

# Pinckney



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DOLLARS and CENTS  
GIVEN AWAY  
AT

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You get them by buying

Holiday Hardware  
of us.

We will sell you Nickel Plated Ware, Silver Ware, Granite Ware, Skates, Sleds, Blankets and Robes and can save you

Dollars and Cents.

WHAT SHALL I BUY?



Will it be some Bric-a-Brac to place upon the mantle as a souvenir of Dec. 25, 1898 or some useful piece of Furniture so much needed; such as

Suits, Rockers of every price and style, Iron Beds, Springs, Matresses, Easels, Music Cabinets, and the finest line of Pictures ever shown in Pinckney. Space is limited to mention the many useful articles in Furniture we have.

No Trouble to show them.

No Trouble to sell them, at the prices.

G. A. SIGLER.

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We are selling Shoes so cheap that you can't help but buy.

Ladies' \$1.50 Shoes for 98c  
Ladies' \$2.50 and 2.75 Shoes for 1.39  
Ladies' \$2.75 and 3.00 Shoes for 1.69  
Ladies' \$3.25 and 3.50 Shoes for 2.00

Misses Shoes just as cheap; come and look at the goods and you will buy them.

LADIES' WATER-PROOF SATIN SKIRTS.

150 SKIRTS FOR 1.16  
2.00 SKIRTS FOR 1.49  
250 SKIRTS FOR 1.79

Everything in Dress Goods regardless of cost price.

A good time to buy Groceries is when you can save 20 per cent.

Barnard & Campbell

CARLAND STOVE AGENCY.

PENINSULAR STOVE AGENCY.

## A LARGE CROWD

GREETED THE ACTORS IN "THE DANGER SIGNAL."

A Success in Every Particular.

The play "The Danger Signal" given by the G. E. society at the opera house, on Saturday evening was a success in every particular. Each part was excellently carried. Space will not allow us to do justice to those who took part separately but all deserve the highest praise. The singing was fine and each number responded to an encore.

A large audience greeted them and everyone was pleased. Over \$35 was taken in.

We understand that the company will put the play on at other places and if they do the citizens of our sister villages will have a rare treat.

## Local Dispatches.

Tonight,

Thursday,

Dec mber 22,

The first lecture on the course, John Brandt will lecture and exhibit 150 moving pictures of Spain, Cuba and America. Do not fail to hear him.

W. E. Murphy has a space in this issue.

Stockbridge is trying to raise the wind for a brass band.

Teeple & Cadwell have two advs. in this weeks issue—both are interesting.

Jim Smith has been trapping mink lately. He caught \$15.50 worth last week.

Mrs. Delia Mann is assisting in Sigler's drug store during the holiday trade.

Mrs. J. Young, of Carson, was the guest of her sister. Mrs. S. K. Haase this week.

Frank Hurk, of Williamston, was the guest of Frank Hall and family the last of last week.

Christmas exercises will be held in the Cong'l church, Saturday evening of this week. An interesting program has been prepared; everyone invited.

The Christmas exercises of the M. E. Sunday sc ool will be held at the church in this place on Friday evening of this week, commencing at 7.30. All are invited.

I. J. Cook, of Brighton, was in town Sunday shaking hands with his many friends. Mrs. Cook and Florence, who have been spending a week here returned with him.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Weltha L. Green and Rev. Edward H. Vail, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Green, at Pinckney, on Tuesday, December 27.

W. P. Schenk & Co. were well pleased with their sales here last week and have left the goods here for another week in the care of Barnard & Campbell. Bills were issued from this office the first of the week, announcing a continuation of the sale.

"Success" comes to sur table now regularly every week instead of monthly as before. As a monthly we considered it one of our best magazines and now that it is weekly, we are much pleased with it. As an incentive for young people to push and energy, it cannot be beat.

The following are the officers elected by the L. O. T. M. for the en suing year: P. L. C. Julius Sigler; L. C. Lida Coniway; Leut. C. Eva Wright; R. K. Delia Mann; F. K. Georgia Van Winkle; Captain Levina Cadwell; Sergeant Ellen Lake; M. at A. Ellen Kennedy; Sentinel, Edeline Barton; Picket Anna Francis; Organist Villa Martin.

## That Mad Dog.

The mad dog spoke of in a recent issue of the DISPATCH done more damage than was at first thought. Already several dogs and sheep have died and several dogs have had to be killed, and still others shot at being watched closely for signs of rabiesophobia. It is lucky that the dog was killed before reaching town.

## Tax Roll Notice.

The tax roll is now in my hands and I will be prepared to receive taxes off and after Friday, Dec 24th, 1898.  
For H. Teeple, Tax Collector  
At Pinckney, Ex. Tax Collector.

Who Said

ANYTHING

ABOUT

CHRISTMAS.



**WE DID**-Because there is no place like our store to buy your Holiday Goods. Our bright, clean, fresh stock of beautiful Christmas Gifts is ready for you. Just see them—You will rejoice and buy. The dollar you spend with us goes further, lasts longer, gives more satisfaction, gets more quantity, better quality and does more to make a merry and delightful Christmas than any money you can spend.

## YOU CAN HAVE YOUR WISH

Gratified, whether you are in search of something for the little or the big, the old or the young; whether you have little or much to spend, it makes no difference. We can meet all needs from our beautiful holiday stock.

F. A. SIGLER,

PINCKNEY, MICH.

We Never Fail To Satisfy.

Xmas finds us with one of the Finest Lines of Hardware In The

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Rogers' Silverware.

Lowest  
Prices  
In

Fruit Knives  
Fruit Holders  
Orange Spoons  
Nut-picks  
Tea spoons  
Coffee spoons  
Berry spoons  
Sugar Shells

Butter Knives  
Pickle Holders  
Soup Ladles  
Meat Forks  
Tea Pots  
Spoon Holders  
Syrup Holders  
Knives and Forks

Imitation Cut Glass, Silver Top Water Pitchers, Etc.

TEEPLE <sup>and</sup> CADWELL.

SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY.

Gentlemen's silk Neckwear

at wholesale prices

50 doz. Handkerchiefs

at prices ranging from 1c to 45.

Men's gloves and mittens

less 20 per cent

Ladie's Wool Hose,

22c

Table Scarfs

at 60c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00

Ladies' Underwear,

23c, 45c, 83c, 89c

Dress Goods,

less 20 per cent

Misses and Children's Underwear

at cost.

Ladies' Fascinators from

23c to 45c

Cream candy, per pound

10c

Chocolate candy per pound,

14c

Every item in our dry goods and shoe departments will be sold at prices to move them during these three days.

## SALES CASH

F. G. JACKSON.

## IN OUR GREAT STATE.

### THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

Farm Hand near Free Soil Kills His Sister, Her Husband and a Boy and then Commits Suicide—Undoubtedly the Deed of an Insane Man.

#### A CRAZY FARMER'S TERRIBLE DEED.

A farm hand named Walter Hitchings butchered three people on the farm of Wm. Hunt, two miles west of Free Soil, Manistee county, with an ax and a knife. The murderer afterwards cut his own throat. The dead are: Wm. Hunt, Mrs. Hunt, Thomas Hayward, a hired boy, and Walter Hitchings.

There are no living witnesses of the awful tragedy, but the story is told by surrounding circumstances. Hitchings was known to be slightly demented, but he was never very violent although quick tempered. He was a brother of Mrs. Hunt and made his winter home with the farmer. Hayward was 15 years old. The three men started out to cut wood, and it is evident that they had not long been at work when Hitchings was seized with an insane desire to kill, and raising his ax he brought the sharp blade down on Hunt's head, cutting the skull open. Young Hayward turned and ran in terror, but stumbled and fell and the madman was upon him in an instant and crushed his skull at a blow. The two died almost instantly. Hitchings returned to Hunt's body and dragged it to a brush heap where he carefully covered it up, but Hayward's body was only partially hidden.

The insane man then ran hastily to the house, grabbed his sister and with a big, dull jack knife terribly slashed and cut her in several places before he succeeded in cutting her throat. That the poor woman made a desperate fight for her life was evident, but her strength failed. The murderer made two gaping wounds in the back of her head, from which the brains oozed and then pushed the body under the bed. He then went up stairs and tried to cut his throat with the jack knife, but it was too dull so, with blood flowing from his hacked neck, he began to search for a razor. At this point Mrs. Kritzen, a Polish neighbor, and Hunt's eight-year-old daughter, ran over in response to Mrs. Hunt's screams. Hitchings started at the woman, brandishing the bloody knife, and she caught up the one-year-old baby from the floor and ran out, slamming the door behind her, and fled to her home with the children. By the time help has been called and reached Hunt's home Hitchings had completed his awful work and lay at the foot of the stairs with his throat cut from ear to ear, and a bloody razor beside him.

Hunt lived with his second wife, who was a sister of his first. A son by the first wife, aged 18, lives near Seattle, Wash., and another, aged 20, was at work at Millerton at the time of the tragedy. By his present wife Hunt had two children, a girl of 8 and a boy one year old, who are being cared for by kind neighbors. Hitchings and Hunt were each about 50 years of age. Mrs. Hunt was about 45 years old.

#### FARMERS' CLUB CONVENTION.

The sixth annual session of the Michigan State Association of Farmers' clubs was held at Lansing, nearly all of the 125 clubs belonging to the association being represented. Secretary C. M. Pierce, of Elba, reported the organization of 54 new clubs in the state during the past year, and the revival of a number of dormant subordinates. About 30 of the new clubs have joined the state association, making 125 clubs belonging to the latter. There are 350 local clubs in the state, and they have a total membership of more than 30,000. The address of President E. J. Cook dealt with numerous matters of importance. President Angell, of the U. M.; Principal R. G. Boone, of the state normal; President Snyder, of the Agricultural college and other educators addressed the association.

The resolutions adopted favored the Kimmins county salaries bill, the Atkinson equal taxation bill, the Torrens real estate transfer system, an income tax, postal savings banks and free rural mail delivery. The Agricultural college was indorsed. The canteen system in the army, the outrageous prices paid by the government for carrying the mails, and the proposed attempt to repeal a portion of the law requiring the closing of saloons on legal holidays were strongly denounced.

