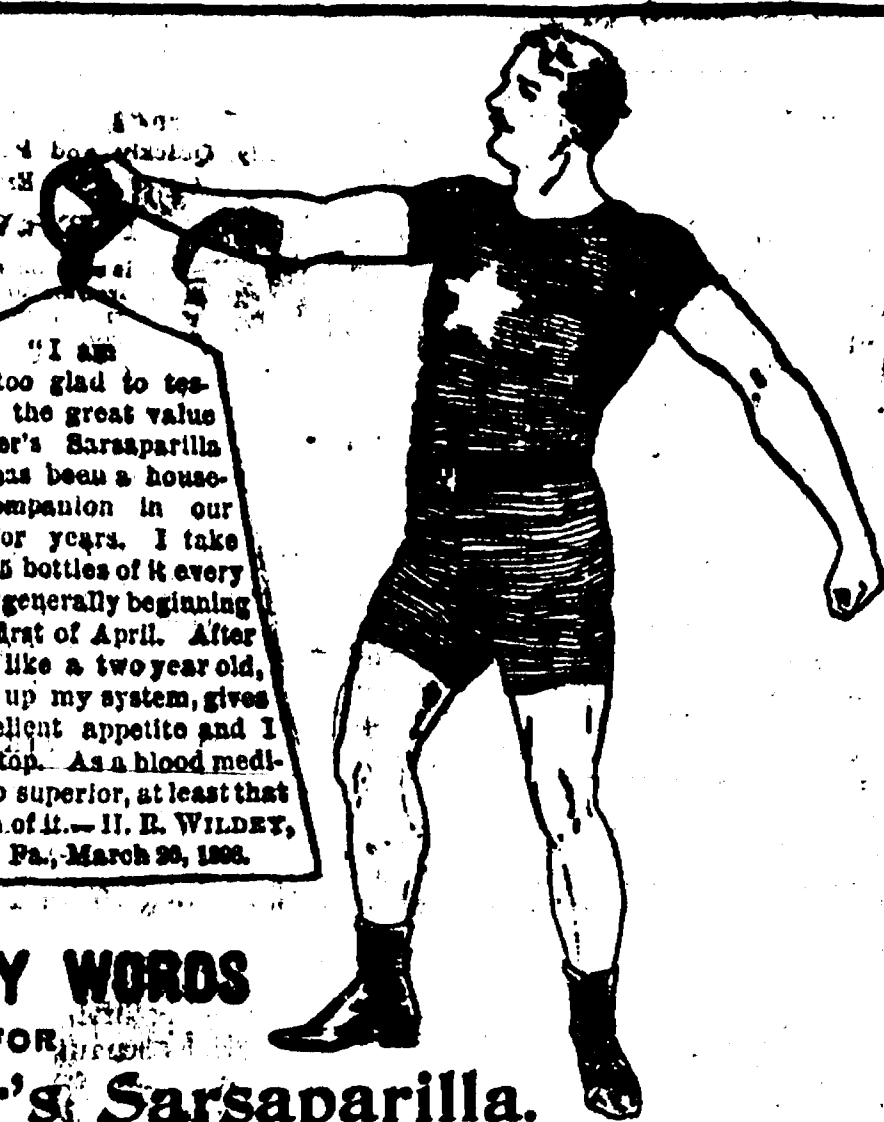
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EXTRAORDINARY SESSION.

Fifth-fifth Congress at Work to Raise Revenue for the Government.

The work of the extraordinary session of the LVth congress was opened in the Senate by the reading of the President's proclamation convening the session. The galleries were crowded, but nothing of interest transpired beyond the swearing in of a number of senators—among them W. A. Harris, Populist, of Kansas, as successor to Mr. Potter—and the reading of the President's message. The message was given undivided attention, but caused no demonstration. In the House the interest centered in the election of the speaker and the reading of the President's message. Of the 357 members of the House 337 responded to the roll call, and of these 148 were new members. Politically classified they are 306 Republicans, 123 Democrats and 29 fusion silverites and Populists. As candidates for speaker the Republicans presented Hon. T. B. Reed, of Maine; the Democrats Jos. W. Bailey, of Texas; the Populists John C. Bell, of Colorado, and the silverites E. G. Newlands, of Nevada. The vote resulted Reed, 199; Bailey, 114; Bell, 21, and Newland 1. Mr. Reed then made a little speech thanking his colleagues for the honor, and then Mr. Harmer, of Pennsylvania, as the oldest member of the House in point of service, administered the oath of office. The other officers were filled as follows: Clerk, Alexander McDowell, of Pennsylvania; sergeant-at-arms, Ben F. Russell, of Missouri; doorkeeper, William J. Glenn, of New York; postmaster, Joseph C. McElroy, of Ohio; tally clerk, Frank H. Wakefield, of Michigan; and chaplain, Henry M. Couden, of Michigan. The President's message was applauded vigorously, as was Mr. Dingley when he introduced the new tariff bill. The rules of the last House were adopted temporarily, the speaker appointed the committees on rules, ways and means, and mileage and the House adjourned.

