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SPECIALS

FOR

Saturday, Jan. 11

2 Cans Salmon	27c
1 lb. Baking Powder	19c
1 Bottle Olives	7c
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ALL SALES CASH

W. W. BARANRD

Meeting of the Putnam and Hamburg Farmers Club

The Putnam and Hamburg Farmers Club were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Schoenhals on December 28.

About forty were present and all enjoyed the social hour and good dinner. After the usual committees were appointed by the president the following program was rendered:

Song by club.
Recitation by Miron Schoenhals
Reading by Viola Bergin.
Recitation by Murna Schoenhals
Song by Harold Bates.

The question box was brought forth and many lively discussions followed on the Mortgage Tax Law, State Reward Roads, and The Keeping of Farm Accounts. After the president had appointed the following committee; Mr. Baker, Mr. Hendrick and Mr. Conway to arrange a program for each meeting of the coming year, the club adjourned to meet with Mr. and Mrs. John Chambers on Jan. 25, 1913. At this meeting members will respond to roll call with current events. Topic, Growing and Handling Dairy Cows. Leader, W. C. Hendee. Discussion led by S. E. Swarthout.

Had a Full House

The Columbian Dramatic Club under the auspices of St. Mary's church presented the play, "The Dust of the Earth," before a full house Thursday evening, Jan. 2. The play was exceptionally well chosen and each and every one of the cast lent themselves well to the character they impersonated.

Father Coyle, the instructor as well as the young people who made up the repertoire worked hard and faithfully to make the play a success as indeed it was beyond all question.

The total receipts amounted to something over \$117.00, about sixty numbers being sold for the dance which followed the play.

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R. W. Caverly.

Eightieth Birthday

H. G. Briggs is another Howel man who reached earth on New Years day in the morning. It was eighty years ago that Mr. Briggs arrived in the first of the seven ages. That was quite a time ago and in the mean time Mr. Briggs has become a father and a grandfather. So his sons and daughters decided to show father a good time on his birthday. They did. The family gathered from Detroit, Lansing, Pinckney, Pingree, and Osceola, took Mr. Briggs and the house by storm, and had the jolliest kind of a time—Tidings.

Cong'l Church Notes

Services in the Cong'l. church Sunday Jan. 12 as follows: Morning service at 10 a. m. Subject, "What Constitutes Life." Communion will be administered after sermon.

Evening service at 7 p. m. Subject, "Spiritual Discontent." To these services we give all a cordial invitation to attend.

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FEDERAL PROTECTION OF BIRDS

By **WILLIAM I. HORNADAY**
Director of the New York Zoological Park

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THE United States department of agriculture is responsible for the startling statement that, in the year 1904, insect pests cost this country no less than \$420,100,000. Here are the figures of government experts:

Product	Percentage of Loss	Amount of Loss
Cereals	10	\$200,000,000
Hay	10	50,000,000
Cotton	10	60,000,000
Tobacco	10	5,000,000
Truck crops	20	53,000,000
Sugars	10	5,000,000
Fruits	20	21,000,000
Farm forests	10	11,000,000
Miscellaneous crops	10	5,800,000
Total		\$420,100,000

Keeping in mind this enormous loss, consider also the following facts:

- (1) That insectivorous birds do more than all other agencies combined to keep down insect pests;
- (2) That such birds undoubtedly are rapidly decreasing in number; and that, therefore,
- (3) Destructive insects are, in all probability, increasing very rapidly,



The Robin.
Highly Valuable as an Insect and Grub Destroyer, But Murdered by the Thousands for Pot-Pies in the South.

with the result that the damage they do is mounting up, year by year.

It is perfectly apparent that here is a situation which demands immediate action, and that this action should bring about the vigilant protection for all time, and in all parts of the country, of all insectivorous birds. Many of the most useful of these birds are already on the toboggan slide toward extermination, as the result of stupid state legislation, or the lax enforcement of such laws as have been enacted. To be explicit:

There are seven states in which the robin is being legally killed by the tens of thousands annually as "game." These states are Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Maryland.

The black bird is legalized "game," and suffers the same fate in four states—Louisiana, South Carolina, Tennessee and Pennsylvania—and the District of Columbia besides.

Doves are slaughtered by the wholesale in 26 states, much to the loss of the farmers, for this bird is a great eater of weed seeds.

Cranes, which are also very useful birds, are much hunted for food and for "sport" in Colorado, Nebraska, North Dakota and Oklahoma.

Of the sixty-odd species of shorebirds (i. e., snipe, curlews, plovers, sandpipers and the like), at least 50 feed on noxious insects; yet all of these birds are rapidly disappearing. According to Mr. W. L. McAtee of the

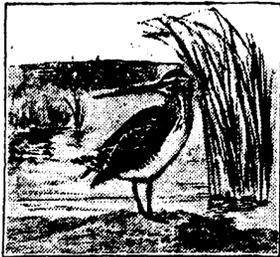


Golden-Winged Woodpecker.
A Great Tree-Protector, and Champion Insect-Destroyer, Which is Being Exterminated by Pot-Hunters.

Bureau of Biological Survey (United States department of agriculture):

"The black-bellied plover, or beetle-head, which occurred along the Atlantic coast in great numbers years ago, has been only a struggle for existence since 1880, and is now practically exterminated."

"The golden-winged woodpecker, which was once exceedingly abundant in the Great Plains, is now being exterminated by the thousands for pot-pies."



The Jacksnipe.
A Useful Bird Which is Rapidly Becoming Extinct.

exterminated, and other curlews greatly reduced. So adverse to the shorebirds are present conditions that the wonder is that any escape. In both fall and spring they are shot along the whole route of their migration north and south.

The accompanying illustrations present portraits of a group of birds, most of which the average person probably knows by sight, though I fear that only a small minority have a clear idea of their very great economic worth.

The jacksnipe (or Wilson's snipe) is one of the shorebirds (referred to by Mr. McAtee), which, as a family, are being rapidly exterminated. It destroys large numbers of worms and larvae, for which it probes with its long bill in the soft earth of corn and potato fields—thereby doing the farmer a great service—as well as along the shores of ponds, lakes and streams. It also feeds on grasshoppers and other injurious insects. It should be carefully protected, especially during the breeding season.

The killdeer plover is another valuable and beautiful shorebird which is being hunted to death. It frequents meadows and pasture lands, as well as shores, and devours great quantities of mosquitoes, crane flies, grasshoppers, army worms, cut worms, caterpillars, cotton-boll weevils, clover-leaf weevils, rice weevils, marine worms, wire worms and crayfish.

Doubtless everybody knows the robin, perhaps the most democratic of our birds, beloved in the northern states



The Killdeer Plover.
Another Valuable Shorebird Which Destroys Great Quantities of Worms and Insects.

HAREMS OUT OF DATE IN TURKEY

Only the Sultan Adheres to the Old Style Oriental Institution—Modern Turk Resorts to Divorce.

The domestic arrangements of the sultan are entirely different from those of his subjects. Most Turks have one wife; the sultan has no recognized sultana. Turks of high rank marry into their own class; the sultan forms unions with women of slave origin. The ordinary man may not look upon an unveiled woman except she be his relation or servant; the sultan has the right to talk with any woman in the land face to face. Turks of position model their households more or less on the European plan; the sultan's household is oriental.

That does not mean that in the imperial palace you would find women sipping sherbet or smoking narghilehs or clad in baggy trousers. On the contrary, you would find them smoking nothing more oriental than a cigarette, sitting on a European chair—and, yes, wearing corsets! But the code of morals is entirely different, says the New York Sun.

The imperial harem is founded on the old court system of the Byzantine emperors and has an etiquette and law of its own. The first fact one must grasp is that the wives or favorites of the sultan have no importance at all. They are nobodies. The daughter of a Circassian peasant may be honored by the sultan's favor and even bear him a child, but yet be distinguished by no other title than the commonplace "Kadin Effendi." Only the mother of the eldest son receives the royal designation of "sultana," her whole title being "The sultana."

Her dignity only results from her being the mother of a possible heir to the throne; that is, in the event of the sultan's death, for she is the mother of the sultan's heirs.

for his cheerful song and his handsome appearance, glad everywhere to be the companion and the friend of man when he is well treated, and highly valuable as a destroyer of harmful grubs, worms and insects. Yet this bird is murdered literally by the thousands for pot-pies by negroes and poor whites in the southern states above mentioned, and is more or less hunted in other states. Mr. E. A. Mollhenny, who lives on Avery Island, La., says that during the ten days or two weeks of the "robin season" (in January when the berries are ripe) at least 10,000 of these useful and beautiful birds are slaughtered daily for the pot. "Every negro man and boy who can raise a gun is after them," says Mr. Mollhenny.

Although this bird causes some loss to small fruit growers, it certainly does vastly more good than harm. It is constantly at work on lawns and fields hunting for destructive insects, which it is exceedingly difficult to keep in control. It devours many caterpillars, including hairy species, which infest the orchard, woodland and shade trees. Forty per cent. of its food is insects, and 43 per cent. wild fruit. It would pay the farmer well to go some expense in order to keep the robins away from his fruit trees and berry bushes rather than shoot these birds which are so useful to him in many ways. To murder them for pot-pies is, of course, nothing short of barbarous.

The purple martin is also fond of the society of man, and when not molested by the villainous English sparrows—and still more villainous men by whom it is shot for food, chiefly in the south—it is glad to breed in birdhouses near human habitations. It makes a charming neigh-



The Purple Martin.
An Industrious Hunter of Mosquitoes and Other Dangerous Insects, Which Itself is Being Hunted to Death as Food.

bor and a very useful one, for it is remarkably swift and graceful on the wing, and is expert and persistent in catching rose beetles, May beetles, cucumber beetles, mosquitoes, house flies and flies that trouble horses and cattle. One observer records that 32 parent martins made 3,275 visits to their young in one day, each visit meaning, probably, anywhere from one to half a dozen insects.

The nighthawk (also called "bull-bat") is probably one of the most useful of birds. It feeds exclusively on insects, and ranks next to the golden-winged woodpecker (flicker) as a feathered destroyer of ants, which it takes when they are in the winged stage. Potato beetles, cucumber beetles, leaf hoppers, bugs of various kinds and enormous quantities of gnats and mosquitoes are found in their stomachs. They are entirely harmless, for they never feed on fruit, grain, grass or vegetables. Yet they are being hunted for sport and are being exterminated.

The loggerhead (or southern) shrike is a champion pest destroyer, a large



The Nighthawk.
One of the Most Useful of Insectivorous Birds Which is Being Hunted for "Sport" and Exterminated.

percentage of its food being harmful rodents and destructive insects, the latter including grasshoppers, crickets and moths, which it frequently impales upon thorns or sharp twigs. It also catches young birds (though this is more characteristic of the northern shrike, or butcher bird,) but its diet is chiefly insects and small rodents. It is, therefore, very valuable to the farmer.

The golden-winged woodpecker (also called "flicker," "high-hole," etc.) is an industrious tree protector, and the most efficient of all feathered ant-eaters. It also feeds freely upon beetles, grasshoppers, crickets, caterpillars, and other harmful insects, as well as on weed seeds. Yet it is rapidly growing rare because it is much hunted for food. It should be protected everywhere and at all times.

In view of the decrease already accomplished in the general volume of bird life in America, in view of the enormous losses annually inflicted upon the people of this country by the ravages of insects, and in view of the destruction of wild life which is now furiously proceeding throughout America, the McLean bill, which is now before congress, to provide for the federal protection of all migratory birds, becomes the most important wild life measure that ever came before that body. In view of the annual economic loss that will continue as long as a federal migratory bird bill fails to pass, it is impossible for anyone to put forth one good reason—unless it be on purely technical grounds—against that measure. The Weeks bill, before the lower house of congress, is precisely like the McLean bill, and it matters not which one passes first.

Unless the people of this country wish to shut their eyes to their own interests, and pay out millions of dollars annually in the form of increased cost of living due to the losses caused by insect pests which would be destroyed by the birds, they should demand that a federal migratory bird bill be at once enacted into a law. It is Senate Bill No. 6497, and on the senate calendar it is No. 606. We cannot afford to wait until 1914 or 1915, and congress has full power to act this winter.



The Loggerhead Shrike.
Fifty-nine Per Cent. of Its Food is Insects, and Twenty-eight Per Cent. is Harmful Rodents.

placing polygamy—a simple repudiation by the husband of his wife, provided he is well enough off to pay the nekayah or marriage settlement, which he is legally bound to hand over to her.

The woman of the poorest classes can go out alone. Custom does not oblige her to wear her veil down. Should her husband, in a fit of anger, wish to divorce her, he must first of all produce the nekayah, the dowry, in ready money, not an easy matter for a poor man.

The real danger to domestic happiness in the great mass of Turkish homes is the growing tendency of divorce, and a divorce wholly favorable to the man as against the woman.

The payment of the modest nekayah arranged at the time of his marriage is a simple affair, and is seldom enough to keep the divorced wife for the rest of her days. She is forced to take refuge with her parents or to find shelter with some of her friends.

