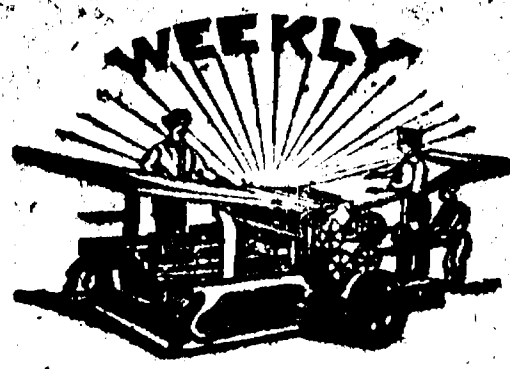


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GRAND HOLIDAY CASH SALE AT ANDERSON,

December 24
TO

January 4, Inclusive.

Wholesale Discounts,

Profits Demolished.

"For Particulars See Small Bills."

Wm. R. SPROUT,
ANDERSON, MICH.

HOLIDAY GOODS AT THE NEW - HARDWARE - STORE

You will find the Best and Most Complete line of Holiday Hardware ever kept in the Village of Pinckney. It will pay you to call and get prices before buying.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS
of NICKEL PLATED WARE, SILVER WARE,
SKATES and SLEDS, SLEIGH-BELLS or
BLANKETS are useful and appreciated by all.

CALL AND WE WILL
G. L. A. D. L. Y

show YOU our line.

Geo. REASON, Jr.

Business Pointers.

For Sale.

One Poland China bowl and one
Berkshire bowl weight 7 lbs.

FRED W. MCKINDER,
Anderson, Mich.

The performance will start in the
opera house at 8:30 in order to give
the people who attend the entertain-
ments at the M. E. and Cong'l church-
es a chance to hear the greatest violin-
ist of the day.

Remember when you go to the op-
era house Friday evening you will not
only hear a man play a violin, but you
will see the greatest first class Vande-
ville performance that ever came to
your town.

Prof. McKinnis the great Hungar-
ian violinist and his company of ar-
tists will appear in the opera house in

a program of fun, wit and humor, on
Friday evening, Dec. 24. Prices 10,
20 and 25.

Fun, wit and humor at the opera
house Friday evening. An entertain-
ment which the citizens should appre-
ciate. Prices 10, 20 and 25.

The person that took a whip from
a buggy which stood just west of Bar-
nard & Campbell's store Monday
night better bring it back and save
trouble.

NOTICE.

I will be at the Town Hall, Pinck-
ney, on every Friday in December and
Monday, Jan. 10, for the purpose of
receiving taxes of the township of
Putnam. T. P. HARRIS, Treas.

WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY AND ACTIVE
gentlemen or ladies to travel for respon-
sible, established house in Michigan. Monthly
\$25.00 and expenses. Position steady. Refere-
nces sent addressed stamped envelope. Mr.
Deatline Company, Dept. X, Chicago.

Local Dispatches.

A Merry Christmas to all.

Mrs. O. T. Baker entertained friends
from Losco Sunday.

Exercises and a Christmas tree will
be held at the M. E. church, Friday
evening, for the Sunday school. Pro-
gram will commence promptly at 7:30.
Everyone welcome to come and place
such presents on the tree as will be
appropriate for the occasion.

C. L. Bowman having sold his farm
one mile south of town will sell at
public auction Thursday Dec. 30, all
his farm stock and implements, con-
sisting of horses, pigs, cows, roller,
cultivators, drags, rake, mower, wag-
on, cutter, buggies, plows etc. See
bills.

At the Cong'l church on Friday
evening, the gifts will be distributed
from a genuine wigwam by little In-
dians and squaws after a short pro-
gram by the Sunday school scholars.
Everyone is welcome to use this occa-
sion to make proper gifts. Come and
enjoy yourselves by seeing the little
ones made happy.

The members of St. Mary's church
will hold Christmas exercises and a
supper in the opera house, Pinckney
Saturday evening, Dec. 25. They
will give a novel entertainment, Christ-
mas tree, Christmas castle, Santa-claus
and everything. Admission to concert
and supper, 25c; children free to en-
tertainment, supper, 15c. Everyone
invited.

Willie Horsensorr was seriously
injured on Thursday night of last
week by being kicked in the head by
a horse. He was stooping over ear-
ning for the animal and received the
kick on the right side of his head
crushing the skull. It is not known
how long he lay unconscious as he was
alone, but after remaining his senses,
and not withstanding his left side was
completely paralyzed, he managed to
crawl to the house a distance of 20
rods. Friday morning Drs. H. F. &
C. L. Sigler trephined his skull and
very successfully, as after the effects
of the chloroform passed off he could
raise his arm, and at this time the
paralytic symptoms have mostly dis-
appeared. Hopes of his ultimate re-
covery are entertained.

Those Wedding Bells.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, 1897, was
held the ceremony which united the
lives of Herbert Schoenhals and Miss
Nella Lake, for better or for worse.
Rev. Carl S. Jones performed the cer-
emony at the home of the brides par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lake, just
east of the village of Pinckney, in the
presence of over one hundred invited
guests.

The parlor was beautifully decorat-
ed with evergreen, holly and bright
flowers. Promptly at one o'clock,
Miss Allie Brown, pianist and Mr.
Rice, violinist, started the wedding
march, when the groom escorted by
his cousin, George Schoenhals and the
bride by her sister, Miss Grace Lake,
marched through the room and took
their places under a canopy of ever-
green. In a few brief words Rev.
Jones made them man and wife and
they received the congratulations of
their many friends.

The young couple are well and fa-
vorably known here, the bride being a
member of the graduating class of
'96, P. H. S. The esteem of their
friends was shown in the many and
valuable presents that were heaped
upon them, silverware, chinaware,
glassware, table linen, beautiful pic-
tures and many other articles of use.
The wedding feast was excellent and
the company spent a most delightful
hour while partaking of it and wit
and humor seemed to be the order of
the day as the order of orange blossoms
was very prevalent even after the
marriage ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Schoenhals will be at
home to their many friends on a farm
about seven miles east of Pinckney.

Recommended by Santa Claus.

.....Pretty Gifts! Suitable Gifts! Useful Gifts! Popular Gifts!.....
Everybody is delighted with our Holiday Display.... See it

THE BEST OF EVERYTHING FOR CHRISTMAS.

A Thoroughly First-Class Stock, Combining Novelty, Quality and Elegance,
With Prices Strictly Fair.

PRICES WITHIN THE REACH OF ALL, AND NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY.
Beautiful Presents that Meet all Demands and Satisfy all Wants.

A Very Fine Assortment and Variety to Suit All Tastes In

! Toys, Books and Novelties, !

FANCY GOODS, NOTIONS ETC.

Something For Everybody and Everybody is Pleased.

We offer a Great Variety of appropriate presents for Ladies, Gentle-
men and Children. We can supply an appropriate gift for
old or young at any price you desire to expend.

While we cannot describe or enumerate our variety of Elegant Attractions,
we are very glad to show them to all visitors. We claim for our stock
General Excellence, Great Variety and Reasonable Prices.

Whatever Your Wants may be We Can Meet them with Beautiful
and Appropriate Selections.

We solicit a comparison of Goods and Prices, knowing you
will find our Holiday line the Best and Cheapest.

F. A. SIGLER,

PINCKNEY, MICH.



ALREADY

SELLING

One of the finest lines of

**Heating or
Cooking
STOVES.**

Ever shown in Livingston county. The Celebrated GARLAND,
ROUND OAK, FOREST FAVORITE and CLEARMONT. The
CLEARMONT Air-Tight, with ash-pan and shaker is the Best of All.

.....Would be pleased to have
you call and We WILL convince you that we have got the proper
line. All other hardware at right prices also.

Respectfully Yours,

TEEPLE & CADWELL.

Wanted 3 or 4 copies of the Dis-
patch of Dec. 2, No. 48 at this office.

Miss Bertha Jones of Brighton is
visiting her sister, Mrs. I. J. Cook this
week.

Quiet a little excitement prevailed
in our village Thursday afternoon
last owing to the building occupied
by the bazaar catching fire around the
stove pipe. No damage done only
smoke.

Cards are out announcing the mar-
riage of Miss Emily Stephens, daugh-
ter of Rev. W. G. Stephens, formerly
of this place, to Floyd G. Jackson of
Pinckney, to take place at the M. E.
church in Deerfield, Wednesday even-
ing, Dec. 23, 1897.

Richard D. Ruess, who has been in
the employ of Benedict & Ratz for the
past three years, has resigned his po-
sition of clerkship and accepted a
similar position in the large hardware
store of Charles Norton at Lansing.
Mr. Ruess is a good man in any place
and Mr. Norton will find he has ad-
ded a valuable acquisition to his busi-
ness in the employment of Mr. Ruess.
—Democrat.

Cards are out announcing the mar-
riage of Rev. Carl S. Jones, pastor of
the Congregational church of this
place, to Miss Jessie Allen Davis of
Charlotte, on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1897.
The ceremony will be performed at
12 o'clock noon, at the home of the
bride by Prof. Sperry of Olivet Col-
lege assisted by Rev. E. B. Allen of
Lansing. The Dispatch joins with
the community in wishing this young
couple a bright success.

James Davis, aged 60, a well known
character in and around Pinckney,
for the past few years, died at the
hotel early Sunday morning. He has
been able to care for himself up to
the last. Saturday he was on the
streets as usual, although for the past
few weeks he has known that life was
short with him. In his early life he
was one of the type setters in the Ann
Arbor Argus office, later years he has
occasionally helped out in the Dis-
patch office. He had a wife and one
son living in Ann Arbor. Funeral
was held from the hotel conducted by
Rev. Wallace and his remains were
buried in the Pinckney cemetery.

TWEEN THE LAKES.

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD FOR MICHIGANDERS.

The State Grange and Farmers' Clubs of the State Hold Interesting Sessions in the Capitol at Lansing—Blame Fixed for the Tunnel Horror.

Grangers and Farmers.