The officers elected are: President, L. D. Watkins, Manchester; vice-president, Mrs. H. N. Garner, Davisonburg; secretary, A. D. Cook, Owosso; director, C. S. Johnson, of Vassar, and M. H. Cradit, of Leoni.

The huge tank of the Roscommon smelter was burned. Loss \$500.

Twenty-five people figure on building an ice palace like that at Montreal.

Two F. & P. M. freight trains collided at Northville. Both engines and 18 loaded cars were completely wrecked.

The official vote shows that a total of 121,114 votes were cast in the state election. Pingree's exact plurality

#### State Grange Meeting.

Nearly every grange in the state was represented at the opening meeting of the Michigan State Grange at Lansing. Worthy Master George B. Horton, of Fruit Ridge, delivered an annual address full of important facts and recommendations. The treasury is in good condition now, and the prospects are good for undertaking some new lines of work. Thirty new granges were added during the year. The total number of subordinate granges in the state is now 270. The increase in membership has also been considerable.

The Grange adopted the recommendations of their executive committee which were very similar to the resolutions of the Farmers' clubs. The Agricultural college was given an enthusiastic endorsement, and the legislature was asked to make an appropriation for a building that will accommodate 150 women students.

The two farmer organizations held a joint opening meeting in Representative hall. Master Horton of the Grange presided, and addresses were made by Thomas Mars, of Berrien Springs; President Cook of the Farmers' clubs; State Librarian Spencer; A. C. Bird, of Highland; A. E. Palmer, of Kalkaska; Miss Jennie Buell, of Ann Arbor; K. L. Butterfield, of Lansing, and Gov. Pingree. The governor talked on state affairs, and captured the audience.

The report of Secretary Fuell, of the state grange, shows that the total receipts of the year were \$5,089.97, and the total disbursements \$4,159.23. During the year 15 entirely new granges were organized, and 17 surrendered charters were put in use again, thus making an increase of 32 subordinates. The following officers were elected: Master, George B. Norton. Fruit Ridge, unanimously re-elected for the fourth successive term; overseer, E. B. Ward, Charlevoix; lecturer, Mrs. Frank Saunders, Kent; steward, George L. Carlisle, Kalkaska; assistant steward, Wm. Robertson, Newago; chaplain, Mrs. Mary A. Mayo, Battle Creek; secretary, Miss Jennie Buell, Ann Arbor; treasurer, E. A. Strong, Vicksburg; gate keeper, M. H. Foster, Kent.

#### Three Killed by a Train.

A southbound engine on the Pontiac, Oxford & Northern railroad, struck a sleigh containing five people four miles north of Imlay City, throwing them out, seriously injuring two and killing three outright. The dead are: Mrs. Thomas Robb, of Lum; Walter Robb, aged 4; Mrs. John Yerkes' son, aged 12 months. The wounded are: Mrs. John Yerkes, of Port Huron, and Mr. Dawson, the driver.

The party in the sleigh had been visiting at Mrs. Robb's farm and were returning home when the light engine, running backward, struck the rear end of the sleigh as it was crossing the tracks near a curve.

#### STATE GOSSIP.

A 40-foot vein of coal has been struck at Alpena.

Major Kirk, of Adrian, sent \$75 to Co. B, 31st regiment, for a Christmas dinner.

The date of the dedication of the new law building at the U. of M. has been set ahead to Feb. 10.

Louis E. Babb has been appointed postmaster at Sutton's Bay, Leelanau county.

Fire destroyed the new Episcopal church at Lyons. The building was originally the Methodist church at Muir.

Wm. Marshall, of Saginaw, is forming a company to manufacture roof tile from shale thrown from coal mines.

Geo. Walcott, a farmer, was found on the railroad tracks near Battle Creek, terribly mangled. He will probably die.

The fraternal order of Washington and Lincoln, with headquarters at Detroit, has become insolvent and ceased doing business.

The immense table plant of the St. John's Manufacturing Co. is to be sold on Jan. 24. It has been in the hands of a receiver two years.

Henry Zeran, postmaster, and J. B. Mills, general merchant, of Prescott, killed two bears, weighing 498 and 391 pounds respectively, while hunting near the town.

Mrs. Elijah Corby, aged 65, widow, was burned to death at her home in Ray township, Macomb county. The house was destroyed and the body burned to a crisp.

Walter O. Roberts, aged 22, a brakeman, who was making his fourth trip, fell between the cars at Rives Junction and was instantly killed, his body being badly mangled.

The annual reunion of the Sixth Michigan Cavalry association which was to be held at Ionia on Jan. 1, is postponed one year. The place will be announced later.

Jonathan McGee, of Ypsilanti, who is over 100 years of age, applied at Ann Arbor for a marriage license. He forgot the lady's name and went back to Ypsilanti to ascertain it.

Wm. Vanlente, aged 30, while hunting near Holland, placed the butt of his gun on a log. Gun slipped, was discharged, and the top of Vanlente's head nearly blown off. He died instantly.

The annual report of the board of state auditors for the year ending June 30, 1898, shows that the total allowances of the board were \$361,439.82, against \$284,917.53 the preceding year.

I. M. Weston, formerly one of the most prominent Democratic politicians of the state and a business man of Grand Rapids, died in New York City and was buried in his native town, Madison, Me.

Henry A. Goodyear, aged 81, of Hastings, was a member of the 1847 legislature, which held its sessions at Detroit, and voted to locate the capital at Lansing. He has a clear recollection of early legislation.

The steamer Wyoming of the Lackawanna line sank in 18 feet of water, near Menominee, having been cut through by the ice. Her cargo consists of 3,500 barrels of chloride of lime and general merchandise.

A little 6-year-old son of Aug. Rumler, of Jackson, while left alone for a few minutes, upset a kerosene lamp. The blazing oil set the little one's clothes afire and before assistance reached him he was burned to death.

New Michigan postmasters: Leonard, Oakland county, Oliver S. Hibler; Silver, Houghton county, Samuel J. Dahlberg; Stephenson, Menominee county, Miss Louise Woessner; Stockbridge, Ingham county, Clarence S. Mills.

The following new postoffices have been established: Jack Pine, Crawford county, George Hartman, postmaster; Oliver, Lake county, Alex Wolcott, postmaster. Postoffice at Marion to be raised to presidential Jan. 1, with postmaster's salary \$1,100.

Rev. P. J. Sloane, of Owosso, gave a note for \$350 as premium insurance policy. When the note came due he denied the signature and refused to pay. He was sued and the jury awarded a judgement for \$357.45 against him, with costs.

Fred Von Hartmann was arrested in Kalamazoo on a charge of burglarizing two houses. The detectives threatened to use a stomach pump to see if he had eaten some pie and olives at one of the houses, and he confessed that he did. He was held for trial.

Mr. Darner and family, drove to Onekama, leaving three children at home. The older boys got down an old shotgun and while fooling with it accidentally shot their little 4-year-old brother, the whole charge entering the child's abdomen, killing him instantly.

Miss Ellen May Tower, a Detroit hospital nurse who went to Camp Willow to care for sick Michigan heroes returning from Santiago, and later went to Porto Rico to continue her heroic work at the call of Uncle Sam, succumbed to typhoid fever in Porto Rico.

Ernest Glynn was killed by his horse falling upon him. He had spent the evening at Olivet and started for home, four miles south, at midnight. Within a quarter of a mile of his home the horse shied at a snow-bank and threw the carriage down the bank on the opposite side of the road. The horse fell upon him and crushed him to death.

If no one else does so Gov. Pingree will ask the legislature to investigate the expenditure of the war fund. Most of the \$500,000 appropriated by the state has been expended, but Uncle Sam will reimburse the state to the amount of \$350,000 or more. The governor says that all he is afraid of is that the legislature will kick because he didn't spend more for the comfort of the boys.

Railroad construction in Michigan during 1898 exceeds 200 miles, as compared with 153 miles in 1897. Electric railroads have sprung up all over the state, seven companies with an aggregate capital of \$3,000,000, whose lines will extend 185 miles, have been incorporated during the year. Railroad Commissioner Wesselius says the electric roads should be brought under the supervision of his department.

While the steamer Aurora, with the Urania, from Duluth for Buffalo with wheat, was working through the ice fields at the mouth of Detroit river flames broke out and the captain scuttled her in 13 feet of water to prevent total destruction. The wheat cargo is a total loss. The barge Urania went aground on Bar point. The steamer C. A. Black, wheat, from Duluth, went aground at Bar point, also.

The Homeopathic Medical college of the U. of M. has arranged for post graduate lectures and a practical clinical course for the present collegiate year. The courses are arranged especially for physicians with a regular practice and little time for study. The clinical course will be free. The lectures begin on February 14 and continue until March 1. The clinical course begins Feb. 28 and continues for one week.

The Merchants' National bank, of Baltimore has commenced suit in the U. S. courts against the Ann Arbor Railroad Co., Wellington R. Burt and the Metropolitan Trust Co., asking to have set aside the recent foreclosure and sale of the Ann Arbor railroad, charging that through the misrepresentations of Burt the property was sold for \$3,000,000, while its value was \$30,000,000. The bank asks that a receiver be appointed to take possession of the property.

## NEWSY GENERALITIES

### ITEMS GATHERED FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

American and Spanish Peace Commissioners Sign the Treaty at Paris—The Dons Feel Very Bitter Against Uncle Sam—Death of Gen. Garcia.

The United States and Spanish peace commissioners concluded the work and finally settled the terms of the treaty of peace. The Spaniards are exceedingly bitter over the result, though observing the forms of friendliness and courtesy to the end. One of the Spanish commissioners said: "The European nations have made a great mistake in deserting Spain and leaving her to spoliation by the brute force of a conscienceless giant. They all know that in the Philippines America has taken more than she can digest. She will ultimately sell the islands to England or Germany, and when the transfer is attempted it will precipitate general European strife. We have refused to sell any island in the Carolines. We never thought of considering an offer. Nor have we consented to negotiate upon any questions except those directly involved in the protocol signed at Washington."