SENATE—Second day—A large list of nominations were received from President McKinley, the principal ones being John Hay, of the District of Columbia, to be ambassador to Great Britain; Horace Porter, of New York, to be ambassador to France; Henry White, of Rhode Island, to be secretary of the embassy of the United States to Great Britain. Just 438 bills were introduced, which include bills directing the foreclosure of the government lien on the Union Pacific railway; to prevent professional lobbying; for a cable between the United States, Hawaii and Japan; to amend the immigration laws; providing for the increase of all pensions; bankruptcy bills. Mr. Morgan reintroduced the Nicaragua canal bill which was before the last congress and also a joint resolution to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. Numerous bills relating to the Pacific railroads were presented, including one to create a board of trustees for the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroad companies. HOUSE—No session.

SENATE—Third day—The first report of the session was presented by Mr. Gear, of Iowa, from the committee on Pacific railroads and was favorable to the bill for an adjustment of the Pacific railroad debts by a commission consisting of the secretary of the treasury, secretary of the interior and the attorney-general. A number of minor bills were introduced, and Senator Stewart, of Nevada, whose home is at Carson City, created some amusement by offering a bill for the relief of one Corbett. It proved to be a private pension bill for an old soldier in Mr. Stewart's constituency. The resolution of Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, was agreed to instructing the committee on foreign relations to inquire whether the islands of St. Croix, St. Johns and St. Thomas, of the West Indian group, could be purchased by the United States and if not whether there is a probability of their sale to the other powers. The arbitration treaty was taken up in executive session and Mr. Morgan made a vigorous speech in opposition. The following nominations were received from the President: Powell Clayton, of Arkansas, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Mexico; William Osborne, of Massachusetts, consul-general of the United States at London; J. K. Gowdy, of Indiana, consul-general of the United States at Paris; Joseph H. Brigham, of Ohio, to be assistant secretary of agriculture; Perry S. Heath to be first assistant postmaster-general. HOUSE—The session lasted but 15 minutes owing to the ways and means committee not being ready to report the new tariff bill.

10 Lives Lost in an Atlantic Storm. The schooner Hilda has arrived at New York, having on board four men, the sole survivors of 33 souls, composing the crew and passengers of the steamer Ville de St. Nazaire, which left New York for Port au Prince, March 6.

J. T. Phillips, a brakeman on the C. & M. W. railroad, was crushed to death under his train near Zanesville. A Missouri Pacific passenger train was wrecked near Shawnee, Kas., by running into a bunch of horses. The engineer and fireman were killed, the express messenger, baggage-men, and conductor probably fatally injured and others badly hurt.

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THE ASTROLOGER'S CORNER.

Some slight changes necessitated using less space for this department. Prof. Cunningham is daily receiving flattering testimonials of his genius and marvellous power in reading the horoscope of his clients and planets. His horoscope life readings with charts are daily convincing people of the great and VALUABLE INFORMATION to be had through his wonderful knowledge of astrology. He receives letters from every state and territory and his fame has extended into foreign lands.

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The forestry commission is favored by the Senate state affairs committee.

Very Low Rate Excursions to the West and South.

On April 6 and 20 the North-Western Line will sell Home Seekers' excursion tickets, with favorable time limits to numerous points in the West and South at exceptionally low rates. For tickets and full information apply to agents Chicago & North-Western Railway.

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PARSHALLVILLE.

Herb Preston is nicely settled in the old Griswold store.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dexter, a boy, last Thursday.

Next Sunday a Deaconess from Detroit, will speak to the Epworth League at the M. E. church.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. George Westfall next Friday afternoon.

Dr. Merriman was called to attend his mother who is very sick at her home near Grand Rapids.

Miss Mattie McCarty daughter of James McCarty, aged 22, was buried last Saturday from the Catholic church in Deerfield.