The State Grange and the State Association of Farmers' Clubs held their annual meetings simultaneously in the capitol at Lansing. At the Grange meeting Grand Master Horton endorsed the protest of the national Grange in protesting against the practical nullification of the "long and short haul" provision of the interstate commerce law, thus hindering the production and consumption of surplus farm products, by making excessive transportation rates. In referring to legislation in which the Grange was interested, Mr. Horton called attention to the fact that numerous bills they had advocated in the last legislature had been killed by the senate. Mr. Horton urged the grangers to carefully study the subject of co-operation; indorse the pure food laws and the commission; free rural mail delivery was advocated; a protest was entered against the hawk and peddler license law of the last legislature; a glowing tribute was paid the Agricultural college; the election of U. S. senators by the people was advocated, as were the postal savings bank system and good roads; the farmers were congratulated upon the passage of the oleomargarine, traveling library and farmers' institute bills. Mr. Horton expressed the fear that the concessions to constant travelers would retard concessions to the occasional traveler and especially to the farmer, and for this reason he favors working for a flat 2-cent fare law.

Speeches were made by ex-Gov. Luce, State Lecturer Woodman, of Paw Paw, and Col. J. H. Brigham, of Ohio, assistant secretary of agriculture.

When Gov. Pingree arrived he held an informal reception, all of the delegates calling. It was a very enthusiastic crowd, and showed the governor to be in high favor.

Secretary Buell reported that the receipts of the year were \$4,039.39, an increase of \$397.22 over last year. The disbursements were \$3,911.54. The balance in the treasury including invested funds is \$5,100.

President J. T. Daniels, of Union Home, had charge of the Farmer's Club meeting. A cordial address of welcome by Justice Moore of the supreme court was responded to by Col. L. H. Ives, of Mason. The secretary, F. D. Wells, of Rochester, reported a most prosperous year, there now being 100 clubs affiliated with the state association, 29 being added during the year. In his annual address President Daniels dwelt upon the marvelous growth of the association. There are now in the state fully 300 farmers' clubs with an aggregate membership of 20,000. One-third belong to this association, and it is proposed to have at least one club in every township. While all that was desired was not obtained from the last legislature, yet the result shows that the association wields a powerful influence. The delegates were admonished to see to it that all candidates for the legislature pledge themselves to work for the spirit of the reforms advocated by the association.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Brigham spoke at length on the general topic of "Agriculture." An excellent paper on "The Farmers' Club: Why?" was read by Mrs. E. L. Lockwood, of Peterburg.

N. B. Hayes, of Ionia, stirred up the delegates by denouncing certain state senators for their action last winter, and especially for refusing to confirm ex-Gov. Luce as a member of the Ionia prison board. He stated that these legislators were marked and were likely to hear of these matters in the future.

Papers were also read by Mrs. J. L. K. Haner, of the M. A. C., and Rev. John Russell, of Armada.

Gov. Pingree Addresses a Joint Session. The delegates to the Grange and to the Farmers' Clubs met in Representative hall in joint session the principal feature of which was an address by Gov. Pingree, which was enthusiastically received.

The Tunnel Co. Responsible.

The coroner's inquest on the terrible catastrophe in the St. Clair tunnel at Port Huron, whereby Engineer Courtney, Conductor Dunn and Brakeman Dalton, of a tunnel train crew, lost their lives, and Brakeman Potter and Fireman Duncan sustained shattered minds, the latter's condition being precarious, resulted in a verdict holding the Tunnel Co. responsible for the awful results of the accident and censuring the authorities of the company for the weight of the train, and also for the long delay in rescuing the unfortunate, and recommends that some means should be provided whereby an alarm can be given if anything goes wrong in the tunnel.

It is said the company offered to settle with the relatives of Dalton and Dunn for \$3,000 each, before the inquest was over, but the offer was not accepted. It is almost an impossibility

A Blow at Sunday Theaters.

In the circuit court at Grand Rapids Judge Grove took a fall out of the Sunday theater people. It was in the case of C. Sumner Burroughs, manager of the Grand opera house, convicted in the police court of violating the law by running his theater on Sunday night. The defense contended that as they gave a portion of the receipts to charity, they were exempt from prosecution under the law. After hearing the testimony Judge Grove took the case away from the jury, said that the charity claim was simply a bold attempt to evade the law, and he ordered a verdict of guilty. A notice of appeal was at once given and the case will be carried to the supreme court immediately.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Ray Kimball, of Whitehall, lost his foot as the result of a hunting accident.

Congressman Mesick has arrived at Washington, thus completing the Michigan delegation.

The 10-year-old son of Ernest Wilken, of Saginaw, was run over by a wagon and fatally crushed.

Rasmus Christianson, a farmer near Muskegon, accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting.

Will Leaf, while hunting near Coldwater, was accidentally shot by a friend and his leg shattered.

Wm. Peters, a farmer near Utica, fell from the loft in his barn and received internal injuries which may prove fatal.

Mrs. Thomas Hamilton, a bride of six weeks and only 18 years old, was killed by a train while crossing the railroad at Richmond.

It is understood that Neil McMillan, of Rockford, is to be consul at Sarnia, Ont., and that his appointment will be sent to the senate after the holiday recess.

J. H. Makeley, of Mason, the "graveyard" insurance operator rounded up by Commissioner Campbell, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$100 and costs, the full penalty.

Prof. Walter S. Perry, who had been for nearly 27 years superintendent of the Ann Arbor public schools, is dead. He was one of the best known educators in the state.

Mrs. Michael Haltmann, a farmer's wife near Saginaw, was trying out lard, when her clothes caught fire. She rolled in the wet grass, but was so badly burned she will probably die.

The Michigan Beef & Provision Co.'s entire plant, near the Michigan Central yards at Detroit, is in ashes, the result, it is alleged, of an incendiary's work. The loss, which is total, is placed at \$40,000.

John Cope, a Lake City farmer, was probably fatally injured by a train at Cedar Springs, while on his way home from the funeral of his father, Daniel Cope, of Fruitport, who was killed at Muskegon Heights in a similar way.

Gov. Pingree has paroled Hiram Wheeler, sent from Charlotte to Jackson in November, 1896, three years for assault with intent to do great bodily harm; also William Bellamy, sent from Grand Rapids to Jackson in June, 1896, two years for larceny.

The big steel steamer City of Bangor, from Duluth to Chicago with wheat, struck a boulder between the piers of the Canadian canal, at the "Soo," breaking a hole in two compartments of her water bottom. She sank to the bottom just below the canal piers.

Congressman Mesick has been assured by Postmaster-General Gary that the appointment of three Michigan postmasters—A. R. Wheeler, at St. Louis; C. R. Brown, at Alma, and Mr. Roff, at Traverse City—would be made the last of January, to go into effect Feb. 1.

John Riegel, whose death had been expected as a result of injuries received in the trolley car collision near Birmingham, passed away at the National hotel at Birmingham. Riegel was a passenger on the southbound car and was on his way to his home at Detroit. His death makes the fourth fatality of the wreck.

Theron F. Giddings, of Kalamazoo county, is slated for the U. S. marshalship of the western district of Michigan if he wants it, so it is said. There are four other candidates for this important office, including Frank Watkins, of Hopkins; Wm. Mears, of Boyne Falls; J. D. S. Hanson, of Hart, and Frank Wait, of Sturgis.

Railroad Commissioner Wessellius has sent a letter to A. G. Blair, Canadian minister of railways, suggested the necessity for joint action on the part of Michigan and Canada relative to the establishment of safety devices and police regulations for the St. Clair tunnel at Port Huron, so that the repetition of the recent fatal accident may be avoided.

Edward Rogers, sent to Jackson prison for life from Saginaw, Aug. 20, 1891, for murder, has been pardoned by Gov. Pingree. Rogers' home was in New York City, where he had a wife and children. He had been drinking heavily and left home. At Saginaw he became infatuated with a woman and was determined to marry her, but she repeatedly refused, and in a fit of anger he shot her dead and unsuccessfully tried to kill himself.

The Michigan Sugar Co., of Bay City, with a capital stock of \$200,000, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. Thomas Cranage is president, Hon. S. O. Fisher vice-president, and other prominent capitalists are interested in the enterprise. The company is organized to manufacture beet sugar on which the state now offers a bounty.

Attorney-General Maynard, who is assisting in the trial of the case commenced by Pingree to compel the Michigan Central railroad company to sell family 1,000-mile tickets for \$20, required by the law of 1891, believes he will be able to show that the Michigan Central company has forfeited its rights under its special charter by consolidating with other companies.

Wm. Hall, of Ludington, has confessed to being the husband of three wives. His double life has for some time been suspected, and has caused a scandal. He married No. 1 17 years ago, and shortly afterwards she ran away with his brother. No. 2 now resides at Pentwater, and No. 3 is under arrest at Ludington. The latter has lived with him for two years, part of the time before marriage.

A big sensation has been created at the U. of M. by the discovery that "Honey" Stuart, the clever half-back of this year's football team, was a ringer, never having been registered as a student. It has been the aim of the U. of M. athletic board to make their athletics free from professionalism and the bringing of Stuart into the team and his sudden disappearance at the close of the season will be investigated thoroughly.

The U. S. supreme court has handed down a decision that probably ends the long-continued attempt to get a benefit by taking advantage of the first imperfect surveys of Michigan public lands, to oust those who hold under later and more perfect surveys. The case of the Michigan Land & Lumber Co. vs. Charles A. Rust, of Saginaw, was affirmed with costs, which knocks out the Michigan Land & Lumber Co., and is a great victory for homesteaders in the upper peninsula.

The dreaded San Jose scale has surely secured a foothold in the western Michigan fruit belt. Clinton D. Smith of the Michigan Agricultural college, visited the orchard of a young farmer in Jamestown, Ottawa county, and found his apple trees so badly infected by the scale that the young man was ordered to cut down and burn 1,200 trees. The farmer had mortgaged his farm to put out the orchard, which was only five years old, and had just come into the bearing stage.

Theodore Durrant was sentenced at San Francisco to be hanged on Jan. 7 for the murder of Blanche Lamont.

Marquis de Rudini has reconstructed the Italian ministry without as much trouble as was expected when the crisis occurred.

Janet Carlyle Hanning, sister of the great Thomas Carlyle and the last surviving member of the family, is dying at Toronto, Ont.

Fire in the large carpet house of John and James Dobson, 809 and 811 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, did damage to the extent of \$500,000.

The agricultural department reports: "The special wheat investigation instituted by the department of agriculture indicates a crop of 530,000,000 bu.

Three children were burned to death at Augustine, Pa., by their mother causing the burning of their home by starting a kitchen fire with kerosene.

It is announced that the national G. A. R. encampment for 1898 will be held the third week in September, instead of the last week in August or the first week in September as heretofore.

The murder of Mrs. Brown Smith and four of her children, near Brookhaven, Miss., has been followed by the lynching of Chas. Lewis, colored, who was identified as the murderer by the only child that was spared.