#### THE TREATY IS SIGNED.

As soon as the treaty of peace was engrossed the commissioners held their final meeting and signed the document, which contained 17 articles. After the treaty had been read in both Spanish and English two copies were passed around the table, the commissioners signing them in the order of their rank; William R. Day, Senator Cushman K. Davis, Senator William P. Frye, Whitelaw Reid and Senator George Gray; Senor Montero Rios, Senor Abarzua, Senor Garnica, Senor Villaurutia and Gen. Cererero y Saons, each commission signing its opponents' treaty. Both were tied with the Spanish, American and French colors.

Each copy contains the English and Spanish texts of the treaty in parallel columns.

Washington: The official news of the signing of the peace treaty was received in Washington with a general feeling of relief.

#### May Cause a Cabinet Crisis.

A special dispatch from Madrid says the position of the cabinet is most critical and that the resignation of the ministry is expected.

#### Gen. Garcia is Dead.

Gen. Calixto Garcia, the distinguished Cuban warrior and leader, and the head of the commission elected by the Cuban assembly to visit this country to confer with President McKinley and members of congress, died at the Hotel Raleigh, at Washington, where the commission has its headquarters.

The sudden change from the warm climate of Cuba, with the hardships he had there endured, to the wintry weather of New York and Washington is responsible for the pneumonia which resulted in his demise. In his dying moments, as all through his busy and active life, his thoughts were for his beloved country and its people.

Gen. Garcia was 60 years of age. He leaves an aged mother in Havana, a wife, two daughters and two sons. One son was with him when he died.

#### OF INTEREST TO HOUSE-KEEPERS.

Inasmuch as the World's Fair and the Iowa and Minnesota State Boards of Health, condemned baking powders containing alum it will be of use to our readers to have an official list of some of the powders in order that they may be able to distinguish between them and the pure and wholesome cream of tartar article. This is not an easy matter, as none of the alum compounds is labeled as such, but all masquerade as "pure," "best in the world," "none so good," etc. Our space will not permit of a complete list and we give the powders most generally sold in this section, which are known to contain alum:

Calumet.	J. C.
Chapman's.	Jaxon.
Chicago Yeast.	Kenton.
Crown.	Loyal.
Climax.	Perfection.
Davis O. K.	Rocket.
Delicatesse.	Snow Ball.
Grant's Bon Bon.	Unrived.

#### IMMENSE VALUE.

Reject all brands sold with a prize or at twenty-five cents or less a pound, as they are made of alum. Buy on the safe side and accept none other than Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder, which received the highest praise and honors at the World's Fair.

#### NEWSY BREVITIES.

Col. Wm. J. Bryan has resigned his commission in the volunteer army.

Admiral Dewey has raised the Spanish cruiser Isla de Cuba and sent her to Hong Kong for repairs.

Eighteen Spaniards were killed by the caving in of a brick sewer in which they were working at Barcelona.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, commander of the Seventh army corps, sailed from Savannah for Havana on the transport Panama, one of the 900 prizes captured in the American Spanish war.

## CONGRESS AT WORK AGAIN.

Senator Vest (Dem., Mo.) called up his resolution declaring it to be unconstitutional for this government to acquire foreign territory except for coaling stations or some like purpose, unless its intention was to confer statehood upon the territory and citizenship upon its inhabitants. In a lengthy speech Mr. Vest said that it was a basic principle of this government that "the powers of the government were derived from the consent of the governed," and maintained that the federal government had no authority either in morals or in the constitution to go beyond that principle. Senator Platt (Rep., Conn.) opposed Mr. Vest and said that at a later date he would go into the subject at length to show wherein the Missouri senator was wrong.

Rep. Hepburn, of Iowa, introduced a bill authorizing the President to acquire by purchase from the states of Costa Rica and Nicaragua full ownership, jurisdiction and sovereignty of such land as may be desirable and necessary to construct and defend a ship canal from ocean to ocean. The bill also appropriates \$140,000,000 to construct the canal.

Senator Turpie (Dem., Ind.), made a strong speech in opposition to the Nicaraguan canal bill, attacking it on the ground that it is in the interest of the Maritime Canal Co., which he characterized as a fraud and bankrupt. Mr. Morgan defended the bill and the Maritime Co. Messrs. Berry and Rawlins both offered amendments materially affecting the bill.

Rep. McClellan, of New York, introduced in the house a bill for the reorganization of the army. It was drawn after consultation with many officers and is supposed to represent the ideas of the younger element of the army. It makes some very radical changes in the staff and has some novel features. The house for the second time during this congress has refused to consider the Lodge immigration bill, which has passed the Senate. At the last session an attempt was made to take it from the speaker

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by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you will run blind, and an infected hearing tube will be entirely closed. Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Sold by Druggists, etc.  
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Most youngsters of the present day learn so rapidly that it is almost impossible for the high schools to keep up with them.

**Dr. Carter's K. & B. Tea**  
fees what other medicine does not. Regulates the four important organs—the body—the Stomach—Liver. Kidneys and Bowels. No package

Truth is stranger than fiction to most people probably because they don't care for an introduction.

**The Medicated Group Necklace** is the only Group safeguard known or sold. Price by mail \$2. Medicated Group Necklace Co., Oakmont, Pa.

When a man is riding a hobby it's always a good plan to give him the road.

**Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup**  
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 40 cents a bottle.

Art may be lost at times, but it's usually too short to make both ends meet.

My doctor said I would die, but also's Cure for Consumption cured me.—Amos Kelmer, Cherry Valley, Ills., Nov. 23, 1895.

Some feminine matchmakers seem to make a specialty of friction matches.

There are no cross babies or sick babies in families that use Brown's Teething Cordial."

It's a sad blow to the boxer when the box office receipts fail to pan out.

A cheap coat doesn't necessarily make a man, but it makes him feel that way at times.

## A FELON'S LOVE.

BY HENRY W. NESFIELD.

### CHAPTER XV.

The finding of the piece of waist-belt marked with Robert Luke's initials caused much excitement among the men on the station. Nothing more, however, could be discovered, and for several weeks Luke hunted about the place in vain, hoping that he might succeed in finding still another link in the chain of evidence which might lead to some trace of his lost brother.

In the meantime the whole colony had again become interested in the affair, chiefly from the fact that no traces could be found either of Baynes or his wife; and, as it became certain that the missing couple had not traveled toward the coast, as Baynes had said they intended doing, the matter grew daily more and more mysterious.

Days and weeks passed by, and yet nothing fresh concerning the disappearance of Robert Luke came to light. His brother began to despair, and at last one night he announced his intention of returning to England.

"It is of no use my remaining here," he said. "Besides I must go home and look after my business. I have done my best, and I can do no more. But to my dying day I shall believe that that Baynes and his wife were somehow or other mixed up with the disappearance of my brother."

That night he went up to the hut for the last time. Having strapped up the few things he possessed in his valise, he made all preparations for starting early the next morning. Then he retired to rest.

Once more William Luke dreamed. This time he heard the same voice crying out, "Help—help!"

He did not awake, but weakly answered in his sleep—

"I am here, Bob. What do you want? I have done the best I can, and I can do no more."

They were the words which he had used that night when he wished the men good-by. Presently his dream took a more substantial form. He beheld the hut in which he slept lighted by a solitary "slush" lamp. Upon the bed where he lay he saw the figure of a woman, sitting with her head resting upon her hands. She seemed to be reading some old newspaper, and remained perfectly motionless, as if deeply intent upon what she read. Then Luke heard a noise, as of some one outside the hut. In his vision his sense of hearing seemed almost painfully acute.

The woman also heard the noise, and raised her head as if in alarm.

He could not catch a glimpse of her face, for as she sat upon the edge of the bed her features were turned away from him.

Suddenly he heard a voice speaking from without. Luke started in his sleep, for it was the voice of his brother!

"Mrs. Baynes," it said in a clear, low tone—"Mrs. Baynes, would you kindly give me a drop of brandy, if you have such a thing? I am sorry to trouble you at this time of night, but I am not very well. I am Luke—Bob Luke."

The woman, as she listened, clasped her hands together as if in mortal terror, but she answered not a word.

Presently the voice came again, this time louder and with a more determined accent.

"Mrs. Baynes—dye hear, Mrs. Baynes?"

The woman rose stealthily from her sitting position and stepped toward the fireplace. Unhooking the great kettle that hung from an iron bar by a chain, she noiselessly removed the bar from its place and stood clutching it in her right hand, as if prepared to use it as a weapon of defense.

William Luke seemed to strain every nerve in his sleep as he endeavored to cry out; but his voice appeared to have left him and his limbs refused to do his bidding. He was like one paralyzed for the time being, with the powers of hearing and seeing alone left to him. Then he perceived that the door was being pressed in from without. The top part, where there was no bolt, showed signs of giving away; another heaving of the door, and yet another, a loud crash, and William Luke beheld his brother!

For several seconds, as it seemed to the dreamer, the figure of Robert Luke stood silently gazing at the woman, who stood defiantly facing him. William Luke beheld only the face of his brother. The woman's back was turned to him.

Robert Luke appeared to be dazed with the light and unable to see distinctly the objects around him. Suddenly however he seemed about to speak, but a noise from without the

hut, like the sound of a horse galloping up to the door, caused him to look round.

The woman, quick as thought, raised the cruel bar of iron in her hands and dealt him a heavy blow upon his skull; and with a wail of "Help—help!" Robert Luke fell face downward upon the floor.

Then came a blank in the dream, and William saw no more. Presently however he beheld the figure of his brother standing near the bed. Raising himself slowly, he gazed into his face, and, holding out his arms, he endeavored to embrace him.

His brother looked sadly into his eyes, and then, turning from him, moved slowly toward the fireplace, and vanished from his sight.