Day on which Women Rule. Candlemas day is not celebrated in Holland much more than in England, but its place is taken by a festival known in this country Slipper day in the Netherlands is the one day in the year in which the Dutch woman claims superiority over her husband. On that day she rules him to her heart's content, and he generally obeys good humoredly enough. That is, unless she is one of those ladies not unknown in Holland or in any other country who aspire to complete rule over their unhappy partners throughout the year.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Jumped, Killed, Stayed Safe. Ernest Woods, fireman, jumped and was killed, while Fred Lebusch, engineer, stayed at his post and escaped death when the train from St. Albans, which they were driving, collided with an engine in the Grand Trunk yards at Montreal. Woods had barely leaped from the engine when the locomotive tumbled over upon him.

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Kingsley, Mich.—"Last May my thirteen-month-old baby had a sore come on her cheek. It started in four or five small pimples and in two or three hours' time spread to the size of a silver dollar. It spread to her eye. Then water would run from the pimples and wherever that touched it caused more sores until nearly all one cheek and up her nostrils were one solid sore. She was very fretful. She certainly was a terrible looking child, and nothing seemed to be of any use. "Then I got some Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. She tried to rub off everything we put on so that we would sit and hold her hands for two hours at a time, trying to give the medicine a chance to help her, but after I washed it with Cuticura Soap and then put on the Cuticura Ointment they seemed to soothe her and she did not try to rub them off. It was only a few days before her face was all healed up, and there has been no return of the trouble since. We thought that baby's face would surely be scarred, but it is not." (Signed) Mrs. W. J. Cleland, Jan. 8, 1912.

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NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

SUSPENDERS.

Society has frowned on the masculine suspenders. So the suspender must go—has gone almost, say those who sell wearing apparel for men. It's the age of the belt. Manly shoulders must be unhampered by straps; only the patient diaphragm is to be subjected to a harness. So passes another useful device, sacrificed to fastidiousness. We used to eat mashed potatoes with a knife till someone with supercilious manners came along and told us the fork was the proper utensil for that important duty. Formerly people poured out their hot coffee into saucers, "blew" it cold and then drank it from saucers, all unconscious of the terrible impropriety involved. Nor was it formerly considered an indication of boorish origin for one to sip tea from a spoon. Oh, these changing times! Suspenders gope the way of the bicycle and the crocheted necktie! Is no one bold enough to do them reverence? Fashion is a tyrant. It takes no cognizance of man's various shapes—his embonpoint, his fullness or deficiency of girth—it merely issues a fiat and expects all to obey. The time is opportune for a new declaration of independence. Let every man who prefers suspenders to a belt buy a pair forthwith and wear it in defiance of the world.

Some people are determined not to let Christopher Columbus rest in peace. Not long ago a celebrated Jewish rabbi insisted that the great explorer was a Jew, and now comes a member of the Royal Geographical society with the claim that Columbus was a Spaniard and not an Italian. The Spanish scientist says that the veil of mystery that has for four centuries enshrouded the cradle of Columbus has at last been torn aside to reveal him without doubt or argument as a Spaniard. Dr. Horta says that the Italian lineage of the discoverer was accepted because there was no "authentic, respectable and authorized historic documents" to prove to the contrary. On the other hand, the Spanish historian says the only accepted proof of the Italian birth of Columbus was his own statement that he was born in Genoa.

An Englishman in Shanghai was twitting the eldest son of Dr. Sun Yatzen about his father's cosmopolitanism. "Nobody knows for certain where your father was born," he said. "Canton claims him and so does Honolulu. Before the revolution he had not been here in China for many years. The English port of Hongkong was the nearest he ever approached. I don't see how your father can call himself a Chinaman, and in fact, I don't know what to call him." "Part of what you say is true," answered the son of the famous patriot. "For fifteen years my father was a man without a country, but now," and the boy smiled proudly, "a country has been made for him."

Ireland is to send a deputation to this country to protest against the landing at Queenstown of certain mentally defective persons alleged to be Irish and having Irish names, but declared to be from other countries of origin than Ireland. These objectionables are excluded from the United States as undesirable immigrants. It is said they have no claim on Ireland. Certainly they have no claim on the United States.

The mines department of Canada is preparing an official announcement that the effective smelting of Canadian ores is a commercial possibility. The iron business has undergone a revolution every few years for more than a century. Is another due? Will it result in the general adoption of electric smelting?

Scientific experiments demonstrating that caffeine is fatal to rabbits and that nicotine paralyzes the optic nerve, should impress the public. Caffeine is not truly humane persons who smoke the rabbit's coffee for their "kick," but "put cigars, smoking chewing tobaccos in their own or

New York there is a man who has been married 11 times. Nobody except a New York waiter could pay money to ten women.

London has a hotel that has gained fame through its "bunkies." Certainly a smart bit to have.

A naturalist informs us that the lobster is becoming extinct, but the two-legged creature who lives with it is not.

A college professor has solved the mystery of the curve ball, and it takes a heavy handed bowler to hit it where they aim.

Becky, the hygienic cow, now looks hungrily upon her owner's straw hat that will soon be hers to devour.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW THOUGHT TO BE COMING INTO EFFECT IN SOME DEPARTMENTS.

SOME IMPORTANT PLACES TO BE FILLED BY GOVERNOR FERRIS AND WHO GETS THEM.

The Abolition of the Land Commission and Some of the Appointments to Be Made Are of Special Interest.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

There is every reason to believe that the next legislature will enact a civil service law for all state departments and that an effort will be made to eliminate politics to a large extent in determining the class of men and women who will transact the business of the commonwealth.

Ever since he came into office two years ago Governor Osborn has stood for a civil service law for all state employes, in recognition of meritorious service. "Every employe in the state should be under civil service rules that are honestly made and honestly enforced," said the governor. "However, I am not speaking of a political service that works solely to the advantage of the parties. There is no reason why competent help in the employ of the state, after their duties have been learned well, should be replaced for merely political reasons, than there is that business firms should engage men for a short period, to turn them loose after that time has been served."

In his ex-inaugural message the retiring chief executive will advocate the passage of a civil service law, and the newly elected governor, Woodbridge N. Ferris has said he is heartily in favor of such a measure, and many members of the legislature are already pledged to support such a bill.

Some of the departments have already inaugurated a civil service system. State Treasurer-elect John W. Haarer, has already announced that he will appoint the present cashier in the treasury department to the deputyship the first of the year, while the chief clerk will be advanced to cashier and so on. Auditor General O. B. Fuller has paid more attention to efficiency than political pull, while Secretary of State Frederick C. Martindale has many employes in his department whose political activities ceased years ago. Martindale says that a civil service law would not cause him to make a single change in his office, as he declares he would discharge a state employe found to be incompetent as quickly as he would turn a poor worker out of a private enterprise.

For a man to run for office on a platform that he is to abolish that office once he has been elected to it, is somewhat of an innovation in Michigan politics, but that is what Augustus C. Carton, secretary of the public domain commission, and land commissioner-elect, promised the people of the state, and he proposes to make good his pre-election pledge if the legislature will assist him in the proposition.

Abolish Land Commission.

When the public domain commission was created two years ago A. C. Carton, then deputy land commissioner, was elected its first secretary. Under the statute creating the public domain commission, its members are composed of five board of state auditors, including the secretary of state, state treasurer and commissioner of the land office, together with one regent of the University, one member of the state agricultural board and one member of the board of control of the Michigan College of Mines.

Secretary Carton is an enthusiastic adherent of the "back to the soil" movement and has done much, during the two years that he has been connected with the public domain commission, to encourage immigration and induce farmers from other states to take up tracts of land in the northern portion of the state. To preserve the natural resources of the state, to assist in the development of the agricultural lands of Michigan and to encourage immigration, are among the few things that the commission has endeavored to accomplish.

Carton believes that the time has arrived when very little state land will be sold in Michigan and believes that the work of the land commission is practically finished. Therefore he consented to be a candidate for the place with the understanding that the land commission would be abolished and the work should be turned over to the public domain commission. A bill for the purpose is now being framed and will be introduced at the next session.

Wants \$100,000.

Superintendent Clarence E. Holmes, of the Michigan School for the Blind has recommended to Gov. Osborn that the chief executive ask the legislature to appropriate approximately \$100,000 for that institution next year. At the present time the school is hard to the utmost capacity and there are hundreds

dreds of blind children in the state who are unable to gain admission owing to the limited facilities of the institution.

At a recent session of the legislature a law was enacted requiring compulsory education for all blind children in the state, and Superintendent Holmes points to this as a sufficient reason why sufficient money should be appropriated to care for those who are being neglected at present. It is pointed out that in many cases the parents of these children are unable, because of adverse financial conditions, to educate them in private schools, and as a result they grow up and become objects of charity, where they might be developed into self supporting citizens had they received the advantages afforded at the Michigan School for the Blind.

The educational course at the Michigan School for the Blind compares favorably with the advantages afforded in regular grammar and high schools of the state, and in addition, each pupil is taught some trade.

Superintendent Holmes wants to add 40 acres to the school property in order that a course in agriculture may be added to the curriculum. From observation in other states he has learned that agriculture is a pursuit that may be followed to considerable advantage by blind persons, and he says that poultry raising is another industry favorable to those who have lost their sight. The legislature has always dealt generously with the School for the Blind and there is every reason to believe that the arguments of Superintendent Holmes will carry considerable weight at the coming session.

A Warm Election.

There is sure to be a warm contest over the election of a secretary of the senate to succeed E. V. Chilson, who has announced his retirement after serving in that capacity for a number of sessions past. Chilson says that his business demands all his time and he is forced to drop out of politics temporarily. The secretaryship of the senate is worth \$10 per day and carries with it considerable political prestige. Consequently it is much sought after and friends of the respective candidates are already soliciting the support of the various members of the upper house.

Dennis E. Alward, of Clare, for a number of years secretary of the republican-state central committee is being prominently mentioned for the position. Alward was secretary of the senate for a great many years previous to Chilson's election and it is thought that his experience will militate in his favor. During the last primary campaign Alward was defeated for the republican nomination for congress in the eleventh district.

Sidney Hall, of Detroit, who has been journal clerk in the house during the past two sessions, announces that he is in the race for secretary of the senate and calls to have the solid support of the Wayne delegation. The election of a secretary will be one of the first duties that the senate will be called upon to perform and much wire pulling is expected before any of the candidates secure the desired number of votes.

New Man in Office.

Governor-elect Ferris has announced that he will send the name of John T. Winship, of Saginaw, to the senate for confirmation as insurance commissioner to succeed C. A. Palmer. This position pays \$3,500 annually and is one of the best plums that the democratic chief executive will have at his disposal. Winship has for years been one of the democratic stalwarts and was the democratic candidate for United States senator against Charles E. Townsend two years ago.

It has also been definitely decided that James Helme, of Adrian, will be appointed dairy and food commissioner the first of the year. Helme was appointed deputy dairy and food commissioner under Gilman Dams. Owing to the fact that Helme was a democrat, his appointment as deputy by Gov. Osborn was entirely non-political. Helme was picked because of his fitness for the position and his expert knowledge of the dairy business.

Ferris has officially decided upon James Scully, of Ionia, as the successor to George W. Dickinson, of Pontiac, as a member of the state railroad commission. This is another of the choice pieces of patronage at the disposal of the new governor, as Scully's term will be for six years, and the salary is \$3,000. When the railroad commission was created four years ago, Scully was appointed one of the commissioners by ex-Governor Fred M. Warner.

Going Abroad.

When Governor Osborn retires from the executive office the first of the year, it may be some time before he steps foot on Michigan soil again, as he says that he intends to spend much of his time in travel and will probably start for some foreign climate at once.

The chief executive was a newspaper publisher for a great many years and has worked as a reporter on some of the largest papers in the country. Consequently, if he desires to enter the journalistic field again he will not be out of a "job" as some of the "longest newspaper" and magazines in the United States have made him attractive offers to act as war correspondent during the trouble in the Balkan states.

MISS HELEN GOULD AND HER FIANCE



Miss Helen Gould, the philanthropical daughter of the late Jay Gould, is to wed Finley J. Shepard, assistant to the president of the Missouri Pacific railroad.

MEXICAN FEDERALISTS SLAIN.

Ascension Attacked and Captured by Insurrectos.

Refugee federal soldiers arriving in Juarez report that the 250 federal irregular troops garrisoning Ascension practically were annihilated when rebels attacked the town.

The attack was made shortly after midnight, and fighting continued only for a few hours. The garrison commander reports by letter to General Trucey Aubert at Juarez that he knew of only fifteen of his men escaping besides himself. He is hiding at a ranch, he writes.

The fate of 150 regulars at Guzman, nearby, is not known, but it is believed the town was taken by rebels before Ascension.

Through Consul Thomas Edwards, at Juarez, the American state department requested Mexican military officials to rescue J. I. Morris, an American railway man Morris was taken captive by rebels when he attempted to save a bridge on the Mexico Northwestern railway, which had been fired by rebels. Since Morris carried federal passports, it is feared he will not be given any consideration at the hands of the rebels.

Pneumonia Causes 180 Deaths in State.

There were 2,830 deaths in Michigan and 4,691 births during November, according to the mortality report of the secretary of state. By ages, there were 465 deaths of infants under one year of age; 156 deaths of children aged one to four years, both inclusive; and 957 deaths of elderly persons.

Important causes of death were pulmonary tuberculosis, 175; other forms of tuberculosis, 30; typhoid fever, 32; diphtheria and croup, 48; scarlet fever, 11; measles, 10; whooping cough, 11; pneumonia and broncho-pneumonia, 180; diarrhea, enteritis under two years of age, 56; meningitis, 24; influenza, 7; cancer, 159; violence, 187.