A. C. Ady, the Columbus banker, who recently failed for \$250,000, and was sent to the penitentiary for 18 months for obtaining money under false pretenses, is working for a release either by pardon or on parole. He has served 11 months.

News has been received that over 1,000 poorly provisioned men stampeded from Dawson City several weeks ago because of threatened famine, and are now madly fighting their way over the mountains. It is predicted that fully one-third of this number will perish on that terrible trail.

Great Britain has agreed not to oppose Germany's occupation of Kiaochow in return for Germany's promise not to interfere in the Egyptian question. The Germans are extending the area of occupation at Kiaochow, and now control 400 square miles. They have arranged a German administration and are already collecting duties.

Evan J. West, a prominent politician, was arrested at Akron charged with forging the names of Judge J. A. Kohler, of the common pleas court, and Judge H. J. Caldwell, of the circuit court, to orders which he presented to County Auditor Slater, and secured checks for the amounts on the county treasurer. In this way he secured a large amount. He has confessed.

CAUSE FOR ALARM.

How baldness begins.

How to prevent it.

Every person, male or female, shrinks from baldness. It adds to the appearance of age and is a serious disfigurement. The cause is rare when the falling out of the hair may not be stopped, and a new and healthy growth of the hair promoted. The hair grows in the scalp like a plant in the soil. If a plant flourishes, it must have constant attention; it must be watered regularly and find its food in the soil where it is rooted. It is so with the hair. Neglect is usually the beginning of baldness. Dandruff is allowed to thicken on the scalp. The hair begins to loosen. The scalp loses its vitality. The hair, insufficiently nourished, begins to fade and to fall. The instant need in such a case is some practical preparation which, supplying the needed nourishment to the scalp, will feed the hair, give it strength, and so produce a strong and healthy growth. All this is done by Dr. Ayer's Hair Vigor, the most practical and valuable preparation for the hair that can be obtained. It tones up the scalp, does away with dandruff, stops the hair from falling, and restores the original color to gray or faded hair, and gives an abundant and glossy growth. Those who are threatened with approaching baldness will be interested in the following voluntary statement, made by Alderman S. J. Green, of Spencer, Iowa. He writes:

"About four months ago, my hair commenced falling out so rapidly that I became alarmed, and being recommended Dr. Ayer's Hair Vigor by a druggist, I resolved to try this preparation. I have been now using it for three months, and am much gratified to find that my hair has ceased falling out and also that hair which had been turning gray for the past five years has been restored to its original color, dark brown. It gives me much pleasure to recommend this dressing." S. J. GREEN, Alderman, Spencer, Iowa.

Those who are interested in preserving and beautifying the hair will do well to send for Dr. Ayer's Curebook. A story of cures told for the past five years is sent free on request, by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

A Paragraphic Chronicle of the Acts of the Nation's Lawmakers.

The pension appropriation bill passed the House without amendment—carrying \$141,263,880. Amendments offered by the Democrats to correct alleged existing abuses were all ruled out on the point of order that they were new legislation. The debate touched not only the question of our pension policy, but that of civil service reform and the receipts and expenditures of the treasury under the Dingley law. On the latter question Mr. Dingley made an important statement in which he expressed the opinion that the receipts would equal expenditures before the close of the present fiscal year, and predicted a surplus of \$10,000,000 for the following year. The civil service law was savagely attacked by Messrs. Grosvenor and Brown, of Ohio, and Mr. Linney, of North Carolina, and was warmly defended by Mr. Johnson, of Indiana, who won warm applause for the sentiments he expressed.

Rep. Samuel W. Smith, of Michigan, is introducing some important pension legislation in the House. His latest bill provides that no pension shall be granted to a former military widow unless the application therefor is filed before the date of remarriage; that all pensions granted widows and minor children shall commence on the date of the filing of the applications; that no pensions be granted to a minor child unless the application be filed before the child is 10 years old; that no pension be granted to the widow unless it is shown that the marriage occurred before the passage of this act.

The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill has been introduced in the House.

An urgent deficiency bill has passed the House carrying \$5,000 for a new building at the Annapolis naval academy, \$30,000 for the payment of the temporary employees of the congress, and \$175,000 for the payment of the mileage of senators and representatives.

An agreement was reached in the House to vote on the immigration bill Jan. 17.

The House passed a bill giving settlers the right to make second homestead entries of 100 acres of land each.

Speaker Reed says he will oppose any riders placed on the appropriation bill by the Senate as being original legislation, and therefore unconstitutional as all appropriations must originate in the House.

About 60 Republican congressmen have organized to fight the civil service law.

A bill is being prepared for the entire rehabilitation of the Indian territory.

The Senate adjourned after a 15-minute session on the day of the funeral of Mrs. Nancy McKinley, the President's mother, as a mark of respect to her memory and to her honored son.

The bill to prohibit American citizens engaging in the Bering sea seal fisheries industry was passed by the Senate, after Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, had criticized it sharply as another instance of truckling to Great Britain, and offered an amendment providing for extermination of the seals if Great Britain did not, by June 1, agree to a suspension of pelagic sealing. The amendment was defeated.

The Democratic members of the House held a caucus attended by 101 of the 123 Democratic members. The caucus decided to resist all efforts to retire the greenbacks and treasury notes and to extend the privileges of national banks or to reduce the taxes which they now pay, also to favor the passage of the Senate resolution recognizing that a condition of war exists in Cuba, and the enactment of a just and wise bankruptcy law.

The members of the Thirty-sixth New York National Guards refuse to wear the uniforms furnished by the state because they are made by convicts.

It is reported that Russia has determined that Germany's occupation of Kiaochow shall not be permanent, and is now making preparations to that effect.

Cuba's Friends to Force McKinley to Act.

The disappointment felt by the members of congress who are friends of Cuba at the attitude of President McKinley, as expressed in his recent message to congress, is causing them to oppose the annexation of Hawaii. It will be insisted by the leaders of the movement that Cuban independence is paramount, and force, if possible, action by the administration in advance of the Hawaiian question. Unless the President shows more anxiety in Cuba's behalf than is found in his message the chances are many that annexation will fail. It is now no secret that Hawaii cannot be annexed by treaty, as the treaty has not enough friends in the senate to pass it. It is possible to accomplish annexation by joint resolution. Such a resolution could be passed in the House if Speaker Reed would bring in a rule from his rules committee. The pinch, however, is that Mr. Reed is against annexation.

The University of the United States.

The bill to establish the University of the United States is to be introduced in both houses of congress soon. In general terms it provides for an institution of the highest possible type, for the graduates of accredited colleges and universities only, with special reference to the work of original research and investigation in all important fields of inquiry.

The present bill is the outgrowth of more than 100 years of agitation. The thought of a national university first came to Gen. Washington while commanding the revolutionary army. Subsequently, as President, he repeatedly urged its establishment, and bequeathed \$25,000 in stocks as a first endowment, the interest to be compounded. Had congress fostered the plan this sum would now be nearly \$5,000,000. Other presidents have also favored the idea, but owing to the lack of organized effort nothing practical was accomplished.

Boston is shipping over 2,000,000 bu of grain abroad each month.

The entire ministry of Hayti has resigned owing to the outcome of the recent trouble with Germany.

The movement of printers to secure a nine-hour work day has succeeded in New York City, after a threat had been made to call out the 5,000 book and job printers of the city. The matter will be settled throughout the country the first of next year.

Baron von Buelow, the German foreign minister, is showing an iron hand in the management of affairs, and the emperor, it is said, is not informed of any important foreign move until after it has been made, when he officially approves of it instead of directing it as heretofore. It is understood that it was on this condition Baron von Buelow accepted the portfolio of foreign affairs, and his policy seems to please the populace.

THE MARKETS.

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CHAPTER I.



rich and undulating, and fair and pleasant to look upon. In London the people were gasping for breath, but here, though the day had been fairly hot, it was now at six o'clock soft and balmy, and by nightfall the air would be sharp and fresh.

It was such a fair day and such a fair view! Behind on the higher ground stood a rambling old house, half hall, half farm-house—a house with a long red-brick front, and a sort of terrace-garden from which you might look across the fields and the long green stretches of land over which the bold sea came and went at ebb and flow of the tides. It was a quaint old garden, with turf like velvet, and raised beds cut in it here and there, gay with blazing scarlet geraniums and blue lobelias, and kept neat and tidy by a quaint bordering of red tiles set edge-ways into the ground. There were tall trees, too, about this domain, which hid the farm-buildings from sight, and also helped to shield the house from the fierce winter blasts, and in front there lay a rich and verdant meadow sloping gently down to the high-road, where just then a man and a young girl had stopped for a moment as they walked along together.

"Mayn't I come in?" the man said, importunately.

"No, I don't think you must," the girl answered. "You see, auntie has gone to Colchester, and she wouldn't like me to ask you in when I know she wasn't there. No, I don't think you must come in this time."

"Perhaps she will be back by this time," he urged; but the girl shook her head resolutely.

"No; for the train does not get to Wabness till twenty-four minutes past seven—it is not as much past six yet," she said, simply.

"But," he said, finding that there was no chance of his effecting an entrance within the fortress, "are you bound to go in just yet?"

"No, I am not; but you are bound to go back to Lady Jane's for your dog-cart. She knows that you came with me, and she knows that auntie is in Colchester."

"Lady Jane knows too much," he said, vexedly. "Yes, I suppose I must."



TURNED AND WALKED ON. go back. But I may carry your racket as far as the door, eh?"

"Oh, I think you may do that," answered the girl, demurely.

So together they turned and walked on. The road took a curve to the right, skirting the sloping meadow and rising gradually until they reached the gates of the old house, with its quaint red front and its many gables and dormer windows, and at the gate Dorothy Strode stopped and held out her hand for the racket.

"Thank you very much for bringing me home," she said, shyly, but with an upward glance of her blue eyes that went straight to the man's perhaps rather susceptible heart; "it was very good of you."

"Yes, but tell me," he answered, not letting go his hold of the racket, "the aunt has gone to Colchester, you say?"

"Yes."

"Does she often go?"

"Oh, no; not often."

"But how often? Once a week?"

"Once a week—oh, no; not once a month. Why do you ask?"

"Because for the present I live in Colchester. I am quartered there, you know, and I thought that perhaps

sometimes when the auntie was coming you might be coming, too, and I might show you round a little—the lions and all that, you know. That was all."