William Luke awoke to find himself standing on the bare earth of the hut. The moon shone brightly through the open window, upon the spot where, in his dream, he had last seen his brother. This time he remembered all he had dreamed.

"He is there," he cried—"foully murdered and buried there! Heaven help me if I am going mad!"

Then, rushing down to the huts where the men slept, he awakened the whole station.

In less than an hour sturdy men, with lanterns to light them at their work, were busily engaged with pick-axes and shovels in raising the hearth inside the hut.

Luke, in a wild state of excitement, was directing and urging them on to their labors. The scene was a curious one, as the whole population of the place was gathered in and around the hut speculating as to what possible discovery there might be made.

The men had removed the rough stones upon the hearth, and had dug some four feet deep into the earth, when they stopped to take breath.

"Go on—go on!" shouted Luke.

"Deeper down yet—deeper down!"

"Keep quiet, Luke!" remonstrated Mr. Hall. "Your exciting yourself like this can do no good."

Luke sat down upon a bench and buried his face in his hands. He could not endure even the moment's delay which the men required for rest from their toil.

Again the hut resounded with the sound of the pick and shovel at work. But Luke looked up no more. Mr. Hall's words had soothed his overwrought mind, and he waited patiently for what might come.

"Here's something anyhow," cried one of the men—"a man's hand!"

Luke sprang to his feet, now unable to control his excitement.

"Gently—we are on it now!" said one. "There is more beneath. Mercy on us—it's Bob!"

There, dismembered, lay the remains of what once had been Robert Luke.

"At last! I knew it—I knew it!" said a voice solemnly; and William Luke sank down upon a bench, shielding his eyes with his hands from the horrid sight, and cried, "Now—may Heaven send me my revenge!"

### CHAPTER XVI.

There was not the slightest difficulty in identifying the body, for the man's clothes, even to the other half of the broken belt, were buried with him.

When William Luke narrated his dream, men looked at one another aghast. Even the most skeptical could not doubt that he had actually seen a vision of the murder as it really happened. The one thing that grieved him was that he had been unable to see the face of the woman in the hut; and thus his suspicions as to the connection between Edward Bartlett, Anne Dodson, and the late occupants of the hut remained as unconfirmed as before.

Mr. Hall at once communicated with the police at Mount Gipps, and early the next morning four troopers and some black trackers appeared on the scene.

Nearly two months had elapsed since the departure of Baynes and his wife, and nothing at all had been heard of them. That they had murdered Robert Luke there could be no possible doubt.

The excitement on the station was intense, and people flocked from all parts of the country to witness the scene of the awful crime and to behold the man who had dreamed that fearful dream.

It was suggested that an expedition should be sent out to hunt all the country round about.

"If they are anywhere in the colony," said Mr. Hall, after a long consultation with the sergeant of the police, "it is my opinion that they have taken to the

back country somewhere in the direction of the Gray Ranges. There they might exist for years, if they happened to drop across a good water-supply, unseen by any mortal eye."

"But there is a vast sandy tract of country between this and the Gray, is there not?" inquired the sergeant.

"Yes," replied Mr. Hall; "but it is just possible that they succeeded in crossing it. This has been an unusually wet season; and, from what the stockmen have told me, all the creeks and 'clay-pans' out in that direction are full of water. Jack knows the country well—better than anybody about this neighborhood. He has often been out for weeks together after stray cattle that have gone that way."

"Very well, sir," said the sergeant;

"I am willing to do whatever you may think best."

"It is decided then," replied Mr. Hall.

"We will take two weeks' provisions on pack-horses, and see if we can't come across their tracks."

This seemed a most sensible plan to pursue, and accordingly a party was organized, consisting of the sergeant, three troopers, young Jack, Mr. Hall, William Luke, and—much to Mr. Hall's disgust—Sullivan the innkeeper.

Mr. Hall did his utmost to prevent Sullivan's joining the expedition, so great was his abhorrence of the man; but, as he had provided himself with a pack-horse well-laden with food and grog, Mr. Hall could not well prevent him from accompanying them.

As matters turned out, it would have been very much better for Mr. Sullivan if he had allowed himself to be dissuaded; but the majority of sensible people, when talking the affair over in after years, were decidedly of opinion that it was a very good job for every one else that he had joined the expedition.

The commotion on the station on the morning when the expedition started in search of the fugitives was tremendous.

Pack-saddles were being adjusted to restive brutes whose sole aim and object was to kick themselves free from their encumbrances. All sorts of things were forgotten and remembered just at the last moment.

At last the cavalcade got under way, and Mrs. Hall and her daughter watched it across the plain from the veranda of the house until the gumtrees, which lined the creek for some miles, hid it from view.

The expedition proceeded some thirty miles or more without any difficulty—in fact, the country was familiar to nearly all the riders. Several small out-stations were passed, where boundary riders and shepherds in Mr. Hall's employ lived their quiet uneventful lives.

At one of these they halted for the night, much to the disgust of the old "hatter" who lived there with his flock, and who nursed a wholesome antipathy to the entire human race. "Cranky Jim," he was called, and, if in love of absolute solitude entitled him to the name, he was undoubtedly deserving of it.

Had he seen two people pass that way about ten weeks ago? No, he had not seen two people pass that way—and, what was more, he did not want to see them. One was a woman, was it? Ah, well, a woman was caught to him; he had seen enough of women in his time, he had! His other remarks were so full of imprecations and blasphemy that Mr. Hall ceased to interrogate him.

On the second day they halted about noon in sight of the sand-hills. This was the great barrier which they knew lay between the grass country on the Barrier side and the Gray Ranges.

Mr. Hall had wisely insisted upon all the water-bags being filled up at the last good water-hole; and he felt convinced that, with the supply they carried, the fifty or sixty miles of desert ought to be safely crossed by man and beast.

It was within two hours of sundown when the little party entered the unknown region. The horses staggered wearily along, occasionally sinking into the sand up to their knees, and struggling through the scrub and prickly mimosa which grew plentifully in places upon the low hills.

Nightfall came on, and the cavalcade encamped; there was no sign of water, and they had to draw upon the supply they carried with them.

Jack Hall had more than once entered these inhospitable regions in search of lost cattle, and he was under the belief that a more fertile country lay beyond it—how far distant of course he could not say; but, from what he had gathered from the blacks he believed three days would see them through the worst of it.

For two long days the travelers toiled on through the heavy drifts of sand, but towards sundown on the third day they beheld trees ahead, at the sight of which their spirits rose amazingly.

Mr. Hall ordered half-rations of water to be served out to the men and horses, for he was by no means confident, because he beheld trees in the dim distance, that he was going to find a lake or an inexhaustible well.

Sullivan was the best-provided person of the company, for, besides two huge water-bags, he had a liberal supply of spirituous liquors, which he was very liberal in dispensing—to himself.

(To be Continued.)

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Susie—"Papa, what makes a man always give a woman a diamond engagement ring?"

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### Can You Solve This Puzzling Verse?

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Bid Sidney speak with freer speech,  
Let Spenser sing and Taylor preach.  
Though through all learning swift I glide,  
No wisdom doth with me abide."

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## Ladies Going to California

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# Pinckney Dispatch.

F. L. ANDREWS - EDITOR.

THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 1898.

## Interesting Items.

Thos. Birkett is preparing to take control of and operate the Dexter Mills.

In response to the query: "Do hogs pay?" a Missouri editor says: "A great many of them do not. They will take your paper several years and not pay for it, and then send it back marked "refused."

For the benefit of the public, we publish the following which was clipped from one of our exchanges: A gentleman well fixed financially, and drawing \$30 a month pension, wishes to correspond with single lady with view of matrimony. Address, M., lock box 12, Webberville, Mich.

The museum of pharmacognosy of the University of Michigan has received from Frederick Stearns & Co., of Detroit, a collection of forty rare crude drugs obtained by the senior member of the firm during his travels abroad, and some original containers for Russian ergot, cinchon and rose-water.

Girls are hereby warned not to marry an editor. Such a being in a near by town came near killing his wife one night recently. A servant awakened by the fracas, discovered the ink-slinger choking his better half. It transpired that a delinquent subscriber had payed up his subscription, and he was grasping his wife by the throat, thinking he had the money in his hands.—Caro Courier.

The solemnity of a religious gathering in the vicinity was rudely broken by one of the kids who generally occupy the rear seats. An old man was telling his experience, and, with tears in his eyes, was sadly bewailing his tendency to backslide, and asked the prayers of his brothers and sisters to help him. Up spoke a creaky voice from the rear end: "Chalk the seat of your pants uncle, and that will make you stick." Long faces were at a big discount for the remainder of the evening.—Yale.

A German farmer was driving to Yale with an empty wagon. The mud was deep and the wagon got stuck, and despite all the efforts of the team to pull it out continued to remain stuck. The German got out of the wagon flourished his whip and yelled at the horses, but still it stuck. Throwing lines down on the ground the German looked the wagon over with a perplexed air and then remarked: "Mein Gott, dot is a hell u fix. Vot will I do? Here I been shtuck in der mut mit a emby wagon unt noddings to unload.—Port Huron Times.

### Beats the Klondike.

A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Texas, has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike, for years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages, and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds,

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A Clintonite who was drunk was kicked out of the stable by one of his horses. The next day he was unable to account for the shaky feeling in one hand. The Local states that a friend gave him the following solution:

"This is the hand that raised the jing,

That caused old Sam to skin your mug."

During the month of November the average number of patients in the University hospital of the University of Michigan, was 814. This is the highest average on record for the hospital. The total number of patients registered was 185. Of these 90 were "in" and 95 "out." The highest numbered registered at any one time was 89, and the lowest 72. Owing to lack of room, it was often necessary to turn patients away, while as many as thirteen were at one time waiting outside for vacancies. The receipts for the month were \$1, 918.01.

The Michigan State Round-up Farmers' Institute for the present season has been placed by the State Board of Agriculture at Pontiac, Oakland county, and will be held March 1, 2, and 4. Extensive preparations are under way to make this the best meeting of the kind ever held in the State. No pains will be spared on the program, and the farmers all over the State are urged to make plans to attend the Institute. The Board of Agriculture has secured a railroad rate of one and one-third, and exceedingly low rates at Pontiac hotels.