Taft Escapes Big Explosion.

A few moments after President Taft and his party entered the National Hotel, in Panama, where they were guests at a Christmas ball given by President Porras, a terrific explosion wrecked a kiosk in Central avenue, the town's principal street.

The president had just passed that way and the firemen and police guard were still on duty.

Investigation showed that the explosion was caused by dynamite. One man was seriously hurt and many persons slightly injured.

The president and those with him smilingly attempted to belittle the incident, saying that they believed the explosion had no connection with the presence of President Taft. Nevertheless a rigid investigation was begun by the authorities at the command of President Porras immediately after the cause of the disturbance became known.

Out of 730 postcard queries in regard to a commission form of government for Bay City about 750 were returned, and all were in favor of the commission.

According to figures gathered by the State Association of Farmers' clubs, about three billion cigarettes are used in the state yearly. It is figured that one person in every five smokes.

The Cheboygan council has adopted a resolution which demands rental of the Cheboygan Telephone Co. for the use of the streets.

On Jan. 1 the Grand Trunk railroad will provide modern vestibuled equipment and improved train service on C. & M. branch between Bay City, Saginaw and Durand.

Gov. Osborn has received word that the Chicago law and order league has inaugurated a campaign against gambling, and asks the governor to take steps toward the suppression of gambling in this state.

GOV-ELECT FERRIS' MESSAGE.

Primary Reform Issue to Receive Large Measure of Attention.

Gov.-elect Ferris has completed his inaugural message—a document that for brevity, straight-arm jabs, and incisiveness will rank with the strongest documents of similar nature filed in the capitol, it is declared.

Gov. Ferris has left the democratic state platform to speak for itself, according to close friends, and in his message he does scarcely more than mention most of the measures formally advocated by the party. One of the exceptions will be the primary election laws, it is announced, as Gov. Ferris has always made the alleged lack of worth in those laws a hobby.

CONGRESS WILL BE BUSY

Seven Important Hearings Scheduled for Session After Holidays.

An investigation possibly unprecedented in the history of the house will be ushered in when congress reassembles in January.

Members of the house will divide their attention among seven distinct investigations scheduled to begin immediately after the holidays. They are: Inquiry into the so-called money trust; hearings before the ways and means committee preliminary to tariff revision by the next congress; the probe into the New Haven-Grand Trunk railroad situation in New England; the judiciary committee's hearings on general trust legislation; the inquiry into the ramifications of the so-called foreign and domestic shipping trust by the merchant marine committee; the Glass sub-committee's investigation incident to the framing of a currency bill, and the inquisition into the affairs of the office of superintendent of insurance in the District of Columbia. The insurance inquiry will begin Dec. 26, with the District of Columbia commissioners on the witness stand.

These committees will endeavor to complete their work by the end of the session. It is estimated that the investigations will cost more than \$100,000.

To Provide Central State Workhouse. Representative Ashmon H. Catlin, of Webberville, Ingham county, has announced two bills which he is framing to be presented to the next legislature.

One provides for the erection of a workhouse in Lansing similar to the one in Detroit, to be used to house prisoners from counties of central Michigan. Such a structure is in great demand owing to the fact that Detroit will no longer contract with counties. Catlin's proposed second measure would cause the present mortgage tax law to be repealed, substituting the law on the statute books of 1891, which provides mortgages to be deducted from estates.

Trigonometry has been dropped from the curriculum of the Negaussee high school on the advice of Prof. C. O. Davis, of the University of Michigan, who says the subject is no longer required for admission to the engineering department.

Word was received in Port Huron that the Southern grain elevator, owned by the Rotford & Jenks at St. Louis, Mo., had burned to the ground, the loss being estimated at \$100,000. Frank D. Jenks, of Port Huron is a principal stockholder.

Mayor Mills, of Grand Rapids, appointed a special committee to investigate the advisability of establishing a municipal coal yard. The plan is to complete within the alleged next year.

THE MARKETS.

DETROIT—Butter—dry-fed steers, \$7.50 @; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., \$6.75 @ 7.50; steers and heifers, 800 to 1,000 lbs., \$6.00 @ 6.75; steers and heifers that are fat, 600 to 700 lbs., \$4.25 @ 4.75; choice fat cows, \$5.00 @ 5.75; good fat cows, \$4.25 @ 5; common cows, \$3.00 @ 3.75; canners, \$3 @ 3.50; choice heavy hogs, \$5.00 @ 5.75; fair to good hogs, \$4.25 @ 4.75; stock hogs, \$3.75 @ 4.25; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000 lbs., \$7.00 @ 7.50; choice feeding steers, 600 to 700 lbs., \$6.25 @ 6.75; stock hogs, 600 to 700 lbs., \$4.25 @ 4.75; stock hogs, 4.25; milkers, large, young, medium, \$4 @ 4.75; common milkers, \$3.00 @ 3.75; Veal calves—Receipts, 100; market dull at last week's prices, \$3.00 @ 3.11, others, \$1.00 @ 1.50; sheep and springers, steady. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 1,000; sheep steady; lambs 200 lbs. and over, \$7.00 @ 7.50; Best lambs, \$8; fair to good lambs, \$7.50 @ 8; light common lambs, \$7.00 @ 7.50; 5; fair to good sheep, \$6 @ 7; and common, \$2.75 @ 3. Hogs—Receipts, 4,107; no hogs sold at market; prospects are as follows: Range of prices—Light to good butchers, \$7.45 @ 7.25; pigs, \$6.90 @ 7; light yorkers, \$7 @ 7.10; roughs, one-third on. Note—There will be no market here Christmas day. East Buffalo, N. Y.—Cattle—Best 1,350 to 1,500 lb steers, \$7.50 @ 8.25; good to prime 1,200 to 1,300 lb steers, \$7.75 @ 8.25; good to prime 1,100 to 1,200 lb steers, \$7.25 @ 7.75; coarse, plainish 1,100 to 1,200 lb steers, \$7 @ 7.25; medium butchers, \$6.25 @ 6.75; 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$6.25 @ 7; butchers steers, 950 to 1,000 lbs., \$6 @ 6.50; light butcher steers, \$5.25 @ 5.75; best fat cows, \$5 @ 5.50; butcher cows, \$4.25 @ 4.75; light butcher cows, \$3.75 @ 4.25; cutters, \$3.50 @ 3.75; trimmers, \$3.25 @ 3.50; best fat heifers, \$5 @ 5.50; medium butchers, \$4.25 @ 4.75; \$5.75 @ 6.25; light butcher heifers, \$4.50 @ 5; stock heifers, \$4 @ 4.25; best feeding steers, \$6.25 @ 6.75; fair to good stockers, \$5 @ 5.25; light common stockers, \$4.25 @ 4.50; prime export bulls, \$6.25 @ 6.75; best butcher bulls, \$5.50 @ 5.75; bologna bulls, \$4.50 @ 5; stock bulls, \$4.50 @ 5; best milkers and springers, \$5 @ 5.75; common \$4 fair kind, \$4 @ 5.50. Hogs—Market 50 higher; hogs, \$7.50 @ 8; yorkers, \$7.50 @ 7.75; pigs, \$6.75 @ 7. Sheep and lambs—Market active; low lambs, \$8.00 @ 8.25; culls to sale, \$3.50 @ 4.25; yearlings, \$5.50 @ 6.50; weaners, \$4.50 @ 5; calves—Steady; tops, \$10 @ 11.25; to good, \$7.50 @ 10; heavy, \$6 @ 7.

GRAIN, ETC.—WHEAT—Cash and 60-day, \$1.10 1-2; by red, \$1.14 1-2; toughed, \$1.13 1-2; standard, \$1.12 1-2; splendid declined to 94 and 95, er. CORN—Cash No. 2, been made 2 cars at 50c; No. 3, in development. OATS—Standard, 3 in development; No. 3 white, to the large car, \$1.00; No. 3, to Canada. RYE—Cash, \$1.00; to Canada. HAY—Name of the railways member please number to give \$2.25. CLOVER—The more these sample, 21 bags, the more will prime alfalfa, \$13.00 and these bags at \$11.50. FLOUR—in one reads what per 196 pounds, 100 lb. What the ent, \$5.60; second grade, what his \$5.20; clear \$5.00. A. Flaherty, FRED—in 10-12, weights of Co. dining, \$28; corn and a Canada a ton.

GENERAL MARKET would The poultry deal is estimated two portant proportions and a few days prevails in nearly all sections. drag a little, but chickens are in demand and there is a firm market. keys at another advance in prices. C. are in good supply, but there is a 100 of Wisconsin. Dressing, \$1.00; easy, and dressed calves active. The market is steady for dairy products. Live Potatoes and vegetables are steady and in good demand. Butter—Panic creamery, \$2; every extra, 35c; dairy, 22c; packing, 18c. Eggs—Current receipts, candle, \$1.00 included, 25c per doz.

APPLES—Baldwin, \$2.25 @ 2.50; Red, \$2.50 @ 2.75; sp. \$2.75 @ 3; steady, \$3.30 @ 3.50; No. 2, 75c @ 1.50 per bbl. CABBAGES—\$1.00 @ 1.25 per bbl. DRESSED CALVES—Ordinary, 11c; fancy, 12 1-2 @ 13 1-2c per lb. DRESSED HOGS—\$9 @ 9.50 per lb. light to medium.

POULTRY—Spring chickens, 14 @ 15c; hens, 12 @ 14c; old roosters, 10 @ 11c; turkeys, 21 @ 23c; ducks, 11 @ 12c; geese, 14 @ 15c per lb. Michigan, Canada, 55c @ 45c in car lots, and 55 @ 60c for store. HONEY—Choice fancy white comb, \$17c; amber, \$16c. POULTRY—Spring chickens, 14 @ 12 1-2c per lb; hens, 12 @ 11 1-2c; No. 2 hens, 9c; old roosters, 9 @ 10c; ducks, 11 @ 12c; geese, 13 @ 14c; turkeys, 17 @ 22c per lb.

VEGETABLES—Beets, 40c per ton; carrots, 45c per bu; cauliflower, \$1.25 @ 1.50; turnips, 40c per bu; spinach, 75c per bu; house cucumbers, \$1.50 @ 1.75; egg plant, \$2.00 @ 2.50; 70c per doz; head lettuce, \$1.50 @ 1.75; home-grown, \$1.00 @ 1.25; per bu basket; rutabaga, 40c per bu; house radishes, 35c per doz. POTATOES—Michigan, \$1.00 @ 1.25; \$2.25 @ 2.50; brisqueta, 11 @ 15c; bacon shoulders, 13 1-2c; picnic hams, 12 @ 14c; lard in tiers, 11 1-2c; kettle lard, 21 1-2c @ 20c.

HAY—Car lot prices, track, Dakota No. 1 timothy, \$16 @ 18; No. 2 timothy, \$14 @ 15.50; 1 mixed, \$16 @ 17.50; timothy, \$15 @ 16.50; what's sold, \$14 @ 15; rye straw, \$10.50 @ 11 per ton.

Want Bank Dept. Moved to Detroit. That the state banking commissioner's office, now in the state capitol, be moved to Detroit, is the hope of Michigan bankers, and an effort toward that end may be made when the legislature convenes.

Banking Commissioner Doyle meets nine Michigan bankers at his private office in Detroit where Deputy A. E. Manning meets one in the main office, in Lansing, it is said.

The executive committee of the State Teachers' association will meet in Lansing, Jan. 18, to select the place for the 1912 teachers' convention. Kalamazoo and Ann Arbor are favored.

Rumors regarding the absorption of the Marquette County Telephone Co. by the Michigan State Telephone Co. are beginning to take definite shape. While trying their new Christmas, E. Hoffman, aged 7, and Berg, 10, of Gladstone, fell through the ice and were drowned.

Wendell Kline, of Owosso, believed to be the oldest barber in point of service, in Michigan, celebrated his twentieth birthday by entertaining the members of the city. He's been "next" for 21 years.

Mrs. Sissara Hale, matron of the Dorcas Home, Owosso, believes that local option in Shiawassee county is the cause of the large decrease in inmates at the institution. There are now 21 children at the home, the average number being 100 this year.

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WEST PUTNAM
Wm. Doyle and family spent Xmas at the home of Edward Spears.
Michael Harris of Jackson spent Christmas with relatives here.
Irvin Kennedy and family and Jas. Doyle and daughters Mary E. and Ethel ate Christmas dinner at Patrick Kennedy's.
Walter, Betta and Ruth Collins of Marion spent Christmas at John Chalker's.
D. M. Monks and family and John M. Harris and family visited at Patrick Kennedy's last Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reason are visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Bert VanBlaricum this week.
Michael Murphy and wife, Andrew Murphy and wife and John and Frank Dunn of Jackson spent Christmas at Wm. Murphy's.
Will and James Fiske visited at John Chalker's last Sunday.
Sadie and Jo Harris spent Thursday at the home of D. M. Monks.
The following guests were entertained at the home of H. B. Gardner, Christmas: Dr. C. B. Gardner and family of Alma; Grace Gardner; Mrs. Bert Hoff and Mrs. R. Backus and daughter Corinne of Lansing; Otis Webb and family of Unadilla and Glenn Gardner and family of Stockbridge.