"But I don't think," said Dorothy Strode, taking him literally, "that auntie would ever want to be shown round Colchester, or the lions, or anything. You see, she has lived at the Hall for more than fifty years, and probably knows Colchester a thousand times as well as you do."

"True! I might have thought of that," and he laughed a little at his own mistake, then added suddenly: "But don't you think your aunt might like to come and have afternoon tea in my quarters? Old ladies generally love a bachelor tea."

"I don't think she would," said Dorothy, honestly. "You see, Mr. Harris, my aunt is rather strict, and she never does anything unusual, and—" At that moment she broke off short as a fairly smart dog-cart driven by a young man passed them, and returned the salute of the occupant, who had lifted his hat as soon as he saw her.

"Who is that?" asked the soldier, father jealously, frowning a little as he noticed the girl's heightened color. "That is Mr. Stevenson," she answered, looking straight in front of her.

"Oh, Mr. Stevenson. And who is he when he's at home?" the soldier demanded.

"Very much the same as when he is not at home," answered Dorothy, with a gay laugh.

He laughed, too. "But tell me, who is he?"

"Oh, one of the gentlemen farmers round about."

It was evident that she did not want to talk about the owner of the dog-cart, but the soldier went on without heeding: "And you know him well?"

"I have known him all my life," she said, with studied carelessness.

In the face of her evident unwillingness to enlarge upon the subject, the soldier had no choice but to let her take the racket from him.

"Good-by," she said, holding out her hand to him.

"Good-by," he answered, holding it a good deal longer than was necessary; "but tell me I may come and call?"

"Yes, I think you might do that."

"You will tell your aunt that you met me, and that I am coming to call tomorrow?"

"That is a little soon, isn't it?" she said, laughing. "Besides, tomorrow there is a sewing-meeting."

"And you go?"

"Always."

"And you like it?" incredulously.

"No, candidly I don't; but in this world, at least in Graveleigh, one has to do a great many things that one does not like."

"And you might have to do worse things than go to a sewing-meeting, eh?" he suggested, for it suddenly flashed into his mind that there would be no gentlemen farmers in smart dog-carts at such feminine functions as sewing-meetings.

"That is so. Well, good-by."

"But you haven't said when I may come," he cried.

"No; say one day next week," with a gay laugh.

"But which day?"

"Oh, you must take your chance of that. Good-by," and then she passed in at the wide old gate, and disappeared among the bushes and shrubs which lined the short and crooked carriage-drive leading to the house.

CHAPTER II.

FOR a moment he stood there looking after her, then turned on his heel and retraced the steps which he had taken in Dorothy Strode's company, and as he went along he went again over all that she had said, thought of her beauty, her soft blue eyes, and fair, wind-tossed hair, of the grace of her movements, the strength and skill of her play, the sweet, half-shy voice, the gentle manner with now and then just a touch of roguish fun to relieve its softness. Then he recalled how she had looked up at him, and how softly she had spoken his name, "Mr. Harris," just as that farmer-fellow came along to distract her attention and bring the bright color into her cheeks, and, by Jove! he had come away and never told her that his name was not Harris at all, but Ay-

mer—Richard Aymer, commonly known as "Dick," not only in his regiment, but in every place where he was known at all. Now how, his thoughts ran, could the little woman have got hold of an idea that his name was Harris? Dick Harris! Well, to be sure, it didn't sound bad, but then it did not suit him. Dick Aymer he was and Dick Aymer he would be to the end of the chapter except—except, ah, well, well, that was a contingency he need not trouble himself about at present. It was but a contingency and a remote one, and he could let it take care of itself until the time came for him to fairly look it in the face, when probably matters would conveniently and comfortably arrange themselves.

And then he fell to thinking about her again, and what a pretty name hers was—Dorothy Strode! Such a pretty name, only Dorothy Aymer would look even prettier—Mrs. Richard Aymer the prettiest of them all, except, perhaps, to hear his men friends calling her "Mrs. Dick."

And then he pulled himself up with a laugh to think how fast his thoughts had been running on—why, he had actually married himself already, after an hour and a half's acquaintance and before even he had begun his wooing! And with another laugh he turned in at the gates of Lady Jane's place, where he must say his farewells and get his dog-cart.

Lady Jane was still on the lawn, and welcomed him with a smile. She was a stout, motherly woman, still young enough to be sympathetic.

"Ah, you are back," she said. "Now, is not that a nice girl?"

"Charming," returned Dick, sitting down beside her and answering in his most conventional manner.

Lady Jane frowned a little, being quite deceived by the tone. She was fond of Dorothy herself and would dearly like to make a match for her. She had seen with joy that Mr. Aymer seemed very attentive to her, and had encouraged him in his offer to escort her down the road to her aunt's house—and now he had come back again with his cold, conventional tones



SITTING DOWN BESIDE HER.

as if Dorothy was the tenth charming girl he had taken home that afternoon, and he had not cared much about the task.

"I heard you say a little time ago that you were going away," he remarked, after a moment's pause.

"Yes, we are off tonight by the boat from Harwich," she answered. "Yes, it is rather a long passage—twelve hours—but the boats are big and the weather is smooth, and it is a great convenience being able to drive from one's own door to the boat itself—one starts so much fresher, you know."

"Yes, that must be so," he replied, "though I never went over by this route. And how long do you stay?"

"All the winter," Lady Jane answered. "We go to Kissingen, though it is a trifle late for the place. Then on by the Engadine, Italian Lakes, and to Marseilles. After that to Algiers for several months."

"Algiers," he said in surprise, "really?"

"Yes, I need a warm climate in the winter, and it gives Mr. Sturt a chance both of life and of sport, so that he does not really feel being out of England for so long."

"And you come back next spring?"

"Yes; some time next spring," she answered.

Dick Aymer got up then and began to make his adieux.

"Then good-by, Mr. Harris," said Lady Jane, with much cordiality, "and I hope to find you still at Colchester when we come back again. If not, you must come and see me in London during the season."

"Thanks, very many," he said, "but my—"

"Oh!" cried Lady Jane, in dismay, "look, look! the fox-terrier is worrying the Persian kitten. Do rescue it somebody, do, do!"

(To be continued.)

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Pinckney Dispatch.

F. L. ANDREWS, EDITOR.

THURSDAY, DEC. 23, 1897.

Interesting Items.

It is said that there is a Lansing woman who wants to marry Leutger of Chicago the now famous sausage maker.

The Star of Bethlehem lodge announce a New Year's eve dance at United Friend's Hall on the evening of Dec. 31.—A. A. Courier.—Better change the name or else change the dance to something more appropriate.

During the cold weather a short time ago Mr. J. H. McWatters missed two of his hogs. He was unable to locate them until one day last week when he found their bodies in a pond after the ice had thawed out. They must have fallen through the thin ice and drowned.—Argus.

Sunday morning while Rev. A. Crane's wife was in the pantry, the entire floor gave way beneath her and she fell into the cellar. Fortunately there was a bin of potatoes below the pantry which broke the severity of the fall, and she escaped with only a few flesh bruises. A new floor with a firmer foundation has been put in.—Brighton Argus.

The Ypsilantian is responsible for the following story: They are telling a funny story of a Normal occurrence Tuesday evening. The janitor was carrying the skeleton from the main building to the gymnasium, and was obliged to stop for the motor at Normal street crossing while a passenger alighted. The man coming off the well-lighted motor into the dusk saw in front of him the ghastly skeleton but not the small janitor behind it. Evidently he thought it was summons from the spiritland, for he gave one dreadful groan "Oh, mein Gott!" and fled.

One of the newest diseases is the "postage stamp tongue." The credit of discovering it is due to a London physician. It appears that the mucilage itself is injured and that, farther, it is an excellent cultivating medium for germs of the worst character. In the ailment "postage stamp tongue" the latter becomes sore and covered with red spots. A bad sore throat is likely to follow if great care is not taken. A part from the specific disease of the tongue, any contagious disease may be acquired through the medium of mucilage.—Ex. Why not try moistening the envelope instead of the stamp?

The Michigan Beet Sugar Co. was organized in Bay City last Wednesday, and the factory will be ready for next years crop of beets. The capital stock is \$300,000 of which \$200,000 has been subscribed. The purpose of the company is to engage in the manufacture of sugar from beets and place the same on the market. The directors will elect officers and then will begin active preparations towards the construction of a factory in order to have it in readiness for operation when the next crop of sugar beets is gathered. Saginaw, Midland, Gratiot, Benzie, Shiawassee, Huron, LaPeere, Arenac and Isabella counties, together with Bay, will raise beets to supply the factory. This is the first beet sugar company formed in Michigan.

A convict Gov. Pingree paroled sent him a letter of thanks in which he said: "I hope at some future time to be able to return the favor."

A cold reception was held at the Michigan Agricultural college last Monday evening from ten until twelve o'clock, the Williams Hall boys gave a reception to the Wells Hall boys in honor of the first soft snow. Invitations to the reception, which was held on the campus among the trees west of Williams hall, were not delivered until ten o'clock; but the Wells Hall boys responded almost to a man, and so promptly that nearly two hours of entertainment was enjoyed. The program consisted in lining up at close quarters and rapidly exchanging small, round balls of snow. The guests entered enthusiastically into the sport and it is said, easily carried off the honors, having three black eyes to one of their hosts. The affair was entirely informal, and consequently, all sorts of costumes from cutaway coat and creased trousers to full dress foot ball suits with nose and shin guards, were worn. This innovation was the first the boys have indulged in this term and all enjoyed it most thoroughly.—M. A. C.

After Forty Years.

We clip the following editorial from the Lawrence Daily Journal that speaks the feelings of the people at that place of one who is well known by many of the people of Pinckney:—

"The fortieth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Richard Cordley of the Plymouth Congregational church was fittingly celebrated by the people of Lawrence, regardless of church or faith. For forty years, and that is a long time, Dr. Cordley has been loved and listened to by our people and today he is stronger in their affections than ever before. That fact was proved by the words and actions of those who came to congratulate him on Thursday, Dec. 2, and to heartily wish for him many more years of usefulness.

Dr. Cordley and the Plymouth Congregational church have been long a part of the life and history of Lawrence. The church itself has been a power in the community, and among its members in this past and in the present have and are men, whose name and fame are not confined to Kansas. The work it has done is not bounded by city or by state lines. In the work of religion, the church as a church has made itself known and its influence felt in a most marked degree. For all these years it has been doing good, and its usefulness may we not hope, has just begun.