Additional Local.

News is very scarce this week.

Interesting items on fourth page.

Junior League next Sunday at the usual hour.

Change of "adv" for Newell, Richardson & Galbraith.

Born to George Judson and wife, on Saturday last, a girl.

George Clinton, of Gregory, was in town last Wednesday on business.

Miss Belle Birnie, of Anderson, called on Pinckney friends Wednesday.

Daniel Richards who has been quite sick for the past two weeks, is better.

Mrs. Jerome Brown who has been very sick for some time, is somewhat better.

Nearly all the months of the year have been represented in this present month.

Mrs. F. Dunlavy entertained two of her sisters from Dexter the latter part of last week.

Henry Sellman and wife, of South Lyon, attended the funeral of Joshua Sellman last Thursday.

About \$100 was realized on the jersey sale that was raffled at the play last Wednesday evening.

Will Tiplady closed a very successful term of school in district No. 8, Dexter, last Tuesday.

The saw mill near the depot, owned by Geo. Judson has been doing a large amount of work the past few weeks.

Take the DISPATCH and get all the local news together with the great offers the advertisers are offering, all for \$1.00 a year.

A. G. Stevens, a prominent mason and K. of P., of Bancroft, was kicked by a horse last Tuesday and died from the effects in less than 30 minutes.

That bell which rang last Monday evening was not the fire bell but simply the school bell. One of the high school grades were trying their luck at experimenting.

For the coming township election which will be held Monday April 5, there will be only two tickets in the field, namely, Republican, and Democratic, Peoples, Union Silver.

Spring is close at hand and our merchants and others should remember that the DISPATCH is a good advertising medium and the prices are low enough to reach any Pinckney dealer.

A change of copy for the Michigan Air Line time table is at this office, but on account of the large amount of work on hand we have been unable to make the change for this week's issue, so it will appear in next week's paper.

The last part of this week we send nearly all our correspondents the material by which they may send news to this office, and trust that you may be more prompt in sending in your valuable news than has been the custom the past month or two.

The Semi-annual Christian Endeavor convention of Liv. Co., will be held at Pinckney, April 14, 1897. A hearty welcome is extended to all. Entertainment will be provided as usual. Afternoon session to begin at 2 o'clock and evening session at 7.

County papers please copy.

Bert Goodwin of Unadilla was in town last Wednesday.

The Legislative Journal will be found at the Pinckney Exchange Bank daily, for public inspection.

According to an exchange the chewing gum habit it carried to excess will make persons homely. Beware girls.

Auction sales are quite numerous this year. Remember this office is prepared to print auction bills on the shortest possible notice.

The program for the state C. E. convention at Jackson, is nearly completed and will include among other speakers, Dr. Patterson, Dr. Boynton and Miss Clara Seymour, of Detroit; Rev. J. M. Fulton and J. Herman Randolph, of Grand Rapids; Rev. L. F. Esselstyne, a missionary from Persia; Rev. E. B. Allen, of Lansing, and Rev. W. F. Atchison, of Chicago.

GOT VOTES FOR PRESIDENT.

How W. H. Wiggins Beat Sherman Blaine, Logan and Allison.

"The late W. H. Wiggins," remarked a prominent hotel man to a Washington Star reporter, "though always addressed as 'Judge' was not a lawyer. For over twenty years he was a clerk in the file room of the house of representatives. The judge prided himself very much over a gold watch he won as the most popular man for president, which was voted to him during the Garfield memorial fair, held in Washington. The watch was given by a western watch manufacturing concern, and was a good one. It was put up to be balloted for, the candidates being Sherman, Blaine, Allison, Logan, and a half-dozen others of almost equal prominence. At that time there was a newspaper correspondent here by the name of Felix Crocraff. The votes were piling up rather rapidly for the various candidates when Crocraff, as a joke, cast a vote for Judge Wiggins as the people's choice for president. Some friends joined in and before the evening had passed the Wiggins vote was rather respectable. The humor of the thing caught on, and in three more nights Wiggins led all the others. Wiggins had served under Blaine when he was speaker of the house and Blaine himself cast some votes for him. Some of the friends of the other candidates thought it rather too serious a matter to joke over and went to work with a will to knock Judge Wiggins out. This aroused Billy Copeland of the Brooklyn Eagle, Charley Fowler of the Boston Traveler and some others, who were strong Wiggins men, and the result of the contest was that Wiggins won out easily and the fair gained over \$300 for the watch."