Card of Thanks
During the weeks of my recent illness I have been the recipient of over a hundred postal cards from various friends. These cards have meant more to me than I can express in mere words. They have caused me to forget even the torture of pain in my joy of them. Friendships, such as these, are indeed the sunshine of calamity, the bank of credit on which we draw supplies of sympathy, help and love.
"Friendship is not friendship at its best, 'Til circumstances put it to the test."
"There are a thousand nameless things, Which only a man as feel them know; Of kindred thoughts, deep sympathies, And unaided fancy spells, which throw O'er ardent minds and faithful hearts A web in whose charmed mazes so bright At the light comes but a friend." Its force in these fond words—my friend.
Sincerely,
F. W. ALLMON

ANNUAL MEETING
The Annual meeting of the Livingston County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for the election of officers and for the transaction of such other business as may require, come before it will be held at the court house in the village of Howell, in said county, on Tuesday the 24th day of January, A. D. 1913 at 1:00 o'clock p. m. Dated Howell, Mich. December 16 1912. W. J. Larkie, Secretary.
Mary McClusky has been visiting friends in Howell and Stockbridge.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW
Glen Fisk is on the sick list. Loyd Meyers of Dexter was in town Saturday.
Ed. Farnum spent Sunday with relatives in Detroit.
Lee Hopkins and wife of Ann Arbor were in town Monday.
Jas. Quin of Jackson was a Pinckney visitor Saturday.
B. C. Tiny of Toledo, visited at the home of E. E. Hoyt last week.
Joseph Mackinder is spending the week with relatives in Toledo.
Don't forget "The Dust of the Earth" at the opera house tonight.
Roy Merrill of Hamburg visited friends here the latter part of last week.
Dr. A. B. Green and family of Jackson visited his parents here last week.
Louis Stackable spent a few days last week with friends in Whitmore Lake.
T. Sheban and wife spent Sunday at the home of Wm. Steptoe in Webster.
Rev. John Stackable of New York City is visiting relatives in this section.
Try a sack of Dexter Milling Co's. Best Flour on sale at Monk's Bros. 47ct
F. Grieve and family of near Stockbridge spent Sunday with relatives here.
Mrs. Olin Fishbeck and Vern Fisk of Monroe are visiting at the home of Wm. Fisk.
Wm. Larkin and wife of Howell spent Sunday here at the home of Alden Carpenter.
Chas. VanKeuran and wife of Lansing are visiting at the home of G. W. Teagle.
W. E. Murphy and family spent Sunday at the home of J. P. Harris of Marion.
Bernard McClusky and wife spent a few days last week with her sister, in Mt. Peeler, Ohio.
Mrs. W. Clark was called to Oak Grove last week by the death of her aunt, Mrs. Pearce.
Mrs. John Damman and Miss Freda Damman of Hamburg were Pinckney callers Saturday.
Engene McIntyre of Milwaukee is visiting at the home of his parent, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McIntyre.
About 40 couple attended the leap year party here last Friday evening and all enjoyed a fine time.
We understand that A. L. Richmond has sold his village residence to Fred Grieve—Stockbridge Brief Sun.
Mrs. A. E. Gilchrist and son, Winston, have been visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Elmer Book of near Gregory.
Messrs. and Mesdames Albert Wilson and James Marble were guests at the home of Mrs. E. W. Martin one day last week.
Plans are under way to introduce a bill at the next session of the legislature establishing a state house of correction at Lansing.

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SYNOPSIS.

Robert Cameron, capitalist, consults Philip Clyde, newspaper publisher, regarding anonymous threatening letters he has received. The first promises a sample of the writer's power on a certain day. On that day the head is mysteriously cut from a portrait of Cameron while the latter is in the room. Clyde has a theory that the portrait was mutilated while the room was unoccupied and the head later removed by means of a string, unnoticed by Cameron. Evelyn Grayson, a girl friend of Clyde, is in love with him. Clyde learns that a Chinese boy employed by Philatus Murphy, an artist living nearby, had borrowed a rifle from Cameron's lodgekeeper. Clyde makes an excuse to call on Murphy and is repulsed. He pretends to be investigating alleged infractions of the game laws and speaks of finding the bowl of an opium pipe under the tree where Cameron's portrait was found. The Chinese boy is found dead next morning. While visiting Cameron in his dressing room a Nell Gwynne mirror is mysteriously shattered. Cameron becomes seriously ill as a result of the shock. The third letter appears mysteriously on Cameron's sick bed. It makes direct threats against the life of Cameron. Clyde tells Cameron the envelope was empty. He tells Evelyn everything and plans to take Cameron on a yacht trip. The yacht picks up a fisherman found drifting helplessly in a boat. He gives the name of Johnson. Cameron's back is turned.

CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

"There's no other explanation," he decided, conclusively.

"You mean he committed suicide?"

"Call it what you like, sir."

"But there was no reason for him to do such a thing," I objected.

"I understand he's been pretty ill, sir."

"He was ill, yes. But he was on the road to recovery." And then, with the realization that I was speaking of Cameron in the past tense, as though it were already settled that I should never see him alive again, a shiver of horror swept over me. I know MacLeod observed it, for he said:

"There's been a drop in the temperature in the last half-hour. It'll be more comfortable in my cabin, sir, if you don't mind coming in, and talking the thing over a bit."

"Good Heavens, MacLeod," I exclaimed, turning on him with nervous energy, "do you expect me to sit down and talk calmly at such a moment? I can't. It's all I can do to stand still here, for a minute at a time. I feel I must do something. It's torture to have one's hands tied this way."

"Think I know how you feel, sir. Walking the deck will do no good, and if you could calm yourself enough to talk it over quietly, we might get down to something that would guide us to speak."

"Guide us?" I repeated.

"Yes, sir. It's not impossible, you know, sir, that when he went overboard he was picked up."

The light from his cabin porthole illuminated us both, and now as he looked at me he must have seen my perplexity.

"You said yourself, sir," he explained, "that you thought you heard the exhaust of some sort of craft not far away."

It was this reminder, I think, which brought back my wool-gathering wits and steadied me to a perception of the real importance of the captain's plea. Of one thing, at least, I was assured: Cameron was not a suicide. How he could have gone over the taffrail without my seeing or hearing him, I should never be able to understand. But gone he was, and it lay upon me to discover by whose assistance this marvellous disappearance was accomplished. And so it came about that, controlling my futile unrest, I was presently seated in MacLeod's swivel chair, while he, from a place on the side of his berth, fired pointed questions at me, which I either answered as best I could or returned in kind.

"Now maybe it's some of my business, Mr. Clyde, but in view of tonight's occurrence I think it's pertinent to know why there was such a thorough inspection of the Sibylla before we sailed, and such a lot of caution regarding the crew." That was the first of his volleys, and for a moment it staggered me. I recognized, however, that this was not a time for quibbling, and so MacLeod had been for years a staunch soldier in Cameron's army of employees. I saw no harm in letting him know the truth.

"I'll tell you," I returned, frankly. "I've been receiving a series of threatening letters. The first one came today; and in it it was promised that the date for the attack was 'Sunday.'"

"Sunday?" he repeated, questioningly.

"Yes. Today, the letter stated, Mr. Cameron would disappear."

"The name, phlegmatic young captain, was that?" he asked, narrowing his eyes in thought.

"That's odd," he said, gravely. "I've never heard of it. And then, after a second's consideration, he asked: 'Was that one of those letters that was cut from the paper?'"

"No," I told him. "That was not the reason; though it was mine."

plainly enough that he failed to understand.

"You see," I went on, in elucidation, "Mr. Cameron did not know about this last threat. He was ill when the letter came, and we kept it from him."

It was evident to me that the captain disapproved, but he held his peace.

"What were the previous threats?" he asked, presently.

"Nothing definite," I answered. "Simply that on certain fixed days the writers would demonstrate their power."

"And did they?"

"Most marvelously."

Again MacLeod was silent for a space.

"Under the circumstances, Mr. Clyde, don't you think it would have been better if you'd told me about this?"

"Mr. Cameron was very anxious that no one should know."

The captain compassed his right knee with his locked hands.

"All the same," he said, "he'd never have been spirited off this yacht if I'd known what was in the wind."

This statement annoyed me, and I resented it.

"What could you have done?"

I asked. "I was with him almost continuously."

There came a strange, half-meditative, half-bold look in the man's eyes, and I was wondering what it portended, when, quite ignoring my question, he began speaking:

"You see there oughtn't to be any misunderstanding between you and me, sir. This is too serious a business to be bungled because I am only captain of this yacht and you are the owner's friend. So, if I speak plainly, sir, you'll understand why, and not think me disrespectful."

I smiled to reassure him, still puzzled, and added:

"Go straight ahead, captain. You are perfectly right."

"Well," he began, "I'll tell you, Mr. Clyde. Your story, as you told it to me, has some weak points in it. You say, for instance, that you were with Mr. Cameron almost continuously. Now I'm not mentioning the little while you were in here, early in the evening, but during the last quarter of an hour before you gave the alarm, you weren't with him, either."

I stared at the speaker for an instant in absolute dumb amazement.

"I don't know why you say that," I said, at length, more hurt than angered. "I told you that from the moment I last spoke to him, seated beside him there on the after-deck, until I turned from the rail and found him gone, not more than two minutes elapsed. And that was God's truth."

"You said you were listening for what you thought sounded like a motor boat, didn't you?"

"I did."

"And you were leaning over the taffrail, looking for it, weren't you?"

"I was."

"But you didn't see it?"

"No, I didn't see it; and I couldn't hear it after the first few seconds."

The captain had fixed a gaze on me that seemed aimed to penetrate to my soul's fiber. After my answer he was silent a moment. Then he said:

"Where were you, Mr. Clyde, when that boat—motor, tug, or whatever she was—crossed within ten feet of the dory we are towing?"

Had he struck me in the face I could not have been more dumfounded.

"What do you mean?" were the only words that came to me.

"I mean that the craft you have been talking about came up and went astern of us, ten or twelve minutes before you gave the alarm that Mr. Cameron had vanished under your eyes. I was on the bridge and saw it myself—just a black shape, without lights, and her exhaust muffled, just as you say. You tell me that you and Mr. Cameron had been sitting there for three hours, at least; that you heard seven bells strike; that it was not more than fifteen or twenty minutes after this that you got up and went to the rail, and that you only stood there two minutes."

"I told you all of that, and every word is the truth," I insisted, vehemently.

"And yet," he retorted accusingly, "and yet—eight bells had struck before you gave the alarm."

I had not thought of the time. In my panic it had not occurred to me of course to ascertain the hour and minute. But Captain MacLeod knew. At ten they work by clock. At eight bells the watch had changed.

"My dear fellow," I exclaimed rising, "you certainly cannot for a moment suspect me of complicity."

"He stood up, too; imperforable."

"I just want those things explained, that's all," was his reply.

"And I can't explain them," I told him, candidly. "You say you saw the boat. I didn't. You say it was after midnight when I came to you. I may have been. I can't know. I may have been gone twelve, when I

went to the rail. My impression is that it was not. I'll admit it is mysterious. The whole awful thing is mysterious."

My candor seemed to relieve him.

"Well, Mr. Clyde," he said, with equal sincerity, "maybe I was outspoken, but I wanted to know what you'd say to the points that were puzzling me."

"You did perfectly right," I told him. "As you have said, there must be no secrets between us." And then, as I resumed my seat, I asked: "What about the fisherman? He hasn't evaded his guard, has he?"

MacLeod sat down again too.

"He's in where I put him, now," he answered with a shade of reluctance, "but I'm not sure; it's almost as mysterious as the other—but I could have sworn I saw him come up that farward hatchway and go sneaking at while I was on the bridge."

"When was that?" I pressed, eagerly.

"About a quarter of twelve."

"What did you do?"

"Nothing, just then. I waited. And while I was waiting I saw that black, spooky craft come out of the dark, and go skimming astern of us. A little after eight bells I came down from the bridge—I stopped there for just a minute to have a word with Brandon when he came up—and then I went myself to look after Johnson and the man I'd set to watch him. The fisherman was in a bunk sound asleep, and the man swore he had been lying there snoring, for the past two hours. 'Who was it came up the ladder twenty minutes ago?' I asked. He looked at me as if he thought I was gone suddenly loony. 'Before the watch changed?' he asked. I nodded. 'Not a soul came or went,' he said, 'since I been here.'"

"And the boat without lights?" I questioned. "Did you inquire about her? Who else saw her?"

"I asked the lookouts; but—well, no, sir—and that's very strange to me—neither of them saw her. I gave them both a rating. If they weren't asleep I don't see how they could have missed her."

The thing was growing more and more baffling. MacLeod was the last man to be accused of imaginative fancies. He was thoroughly in earnest in what he had told me; and yet for neither of his statements had he the smallest corroboration. For my own part I was sure that, at the time he mentioned, no vessel of any description had passed anywhere near us.

"What did you make the craft out to be?"

"Well, sir, I couldn't say exactly. She was in sight only a minute, coming in range of our own lights. She looked more like a tug than anything else; but she had more speed than any tug I ever saw. She hadn't the lines of a yacht."

"She wasn't a pilot boat?"