A nurse at Camp Montauk, whose story interested me greatly, was Miss Rosa Dickmann, of New Orleans. When I saw her she was down with the fever herself, for she had nursed through evil days at Siboney and was paying now in her own health for the good she had done. She told me of former years when the great ambition of her life had been to achieve success on the stage. To this end she had been ready to sacrifice everything, and against her parents' wishes, she had come on to New York and gone through the prescribed course at a school of acting. Then, somehow, it had come to her that there was a more real thing for her to do than strutting and mimicking on the boards, and she had given up all her cherished hopes, satisfied and happy now, as she had never been in the knowledge that what strength and force there were in her would go to bettering the lot of others. And for some two years she had worked in the slums of New Orleans, preaching to the ignorant, ministering to the suffering; and when the war came she was one of the first to volunteer for duty at the front; and in the cause of duty she had been stricken down. All this she told me very simply, and it was easy to see that here was one who had found the secret of a serene mind.

—From "Stories of the Nurses," by Cleveland Moffett, in Demarest's Magazine for December.

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Saginaw Gd. Rapids Chicago 12:07 p.m.

Chicago and Intermediate sta. 12:35 p.m.

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Detroit and South 11:55 a.m.

Detroit East and Canada 12:40 p.m.

Leave Detroit via Windsor 12:50 p.m.

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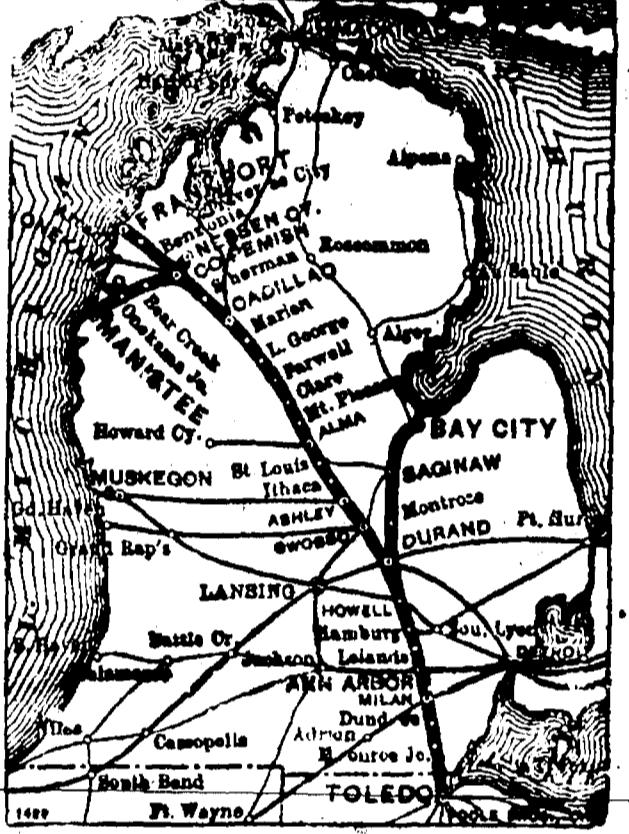
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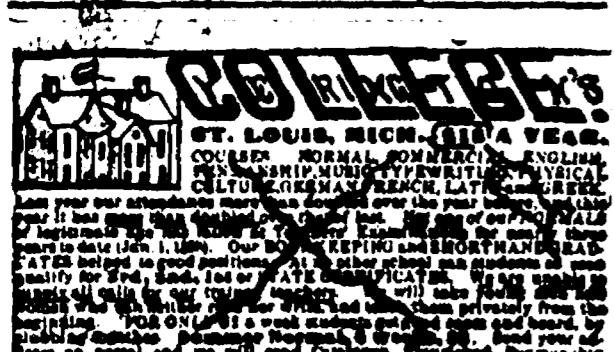
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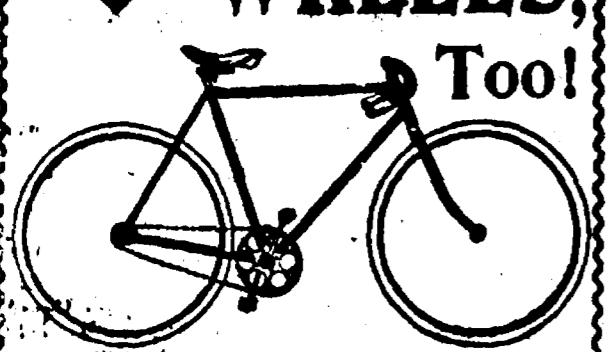
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### LOCAL NEWS.

C. L. Sigler was in Ann Arbor Monday.

Rev. Stonex, of Dexter, visited Mrs. S. K. Hause the last of last week.

Miss Cora Wilson closed her term of school in the Livermore district on Friday last.

Mesdames Daniel Richards and Michael Laye were in Howell on Friday of last week.

Mrs. Robert Culbane and son, Casper attended the funeral of a cousin at Brighton last Saturday.

Mrs. D. Chone and a number of other friends, from Detroit, were guests of Mrs. S. K. Hause the past week.

Mrs. Melvin Burgess, of Hartland, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Placeway. She will remain until after Xmas.

This is assessment month for both the Maccabees and the Loyal Guards. The members can assist the collectors very much by being prompt in the payment of dues and assessments.

In our haste last week, we forgot to mention a valuable item which was to the effect that our prominent health officer, Dr. H. F. Sigler was in Jackson a week ago Monday, on business. Ask Dr. if he ever got left and then fly your kite.

N. S. Harding and son passed through this place on Saturday last, on their way home, to Venice township, Shiawassee Co. They each had covered wagons and had been to Brockville. Pa on a visit, taking their families overland. Mr. Harding said they had a pleasant time but were glad they were nearing home. They started from Venice September 1.

At the Paris Exposition it is intended to devote a portion of the main American building to American newspapers, and each of the leading journals of the country will have space enough to allow a complete representation.

The average condition of wheat in the State December 1 was 100, comparison being with average years. The percentages by section are as follows: Southern counties 101, central 97, and northern 98. One year ago the percentage for the State was 88, southern counties 84, central 91, and northern 101.

Fine growing weather prevailed nearly all the fall, and wheat has made unusual fall but correspondents very generally report the plant looking yellow at the time snow came, and are not certain as to the cause. A large proportion believe it due to insects, principally Hessian fly and others to excessively wet weather. The ground has been lightly covered with snow much of the time since about the middle of Nov.

A melancholy picture of an editor in the State of Washington is drawn by the Roslyn (Mich.) Sentinel:

"There are always those who will kick. For instance, if you publish jokes with whiskers on them, some one will say you ought to be in a lunatic joint. If you don't print something to smile at, they say you are a pessimistic fossil. If you spread yourself a good original article, they will say it is stolen. If you reprint an article, they say you can't write. If you say a deserving word for a man, you are partial; if you compliment the ladies, the men are jealous and if you don't, the verdict of the ladies is to the effect that your paper is not fit to use in the construction of a bustle. If you stay in your office, you are afraid to remain on the streets; if you do, you are lazy; if you look seedy, you are squandering your money; if you wear good clothes, you are a dude and don't pay for them. If you play a social game of any kind and get stuck, you are a fish; if you win, you are a tin horn, and so it goes through one continual round of pleasant complications."

Everyone desires to keep informed on Yukon, the Klondyke and Alaskan gold fields. Send 10c for large Compendium of vast information and big color map to Hamilton Pub. Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

### W. C. T. U.

Edited by the W. C. T. U. of Pinckney.

An interesting meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. Leah Sigler, last Friday P. M., with the following officers: Pres. Mrs. Leah H. Sigler; Vice Pres. Mrs. Frank Grimes; Sec. Mrs. Etta Durfee; Treas. Mrs. Delia W. Mann. Meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Sigler Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2:30 P. M. Every one cordially invited.

The police commissions of Kansas, Mo., are a unit on the ruling that no saloons can be established near the public library.

A returned soldier says: What I saw in Cuba have strengthened my faith in the justness of the fight against the liquor traffic. Rum, wine and whisky could be obtained when a drink of cold water was not to be had for any price.

Those who drank suffered intensely. Those who have been in Cuba have learned that to drink alcoholic liquors is to take a short cut to death.

Premier Laurier says that in the province of Quebec nearly two-thirds of the rural municipalities are under a local option law. Out of 933 rural municipalities the number of municipalities under which licenses were issued last year was 830, while the number in which no licenses were issued was 603.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, President Slocum, of Kalamazoo college, addressed a mass meeting of Owosso on "Christian Economics." Incidentally referring to Gen. Shafter, his personal friend, President Slocum said Gen. Shafter said the canteen system of the army was a curse to young manhood, that he was opposed to it, and would not introduce it into his camp until he was ordered to do so by the secretary of war.

### CHRISTMAS and NEW YEARS HOLIDAY RATES.

The Grand Trunk Railway System will issue holiday excursion tickets at the rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip to and from all stations on their system west of the Detroit and St. Clair rivers and will also sell to all stations of connecting lines. These rates will include Canadian points west of and including Toronto, Niagara Falls and Buffalo, also Chicago. Selling dates for Christmas are: Dec. 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1898; for New Years: Dec. 30 and 31, 1898, and January 1 and 2, 1899. All being valid to return up to and including January 3, 1899.

Call on agents for time tables and information.

### Eyes Examined Free.

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Howell, Mich.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Livingston, S. S.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Probate Court for the County of Livingston, made on the 7th day of December a. d. 1898, six months from date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of

WILLIAM HEUHELER, Deceased.

And all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said probate court at the probate office in the village of Howell, for examination and allowance, on or before the 7th day of June next, and that such claims will be heard before said court on Tuesday, the 7th day of March, and on Wednesday, the 7th day of June next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of each day. Dated: Howell, Dec. 7, 1898.