To say that Dr. Cordley has been the soul of the organization is but to say that which everyone feels. He is a broad, a liberal, a generous man, generous in thought, in work, in sermon and in every day life. Greatly blessed is the man who, after forty years of labor in one community is beloved by all, whose advice and counsel is sought by everyone who can look back upon his work with a knowledge that it has been a success, and that his regrets are few if any. Such a man is Dr. Cordley. For all these years he has not only led a life so blameless that he enjoys the love and confidence of every one, but he has done a work that has brought to the world a rich harvest, and he yet lives, hearty and strong, to enjoy the blessings of that work and of the people for whom it has been done. May he live long to enjoy the world that he has made so much better by the work of his life is the earnest wish of everyone."

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Housewives may find the following receipt of value when they wish to cook a husband: "Take a

husband not too tall, too fat, too lean, too large, too small—how to catch him we can't say, but don't take two at once we pray. For salt us love, for spice a kiss (but to much spice will be amiss. Don't stew; don't boil but gently toast; some husbands cant bear a roast. And if you give him too much sauce perhaps you'll find the dish a loss. The most important is the dressing, a well dressed husband is a blessing; collar, necktie, scarf and cuff, of those be sure you've got enough. And if he begins to sputter don't get in a flutter; but with gentle words turn off the fire, and find your husbands conduct you'll admire.

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Pinkney Dispatch.

FRANK L. ANDREWS, Publisher.

PINKNEY, MICHIGAN.

It will be cheerfully conceded that Banker Spaulding bore an unblemished reputation until he was found out.

A paper in Havana wants somebody to lynch a few Americans in that town. The man to do the business is not the editor of the paper, we feel sure.

Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale said in a lecture in Boston that he found that nine out of ten in a class of girls in one of the city's public schools had never heard of Noah's ark.

A Springfield (Mass.) girl who ran away from college wore "a black skirt and a black flat cap." Meager though the description is, it is sufficient to enable anybody to identify the girl.

Believing in the possibility of recovering the iron contained in low-grade ore, and so bringing vast tracts of hitherto worthless magnetite into commercial value, Mr. Edison has devoted six years of time and nearly three million dollars of his private fortune to a process which, according to the Electrical Review, is now perfected and will have a tremendous effect upon the iron industry of the world.

The British taxpayer has learned that he can not afford to neglect the management of his city. He insists that he get the worth of his money, and that the business of the corporation be conducted honestly and efficiently. For this purpose he selects city officials on the basis of merit and keeps them in office as long as their work is satisfactory—no longer. On the other hand, the American citizen mixes politics with municipal business and intrusts the management of his city to one or the other of the political party machines organized for the benefit of their organizers and directors.

The son of Grover Cleveland is to be congratulated that he was born too late to be called the prince. That title affixed to the name of a young man means the grossest of abuse on the part of the newspaper reporters. They follow him wherever he goes. Let him be wise and a good fellow and they grow humorous over him just the same. Let him submit to interviews and they misrepresent him. Let him refuse to be interviewed and they insult him to his face and afterward in print. He is a marked man, and malice follows him as naturally as his own shadow. Let the little Grover thank heaven that his father is too old ever to be president again.

The annual report of Paymaster-General Edwin Stewart shows that during the past fiscal year the cost of maintaining the ships of the navy in commission was \$8,938,549, and of maintaining navy yards and stations \$2,568,930. Repairs cost \$1,773,203, and the Marine Corps cost \$336,713. The total cost of maintaining the navy during the year was \$17,514,231, not including increases of the navy and improvements. The paymaster general shows that, while there has been an increase in expenditures for stores, the purchases have been made with great care and with regard to the actual needs of the service, and that there has been a marked decrease in cost of supplies, as well as great saving in requisitions, etc., as a result of the system pursued by the bureau. General Stewart earnestly urges an increase of the paymaster's corps by twenty, and in support of his request points to the recent additions to the number of ships in the navy, each requiring its pay officer.

The London Times says: "The trade of the Mexican republic is increasing with considerable rapidity. Last year the imports amounted to \$9,395,547, against \$7,249,009, while the exports were \$11,750,000, against \$11,250,000 the previous year. The increase in imports was spread over all staples, but was chiefly marked in the case of iron and steel and in machinery and implements. British imports were greater in 1896 than in 1895, yet they only amounted to 17 per cent of the whole import trade in 1896, while they were 19 per cent the year before. The imports from the United States, on the other hand, were 52½ per cent of the import trade of Mexico, against 45 per cent in 1895. This, our consul at Mexico observes, should warn British merchants and manufacturers that 'unless they soon make a serious effort they will have to give up all hope of profiting by the increase in the Mexican import trade, and may even lose part of the very limited share of it they at present enjoy.' The trade in textiles generally, in which England has so far held her own, becomes each year a smaller proportion of the import trade, owing to the improvement in domestic manufactures; metals and machinery, on the other hand, are every year becoming more important."

OLD TIME CUSTOMS.

By Winona Butler.

There is no brighter fact in history than Christmas. The golden thread of its influence can be traced through nearly nineteen centuries. On the first Christmas morning the angels sang: "Peace on earth, good will to men." The glad refrain has been repeated each Christmas season in every Christian land, though the character of the music varies greatly.

Our ancestors were in the habit of forming companies which went from house to house, singing Christmas carols in the streets. These beautiful carols would break the stillness of the winter night or early Christmas morning, making a most delightful beginning to the merry day.

But these holy jubilees had as rivals the mingling instruments of those wandering spirits of harmony—the "Waits." One author writes: "Mar" and many a time have we been awakened by the melody of the Waits, and have lain and listened to their wild music, its solemn swells and 'dying falls,' kept musical by the distance and made holy by the time, till we could have fancied that the morning stars were again singing as of old they sang together for joy, and that the sounds of their far anthem came floating to the earth."

The German children probably believe more firmly in Kriss Kringle, or Santa Claus, than do the children of any other nation. Germany is the birthplace of Kriss Kringle, and the wonderland of fable and poetry. German children are taught to love the Christ-child. In many parts of the country it is the custom, on the morning before Christmas, to let a figure representing the Christ-child wave past the window of the room where the little ones sleep. Half awake only, in the gray of the morning they see this little child-figure fit dimly past, and they go to sleep again in the blissful consciousness that the Christ-child has not forgotten them, and that they will have an abundance of presents around the tree in the evening.

A beautiful custom in Norway and Sweden is the Christmas feeding of birds. Bunches of oats are placed on the roofs of houses, on fences and

two young men must take the cook by the arms and run her around the market place till she is ashamed of her laziness.

The "Yule log" is a great log of wood, sometimes the root of a tree, brought into the house with great ceremony on Christmas Eve, laid in the fireplace and lighted with the brand of last year's log. While it lasted there was great drinking, singing and telling of tales. Sometimes it was accompanied by Christmas candles, but in the cottages the only light was from the ruddy blaze of the great wood fire. The Yule log was to burn all night; if it went out, it was considered a sign of ill-luck.

The Christmas dinner was the central feature of all the gay festivities. The table was literally loaded with good cheer. The board held the place of honor and was a lordly affair, brought in by the butler, attended by a servant on either side with a large wax light. The head was carried on a silver dish, the tusks piercing bright-red apples, while between them an orange was laid, the whole graced with an abundance of sauce. When this, "the rarest dish in all the land," was placed at the head of the table, one of the company sang a carol suited to the great occasion.

The Christmas peacocks were also gorgeous, the bird being flayed, roasted and then sewed up again in all the splendor of its brilliant feathers, a piece of cotton saturated with spirits being placed within the gilded beak to burn while the carver was at work.

Still more curious was the ancient peacock pie, the bird being covered by the crust, save that on one side appeared his plumed crest, while from the other side protruded the gorgeous, spreading tail.

Mince pies were called Christmas or December pies, as the old rhyme went—

"Treason's in a December pie
And death within the pot."
They date back to 1596.

The classical plum pudding must be added to the list of good things, though, sad to relate, it was really plum porridge, and not pudding, as we have always believed.

An old poem says—
"And those that hardly all the year
Had bread to eat or clothes to wear,

When the Bells Were Ringing.

BY SHIRLEY WYNNE.

Alone, alone in the crowded street,
Alone on New Year's night,
Barefoot and wet with the blind-
ing sleet,
Pale 'neath the red lamplight,
A little match girl through the
crowd
Raises a feeble cry
While the New Year bells are
chiming loud,
"Matches! Oh, will you buy?"

Gay, bright-eyed, smiling children
pass;
They laugh and sing and dance
and run—
They all have happy homes; alas!
But this heroine has none!
Alone, alone in the busy street
She cowers on a doorstep nigh
While the New Year bells are
chiming sweet,
Still pleading, "Will you buy?"

Hungry and ragged and blue with
cold—
The wind blows keen and loud—
Her frozen fingers can scarcely hold
The matches to the crowd.
And still, as faster falls the sleet,
More piteous grows the cry
While the New Year bells are
chiming sweet,
"Oh, will you—will you buy?"

No more alone in the moonrise
gray,
With face so wan and white;
The little match girl has gone
away
To a happy home tonight;
For an angel came through the
crowded street,
Hushing the tempest wild,
While the New Year bells chimed
loud and sweet,
And bore away the child!

trees. Cartloads of sheaves are brought into town for this purpose, and both rich and poor buy and place them everywhere. The sentiment is that a man must be very poor indeed if he cannot spare a farthing to feed the little birds on Christmas day. In many of the valleys and mountain dales of the countries watch is kept during the whole of the night, and all are merry; candles are kept burning at the windows, and the people flock to church at four o'clock in the morning, each carrying a torch.

In some districts, immediately after the service, everyone hurries from church, either on foot or in sleighs, for there is an old saying that he who gets home first will have his crop first harvested. At this holiday season the peasants dance on straw, and the peasant girls throw straws at the timbered roof of the hall, and for every one that sticks in a crack a lover will come courting during the year.

In old English times, at the close of the church services it was customary for the clerk in loud and emphatic tones to wish all the congregation a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. In those good old times an English gentleman would throw open his hall at daybreak to all his tenants and neighbors. Beer, blackjacks, toast and cheese were plentiful. The great sausage must be boiled by sunrise, or else

Will have both clothes and dainty fare,
And all the day be merry."
Snap Dragon was one of the favorite sports. Raisins were placed in a large shallow dish and brandy poured over the fruit and ignited. The lights in the room were extinguished, and in the weird glare the players attempted to pick the raisins out of the flaming dish.