"Oh, no, sir. New York pilots don't cruise this far east, and the Boston pilots wouldn't be so far away from home either."

I offered the captain a cigar, which he declined, filling his pipe in preference. When I lighted a cigar myself, I asked:

"I suppose you have some theory, MacLeod. You don't seriously think it was suicide?"

As usual he was slow to answer. After a thoughtful second, he said:

"I'd be sorry to think that, Mr. Clyde. Taking into consideration what you told me about the threat, and connecting that boat with it, it looks—"

"It's not in possibility," he went on, after a second, "that they could have plucked him off with a line. But if that fellow I saw going off—Oh, Lord, no, sir! It's past me to see a way out. All the same, we are keeping that craft in sight, and if we can only get thirty knots out of the Sibylla again, we'll find out what she is and what her business is, before morning."

CHAPTER X.

A Woman of Intuition.

Ill tidings, always a heavy burden, never weighed more heavily on any one than on me that dismal, rainy Sunday morning, on which I stepped from the Sibylla's launch to the stone water steps of Cragholt. For two days we had searched the bays and inlets from Provincetown to Plymouth and from Massachusetts to Providence; questioning at every pier and landing stage; making inquiry in every town and hamlet; but without a thimbleful of profit for our pains. As that black craft, with dimmed lights and muffled engines, had eluded our pursuit on the night of Cameron's disappearance, so for forty-eight hours succeeding she had baffled our quest. No one knew her; no one had seen her.

As for that shaven, frayed, pallid fisherman, Peter Johnson, he appeared below, rather than above, suspicion. If my knowledge of men went for anything he was too inferior both mentally and physically to be a participant in any such plot as was being brewed. He seemed in the presence

weak and wasted, and with as little brains as sinew. So, with enough money for a new mast and sail, we had put him and his dory ashore at our first landing, and had forthwith forgotten him.

MacLeod had been inclined to continue the search, but I argued that any further efforts in that direction would be only a waste of time. The craft we were looking for might have come from any one of a thousand places and returned to any one of a thousand more. Some more effective, general and far-reaching steps must be taken, I held, and taken quickly. Indeed I felt now that to keep secret longer the conspiracy, as indicated in those mystic letters, would be little short of criminal. The aid of the police and the press must be invoked at once, and nothing left undone to trace the crime to its source.

But my first and most onerous task was to acquaint Evelyn Grayson with the facts as I knew them. How I shrank from that duty is beyond anything I can put into words. I know it would have been far easier for me to have carried her definite news of her uncle's death. What I had to tell was horrible in its stark obscenity. And yet, if I could have foreseen just what was to follow, I might have spared myself a goodly share of distress.

I imagined I knew Evelyn Grayson, before this. I thought I had sounded the profundities of her fortune and courage on the night that I spread before her and read with her that third and last letter. But my fancy did her an injustice. She was even more of a woman than I dreamed.

Recently I chanced upon these lines by Thomas Dunn English, which must have been inspired by such a one as she:

So much is clear,
Though little dangers they may fear,
When greater perils men environ;
Then woman show a front of iron;
And, gentle in their manner, they
Do bold things in a quiet way.

Evelyn Grayson did a bold thing in a quiet way that morning. I have not yet forgotten how marble white she was, and yet how bravely she came, with springing step and lifted chin and fearless eyes. I had waited her coming in the music room, with its score of reminders of happy evenings in which he had participated. The chair he usually chose, in the corner near the great bow window against which the east wind was now driving the rain in gusty splashes, took on a pathos which moved me to weakness. The Baudelaire lyric, spread open upon the music rack of the piano, stirred memories scarcely less harrowing. A photograph, an ash tray, a paper knife, all commonplace objects of themselves, but so linked to him by association, became, suddenly, instruments of emotional torture.

In this environment, under these influences, I rose to meet her, wordless. Yet my expression and attitude must have spoken loudly enough to confirm the dread that was in her heart, for even before she spoke I was sure that she knew. And then she had taken my two outstretched hands in hers and raised her brave eyes to mine, and low-voiced, but sure and tremulous, was saying:

"I feared it, Philip. From the very first, I feared it."

And when I told her all, to the smallest detail, it was as though she were the man and I the woman; for the recital had been for me a very painful confession of my own incompetence, and its conclusion left me more nervously unstrung than at any time since the night of the strange catastrophe. With what heroic fortitude she heard the narrative may best be indicated by the statement that throughout it all she sat calmly attentive, but unquestioning, and with no sign of emotion beyond her continued pallor and a recurrent tensing of her small white hands. At the end I leaned forward and with left elbow on knee rested my forehead in my palm. She sat beside me on the same settee; and now she drew closer, and laying her cool right hand over my own disengaged one, began stroking my hair with her left. For a full minute she said nothing. Then, in soothing accents:

"I am glad you didn't find the boat. That means he is on it. If you had found it, it would have been some ordinary thing having no connection with this affair, whatever."

It was odd reasoning, but very feminine, and in an esoteric way, forcible.

"But you made one mistake, Philip," she went on. "You should not have let that fisherman, Peter Johnson, go."

At this I raised my head and regarded her with something like astonishment.

"He was one of them," she explained, "in a tone of conviction."

"How can you say that?" I asked, a little nettled. It annoyed me that she should be so positive, knowing as much of the man than that which I had told her.

"I feel it," she answered. And that was all the reason she could give.

I had not expected to find such development of intuition regarding worldly matters in one so young, and so fresh from conventional seclusion. And then her judgment seemed to keep pace with her auguries; for when I spoke of inviting the aid of detectives and the newspapers, she begged me to consider.

"I am afraid for him," she pursued gravely. "Publicity might mean death. If they discover they are being sought, they may murder him. Somehow, I feel he is still alive; and so we must do nothing that will incite them to further violence."

"But," I returned, conscious of the force of her argument, yet failing to see how this caution could very well be exercised, "we can't find him without seeking."

"No, but we can seek him in secret. The newspapers must not tell the world."

"The police would of course tell the newspapers," I added.

"We can do some things, without the police," was her next assertion. "There are some things that I can do; and there are more that you can do." She was thoughtful for a moment, and then: "I am so sorry about Peter Johnson! You should never have lost sight of him."

"We gave him money and God speed," I reminded her.

"Captain MacLeod must go back there, where you left him. Where was it? Siasconset? He must trace him. His trail won't lead to Gloucester. I'm sure of that."

My self-esteem was not being vigorously stimulated by the young lady at this juncture. Indeed, I was being made to feel more and more my strategical inferiority.

"And I," she continued, with the methodical expediency of a commander-in-chief, so curiously inapposite in one so young and inexperienced as she: "and I shall find out about those letters."

"Find out what?" I asked in astonishment.

"Find out what manner of man wrote them," she amplified.

"But how can you?" I inquired. "That seems a pretty big undertaking of itself, for one so small."

"I have thought of a way," she declared, noncommittally.

"And what am I to do?" was my next question, feeling miserably small beside this efficient child.

"You must give me the letter you have, and help me look for the others."

The first part of the command was easy enough of obedience; for the letter was in my pocket at the moment. But my assistance in searching for the first two communications was more energetic than successful. Together we ransacked desks, bureaux, tables, closets, trunks, clothes. Indeed, every possible hiding place both at Cragholt and on the Sibylla was carefully and systematically delved into and exhausted without reward. Either Cameron had destroyed the letters, or he had them on his person when he vanished from the yacht.

At Evelyn's request, however, I wrote copies of those two strangely couched, malevolent epistles, as nearly as I could remember them; and save, perhaps, for possibly two or three verbal errors they were, I think, quite accurate.

"And now," I asked again, "what am I to do?"

It was nearly midnight, and I was leaving her, my car waiting in the sopping driveway to carry me home.

"You are not to worry any more than you possibly can help," she told me, with a brave little smile, "for we are going to succeed. And tomorrow you must go to your office, and keep very, very silent about what has happened. And then you are to come to me again in the evening, and I will tell you all I have learned."

With which she gave me her hand to kiss, in the odd little French way she had—a way that could scarcely have been a part of her convent teaching.

As I come to review these matters now, it seems singular that I should have so readily consented to be guided by this girl's will in a case of such grave importance; yet I cannot but believe there was something providential both in her assumption of leadership and in my own unquestioning acquiescence. For the day of office work and silence, which she enjoined, was exactly what I needed to restore my nerves to their normal tension. It was, in fact, a sort of counter-irritant, which brought me up standing, with a revived self-confidence and recuperated energy.

So when, a little before five o'clock that afternoon, just as I was making ready to run for my train, I heard Evelyn's voice over the telephone, I was fairly tingling with anticipation for the game; and her request to call on Professor Griffin, the expert in Oriental literature, who occupied a chair in Columbia college, and lived a mile or more back from the Greenwich station, was a welcome call to action.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

PREPARING FOR NEW SETTLERS

EXTENDING THE AGRICULTURAL AREA IN WESTERN CANADA.

For sometime past the Canadian government has had surveys at work platting new areas for the accommodation of the largely increasing number of settlers coming in to occupy the agricultural districts of the three prairie provinces. There were those connected with the work of securing settlers for western Canada who last spring prophesied that there would be as many as 175,000 new settlers from the United States to Canada during the present year, and there were those who doubted that the previous year's figures of 132,000 could be increased. Recent computation made by the officials of the immigration branch at Ottawa show that the largest estimates made by officials will be beaten and that the 200,000 mark from the United States will be reached. As great an increase will be shown in the figures of those who will reach Canada from other countries this year. The results of the year's work in Canadian immigration will give upward of a total of 400,000 souls.

But this is not to be wondered at when it is realized what is offering in the three prairie provinces and also in the coast province of British Columbia, which is also bidding strongly and successfully, too, for a certain class of settler, the settler who wishes to go into mixed farming or fruit raising. When the central portion of this province is opened up by the railway now being constructed there will be large areas of splendid land available for the settler.

Reference has frequently been made of late by those interested in developing the American west to the large numbers who are going to Canada, high officials in some of the railways being amongst the number to give voice to the fact. The more these facts become known the more will people seek the reasons and these are best given when one reads what prominent people say of it. What the farmer thinks of it and what his friends say of it. James A. Flaherty, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, was in western Canada a short time ago. He says:

"If I were a young man I would sell out my interests in less than two months and come right to the Canadian Northwest, where so many opportunities abound."—Advertisement.

Patriotism.

A quaint little incident is related by a French war correspondent, which sheds light on the enthusiasm and nervousness with which the Greeks entered upon their war with Turkey. When the mobilization orders reached the little town of Chalkis, all owners of horses and mules hastened to comply, but there were no soldiers to escort the animals to Athens, where they were urgently needed, the military being already on the frontier. Thereupon the mayor of Chalkis set an example, which was followed by two or three of the oldest lawyers, school teachers, doctors and hotel keepers. All these notable and learned men put their dignity on one side, and turned themselves for the nonce into grooms and stable lads. After two days' journeying they gravely marched in procession through the principal streets of Athens, leading their beasts, and nobody laughed, which, indeed, there was no reason to do.

Effective Personalities.

When you bring yourself to realize how many different kinds of effective personalities there are in the world, you will have your own troubles trying to pick out the wrong kind.

Didn't Mean to Say It.

One heard an awkward speech at an evening party last Friday. It was one of those things a fellow says before he thinks, and then wishes he hadn't. One of the gentlemen retired with a small group to the smoking room and didn't return until the lady he was escorting grew anxious about him.

"Where have you been?" she asked, when she found him at last.

"You must excuse me," he answered. "I have been listening to a very clever man for the last hour."

"Then I'm afraid you'll find my conversation rather dull."

"Not at all, not at all. One gets too much of that sort of thing; you know, and it's a relief to—er—that is—"

We left him floundering—Gloucester Plain Dealer.

Sound.

Hub (angrily)—Here! What do you mean by waking me out of a sound sleep?

Wife—Because the sound was the distressing—Boston Transcript.

Probably the Turkish

Bobby's answer was unexpected. The visitor, "talking down" at the child beautifully, remarked:

"And you know, dear, my father was in the Civil war."

"So was my grandfather," replied Bobby, faintly of the family doctor.

"But my father, dear, was captured."

"Gee!" cried Bobby, quite unimpressed and eyes scornful, "why did he let himself be caught by the enemy? My grandfather could run the best for that."

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THE INAUGURATION OF GOV. FERRIS

FIRST DEMOCRAT GOVERNOR IN TWENTY-TWO YEARS NOW IN EXECUTIVE CHAIR.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE FULLY ORGANIZED BEGINS WORK.

Weather Was Fine, No Fuss, Feathers Or Gaudy Display; Republican Officials Take Oath With Governor, at His Request.

Woodbridge N. Ferris is now governor of Michigan and the first democratic chief executive to be at the head of the state government since Edwin F. Wiman assumed the reins of office 22 years ago.

In keeping with the personal request of Governor Ferris the inauguration was simple and devoid of unnecessary display. Apparently the elements were in sympathy with the occasion, for the weather was ideal and the ceremony was conducted on the east portico of the capitol building and several thousand persons viewed the event from the capitol lawn. At the request of Governor Ferris the republican state officials were sworn in with him. This party included Lieutenant Governor Ross, Secretary of State Frederick C. Martindale, Land Commissioner A. C. Carlton, State Treasurer John W. Haarer and Auditor General O. B. Fuller.