Attest: H. Davis, Judge of Probate.

### Buckeye's Arnica Salve.

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### Business Pointers.

**A**CTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERY WHERE for "The Story of the Philippines," by Murat Halsted, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in a camp at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgents camp with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the rear of the battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Bring up pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large Low profit, no high profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unoriginal war books. Outfit free. Address: F. T. Barber, Sec'y. Star Insurance Bldg. Chicago.

No morphine or opium in Dr. Miller's Pain Killer. Cure All Pain. "One cent a dose."

### Two Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you cannot get a better price for it?

Ans—As there is no difference in the price, the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single scale, they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best?

If both articles are brought prominently before the public, both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass a judgement on them and use only the better.

This explains the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be depended upon. They may occasionally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims but are certain to return to the one reliable remedy and for coughs and croup, their is nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by F. A. Sigler.

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve and prevent the threatened attack. This same treatment will relieve a lame back in a few hours. Sold by F. A. Sigler.

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The wise man gets a lot of free instruction from fools.

An actor is naturally spiritless when the ghost fails to walk.

The new woman usually meets her match in the new servant.

It's always a great bore for the burglar if the safe is locked.

Fools oftentimes rush in where wise men would be afraid of the police.

Pleasure that isn't shared with another loses half its power to please.

There is always a tender connection between the locomotive and the train.

When a man is riding a hobby it's always a good plan to give him the road.

Some people are inclined to mind their own business, but lack the ability to do so.

The Texas steer is a pretty tough proposition—when you meet him in a restaurant.

The man with the narrow mind usually makes up for it in the length of his arguments.

The chaplain of congress will soon take a look at that body—and then pray for the country.

The poor optimist gets more real enjoyment out of his earthly sojourn than the wealthy pessimist.

The man who makes his wife get up and light the fire every morning of her life shows his appreciation by erecting a \$10 tombstone to her memory.

A Boston newspaper says that the unlimited enfranchisement of the negro was a mistake. Thirty years ago anyone in Massachusetts who would have uttered such a sentiment would have been invited to leave the state.

Mr. Carnegie is a tremendous benefactor to the human race. He has just entered a combination to increase the price of steel rails, although he admitted some time ago that his firm was making good profits at the old prices. As the railroads pay the increased price, they have to get the money back in the way of freight and passenger rates. The increase comes out of the pockets of the people and is unnecessary and unjustifiable.

The present generation is the first that has known the telephone and the bicycle. There are today more than a million telephones in use in this country. How many cycles there are no one knows. Both inventions save steps, time, labor and money. It is not easy to estimate what is the extent of the influence of such devices in bringing about social changes. We know that the influence is enormous, and that the world becomes year by year an easier place in which to live.

As we look through a telescope and obtain a glimpse of the wonders it reveals, or as we study the results which have been attained by experts in its use, the mind is naturally impressed with the grandeur and power of the Creator of the heavenly bodies. When we learn something of their movements so absolutely accurate that their phases and positions can be foretold with perfect certainty long centuries in advance, defying competition by the most perfect instruments of human devising, it is impossible with any show of reason to deny the controlling presence of an infinite mind.

There are now 161 high schools on the accredited list of the University of Illinois. A large number of these are to be re-examined this year, and the high school visitor is crowded with work, as never before. Schools are being accredited for whatever work is well done. There has thus been added the work of considering the claims of high school graduates to advanced standing. There are many high schools in the state that do more work than that required for admission to the university, and the university is anxious to recognize that fact and to encourage as much as possible such advanced work in the high schools. The university is careful also not to constrain small high schools to undertake more than can be well accomplished, and hence would prefer to accredit a small high school with less than the amount required for admission to the university than with the full amount less thoroughly done. While stimulating every high school to do all that it ought to do, the university at the same time desires that the high school shall work out its own problem spontaneously, rather than be constrained to external standards.

## FOR WOMAN AND HOME.

## General Items of Interest for Maids and Matrons.—The Home.

## Along the Noisy City Ways.

This was apparently written by the late Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, in his youth. It was found in one of his early note books for the year 1858, signed "P. B."

Along the noisy city ways  
And in this rattling city car,  
On this the dreariest of days,  
Perplexed with business fret and jar.

When suddenly a young sweet face  
Looked on my petulance and pain  
And lent it something of its grace  
And charmed it into peace again.

The day was just as bleak without,  
My neighbors just as cold within,  
And truth was just as full of doubt,  
The world was just as full of sin.

But in the light of that young smile  
The world grew pure, the heart grew  
warm  
And sunshine gleamed a little while  
Across the darkness of the storm.

I did not care to seek her name,  
I only said, "God bless thy life,  
Thy sweet young grace be still the same,  
Or happy maid or happy wife."

Pretty Gray Gown.  
A very pretty costume for outdoor wear is of dove-colored broadcloth.



The skirt fits tightly about the hips and fastens at the back with four small buttons. The blouse, which is very plain at the top and full at the bottom, is edged with black velvet.

The revers of the open jacket are lined with black velvet opening over a full front of pale gray chiffon, which is also trimmed with velvet and black edging. The sleeves are tight-fitting, with circular cuffs of black velvet.

The hat to be worn with this costume is of black velvet, with long gray plumes at either side. The hat is encircled with a black velvet plaiting, lined with gray. A steel ornament and a black aigrette decorate the front.

The collarette is of finely plaited black net, tied with black velvet ribbon.—The Latest.

## Ding-Dong-Bell Girls.

Over in Hampshire, England, there are four pretty girls who have mastered the rare—for a woman—accomplishment of bell ringing, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. These Hampshire girls are all members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change-Ringers, and also belong to the bands in their respective towns; two of them hail from Basingstoke and the other two from Alton. The latter are a clergyman's daughters and can be seen any Sunday morning or evening taking their place with the other ringers in the belfry and summoning the congregations to church, or, on

Thursday evenings, attending the weekly practices of an art with which they are now thoroughly conversant. No great effort is required to manage a bell. What is essential is knack, and this these girls possess in an eminent degree; they can ring a nine or ten hundredweight bell with ease. When at work they wear loose, easy costume, adaptable for other athletic exercises, and present a pretty picture as they take their places for the chime on the "ding-dong bell." So fascinating is the study of bell ringing that these enthusiasts spend hours over their books of instruction. A short peal is called a "touch," and when they meet for weekly practice and one of these "touches" is called by the instructor it is a great triumph when he announces "All's well."

## For a Young Girl.

A dainty semi-decolleté evening frock for a young girl is composed of pale-blue chiffon, trimmed with insertion to match and tiny ruffles of cream colored lace. Four narrow lace ruffles encircle the neck and ornament the front of the corsage.

The full front is of plain chiffon, trimmed at each side with wide bands of blue silk and chiffon insertion, edged with narrow ruffles of lace. These embroidered bands begin at the back on a line with the belt, crossing over the shoulders to the front, continuing to the bottom of the skirt. The pretty elbow sleeves are quite full, having a small shirring on the inside seam. The sleeves are unlined, so that the arm may be seen through the chiffon. They are finished at the elbow with a full ruffle of blue embroidery, edged with cream lace, and a large bow of blue ribbon.



Two large satin bows ornament the shoulders.—The Latest.

## What a Star Demands.

"My friend," said Mr. Stormington Barnes, "you lack experience in playwriting. Your ideas of construction are painfully unpractical; painfully so. Why, there is scarcely five minutes in the piece that the star isn't on the stage!"

"But I—er—I thought a star rather liked that sort of thing."

"Not these days. You must leave him at least twenty minutes in the second act so that he can get around to the box office while the money is being counted."—Washington Star.

A little masculine remorse often goes a long way with a woman.



## Former Ohio Senator Dead.

Ex-U. S. Senator Calvin S. Brice died at his residence in New York City of pneumonia. He contracted a severe cold one week before. At Mr. Brice's bedside when he died were Mrs. Brice, Capt. Stewart M. Brice, John Francis Brice, Misses Helen and Kate Brice. Another son, W. K. Brice, is on his way home from China. Mr. Brice was delirious for 24 hours before his death.

Calvin S. Brice was born at Denmark, O., on Sept. 17, 1845. He served through the civil war, enlisting as a private and at the close of the war was appointed lieutenant colonel. He graduated from Miami university at Oxford, O., and from the University of Michigan. In January, 1890, he was elected senator from Ohio for the term beginning March 4, 1891. Senator Brice was a keen man of affairs and left a fortune well up in the millions. He was actively interested in many financial undertakings, particularly in railroad interests.

## Five Killed by a Flood in the Streets.

A new steel gas tank of immense proportions, surrounded by a wall of masonry several feet thick, had just been completed by the Consolidated Gas Co., at Avenue A and Twentieth street, New York City, and was being tested by being filled with water when the structure gave way with a tremendous crash. A wall of water over 10 feet deep swept through the streets of the neighborhood carrying death and destruction. People were caught in the streets and some were swept from the lower floors of houses. Five persons were killed outright and fully 30 badly injured. The loss to business houses, factories and homes will be heavy. The tank which went down was 178 feet in diameter, 160 feet deep, extending 50 feet above the earth, and was filled with 8,000,000 gallons of water. It is a complete loss—\$300,000.

## THE NEWS CONDENSED.

The Stars and Stripes have been unfurled over Marianao, a suburb of Havana.

President McKinley intends to visit Cuba and Porto Rico as soon as Congress adjourns.

Secretary of the Interior Bliss will resign soon owing to the press of his business interests.

Assistant Naval Constructor Richard P. Hobson has been nominated to be a naval constructor.

The value of public property inuring to the U. S. by the annexation of Hawaii is estimated at \$10,418,740.

William Black, the novelist and associate editor of the London Daily News, is dead in London. He was born in 1841 at Glasgow.

The battleship Massachusetts struck an obstruction in New York bay which may cause the big craft to go out of commission. The damage was thought to be slight at first, but an examination shows that the keel is buckled for 240 feet and frames are twisted in about 17 different places in that distance.