"Here he comes with flaming bowl—
Doesn't he mean to take his toll?"
Snip, snap dragon,
Take care you don't take too much,
Be not greedy in your clutch,
Snip, snap dragon."

But in 1652, the question of Christmas was brought up in parliament. They decided it was not in harmony with the scriptures; pronounced it "anti-Christmase" and abolished it. So the jolly Lord of Misrule became an outlaw, and the old picturesque Christmas faded away with the severity of the Puritan atmosphere; but with the nineteenth century came a revival. The new Christmas was merry, but quieter. What it lost in noise and frolic, it made up in cheerfulness and good will; and now, remembering the message of that first Christmas morning, we had the merry Christmas day with—

"Peace on earth,
Good will to men."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

PURGENT PARAGRAPHS PICKED PROMISCUOUSLY.

British Officials Find Much to Worry Them in Their Foreign Affairs—The President's Mother is Dead—Cuba's Prospects Are Bright.

British Have Trouble of Their Own.

Comment is made in London over the fact that four cabinet meetings were held the past week. With France trying to slice off African territory which Great Britain is in the habit of calling her own, and Germany loosening the "cinch" which England has always claimed to have in China, while Great Britain herself is trying to grab a little more country at various other points, and with the preparation of the legislative program, the ministry has no lack of worries. France is deliberately pursuing the task of seizing the upper waters of the Nile above Khartoum, thus cutting the British line of communication between Cape Town and Suez.

All the British forces under Gen. Sir Wm. Lockhart, on the Indian frontier, have been withdrawn to the Bara valley for the winter. Thus the largest and best equipped force ever assembled in India has failed and the whole work will have to be repeated in the spring. About 1,400 officers and men killed or wounded, 35,000,000 of rupees spent in loss and British prestige weakened on the frontier are the debits against which a few mud huts and Sangars blown up and probably several thousand natives killed are the only apparent credits.

Amerienn Federation of Labor.

The American Federation of Labor held its seventeenth annual session at Nashville with an attendance of more than 100 delegates. President Gompers in his annual address says that all affiliated unions' report increases in membership aggregating 34,000. Strikes during the year were mainly successful. He urges keeping up the fight for shorter hours, favors the postal saving bank system and thinks that compulsory arbitration in disputes under certain circumstances might be a good thing.

The report of Secretary Morrison, showed an increase in receipts of \$2,349 over the previous year. An extra amount had been expended in organization, and 34,280 new members were enrolled. Expenses for the year were \$19,113. During the year the report states, 276 strikes had been officially noticed, involving 165,407 workers. Of these 189 were won; 31 compromised and 33 lost. The secretary recommends that the per capita tax be increased to 5 cents per member.

Mrs. McKinley Dead.

Mrs. McKinley, mother of the President, died at Canton. She passed away quietly, surrounded by her family. President McKinley continued his vigil all day and up to the last moment, much as he had the preceding days. He sat almost constantly in the sick room and there seemed about all the rest he had. His attention has been almost wholly given to the patient, watching intently for the slightest change. He had the newspapers at his side, and when the mother rested peacefully he glanced over the columns for the news of the day. He and his wife took a few turns on the porch for exercise and a little fresh air, and a little later he and his brother Abner took a walk through the back streets. Aside from this he was scarcely out of the room.

"Cuba is Lost," Says a High Spaniard.

Havana: Senor Enrique Capriles, governor of the province of Santiago de Cuba, in a conversation with the foreign consuls, told them that the Island of Cuba is lost. Many residents of towns in the provinces of Pinar del Rio and Havana have joined the ranks of the insurgents. Col. Rafael de Cardenas, of the insurgent forces, has been promoted to the rank of brigadier-general.

The Great Six-Day Bike Race.

The greatest six-day bicycle race ever held was the one just finished in the Madison Square Garden, New York City. C. W. Miller, of Chicago, won first money by making 2,093 miles and the finish was witnessed by thousands of people and over 100,000 people were present during the progress of the contest.

NEWSY CONDENSATIONS.

St. Louis, Mo., is to have a \$2,000,000 hotel.

Fire destroyed the general merchandise store of Price & Gillette, at New York. Loss, \$100,000.

Orion Clemens, brother of the famous author, Mark Twain, died suddenly at his home Keokuk, Ia., aged 72.

Charles Butler, famous philanthropist and lawyer, died in New York City, aged 96. His mother was a descendant of Oliver Cromwell.

The typewriter trust is being so crowded by outside manufacturers of high-grade machines that it is preparing to reduce the present price—\$100—very materially.

President Wallace says that with the completion of the rail and tram-way over the Chilkooot Pass, February first, passengers and freight from Dyea can be landed at Lake Lindeman in twelve hours, which means via St. Paul and Northern Pacific Ry. to Lake Lindeman, from Chicago eight days. Send two cents postage to Chas. S. Roe, General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minn., for the latest and best map folder on the Klondike and Alaskan mining country. The Northern Pacific is the pioneer line in Alaska passenger business, and runs solid vestibuled, steam-heated passenger trains to Tacoma, Seattle and Portland, with dining cars, Standard and Pullman tourist, and free colonist sleeping cars. Berth reservations can be made through any district passenger agent.

Mrs. Hojack—They say that our minister is one of the most eloquent after-dinner speakers in the country. Mr. Hojack—If that is true I wish he'd eat his dinner just before the morning service.

YOU CAN'T STOP 'EM.

The Fury of an Unfettered Element Falls to Crush Them—The Fire Fend Defied.

The news comes from Attica, Ind., of the destruction, by fire, of the big laboratory and office building of the Sterling Remedy company, makers of Cascarets Candy Cathartic and No-To-Bac, the original guaranteed tobacco habit cure. The preparations made by this big corporation are known throughout the world.

The fire broke out in one of the packing rooms on the third floor during the noon hour, and had made considerable headway before it was discovered.

The Sterling Remedy company is the principal industry of the beautiful little city of Attica, employing several hundred people, besides being affiliated with the interests at the Indiana Mineral Springs, the famous Magna-Mud Cure. The entire population was worked up to a frenzy of excitement.

Meanwhile the almost proverbial energy and presence of mind of "Hustling" Harry Kramer, the general manager of The Sterling Remedy company, was displayed. He was the coolest man at the scene. He quietly walked away, and secured a big carriage show room near by, and had all office furniture, charred and delapidated as it was, taken there. Several shipments were made the same evening from goods saved, and on Friday morning, all departments were at work in various rooms about town, while a gang of men were cleaning away the wreckage preliminary to rebuilding. The actual damage amounts to many thousands of dollars; the loss due to interruption of business and confusion of detail is inestimable, but pluck and energy of one man will turn defeat into victory and move the wheels of business to ever-increasing speed. Nothing can stop the success of Cascarets and No-To-Bac with such characteristic force behind them.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



THE GOLDEN LOUIS

By FRANCIS COPPER

WHEN Lucien de Hem had seen his last 100-franc note raked in by the banker and had risen from the roulette table where he had just lost the remains of his small fortune, he experienced a sort of vertigo and almost fell.

With reeling brain and failing limbs he tottered over to the leather bench that encircled the room and threw himself on it. For some minutes he gazed vaguely about this private gambling hall in which he had wasted the best years of his youth, recognizing one by one the plundered heads of the three great green shades. He heard the soft friction of the gold on the felt and realized his loss, his ruin; but he remembered that at home, in a bureau drawer, there were two army pistols which had been bravely used by his father, General De Hem, in the attack of Zaatcha. Then utterly worn out, he slept profoundly.

He awoke with parched throat and glancing at the clock saw that he had barely slept a half hour.

An imperative need to breathe the night air came over him. The hands marked a quarter to midnight, and on rising and stretching his arms, Lucien recollected that it was Christmas eve, and by an ironical freak of memory he saw himself a little child again putting his shoes in front of the chimney at bedtime.

Just then old Dronski, the Pole, a fixture of the place, in threadbare, braided livery, came up to Lucien and mouthed a few words in his dirty beard.

"Lend me five francs, Monsieur. Here are two days since I have been out of the club and 17 has not turned up once."

"Laugh at me if you will, but you may cut off my fist if 17 does not come out in a few minutes, when the clock strikes midnight."

Lucien de Hem shrugged his shoulders; he had not even the wherewithal in his pocket to pay the tax known by the house habitués as "The Pole's Pence."

He passed into the hall, put on his hat, his coat, then descended the stairs with the haste of a fevered person.

During the four hours he had been in doors heavy snow had fallen and the street, a central one, walled in by high houses, was all white. Multitudes of cold stars shone in the blue-black purged sky.

The ruined man walked rapidly, revolving desperate thoughts in his mind, and was more than ever drawn to the glass box in his dressing case drawer.

Suddenly he stopped. He was confronted by a heart-breaking scene. On a stone bench, placed according to the old-time custom beside the monumental door of a palace, a little girl of 6 or 7, barely covered by a ragged black frock, was sitting in the

snow. She had gone to sleep there, in spite of the cold, in a painful attitude of utter weariness, with her poor little head and shoulder propped in an angle of the icy stone.

One of her old shoes had fallen from the foot which hung over and lay in the snow. Lucien de Hem felt mechanically for his vest pocket, and was suddenly reminded that a moment before he had not even found a forgotten franc, nor a pourboire for the valet.

However, stirred by an instinctive pity, he approached the little girl, and would perhaps have carried her in his arms to give her a night shelter, had he not seen something shining in the old shoe as it lay in the snow.

He bent over. It was a gold louis. Some charitable person, a woman, doubtless, in passing by this Christmas eve had seen the shoe in front of the sleeping child, and had remembered the touching legend. This generous aim had been given so that the little one might believe in the gifts of the holy child, and in spite of her distress retain some hope in the goodness of Providence.

A louis! It meant many days of plenty for the beggar, and Lucien was about to waken and tell her so, when he heard a voice in his ear, a drawing, thick voice, mumbling:

"Here are two days since I have been out of the club. You can cut off my fist if 17 does not come out when the clock strikes midnight."

Then the young man of 23, coming of honest stock with a magnificent military record, never failing in honor, this young man suddenly conceived a



HE APPROACHED THE LITTLE GIRL.

dreadful thought, fell prey to a wild, hysterical, monstrous desire. Assuring himself with one glance that the street was deserted he swiftly stooped, advanced a trembling hand, and stole the louis from the old shoe. With a wild rush he reached the club again, cleared the stairs in one impetuous rush, flung open the door of the reeking hall, and threw the gold piece on the green, just as the clock chimed the first stroke of midnight.