Democrats from practically every county in the state were on hand for the ceremony and they made the most of the occasion. It was the first opportunity they have had to participate in an event of this kind for many years and they enjoyed themselves to the very limit.

Currie Is Speaker of House.

Efforts to bring about a fusion of progressives, democrats and republicans who opposed the election of Rep. Gilbert M. Currie, of Midland, as speaker of the house, in an effort to make Rep. Noble Ashley, of Detroit, presiding officer, did not materialize and when the roll was called Currie received one of the 54 republican votes. The democrats turned their 34 votes over to Rep. Farmer, of Livingston county, while Rep. McBride, of Shiawassee, received the votes of the 12 progressives in the lower house.

State's First Democrat Governor in 20 Years.



Woodbridge N. Ferris.

Following is the list of senatorial committees as announced by Lieutenant Governor Ross:

- Taxation—Wiggins, Fitzgibbons, Winegar, Hanley, Smith.
- Agricultural College—Woodworth, Odell, McNaughton.
- Apportionment—Ogg, Odell, Walter, James, Curtis.
- Banks and Corporations—Rosenkrans, Powell, King, Kelley, Case.
- Cities and Villages—Corliss, James, Hadden, G. G. Scott.
- Constitutional Amendments—Wood, F. D. Scott, Woodworth, Hutchins, Odell.
- Elections—James, Straight, Wiggins, Verdier, Corliss.
- Executive Business—Murtha, Straight, Case, McNaughton, Curtis.
- Finance and Appropriations—G. G. Scott, Wiggins, Rosenkrans, Walter, Powell.
- Fisheries—Walter, Weadock, Hadden, Murtha, Hutchins.
- Forestry and State Lands—Powell, King, Odell, Alswede, Kelley.
- Gaming Interests—King, G. G. Scott, Verdier, Amberson, McGregor.
- Insurance—Fitzgibbons, Wood, Ogg, Woodworth, Wultz.
- Judiciary—F. D. Scott, Murtha, Smith, Verdier, Wood.
- Labor Interests—Verdier, Ogg, Weadock, James, Grace.
- Railroads—Smith, Corliss, Winegar, Fitzgibbons, Gittins.
- State Affairs—Woodworth, McNaughton, Smith, Hanley, Rosenkrans.
- Agricultural Interests—Powell, Curtis, Hutchins.
- Kalamazoo Asylum—Case, Hadden, Wiggins.
- Newberry Asylum—Winegar, Wood, McGregor.
- Pontiac Asylum—Fitzgibbons, Corliss, Smith.
- Traverse City Asylum—Alswede, Walter, F. D. Scott.
- Claims and Public Accounts—Gittins, Case, King.
- College of Mines—Hanley, Winegar, Alswede.
- Counties and Townships—Murtha, McNaughton, Case.
- Education and Public Schools—King, Odell, Amberson.
- Federal Relations—Amberson, Fitzgibbons, Hutchins.
- Geological Survey—Gittins, Amberson, Rosenkrans.
- Home for Feeble Minded—Kelley, Corliss, G. G. Scott.
- Horticultural—McNaughton, Rosenkrans, Woodworth.
- Industrial Home for Girls—Hadden, Amberson, Ogg.
- Industrial Home for Boys—Rosenkrans, Alswede, Grace.
- Immigration—Curtis, Gittins, Alswede.
- Liquor Traffic—Grace, G. G. Scott, Wood.
- Employment Institution for the Blind—Ogg, Kelley, McGregor.
- Michigan Reformatory at Jonia—Weadock, King, F. D. Scott.
- Mining Interests—James, Wiggins, Curtis.
- Normal College at Ypsilanti—Kelley, Straight, Woodworth.
- Normal College at Kalamazoo—Grace, Straight, Winegar.
- Normal College at Mt. Pleasant—Walter, F. D. Scott, Murtha.
- Normal School at Marquette—Winegar, Gittins, Ogg.
- Military Affairs—Odell, Verdier, Straight.
- Printing—Corliss, Case, Powell.
- Public Buildings—Wiggins, Weadock, F. D. Scott.
- Public Health—G. G. Scott, Kelley, Amberson.
- Roads and Bridges—Hutchins, Fitzgibbons, McGregor.
- Rules and Joint Rules—Straight, Murtha, G. G. Scott.
- Saline Interests—Hanley, Weadock, Rosenkrans.
- School for the Blind—McGregor, Curtis, King.
- School for the Deaf—Verdier, Winegar, Powell.
- Soldiers' Home—McNaughton, Wood, King.
- State Asylum—Case, Gittins, James.
- State Library—F. D. Scott, Fitzgibbons, Murtha.
- State Prison at Jackson—Walter, Smith, Woodworth.
- State Prison at Marquette—Winegar, Powell.
- State Public School—Odell, Grace, Wiggins.
- Tuberculosis Sanatorium—McGregor, Hadden, Hanley.
- Supplies and Expenditures—Smith, Walters.
- University—Weadock, Verdier, G. G. Scott.



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Paris Exposition, France, March, 1912.

You don't save money when you buy cheap or big-can baking powder. Don't be misled. Buy Calumet. It's more economical—more wholesome—gives best results. Calumet is far superior to sour milk and soda.

Surprised Him.
There was a fellow who proposed to all the girls just for fun. He had no idea of getting himself engaged, but he enjoyed the preliminaries. So he was disagreeably surprised once and served him right.

"Miss Evelyn," he said soulfully, "do you think you could love me well enough to be my wife?"

"Yes, darling," she cried.

"Well—er—now I know where to come in case I should want to marry." —Detroit Free Press.

Fire in Bank of England.
The first fire within memory occurred at the Bank of England, London, a few days ago. The fire broke out in the southeastern portion of the building. The flooring and joisting were considerably damaged. The outbreak was discovered by the Bank of England authorities, and subdued by their own appliances in 30 minutes. A lieutenant and a dozen men of the Irish Guards on duty at the bank, with fixed bayonets, assisted the police in keeping the crowd back from the building.

Geography of Liquor.
Mayor Gaynor, discussing city government in his wonted illuminating and brilliant way, said in New York: "We must not have another reform law for the rich and another for the poor. It is as bad for the millionaire to gamble in his club as for the laborer to gamble in a stuss joint. It is as bad to become intoxicated on champagne as on mixed ale."

"Too many reformers, so-called, think that when a man is drunk on Fifth avenue he is ill, and when a man is ill on Third avenue he is drunk."

Our Discontent.
Brand Whitlock, the mayor of Toledo, was talking about discontent. "It is our discontent, our divine discontent," he said, "that will make a great nation of us."

"I believe in discontent. I can sympathize even with the discontented old farmer, who said: 'Contented? When'll I be contented? Well, I'll be contented when I own all the land adjoining mine—and not be fur, be gum!'"

To Her Incredible, Otherwise.
He—My brother is making more money than he can spend.
She—Goodness! Where's he working, in the mint?

It is easier for love to find the way than it is to pay the way.

Anyway, the wise man is less of a fool than the average.

THE BEST TEACHER.
Old Experience Still Holds the Palm.

For real practical reliability and something to swear by, experience—plain old experience—is able to carry a big load yet without getting sagged.

A So. Dak. woman found some things about food from Old Grape-Nuts. She said: "I had a headache on Saturday night. I went to bed and I was not able to get up. I had a headache on Sunday morning. I went to bed and I was not able to get up. I had a headache on Monday morning. I went to bed and I was not able to get up. I had a headache on Tuesday morning. I went to bed and I was not able to get up. I had a headache on Wednesday morning. I went to bed and I was not able to get up. I had a headache on Thursday morning. I went to bed and I was not able to get up. I had a headache on Friday morning. I went to bed and I was not able to get up. I had a headache on Saturday morning. I went to bed and I was not able to get up. I had a headache on Sunday morning. I went to bed and I was not able to get up. I had a headache on Monday morning. I went to bed and I was not able to get up. I had a headache on Tuesday morning. I went to bed and I was not able to get up. 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LOCAL NOTES

Carleton Barnard and wife of Chilson were in town last Thursday.

Chas. Henry, John Monks and Fred Lake are doing jury duty in Howell.

Wm. Tiplady and wife of Webster spent last Thursday with relatives here.

Maurice Darrow spent Friday and Saturday with friends and relatives in Jackson.

Frank Parker of Arcadia, Mich. has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker.

Jas. Harris is attending the board of supervisors meeting at Howell this week.

Jas. Henley and wife of Jackson spent a few days the past week at the home of John Monks.

Mrs. Alex Pearson of Hamburg visited at the home of Dr. George Pearson the latter part of last week.

Brighton poultry dealers are planning on holding a poultry show of local stock about the last of January.

Howells travelling men made the circuit of that village Xmas day in 4 autos distributing gifts to needy people.

Maude, Mildred, Monaco and Genevieve Kuhn of Gregory attended the play and dance here last Thursday night.

The Baetcke Hardware Co. at Brighton has been sold to E. F. Zembel and H. C. Lown, possession being given on January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reasoner returned to their home in Fenton last week after spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. VonBlaricum.

It is always a good idea to whistle when you see trouble coming, but it takes a man who has fine faith and courage to think of a tune then.—Atlanta Constitution.

M. B. Darrow and wife who have been visiting relatives here left Friday for Three Rivers, Mich. for a short visit with relatives there before returning to their home at Lewiston, Montana.

A Lansing man recently lost a valuable dog and advertised in the paper to give a fifty dollar reward for his return. A farmer living near the capital city, who "does not have time to read," found the dog in his barn and shot him.

Governor Ferris in his message to the legislature urged that the offices of coroner and circuit court commissioner be abolished and the duties given to the justices of the peace. This has caused quite a little comment here but it seems to be favored by the majority of the people.

Reading the advertisements in his paper and buying goods where you can buy the best goods for the least money is just like finding good money. People who never read advertisements are just like people who would not take the trouble to stoop down and pick up a dollar they saw lying on the ground.

The bartenders of Chicago have organized a temperance club. The secretary says "A guy in front can't tend bar and hit the booze and make good. It gets him just as quick as the guy in front who pays for it. While no apologies are offered for this mutilating the English language there is doubtless much truth in the meaning conveyed. The words of the bartender may be powerful as expert testimony."

The Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society is making a collection of early maps of Michigan, with the purpose of obtaining as complete a set as possible from 1836 down. The earliest maps were those made by Bisdon and the farmer and the Society appeals to the families of the early residents of the state in the hope that there may be found copies of these maps and presented to the Society for public use. The Society will gladly receive these maps and carefully preserve them.

Scarlet fever is raging in Whitmore Lake.

Murta VonBlaricum has been on the sick list.

Wm. Jeffries attended the dance at Hamburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Kice were Detroit visitors recently.

Thomas Dolan of Detroit has been visiting his people here.

Wm. Lavey of Fowlerville was a Pinckney visitor last Friday.

F. E. Dolan underwent a serious operation at the Sanitarium Monday.

Mrs. Dora Davis of Howell is visiting at the home of H. W. Crofoot.

Miss Bernice Hart of near Howell spent last Thursday with friends here.

Mrs. Wm. Bell of near Bunker Hill spent a portion of last week with relatives here.

Miss Luu Benham of Ypsilanti was the guest of friends here a portion of last week.

Norma Curlett returned to Mayville Saturday after spending the past two weeks here.

Carl Sykes of Detroit visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Casper Sykes several days last week.

Ella Mae Farley of near Howell spent the latter part of last week at the home of Mrs. M. Farley.

Max Martin of Chelsea spent a portion of last week at the home of his mother, Mrs. E. W. Martin.

Guy, Paul and Roy Kuhn and Vincent Young of Gregory were in town one day the latter part of last week.

John Bates and Donald Donaldson of Leslie spent the past week with their grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Donaldson.

The January term of the circuit court and the board of supervisors are both in session at Howell this week.

Farmers were out plowing yesterday, January 2, 1913. Cut that on the hitching post for reference.—Fowlerville Standard.

The Telephone gang who have been working in this vicinity for the past month have pulled up stakes and gone to Dexter.

A Presidential inauguration does not consider the health of those connected with it to the extent customary in great outdoor sports.

Eighty-three people attended the neighborhood oyster supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Gauss west of town Tuesday evening, December 31.

Bogus five-cent pieces bearing the date 1910 have recently put in circulation at Dowagiac. The counterfeits are thicker and lighter than the genuine.

George Wimbles the new sheriff elect has given out the following appointments: undersheriff, E. Miller Benrman, deputies, Geo. Sneider and D. N. Weiland. The other deputies will be appointed later.

B. B. Morgan of Howell township, has figured out that an old rail fence cut up in stove wood and sold at the present price will bring money enough to buy two barbed wire fences of the same length with the fence posts thrown in.—Howell Republican.

Glen Tapper of Flint was home over Sunday.

Dr. W. C. Wylie of Dexter was in town Monday.

You cannot reform a bad egg by putting it in cold storage.

Wm. Ryan Jr. attended the New Years Ball at Dexter.

Ella Blair of Isoco was the guest of friends here the past week.

Miss Nellie Gardner is the guest of friends and relatives in Detroit.

Lewis Shebau has purchased a driving horse of ex sheriff Stoddard.

Norbert Lavey left Monday for Memphis, Tennessee, where he expects to locate.

Sarah Brogan of Adrian spent the past week with friends here and in this vicinity.