The French government ordered the temporary release of Col. Picquart. Demonstrations resulted on the streets which spread to the chamber of deputies. In the chamber the Dreyfus discussion caused a violent uproar, during which the deputies engaged in a series of fights. At least two duels will follow.

The report of an understanding between France and Germany since the Fashoda quarrel between France and Germany is supported by the fact that Count von Munster, the German ambassador at Paris, gave a dinner at the German embassy in honor of M. Delcasse, French minister of foreign affairs.

A Washington correspondent says: "I have ascertained from the highest source that President McKinley has no thought of ignoring or violating British rights under the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty. On the contrary, when the proper time arrives England will be invited to co-operate regarding the Nicaraguan canal."

## THE MARKETS.

## LIVE STOCK.

New York—Cattle Sheep Lambs Hogs  
Best grades... \$5.00-\$1.50 \$1.50 \$2.00 \$3.75  
Lower grades... \$3.50-\$2.50 3.00 3.00 3.50

Chicago—  
Best grades... \$1.00-\$2.50 4.25 5.25 3.40  
Lower grades... \$3.50-\$4.75 2.50 4.00 3.50

Detroit—  
Best grades... \$1.00-\$2.50 4.00 5.25 3.25  
Lower grades... \$2.00-\$3.15 3.00 4.25 3.10

Buffalo—  
Best grades... \$1.75-\$2.25 4.40 5.40 3.45  
Lower grades... \$2.50-\$3.00 3.25 4.25 3.25

Cleveland—  
Best grades... \$1.75-\$2.25 4.00 4.80 3.40  
Lower grades... \$2.50-\$3.00 3.00 4.00 3.20

Cincinnati—  
Best grades... \$1.00-\$2.40 4.00 5.00 3.50  
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Pittsburg—  
Best grades... \$1.50-\$2.75 4.25 5.25 3.60  
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Best grades... \$1.00-\$2.50 3.00 3.50 3.00

Detroit—Hog, No. 1 timothy, \$1.00 per ton.  
Potatoes, 5¢ per bushel. Live Poultry, spring  
Chicks, 7¢ per dozen. Eggs, 4¢ per dozen.  
Ducks, 6¢ per dozen. Turkey, 10¢ per dozen.  
Butter, best dairy, 10¢ per lb. Butter, 8¢

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## Tommy O'Dowd's Christmas.

THE SHADOWS OF Christmas eve were falling over the city as George Thomas, a New York city mechanic, stepped down on the sidewalk in Park place on his way homeward. His earning capacity was \$18 per week, but because of the prevailing hard times his income had been reduced to \$12. This sum, with some little change, comprised his cash capital. As he buttoned his coat about his neck he reflected ruefully that this was a very small sum with which to meet his expenses and to buy Christmas presents. The wind blew briskly down Park place as he walked toward Broadway, thinking of the coming rent day, the empty coal bin, and the new dress he had promised his wife. His thoughts were saddened as he remembered that his little boy would have been nearly five years old had he lived until Christmas. There was a sense of constriction in his throat as he thought of last year's Christmas tree, bright with spangles, irradiated with light and whitened with popcorn balls. Then against the walls of memory stood out clear and distinct the figure of his little boy standing in his white nightgown in the gay dawn of Christmas day, with flushed cheeks and eyes dancing with delight, looking at the marvelous Christmas tree.

On Park row, near the corner of Chambers street, there was a toy store of most wonderful variety. As Thomas came down the street, his mind intent on his own misery, his gaze fell upon one of the most pathetic figures he had ever seen. Before the window of the toy store stood a little boy, whose nose was flattened against the pane. His body shivered with the cold, but his soul was afire with desire, which was expressed in his hungry



"SAY, MISTER, LIF' ME UP."

eyes. Thomas estimated his age at 5 years. He wore an old coat, which had evidently been made for a boy twice his age. This usurped the place of buttons on the garment. His feet were thrust into a pair of puffed gaiters, admissions wear affording excellent breath ventilation. His trousers, held up by pieces of string, were frayed and windowed in a manner suggestive of the fact that the boy had been dandied upon poverty's knee. Thomas took in all these details as he stopped beside the boy and watched him. The in-

durated expression in the little face, the pinched nostrils, the blue circles under the eyes, and the wofish look on the wan features faded away as the child turned to Thomas and said:

"Say, mister, lif' me up so I kin see de candy cigarettes!"

Thomas lifted the boy in his strong arms so that he's range of vision included all the Tantalus delights of the bazaar.

"I wish me mudder was goin' t' hav' a Krismuus tree, but she says she can't have none dis year, 'cause she ain't got no dust. She scrubs in de Morse buildin' en gets \$4 a week. Say, dat's a lot o' money, ain't it? Hullie gee! Look at de dinky little tin sojer! Ain't he a corker! Mister, is your little boy goin' to hav' a Krismuus tree?"

"I'm afraid not this year sonny," Thomas replied. "My little boy is in Heaven."

"Where's dat? Across de river?"

"Yes, it is across the river," replied Thomas, gravely, putting the little fellow down upon the sidewalk. "What is your name?" he continued.

"Tommy O'Dowd," replied the boy, "and I live in Middle alley."

"Well, Tommy," said Thomas, "you go with me to the telegraph office and then I'll go home with you."

And so, hand in hand, the strangely assorted pair went to the telegraph office and Thomas sent this dispatch to his wife in Harlem:

"Dear Mollie: Detained down town by important business. Will be home at 11 o'clock."

"Do you know the way home?" asked Thomas as they came out of the telegraph office on Park Row again.

"Yes," said Tommy, scornfully. "I know all de streets. Ye goes down New Chambers street till ye comes to Roosevelt, den ye goes down Roosevelt till ye gets to Cherry en den y' are in Middle alley."

They followed this itinerary, Tommy running ahead to point out the way. They entered the alley between two enormous brick tenements, through a big iron gate, and after a wearisome climb up crooked stairways arrived at the O'Dowd residence. Tommy went into the room, and as Thomas lingered on the threshold he heard a strident voice say:

"So that's you, you little scut! Sure you had the heart o' me ar bruk I was that frecken! Ah, good evenin' to ye, sir," as Thomas stepped inside. "Come in, sir. It's jittle we have, but ye're walkin' ga if 'twase a palace, sir. Tommy, ye amodhoun, you, get the gentleman a chair."

"I hope you will excuse me, Mrs. O'Dowd," said Thomas, "but I saw your little boy looking in a toy store window and thinking he might be lost I came home with him."

"Now, ain't that kind o' you, sir," exclaimed Mrs. O'Dowd. "Sure it's not many would do the same, so there."

"But ye needn't be frecken about that little blaggard. Faith, he'd find his way from Harlem to the Bathtery, so-he-would."

In such genial converse the time passed, while Tommy and his mother supped on mackerel and potatoes. And when Tommy had been tucked away for the night in his mother's bed under the mantel, on which stood a plaster cast of the Virgin, with hands outspread in benediction, Thomas had a whispered talk with Mrs. O'Dowd, interrupted at frequent intervals by such exclamations as, "Oh, dear, may your shadow never grow less!" "May your wife never attend your funeral," etc.

At 9 o'clock Thomas was walking up Roosevelt street with eager footsteps. He stopped at a grocery store and made

a purchase, then hurried up into Park Row again. The toy store man was putting up his shutters, but Thomas prevailed on him to go inside, and at 10 o'clock he was back in Middle alley again. Tears of delight filled Mrs. O'Dowd's eyes as she met him at the entrance to the alley and led him up the labyrinthine staircase. There was more mysterious whispering. Then Mrs. O'Dowd flew downstairs again to get a bundle of kindling wood. It was well that Tommy was a sound sleeper, as the fleeting forms of shadowy figures and the rustle of papers would have disturbed him.

It was 11:30 when Thomas arrived at home and greeted his anxious wife. When they retired Thomas said:

"Molly, set the alarm for 4 o'clock tomorrow, and get your wraps ready, for I intend to take you along to help play a joke on Tommy O'Dowd."

She plied him with questions, he gave her evasive replies. At 5 o'clock Thomas and his wife arrived at Middle alley.

"Is he awake?" he asked anxiously of Mrs. O'Dowd, who met them at the door.

"No; the saints be praised, he's sleepin' like the dead. Come here at the due and watch."

The door had been thrown wide open, but Mrs. O'Dowd had hung her Sunday shawl over the opening. Behind the folds of this garment the three persons watched and waited. The blinds had been carefully closed, so that not a ray of sunlight came into the room. Three kerosene lamps were blazing with light to their utmost capacity. It was painfully still in the room, and by listening intently Thomas as thought he could hear the gentle breathing of the little boy. As the minutes ticked slowly away the suspense was almost unbearable. A movement in the bed caught the ears of the listeners. Then the bed clothes were thrown aside and the little fellow sat upright, apparently paralyzed with amazement. Upon a little table between the windows stood a Christmas tree two feet tall stuck into the middle of a bundle of wood. The light was reflected from a hundred pieces of red paper tied to the scrawny boughs, a dozen red and white popcorn balls hung like apples on the limbs. Little candles twinkled through the scant foliage, while barber-pole candy, a tin soldier and a jumping jack were prominently displayed. It was an Aladdin-like scene. And before this radiant vision, like a saint before a shrine, with hands clasped in adoring admiration, stood little Tommy, while his mother was weeping tears of joy with his face hidden in the shawl.

Thomas and his wife stole quietly out and left them.

"George, stop," said Mrs. Thomas



"THE LITTLE FELLOW SAT UP-RIGHT."

when they reached the corner of Roosevelt and Cherry streets. Uplifting her face, which was convulsively working with tender emotion, she said:

"What did it cost to play that little joke on Tommy?"

"Just 71 cents, sweetheart," he replied.

They walked on for another block. But Mrs. Thomas was bubbling over with excitement, and she stopped her husband again and exclaimed:

"But you haven't any Christmas present yourself."

"Nonsense, Molly, haven't—"

He was interrupted by two soft arms around his neck and a kiss. Then Molly began to cry. But George quickly soothed her, and as they sat in the elevated car flying toward Harlem he said:

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#### HAMBURG.