"All on 17?" Seventeen won. With a turn of his hand he shoved the 36 louis on red.

Red won. He left 72 louis on the same color. Again it appeared. Three times he put up the doubled stakes with the same luck. There was now a great heap of gold and bank notes in front of him, and he began frantically to sow them broadcast over the table. Every combination favored him. The little ivory ball jumping about the divisions of the roulette seemed to be magnetized by the gambler's gaze, and obeyed it. In 10 plays he had recovered the few thousand francs, his last resources, that he had lost early in the evening. By panting 300 or 350 louis he once he

would soon have far more than the heritage he had fooled away.

In his haste to play he had kept on his heavy coat, and the great pockets were already crammed with rolls of bank notes and gold pieces. He now had to stuff them into his inside pockets, his vest and trouser pockets, his cigar case, his handkerchief, and everything that could hold them. He still played. He still won; like a lunatic, like a drunken man! He threw the gold anywhere on the table with disdainful certainty.

In his heart a red-hot iron was burning; he thought only of the child asleep in the snow; of the little beggar he had robbed.

"She is still there, of course; certainly, she must be there! In a minute, when it strikes 1—I swear it—I will leave here and carry her home sleeping in my arms. I will bring her up, love her as my own child, and care for her always, always."

The clock struck 1, the quarter, the half, the three-quarters, and Lucien still sat at the table. A minute before the banker rose abruptly and said in a sharp voice:

"Enough for the day, gentlemen; the bank is closed."

Lucien leaped to his feet. Roughly he pushed the players aside as they lingered about, eyeing him with envious admiration; hurriedly he cleared the stairs and ran to the stone bench.

"Thank God!" he cried; "she is still there!" He seized her hand.

"Ah! how cold she is, poor little one!"

As he lifted her in his arms the child's head fell back limp, and she did not waken. How children sleep, he thought, pressing her to his breast for warmth; and, vaguely anxious, he was about to kiss her lids to draw her from this heavy slumber, when he saw with terror that the child's eyes were half open, showing glassy pupils, extinguished and motionless. With terrible suspicion Lucien brushed her little lips with his own, and no breath came from them. While Lucien had been winning a fortune with the louis stolen from her, this little beggar had died of cold. His throat contracted in awful agony, he tried to cry out . . . and in the effort—he awoke from a nightmare on the bench at the club, where he had fallen asleep before midnight, and had been left undisturbed by the kindness of the old valet, who had gone off last of all at 5 o'clock. His heart had been touched by the poor bankrupt.

A noisy December dawn was peering through the panes. Lucien went out, pawned his watch, bathed, breakfasted, then went to the recruiting office, where he enlisted in the First African Chasseurs.

Lucien de Hem is now a lieutenant; he lives on his small pay and never touches a card.

It appears that he saves something, too, for not long ago, in Algiers, he was seen by a brother officer who was walking behind him in a winding street of the Kasba giving alms to a little Spanish beggar asleep under a doorway. The officer had the indiscretion to look at the money which Lucien had given to poverty.

He had put a gold louis in the child's hand.

A Prince an Electrician. Prince Victor Emmanuel of Naples is said to be an expert electrician. He experiments on all its applications to light, sound, motive power, and photography, and was one of the first persons in Italy to investigate the Roentgen rays.

HOW TO WASH WITH EASE.

Any Woman. With a Little Experience. Can Wash Garments Satisfactorily.

That the family washing cannot be satisfactorily done with a scant supply of hard water and inferior soap is a fact not always understood by housekeepers, yet these inconveniences are the cause of yellow clothes, and faded garments. Strong lye soap made in the home kitchens, may have answered for the use of our grandmothers, and the cheap laundry soap found in the village stores half a century ago was thought good enough for women who had learned to make hard rubbing do the work which good soap should have done. But in this age of progress labor-saving appliances are used by intelligent women, and in no place do they count for more than in the laundry. After assorting the clothes, put the linens in a tub nearly full of hot water, and rub them with Ivory Soap, as each piece is washed, it should be wrung out, and placed in a clean tub. When all are washed pour boiling water over, and let stand until cool, then rinse, and starch the clothes. After the linens are washed, the white wearing clothes should be washed in the same way, then the colored garments taken through fresh suds, rinsed, starched, and hung on the line. When dry each piece should be taken from the line, shaken out, sprinkled, folded and laid in a basket until morning, when they should be carefully ironed.

ELIZA R. PARKER.

Mabel—Do you not think Mr. De Little a man of small calibre? Grace—Perhaps; but I'm sure of one thing—he's a big bore.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Could Not Weaken Such Testimony As This.

(From the Kalamazoo Telegraph.)

The following statement is one of great interest to many a citizen of Kalamazoo, and a man as well known as Mr. Wallace should carry more than ordinary weight with our readers. Here it is as taken down by our representative:

"My name is John A. Wallace. I am a member of the firm of J. A. Wallace & Co., doing business as tinners, etc., at 109 Eleanor Street, Kalamazoo, in which city I also reside. For the past nine or ten months I have been having attacks of kidney complaint, the pain in my back over my hips was very severe at times; my urinary system was in a bad state of derangement, sometimes the urine was scanty and then again the amount would be excessive, and a difficulty of passage always existed. I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills at a time when I felt that I was going to be sick, but their use warned off an attack, and I am now feeling very much better; the urinary organism has regained a normal condition, and the terrific pain in my back is much reduced in severity, while it is now fast going away altogether. I am continuing the use of Doan's Kidney Pills, with positive feeling that they will effect on me a permanent and speedy cure. I have unbounded confidence in Doan's Kidney Pills as a remedy for all kidney ailments; have good reason to be, as they have done so much for me."

Can you ask any more than this? Doan's Kidney Pills are relieving more backs of the burdens they have been forced to bear through the kidneys than all other means devised, and, better still, they are doing this right here in Michigan. Ask any one who has ever taken them and see what they will say.

Doan's Kidney Pills 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.

Reflection is a key that unlocks the treasures of the memory.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists.

Better a little understanding than much useless knowledge.

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

Better to be a servant from love than a ruler from lust.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. a bottle.

Intelligence is largely in knowing what we do not know.

When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

AN OPEN LETTER To MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now

bear the fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* on every bottle of the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought

and has the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

March 8, 1897.

Do Not Be Deceived.

Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which even he does not know.

"The Kind You Have Always Bought"

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5 DROPS

Is the name of a simple but effective remedy for rheumatism, neuralgia, asthma and kindred ailments. The trade mark is self-explanatory. Five Drops make a dose. The effect is magical. In days gone by other alleged cures have been marketed with the promise to take effect in thirty days or more. Five Drops begins to cure at once. Immediate relief is felt. The manufacturers of Five Drops have thousands of testimonials from reliable people, copies of many of them gladly sent upon application. In order to more effectively advertise its merits the company will for the next thirty days send out 100,000 of their sample bottles of this positive cure for 25 cents a bottle by mail prepaid. Large bottle, 800 doses, \$1 (for thirty days 8 bottles \$2.50.) Those suffering should write to the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Company, 167-169 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., and take advantage of this generous offer. This company is reliable, and promptly fill every order.

Spiritualists tip the table, but the man who tips the waiter often fares better.

The lower down a man gets in the world the nearer the roof you will find him.

Misery likes company, but it is better to have rheumatism in one foot than both.

When instinct governs some men's actions instinct is only another name for a wife.

He who runs may read, but if he's running for office the less he has to say the better.

AGENTS WANTED by a 20 year established factory (rated \$100,000). Free samples. Several earn \$1,000 yearly. P. O. 1811, New York.

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DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY. Quick relief in all cases. Send for book of testimonials and 10 days' treatment free. Dr. H. C. GALT, 808 N. 10th St., ALBANY, N. Y.

SCALES. Self-adding, pat. combination beam. No false weights. U. S. standard. Best and cheapest. Sold for prices. WEEKS SCALE WORKS, BUFFALO, N. Y.

CUTLER'S MEDICATED AIR INHALER. Is the only cure of CATARRH and LUNG DISEASES. By mail, \$1.00. W. H. SMITH & CO., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

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Use Big G for catarrhs, discharges, inflammation, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painful and irritating. THE EVANS CHEMICAL CO. sent or poisonous. Sold by Druggists, U. S. A. or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for \$1.00, or 3 bottles, \$2.75. Circular sent on request.

PISO'S CURE FOR

HIGH WATER ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by Druggists.

CONSUMPTION

OUR GREGORY COLUMN.

Mrs. Philips is quite sick at this writing.

Howlett Bros are shipping large quantities of wood from this place.

Fred Howlett and Joe Brown were in Howell on business Saturday.

Eugene Gallup has purchased the Chapman farm just north of the village.

Miss Gorton, of Waterloo was visiting in Gregory the latter part of last week.

Ed. Howlett and Fred Fish attended the Lake-Schoenhals wedding in Hamburg Thursday.

Miss Lizzie Judson, of Webberville, is visiting at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Cone.

Colds are quite prevalent and some of them severe enough to require the attention of a physician.

Mat Brady and Miss Blanche Moran, of Pinckney, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Voigts over Sunday.

Fred Howlett and Adelbert Brerley have started a livery business in our town—success to them.

G. J. Daniels is sufficiently recovered from his bad fall of two weeks since, to be out of doors again.

The Moore Bros. and "Jockey" McGee are keeping bachelor's hall in a shanty in James Burden's woods.

James Moore has improved a little the past week and there is now hopes of ultimate recovery from his long illness.

Subject for the lecture next Sunday evening at the church, "The early life of Martin Luther." In the morning a Christmas sermon will be given.

The donation Friday night though not fully attended, netted about \$20 for the pastor. All present enjoyed the entertainment of the genial host and hostesses, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Howlett.

Shipments from Gregory the past week included eleven tons of poultry by Bullis and Kuhn, a carload of potatoes by Verne Parker and two carloads of hogs by our drover, James Burden, one carload of hay by Mapes and Daniels, Taylor and Backus a carload of stock and W. H. Jones two carloads of hay.