Mrs. H. M. Williston slipped and fell on an icy sidewalk Monday breaking her arm.

Don Hause of Ann Arbor spent last week at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Dolan and daughter, Ella are home from from Pontiac for a short time.

Mrs. Geo. Reason returned from Marquette where she has been visiting last Saturday night.

Geo. Green and family were guests of friends and relatives in Jackson the latter part of the past week.

Claude White and wife of near Howell spent a couple of days the past week at the home of H. M. Williston.

Donald and Doris Carr of Detroit spent the past week at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carr.

Gale Johnson and wife of Detroit were guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Johnson a portion of the past week.

George Ratz, of Brighton, has the agency for the Ford auto for the townships of B.ighton, Genoa, Hamburg and Green Oak.

R. D. Roche of Howell was presented with a large birthday cake last New Years day at the Hotel Livingston, C. G. Jewell making the presentation speech.

Ex-sheriff William Stoddard and wife and Mr. and Mrs. John Stoddard expect to go to Burley, Nevada, about the middle of January to engage in the garage business.

On New Years day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall in Hamburg township occurred the marriage of their daughter, Francis Carpenter to Albert A. Symes of Chilson, Rev. W. H. Ripon performing the ceremony.

An electric light bulb exploded in the bean picking rooms at Holly a short time ago, burning a hole in two of the pipes where the beans come down and shocking 3 girls across from it. One girl had her arm slightly burned.

Holly is greatly excited over the preparations for the drilling of oil in that vicinity. George M. Anderson, an oil expert, has leased over 4,000 acres of land in the neighborhood of that village and Fenton and he announces that drilling will be started soon.

A petition signed by 47,000 persons asking that the local option election, was presented to the board of supervisors of Jackson county in session at Jackson last week. No action was taken in regard to the matter, although the board will have to vote to submit the question.

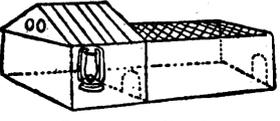
One hundred and twenty residents of South Lyon, recently, pay 10c per gallon for kerosene and \$5.00 for a 50 gallon tank. The hardware dealer there got a sample of the oil which he had tested and found it tested two points below the oil he sells at 9c in barrel lots. This same dealer sells a 60 gallon tank for \$4.00. The South Lyon people wanted to make some one an Xmas present. Moral don't buy of outsiders until you see what you can do at home.—Ex.

BROODER FOR LITTLE CHICKS

Illustration and Directions Given for Constructing Comfortable Place for Youngsters.

This fireless brooder will accommodate 25 to 50 chicks, according to the weather. If the hover is removed it makes an excellent brood coop for hen and chicks. Make the bottom of brooder 2 feet 8 inches by 1 foot 10 inches of boards, nailed on 2 by 2-inch scantlings. For the upper part use 2 by 2-inch posts for the uprights, those in front 17 inches long, and the rear 11 inches. Make the coop 2 feet 10 inches high in front and 12 inches at the back, writes Arthur S. Wenger of Dayton, Va., in the Missouri Valley Farmer. This will allow the coop to set down over the floor, the posts resting upon the floor boards. Make two openings in front, one 8 by 8 inches, the other 12 by 20. For the smaller opening make a sliding door, and cover the other with fine mesh wire netting. Make a frame and cover with muslin to slide over this netting during cold or stormy weather. For the roof take two pieces of 3/4-inch board 2 inches wide and 3 feet long, and three pieces of the same dimension 3 feet 2 inches long. Notch the long pieces at end and center to 1 inch wide, so the crosspieces can be nailed in—to make a flat frame. Cover this frame with three-ply roofing stretched tight and nailed around edge and through center. Hinge the cover to back of coop and put a small hook in front to hold it shut.

For the hover make a box 18 inches square and 8 inches high with a hole 4 inches square in one side for chicks to go in and out. Put in a bottom but no top. Make a wooden frame to fit rather loosely in this box and tack



Explanatory Sketch.

muslin on one side of frame with a pleat in each corner so it will sag about 2 inches. Put a nail in each corner of box 4 inches from bottom for frame to rest upon. Have about 1 inch of fine hay chaff in bottom of box. Put in chicks and cover top of muslin with burlap sacks or any soft material. In warm weather they will need very little cover.

BEDBUGS IN CHICKEN HOUSE

Roosts and Nests Should Be Removed From Building and Whitewash Spray Thoroughly Applied.

Many poultry houses are infested with bed bugs and it is not an easy matter to dislodge them.

Some people say that turning the sheep into the poultry houses will induce the bugs to attack the sheep where they will be lost in the wool, but this is a poor remedy.

Remove all the roosts and nests from the house and spray with boiling hot whitewash to which has been added a pint of turpentine to a pailful.

Another good remedy is to burn the interior of the house with taroline mixture which can be bought at any drug store. Another effective remedy is half a pint each of turpentine, ammonia and kerosene to which add about four ounces of gum camphor. If more is needed double the quantity. Apply with a brush.

The nests should be burned out over a blazing fire and the roosts should also be held over the fire and all should be thoroughly whitewashed and painted before putting them back.

Insect Powder for Fowls

Here is a receipt for an insect powder and it can be made a great deal cheaper than it can be bought.

Take one pint of crude carbolic acid and three pints of gasoline. Mix in an earthen crock or granite ware dish. Sprinkle in plaster of Paris and thoroughly stir so that every particle of it will be wet. Use enough plaster of Paris to absorb all the liquid. Spread out on a paper for extra gasoline to evaporate, then run through a sieve and the powder is ready for use.

POULTRY NOTES

Don't raise scrub chickens.

Don't use too heavy a cock bird with your females.

Poultry constitutes a very good minor source of farm profit.

Early turkeys are what pay and these can only be had from early laid eggs.

Condiments that stimulate egg production are very much like anything that stimulates a human being.

Some tell the sex of the guinea fowl by its wattles. Those of the male are double the size of the female.

A chicken's stomach is not made of iron, and the same diet day after day harms them as much as it does a human.

Running the incubator is like most other things, we get results largely in proportion to the work we do ourselves.

Ventilation in the chicken house is a very important consideration, and the health of the fowls, in a great measure, depends on it.

The breast of the Indian game is very much like that of the pheasant or the prairie chicken. The best of the meat lies on the breast.

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A MODERATE DRINKER.



Mrs. Jaggley—Drank nothing but lemonade! A man can't get full drinking lemonade.

Jaggley—Couldn't, eh? My dear, a man could get full of anything; yesh—even water, if he drinks 'nough of it, and don't drink it in moderation, ash—f do.

Satisfied.
The fuzzy hat is on the wane. Well, as for that, We shan't complain.

Different.
Judge—You have been here twice before, and twice I have sent you to jail. Have you anything to say why I should not send you there again?

Prisoner—I have scruples against a third term, your honor.—Judge.

The Beaten Path.
Sergeant—Why do you think this dog was stolen from a lady?

Policeman—Because as I walked down the street with it, it stopped in front of all the department store windows.

Fighting Fire.
Mrs. Bacon—And is your husband a fire fighter?

Mrs. Egbert—Is he? Well, I never saw a man who could fight harder against getting up in the morning to start one.

Let the Worst Come.
Hub (arriving home)—Well, I've had my life insured for \$20,000.

Wife—Thank goodness! Now I shan't have to keep cautioning you to be careful whenever you go any place.

No Worse Off.
Gibbs—I've been fired without any reason.

Dibbs—Well, you didn't have any reason when they hired you.

LIVE STOCK NOTES

Cooking food for animals seldom pays.

The stallion should show lots of masculinity.

One hundred acres will carry forty head of live stock.

Shear the sheep before their wool gets to be a burden.

If you haven't a hog house, prepare to build one next fall.

You can't be too particular in picking sires for your herds.

Many stallions are used too much to produce a large per cent of colts.

Horses, cattle, hogs and chickens are dirty if they are not handled in an intelligent manner.

The Ohio experiment station has found that rape is one of the very best forage crops for hogs.

Sell your wool on a rising market. Nine times out of ten you will miss it if you try to keep it for something better.

Pigs fed on dirty, musty floors, are apt to contract lung trouble through inhaling dust, chaff and other clogging material.

Dock every lamb, ewe when they are from eight to fourteen days old, and ram lambs from five to seven days, after castration.

People with a prejudice against sheep claim they are dirty. This is quite true if they are handled in such a way that they cannot help it.

Meeting of the Waters.
From Oct. 31 to Nov. 4, 1910, in France the Seine poured its waters into the Rhone, broke its banks, covered 60,000 acres and immersed a number of cities and villages. Six hundred and eighty houses were carried away and many lives sacrificed. It was the first time in 225 years that the Seine had risen so high.

Dr. Miller's Anti-Pain Pills for Irritability.

For Sale!

Hotel Tuomey

On Better—Or Trade

What have you got?

Who Called?

Lock Box 40, Brighton.

YOUR LUNGS AND THROAT.

What Mrs. White says about

Wilson's Preparation of Eucalypti and Eucalypti (For ALL LUNG AND THROAT TROUBLES)

Diamond, Mich., Sept. 9, 1912.

Dear Mr. ABBOTT:

It is now 47 or 48 years ago that I first used Mr. Wilson's Remedy for the Cure of Consumption, which disease was fast taking its life from me. I was sick about nine months before I heard of the medicine, and I was so anxious to try it, it was the first medicine that helped me. The Doctor's medicine did me no good. In a few days I could breathe easily, and I got better right along, and used but two packages. About eight years ago I was running down fast. I got some more of the medicine, and used it for a tonic, and it was a wonderful medicine to build me up. I cannot praise it enough. THERE WOULD BE NO USE OF SO MANY PEOPLE DYING WITH CONSUMPTION IF THEY COULD BE PERSUADED TO TRY THE WILSON REMEDY.

With you success. You can use my name and testimony if you like. Yours most truly, MALINDA A. WHITE, Res. 4, Diamond, Mich.

Obtained at leading druggists or direct of C. A. ABBOTT, General Agent, 68 Ann St., New York, who will also gladly furnish any information desired.

If You Want

RESULTS

YOU can get them by advertising in this paper. It reaches the best class of people in this community.

Use this paper if you want some of their business.

Use This Paper

Electric Bitters

Unobtainable when everything else fails. In nervous prostration and female weakness they are the supreme remedy, as thousands have testified.

FOR KIDNEY, LIVER AND STOMACH TROUBLE

It is the best medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter.

The Sun and Substance

of being a subscriber to this paper is that you and your family become attached to it. The paper becomes a member of the family and its coming each week will be as welcome as the arrival of anyone that's dear.

It will keep you informed on the progress of the community and the progress of the newspaper.

Regularly advertising will enable you to save many times the cost of the subscription.

SPOONING A FINE ART.

Spooning, by which is meant that form of affection described by the sage Noah Webster as "acting with demonstrative or foolish fondness," has been placed upon a solid and responsible basis in the Lynn high school. Books on etiquette for the young usually deprecate spooning, or omit to mention it at all, but in this high school boys and girls who desire to spoon have merely to get a permit from their parents. To be more explicit, the principal of the school, observing some mushy scenes in the corridors of the building, recently announced that public lovemaking must stop; but he added that pupils desiring to spoon must bring a written permission from their parents. Spooning thus is reduced to a practical working basis, says the Boston Globe. If you produce the parental permit, presumably you may spoon. So girls who like spooning, and evidently there are some in Lynn who do, must produce their permit or go unloved. "Mamma, you haven't made me out a spooning permit yet," may be heard in the homes of Mary, Margaret and Estelle, while in another part of the city, Paul, Henry and Oswald are saying, "Pa, just sign this spooning permit, before you go downtown." When the permits are issued and have been O. K.'d by the principal, there will be an opportunity for organized labor to establish Spooners' Union No. 1 in Lynn.

Every other nation except Great Britain that has opera at all has it in its native tongue. France, Spain, Italy, Germany and even Russia have the masterpieces of music sung in words intelligible to the people that hear them. Only we that speak English are content to listen to songs we do not understand and to follow emotions that might as well be rendered in pantomime. The assertion that English is not a singing language was born either of ignorance or of impudence, says the New York World. Our language contains some of the most beautiful songs in the world, and some of the greatest of singers have delighted to render them. Any opera singer could surely learn to sing English as easily as a Russian.

The first case of stealing an aeroplane occurred the other day at the Puchem aerodrome at Munich. When the pilot, Belat, arrived in the morning he found that some one had broken into his hangar and that the monoplane was missing. On inquiry he found that several persons in the neighborhood had heard the noise of a motor about 2 o'clock in the morning. Apparently some enterprising pilot had flown away with the machine. In the suburbs of Munich policemen were kept busy scanning the horizon in search of the flyer. Up to the present the machine has not been recovered.

For centuries before Marconi wireless telegraph was known the mystery of swift communication has puzzled many civilized explorers of barbarian regions. In the heart of Africa a missionary discovered the method of hollowing a large gourd, which was then dried, and round it was stretched the skin of a kid, hard and thin as parchment. Beaten with a padded drumstick this instrument gives a sound which can be heard eight miles away. And each village contains the expert who can tap the message and send it on.