Brotherhood.

If men are all sons of one Heavenly Father, then the different nations are all one family, literally of one blood. That, too, is inevitable. "There can be neither Jew nor Greek." Under the pressure of that conclusion men have said we must throw down the barriers of national prejudice and exclusiveness. We must become acquainted with our brother, Jew and Greek. So you and I have witnessed what the world has never before seen. A rising to and fro among the nations; an interchange of friendly greeting and peaceful treaties.—Rev. Dr. Ecob.

Broken Chain

The family circle is never so happy after the chain is broken and a link taken. Some family chains are strong, others weak. Have you a good family history? Or is there a tendency to coughs, throat or bronchial troubles, weak lungs? Has a brother, sister, parent or near relative had consumption? Then your family chain is weak. Strengthen it. Take SCOTT'S EMULSION of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites. It makes rich blood, gives strength and vigor to weak lungs and run-down constitutions. With its aid the system throws off acute coughs and colds. It prevents the chain from breaking. Shall we send you a book about this, free?

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Others Will Read Yours.

IN A BALLOON.

The Sensations That Are Superinduced by Its Rising and Falling.

A dim sunlight strikes us in the balloon. Suddenly we realize we are in bright sunlight again, with fleecy white clouds below us and a deep blue sky above. Look at the shadow of the balloon on the clouds! See the light prismatic colors like a halo around the shadow of the car. Here we are all alone, in perfect silence, in the depths of a great abyss—massive clouds towering up on all sides, a snowy white mass below. But no sign of earth—no sign of anything human. Not a sound, not a sign of life! What peace! What bliss! Horrors! What that report? The balloon must have burst. Oh, nonsense! Keep still! It's only a fold of the stuff nipped by the netting being suddenly released; that's all. Well, we are falling, for see the bits of paper apparently ascending. And we must take care, for the coldness and dampness of this cloud will cause the gas to contract and we shall fall rapidly. So get a bag of ballast ready, for we are already in the darkness of the cloud. Now the gas bag shrinks and writhes, and the loose folds rustle together, and it gets darker. You can feel the breeze blowing upward against your face or hand held over the edge of the car. Well, that's not to be wondered at, for remember we are falling, say 1,000 feet a minute, which is the same thing as if we were going along ten miles an hour sitting in a dogcart. Not quite the same, you say—you'd sooner be in the cart? Well, perhaps if the horse were going straight at a wall, without the possibility of being able to stop him, you would think otherwise. But look! There is the earth again! So out with your ballast. Go on! Pour out plenty; there's no good economizing.—Blackwood's Magazine.

POSTMASTER FOR 56 YEARS.

This Veteran Handler of Mail Lives in Pennsylvania.

The oldest postmaster in continuous service in the United States lives in central Pennsylvania. His name is Joseph Strode and he lives at Strode's Mills, a pretty village in Mifflin County. The old pioneer postmaster, says the Cresson Record, has held the one position since 1845, and still holds it at the present time, although he is now in his 81st year. As a recognition of his long and faithful service for the government, the postoffice department at Washington had his picture on exhibition at the World's Fair, and it was considered one of the most interesting features of that great department. Strode's Mills is a quaint, old-fashioned

village situated in the heart of Mifflin County. The country surrounding it is rich in farming lands and valuable ore and sand mines. Although the place is over a century old, its inhabitants number only 200. The people are mostly well-to-do, and ever since the establishment of the village the lands have passed from one generation to another and very seldom has it been that these handed-down properties have gone out of the family possession. They are a happy race of people, contented with their lot and seldom, if ever, bothering the outside world. They are in reality a world to themselves and as such but little is ever heard of them outside of their village limits. In 1839 Armor Strode received the appointment of postmaster, during Martin Van Buren's administration, and continued in office until his death, in August, 1845. Joseph Strode, the present postmaster, was made his assistant in 1840, and at his father's death received the appointment through Care Johnson, postmaster-general under President Polk. For the last ten years his son, Amar A. Strode, has been his assistant.

Origin of the Miniature.