The entertainment Tuesday night the 14th inst at the hall was a decided success in every way. The impersonator, Mr. A. C. Church captivated his audience and all agreed that he is fully abreast with the ablest talent ever heard in the lecture courses of neighboring larger towns. He delivers with equal facility the grave and the gay, the humorous and the pathetic, the sublime and the ridiculous. Should he come again, no hall in Gregory could hold the numbers who have expressed their willingness or rather eagerness to hear him. He has been on lecture courses in many cities of this state, Ohio and Indiana and everywhere carries his audience by storm as he did that at Gregory. Special mention should be made of the singing of Miss Florence Marble and of the Misses Cone and Worden, all of which was appreciated by the large audience.

ANDERSON.

John Birnie is much better at this writing.

Miss Florence Marble is spending the week with her sister in Howell.

Lester Williams and wife visited at the home of John Birnie Saturday.

W. A. Sprout was at the county seat one day last week.

Dave Smith and wife spent the past week with friends and relatives in Howell.

Geo. Mitchell left his home recently for California where he intends seeking a fortune.

The oyster supper at Jas. Durkees Friday evening was well attended and all report a fine time.

The many friends of Mrs. Geo. Sprout will be sorry to learn that she is very low at the home of her father in Mason.

The Misses Nora Durkee, Belle and Maggie Birnie attended a surprise party for Lester Williams at Williamsville Friday.

EAST PUTNAM.

Got back from Klondike.

S. J. Kennedy is home from the M. A. C.

Miss Sarah Pearson is visiting in Ann Arbor.

Geo. Pearson is visiting friends in Kalamazoo.

The Brown family will hold their reunion this week at Geo. Browns.

Guy Hall is spending this week with friends in Lansing and Williamston.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hicks will entertain their children and families on Xmas day.

E. W. Lake of Forest Hill, was in this place last week to attend his sister's wedding.

Miss Allie Brown was home from Holly last week to attend the Lake-Schoenhals wedding.

PARSHALLVILLE.

Roswell Lamb has a new windmill.

Will Wakeman visited friends in Byron last week.

Burt Wakeman visited relatives in Pontiac a part of last week.

Stewart Hazzard is very sick at this writing with throat trouble.

Miss Dushane, of Howell, is the guest of Mrs. Will Wolverton this week.

The Baptist and M. E. churches unite in a Christmas-tree at the Baptist church, Friday evening.

There will be a Christmas-tree at the school-house in the west neighborhood on Christmas night.

Mr. Jessup and wife, and Mrs. Johnson, of Canada, are visiting relatives and friends here at the old home.

B. F. Andrews was out testing the ice for some young ladies to skate and he found the ice too thin and he fell in, consequences was he got wet.

SCROFULA.

One of America's most famous physicians says: "Scrofula is external consumption." Scrofulous children are often beautiful children, but they lack nerve force, strong bones, stout muscles and power to resist disease. For delicate children there is no remedy equal to

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda. It fills out the skin by putting good flesh beneath it. It makes the cheeks red by making rich blood. It creates an appetite for food and gives the body power enough to digest it. Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion.

See and get it at all druggists. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

MANITOWISH.

Quarterly meeting will be held at the Center church, Dec. 26, at 2:30 o'clock. The Presiding Elder will preach at Parkers Corners Sunday evening.

UNADILLA.

Harbert Lane of Marion, was in town recently.

Mrs. Flora Watson was in Ann Arbor last week.

Mrs. Watson has returned to Unadilla for the winter.

Don Harris and Bert Hadley were in Manistowish Monday.

Wirt Barnum entertained a friend from Marion last week.

Mrs. Janet Webb, of North Lake, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Rev. Emerick and wife closed a three weeks revival meeting on Thursday last.

John D. Watson, of Chelsea, and Otis Webb, of Waterloo, were home last week.

Mrs. Myra May is recovering from a severe sprain, caused by an unfortunate slip.

Miss Anna Gilbey is home from Ann Arbor, where she has been attending school.

The subject for discussion on Jan. 7th. is, "Resolve that Convict Labor should not come in Contact with free Labor."

The Unadilla Debating society are arranging to give an excellent program, followed by an oyster supper on New Year's eve. Every body invited.

Several were out Sunday scouring their cutter runners getting them ready for Xmas.

As a result of the revival meetings here thirteen candidates were taken into the M. E. church on probation.

At the Lyceum last Saturday evening the question "Resolve that morality increases with civilization," was unanimously decided in favor of the affirmative.

Lewis Roepke has bought the building formerly used by him as a carpenter shop, of Wm. Livermore, and has moved it onto his own lot where he will repair and fit it up for the same.

LOCAL NEWS.

Earl Mann is home for the holidays. Lost—Our Xmas turkey—who has seen him.

F. G. Jackson has something to tell you, on page 4 of this issue.

Don't forget that the DISPATCH will make a fine Christmas present to your friend.

Don't forget to see Santa Claus and get a good supper at the Opera House Saturday evening.

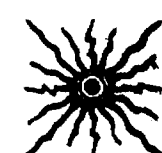
Marlin Garland's first published poem netted him \$25. He paid \$5 for Grant's Memoirs and \$20 for a silk dress piece, which he gave to his mother. The dress made from it was the first of that material she had owned and worn.

The following are said to be the six wealthiest women in the world: Senora Isidora Cousinco, \$200,000,000; Hetty Green, \$50,000,000; Baroness Burdett Coutts, \$20,000,000; Mme. Barrios, \$15,000,000; Miss Mary Garrett, \$10,000,000; Mrs. Woleska, \$10,000,000.

Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont is said to value her famous Marble House, at Newport, at \$1,000,000. She recently refused an offer from Potter Palmer for it approximating that sum. It is assessed at \$800,000. Cornelius Vanderbilt's, The Breakers, is assessed at \$938,000.

M. Matsumoto is the publisher of the only Japanese newspaper in New York. He came to this country only a few months ago to engage in this enterprise and, finding Japanese type too costly, writes the eight-page paper with a pencil and makes 200 copies, the number circulated, on a mimeograph.

WANTED—TWO WORTHY AND ACTIVE gentlemen to travel for responsible, established house in Michigan. Monthly \$2.00 and expenses. Position steady. References. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, 7, Dept. 7, Chicago.



An Xmas Present

will be given, Thursday and Friday, of 2 lbs of Fine Mixed Candy to every purchaser of 1 lb of 50c Tea or 1 lb of Candy to every purchaser of 1 lb of 35c Tea.

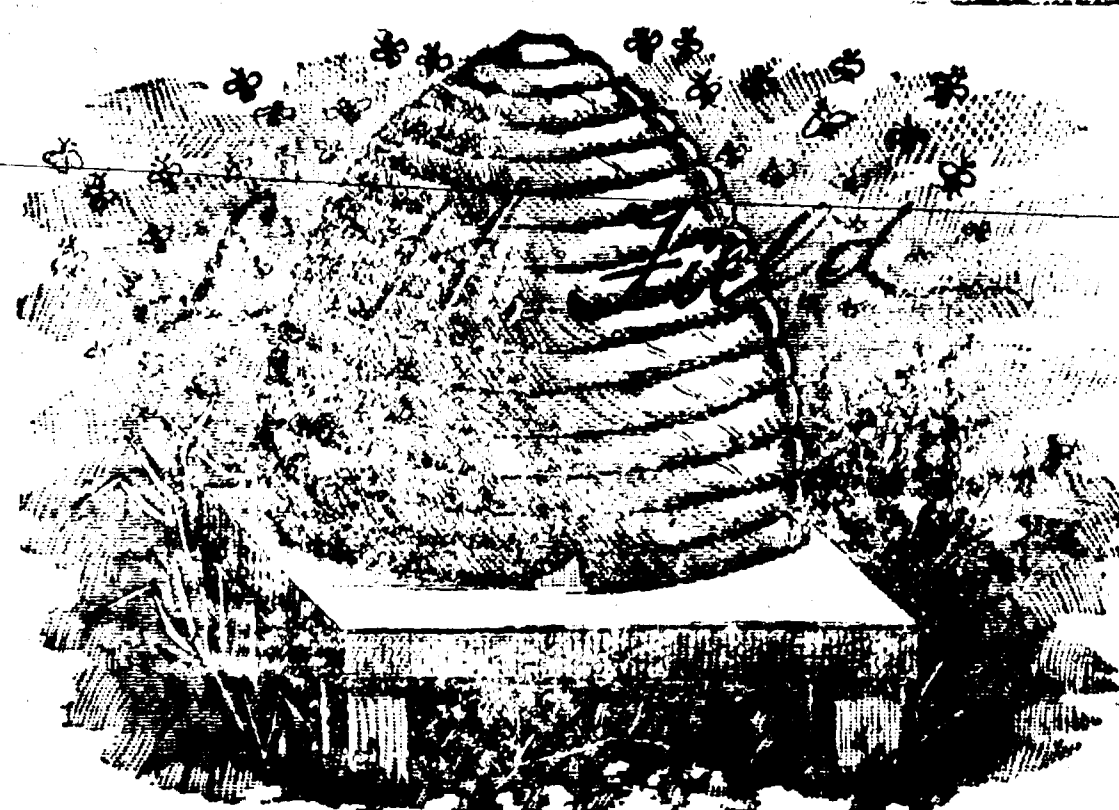
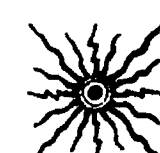
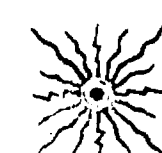
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Raisins, per lb	.09	.07
2 lbs Home Baking Powder	.40	.25
2 Gallons Pail Syrup	.60	.50
Lemons, per doz.	.25	.20
Figs, per lb	.20	.12
Novelty Dust Pans	.30	.10
Canned Corn	.10	.06

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FREE OF CHARGE.

Yours Respectfully,
MURPHY & RUEN.



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At the BUSY BEE HIVE.

will go on sale a lot of Russian Blouses, the very latest (only one of a kind) at one-third less regular prices.

At \$15.00 we have a lot of very handsome Kersey Coats in the new colors—brown, tan mode, navy and black—with notch or high collar, lined with fancy satins. This will last but a short time.

We have a broken lot of Children's Eider down Coats in plain and fancy colors. We divided them in two lots and marked them so low they must go

Lot 1, 98c; Lot 2, \$1.98.

A very fine 30-inch Plush Cape in Salts Plush, lined and interlined, trimmed with the best Thibet Fur around the collar and down the front. This week, \$12.50.

This week we will offer a new \$5.00 Dress Skirt, in very handsome novelty patterns, for \$2.98.

How about a pretty Fur Collarette, Scarf or Fur Set for Christmas?

Yours Respectfully,
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