The Ladies Aid will meet at Mrs. McGathy's home next Thursday.

The roads in some places near here are very badly drifted with snow.

The new cheese factory is now doing excellent work, using about 1400 pounds of milk per day.

Mrs. Bert Royce and grand-daughter, Pauline, have returned from a five weeks visit with friends in Ill.

All are cordially invited to the Christmas entertainment, given at the M. E. Church next Saturday night.

The party given by the Macabees last Friday evening was a great success. A gentleman from Pettyville drew the silk quilt.

Parties from Brighton received some bad injuries from being tipped over and the horse became frightened and dragged them for some distance through the drifts.

The people of this village listened to a sermon preached by the evangelist, Mr. Emrick, who has been holding revivals at Whitmore Lake. Efforts will be made to secure Mr. Emrick for a few meetings in this place soon.

#### PARSHALLVILLE.

Jim Murphy's oldest boy has scarlet fever.

Miss Minnie Cole is home for a few days.

Charlie Townsend is home to spend holidays.

Ben. Whitehead and wife visited friends here Saturday.

Mrs Myrtie Kark is spending a few weeks with friends in St. Johns.

Mrs F. Kirk and daughter visited at O. Sanborns in Linden last Saturday.

Geo. Cornell spent the last of the week at H. Whiteheads, near Linden.

Frank Bateler and wife visited relatives in Milford last Thursday and Friday.

H. Slover and wife celebrated their wedding anniversary Thursday eve of this week.

B. F. Andrews and wife, F. Kirk and wife visited at Daniel Betts, in Tyrone, one day last week.

There is to be a big hunt next Saturday and an oyster supper which will be served by the new store firm.

#### CHAPEL ITEMS.

Merry Christmas to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bland called on relatives here Saturday.

Daniel Wright and wife visited in Dexter the last of the week.

W. B. Miller and wife are to spend Christmas with friends near Jackson.

H. F. and C. L. Sigler called on Will Foster Sunday. Will is quite poorly.

Miss Kate Wasson of Perry, and Ed. Sharp of Williamston, called on Myrtle Miller Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sheets attended the play at Pinckney Saturday night and pronounced it fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bowman and Jas. Green spent Sunday at C. L. Bowman's.

The party at Silas Wasson's was well attended. Miss Katie Wasson was home from Perry also Miss Esther Sharp.

#### EAST MARION:

Cyrus Bennet was in Howell Monday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Richards last week, a daughter.

Dr. Claude Sigler was called to see Mrs. West Hendee on Sunday.

Miss Rose Dunn was called Sunday to Pleasant to attend her niece.

Marion Harrington and wife visited their daughter in Detroit last week.

Master Harold Elliot fell on the stove and was burned badly last week.

Mrs. S. Hause, sister and brother, R. F. Hause, visited Mr. Fish and family last week.

The Ladies Mite society of the North Hamburg church, presented Rev. W. W. Pierce on Sunday last with a very beautiful quilt, needle pattern.

Mr. Farley is moving his barn on a basement foundation which will much to its convenience.

#### ANDERSON.

The meeting of the Anderson Farmer's club postponed from last week, was held Saturday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hemmingway.

After the usual good dinner the president called the meeting to order. As soon as the minutes of the last meeting were read the president appointed a committee to draft a memorial upon the death of James Durkee, and to have the same published in the Pinckney DISPATCH.

A. Frost, as chairman of the delegation elected to attend the county convention of Farmers' Clubs, made his report of what was done there.

Then followed the singing of parts of "Marching through Georgia," "The Old Oaken Bucket" etc., but the chorister, Fred Hemmingway, not being in the room at the time, the music failed for the want of a leader. The remainder of the program was as follows:

Paper "Is it best to hold the Philippines?" by C. A. Frost. Discussion led by Lucious Wilson.

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In the paper on "Culture" Mrs. Nelson Burgess said many good things among them being "That nothing grows in the most perfect state without careful culture." In the discussion by Mrs. F. W. Allison, the same idea was carried out, that the higher culture of the mind meant nobler and better lives.

A recitation, "At the Fair," by Clara Ledwige, in her best style, brought down the house, and it will be some time before the "generous farmers 5 cents" will be forgotten.

A solo by Florence Marble followed after which the club decided that the next meeting should be held the second Saturday in Jan. at the home of C. N. Bullis in Unadilla, and the dinner to be of oysters.

#### MEMORIAL.

Whereas, it has pleased the Creator, in his wisdom, to remove from our midst a respected friend and member of our club in the person of Mr. James Durkee; and

whereas, we as a society shall sorely miss the aid and helpfulness which he was wont to give; and

whereas, we feel together with the nearest and dearest friends of the deceased, the most sincere sorrow at his departure and realize that companionship in trouble lightens the burden of grief; therefore be it

Resolved, that we as members of the Anderson Farmers' Club extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of the late James Durkee;

and hope for them, that the darkness of the present hour may soon pass away and that the rugged pathway of life for today may merge into an open though roughfare for the morrow.

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Present: Albird M. Davis, Judge of Probate.  
In the matter of the estate of James E. Durkee, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified of Elizabeth J. Durkee, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to herself or some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered that Friday, the 18th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be assigned for the hearing of said petition.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the Pinckney Dispatch, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

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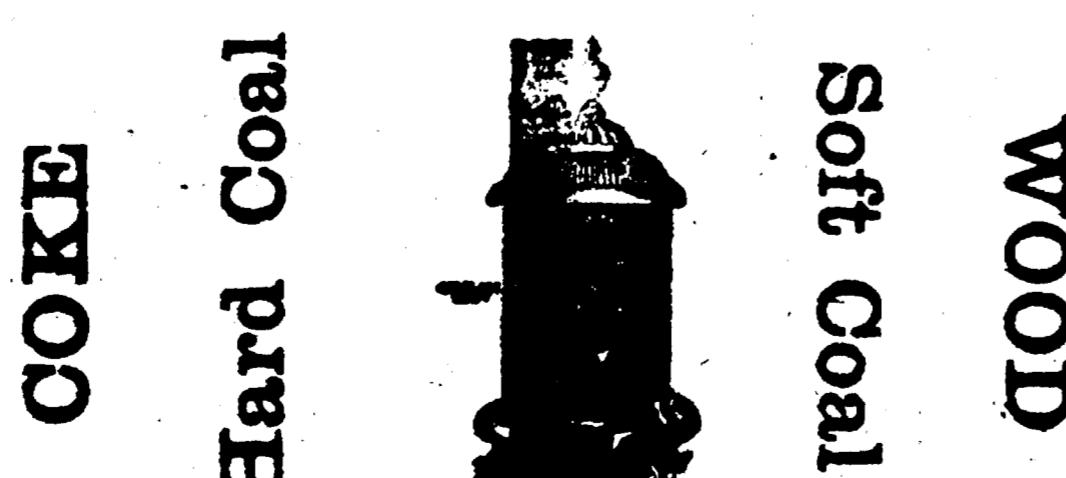
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Citron	Lemons	Rolled Oats
Cod fish	Lamp Chimneys	Rice
Canned corn	Licorice	Soap
Cloves	Lard	Sour Kraut
Currants	Mince Meat	Salmon
Candies	Molasses	Sardines
Cocoanut	Mustard	Stove polish
Chocolate	Maccaroni	Shoe strings
Corned beef	Milk	Soda
Coffee	Matches	Starch
Cookies	Mixed nuts	Sul soda
Cheese	Maple Sugar	Sugar
Cough drops	Nut Megs	Syrup
Crackers	Onions	Tea
Cigars	Oil Cans	Trix
Crocks	Oysters	Tacks
Cigarettes	Oil	Tooth picks
Catsup	Pipes	Tapioca
Cocoa	Pickles	Tomatoes
Cinnamon	Peas	Thread
Cichoric	Pepper	Vanilla
Dust Pans	Pumpkin	Vinegar
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# DISPATCH SUPPLEMENT.

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## Additional Local.

Tell us where you spend Christmas.

Only one more issue of the DISPATCH this year.

Bad storm Monday—took the sleighing with it.

Yesterday, Dec. 21, was the shortest day of the year.

F. G. Jackson has purchased a fine line of samples and will sell them at a close figure. See his adv.

Mrs. Flora Snyder and daughter, of Horton, are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Green.

The Christmas exercises of St. Mary's church will be held in the church next

Monday evening, Dec. 26. Admission 10 cents.

A large crowd was present at the Cong'l church last Sunday morning to listen to Rev. Jones farewell sermon. He leaves for Chelsea this week.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of Pinckney, will present their popular 4 act drama at the new Maccabee hall, Gregory, New Year's eve. Admission, 10 and 15 cents; reserve seats, 20 cents.

On Saturday last Fred Teeple and party caught a bushel basketful of fine bass and pickerel with hook and line on Rush Lake, near Pettsville. The smallest weighed about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds and the largest 5 or 6. It was as fine a catch as has ever been taken from that lake.

## PETTESVILLE

S. G. Teeple was in the county seat last Wednesday.

Jas. VanHorn was in Brighton on business, Monday.

Steve VanHorn and wife were in Brighton Saturday.

Frank Fuller and wife visited at P. W. Coniway's last week.

Ed Breningstall is entertaining his son-in-law from Petersburg.

J. W. Placeway visited friends in Iosco Saturday and Sunday.

The social and fair last Friday evening was well attended—the proceeds was over \$30.

## MARION

John Bruff is spending a few days with relatives at Owosso.

Mr. Chrisler of White Oak, spending a few days at the home of John Witty, Jr.

The first quarterly meeting of the Marion charge was held at the Center church Sunday, conducted by Rev. E. B. Bancroft.

Rev. A. S. Blood is holding revival meetings at the Center church. Rev. Chas. Vines of North Howell helped him two weeks. Rev. Baldwin, of Vernon, was present Sunday at which time five made a start to lead a new life. Meetings will continue all this week.