If Greek legend whispers that the portrait art was discovered by affection when the potter's daughter traced the shadow of her lover's profile on the wall, prosaic research proves that the miniature portrait also owes its origin

to tenderness, when the flower of French knight-hood jilted away southward to the Italian wars with Charles VIII, some disconsolate lady, left behind with no defense against regrets and heartache but a needle or a novel, had an inspiration. Why not replace the image of Madonna or patron saint, which pious usage had hung around all Christian throats, by a tiny portrait of him who loved and rode away? A device so simple and so practical attained immediate popularity. There was no lack of skilled miniaturists and there was a touch of romance in the idea of having the image of the beloved always present, which appealed to a court where gallantry had inherited the language and ideals of chivalry.—Scribner's.

Just as Good.

A party of trippers from Oldham, visiting Blackpool on a windy day, were anxious to hire a boat. The boatman, however, intimated that they could not have one because there was a swell on the water. "Swell be hanged!" cried the irate tripper. "Isn't our brass as good as his?"—Household Words.

A Hopeless Case.

Mack—Why did Mrs. Strongmind's relatives contest her will?

Wyld—They claim she was unduly influenced by her husband.

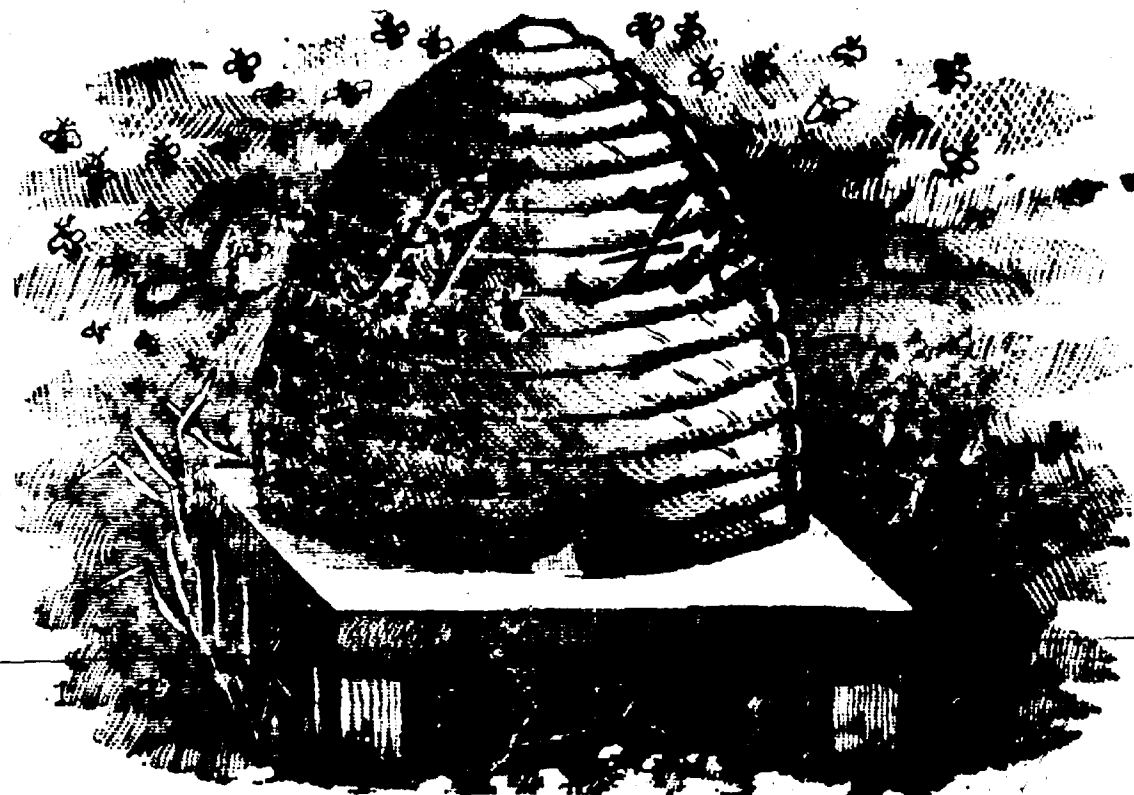
Mack—They couldn't have known her very well.—New York Times

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Sometimes our customers from a distance fail to CATCH ONTO some good trade we offer because they say they do not get notified in time. So now we are going to tell you that on Monday morning next we will put on sale a beautiful line of printed goods for Waists or Dresses and worth fully 12½¢ a yard; and we shall sell the 2,000 yards we have at 5¢ a yard. We want to get you to feel at home in our new basement salesroom.

Also we want you to get up into our carpet room and see what a lot of New Carpets, Rugs, and Lace Curtains are there and the low prices on them.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

L. H. FIELD.