The specialists in tuberculosis, reporting to the French Academy of Sciences, declare that as long as a man retains one-sixth of the lung capacity, with which he is endowed by nature, his vitality remains unimpaired. This is to be noted as encouragement for victims of consumption. As long as one-third of the original tract of the lungs remains, there is a chance that cicatrices may form and the wounds of the disease may heal, and this one-third will constitute lung capacity sufficient for the patient to do business upon to the end of a long life.

If it is to become the fixed custom for the women to burn their hats when they gain the suffrage, a question arises which may affect masculine votes. Of course the burning of hats involves the purchase of new hats. Will the tyrant man be allowed to continue his time-honored custom of drawing checks to pay for the new hat, or will the newly enfranchised citizens, seeing that dependence, and furnish the new millinery themselves?

A dog with an eel in its mouth created a panic in the bathroom of a New York hotel, men yelling and fleeing for their lives. This furnishes fine material for retort by the woman who is ridiculed because she runs from a snake.

A Denver professor says the world would be in an awful fix if all went to college. Sure, there'd be no self-made millionaires left, then to endow the University.

GOVERNOR OSBORN'S BRIEF EXAUGURAL

THE FINANCES OF THE STATE ARE IN BEST CONDITION AND STATE PROSPEROUS.

FEW RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE TO LEGISLATURE.

In Leaving The Executive Office Ex-Governor Osborn Gives Advice In Scriptural Quotation.

December 31, 1912.

To the People of the State of Michigan, and their Forty-Seventh Legislature:

Section five of Article six of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, relating to the duties of the Governor, is as follows: "He shall communicate by message to the legislature, and at the close of his official term to the incoming legislature, the condition of the state, and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient."

Obedient to that mandate of the people, I find satisfaction in reporting to you that, although the state had a deficit two years ago to the amount of near a million dollars and was consequently in disgrace, it is now out of debt and has a surplus in the treasury of near a million dollars. The rate of taxation has been lowered and should continue to lessen. Hundreds of millions of dollars in property have been added to the tax rolls. More should be added at once. Conditions throughout the state are good. Institutional and departmental efficiency has increased. New economies are being practiced and there are many others that may be resorted to. Progressive laws should be enacted comprehending more equal taxation and the assessment of property tangible and intangible now escaping taxation; insuring greater purity and honesty in elections and returns; conserving the rights of the masses and improving their conditions; divorcing the organized liquor interests from politics; practically and effectively checking the devastation of alcohol, the too easy supply and consequent excessive use of which cause measureless misery; realizing the responsibility of the strong; to the weak, the duties of public brotherhood and of the state to all of its citizens; concentrating responsibility in visible officials chosen by votes in widely election districts; and keeping step with the onward march of better public business, higher humanism, applied ethics and pure morals. There is little danger that such new and needful legislation will be created too rapidly for practical adjustment to it of the life and affairs of the state, but heed to this may well be given. It may also be remembered that the form of government is best that is best administered.

I do not need to urge you, as legislators, to whom has been delegated all the power of the people of Michigan whose average of citizenship is the highest in the world, to be true to your trust, because I have faith that you will be. I do not need to suggest to you that citizenship should take precedence of partisanship and that the welfare of the state is to be thought of before any consideration is given to party politics, because you are as well seized of these axioms as I am. I do not need to request your respectful and patriotic co-operation with the distinguished citizen who has just been inaugurated Governor of the State, because you will contribute such an attitude of your own free will. And I do not need to obtrude a long message of suggested legislation which would only tend to confuse the new order if remembered, and be of no value if forgotten, because I have conferred with Governor Ferris and he understands the needs of the state as I see them. My administration of affairs is my message to the people.

Now permit me, in closing, to quote the eighth verse of the fourth chapter of the Epistle of Paul, the Apostle, to the Philippians, upon which may safely be builded the strong and permanent structure of state and in which may be discovered a safe rule of guidance for every action: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Respectfully, CHASE S. OSBORN.

H. W. Sawyer, who is interested in New York county lands, writing from Albuquerque, New Mexico, says: "I have spent \$1,000 in traveling over the west the past year and I know that no state in the union offers so much for the money as Michigan."

Attorney General Wykes holds in an opinion that the state railroad commission has supervision over the Mackinac Transportation Co., which is charging 50 cents for transporting passengers across the straits. An investigation will be made at once.

MRS. WHITELAW REID



Mrs. Reid is the widow of the late American ambassador to England.

Applauds Words of Ferris and Osborn.

Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris made his initial bow to the legislature of the state of Michigan Thursday. The retiring governor, Chase S. Osborn, in the same hour faced the legislature in the administration of his office, yet for the last time by right of his office, and delivered his final official word to the people of Michigan.

The occasion was impressive chiefly in the harmony which was shown in the views of the two progressive governors of opposite political allegiance, and in the non-partisan spirit with which each was applauded by the crowd which packed the legislative chamber to hear them. Gov. Ferris repeated almost verbatim one of the paragraphs in the inaugural message of his predecessor and commented on the fact. Mr. Osborn, with delicate ethical restraint, refrained from making any detailed recommendations because, he said, if heeded, his views might embarrass the new governor and because, he declared, he had abiding faith that the new governor will view public questions as he views them.

Balkan League May Disintegrate.

Excitement is growing among the Balkan allies, whose union, although maintained in all official manifestations, is in reality threatened with disintegration.

The greatest fear is entertained that Bulgaria, through her representatives in the present peace conference, is working chiefly for her own advantage. Accordingly the series of conversations between Recharad Pasha, head of the Ottoman delegation, and Dr. Danoff, leader of the Bulgarian envoys, are watched suspiciously. More-over Greece complains bitterly because she is not allowed to retain Saloniki and the Chalcidice peninsula, which is as Greek as Attica, and is forced to yield Monastir to Serbia, although that town contains 20,000 Greeks and only 150 Servians.

Senator Jeff Davis is Dead.

United States Senator Jeff Davis was stricken with apoplexy at his home in Little Rock, Ark. He died before doctors who had been hurriedly summoned could do anything to aid him. He was born in Little Rock county, May 6, 1862, and served as district attorney, attorney general and governor, and was elected U. S. senator in 1890. He was married in October, 1911, to Miss Lelia Carter. At the time he was a widower. He is survived by three sons and four daughters by his first wife.

As governor "Jeff" was unwise and extravagant and at times sensational his popularity never failed him.

George Howard, 28, sentenced to Jackson prison for wife desertion from Lenawee county last October to three years, escaped from the prison.

There will be no hotel fire for Gov. Ferris in Lansing, he having arranged to take up a quiet abode in a private dwelling house with his secretary.

Auditor General Fuller reports that a total of \$24,000 was paid to the state during 1912 by 55 foreign liquor dealers. There are as many more who either have not paid or cannot be located.

The Central Savings bank of Detroit has filed with the state banking department amended articles of incorporation increasing its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$500,000, with a surplus of \$100,000.

Michigan Wants \$40,200 of Bonds. Information made public by Postmaster General Hitchcock shows that the postal savings depositors in Michigan have made application for \$40,200 of the postal savings bonds to be distributed Jan. 1. Application for this amount has been made by 119 depositors and more than \$33,000 of this amount of bonds is to be in the registered form, indicating that they are being purchased as a permanent investment.

STEAMER RAMMED; FOURTEEN DROWN

THE JULIA LUCKENBACH PRACTICALLY SPLIT IN TWO IN CHESAPEAKE BAY; FOURTEEN SAVED.

BRITISH STEAMER INDRAKULA, WAS GOING FAST DURING FOG.

The Indrakula, With a Big Hole in Her Side, Headed for the Beach and Grounded in Time to Save Her Crew.

After being rammed by the British steamer Indrakula off Tangier bar in the Chesapeake bay, the tramp steamship Julia Luckenbach was practically split in two and foundered.

Though within easy wireless reach of 10 steamers, 14 lives were lost after a desperate battle with the seas. Among the drowned are Captain H. A. Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert.

Captain Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert lived at Raspeburg, near Baltimore. Nineteen of the crew, were lost. Eight were saved by the steamer Pennsylvania, and six others were rescued by the Indrakula according to a wireless message received at Newport News from the revenue cutter Apache, which went to the Indrakula's assistance.

First Officer Hunt, half crazed by his terrible fight for life, and by the remembrance of the tragedy through which he had passed, at first said that 22 persons had gone down with the ship, but subsequently it was learned that only 28 in all were on board the Luckenbach including the crippled wife of Captain Gilbert.

The Luckenbach sank five minutes after the Indrakula, coming out of the fog, dealt her a death blow.

Only those on the top deck had time to escape. First Officer Frederick Hunt and seven members of the crew climbed into the rigging and hung there for six hours in the terrible cold until the Danish liner Pennsylvania rescued them. The others, caught below decks, died without knowing what had happened.

The Indrakula, with a big hole in her side, backed away from the sinking ship and headed for the beach. She was grounded in time for all of her crew to be saved.

The Luckenbach reached the capes late Thursday. She ran into the gale blowing but was able to make the passage into the Chesapeake bay. She was slowly working her way up the bay when the Indrakula, driven at a high rate of speed by the gale, bore down on the Luckenbach and the collision occurred.

March 15 for Extra Session.

As the result of the conferences between President-elect Wilson and democratic leaders in congress during the holidays, these features of the democratic legislative program have been tentatively agreed upon.

Congress will be called in extraordinary session March 15 to revise the tariff. A complete scheme of tariff revision will be laid before a caucus of the democratic members of the new house early next March by the democratic members of the ways and means committee.

This will include an income tax if the constitutional amendment on this subject has been ratified by three-fourths of the states, and an excise tax if it has not. It will also include the administrative features of the new law embracing a substitute for the present maximum and minimum clause. Any changes in the internal revenue taxes made necessary by reductions in the customs tariff also will be laid before the caucus.

The democratic caucus will decide whether the schedules will be reported and passed by the house separately or as one bill.

Portugal Uneasy.

The political situation in Portugal daily becomes worse and more threatening. Rumors are current every hour that one side or the other intends to overturn the government and force either the proclamation of a dictatorship or the appointment of a provisional cabinet.

The secret society of the Carbineros is increasing in strength. It now numbers 30,000 members, virtually all of whom are socialists.

A bill for presentation to the legislature has been prepared by a committee of the Michigan district of the United Iron Workers of America. It is stated that all of the features of the good mining laws in the various states have been embodied in the bill.

Saginaw's fire loss during 1912 was \$60,784, or about \$1 per capita, practically the same as last year. This is the lowest fire loss of any city in Michigan.

Lumber importations at Saginaw and Bay City for the navigation season of 1912 amounted to 55,737,741 feet, or approximately 2,000,000 feet less than in 1911.

Grain-strikes over his wife's death four years ago, Richard Wykes, 90 years old, hung himself in the barn on his farm in Casson township, near Grand Rapids.

WEDEMEYER A SUICIDE.

Ann Arbor Congressman Leaps Into Ocean While Insane.

Representative William W. Wedemeyer, of Ann Arbor, Mich., who suddenly went insane at Colon, Panama, at the time of President Taft's recent visit to the Isthmus, jumped overboard from a ship on which he had been taken to Colon.

The vessel was the Panama of the Panama line.

The news was received by the war department by wireless.

At the same time that news was received of Wedemeyer's death his colleagues in the house received a cable from Panama that he was en route to Washington in charge of an attendant. He was reported as having suicidal mania.

Wedemeyer's close friends say that a few days before leaving for the Isthmus he fell and struck his head on an icy sidewalk. It was not regarded as serious and did not deter him from going with the congressional party.

DYNAMITERS TO GO FREE.

If They Can Raise Sum Required—Ryan Must Furnish \$70,000 Bail.

Attorneys for the imprisoned dynamite conspirators won a victory in the U. S. court of appeals in Chicago when a writ of supersedeas was granted them and an order issued for the release of the prisoners on bonds from the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan.

All will be released, it is believed, except Hocklin.

Attorney Zoline presented the petition in behalf of the convicted ironworkers, and argued in support of it, as did Attorney Krum. Zoline declared that in cases such as the present the prisoners have the right of bail, particularly as the defendants were sentenced and sent to Leavenworth before a hearing on a writ of error had been held.

THE MARKETS.

DETROIT—Cattle—Extra dry steers \$7.50@8.25; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., \$6.75@7.50; steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 700 lbs., \$5.25@6.50; choice fat cows, \$5.50@6.50; good fat cows, \$4.50@5.50; common cows, \$4.25@5.25; canners, \$3.75@4.50; choice heavy bulls, \$5.50@6.50; fair to good hogs, \$4.75@5.25; stock hogs, \$4.25@5.25; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000 lbs., \$5.50@6.50; medium age, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., \$5.50@6.50; choice stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., \$5.25@5.50; fair stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., \$4.50@5.50; stock heifers, \$4.50@5.50; milkers, large, young, medium age, \$5.00@7.00; common milkers, \$3.00@4.50. Veal calves—Market steady; best, \$9@11; others, \$7@8.50; milch cows and springers, steady. Sheep and lambs—Market dull and 25¢ to 50¢ lower. Best lambs, \$8.25@8.50; fair to good lambs, \$7.25@7.75; fair to good sheep, \$3.75@4.25; culls and common, \$2.50@3. Hogs—Light to good butchers, \$7.50@7.75; pigs, \$7.50@7.75; light yorkers, \$7.45@7.75; pigs, \$7.50@7.75; light yorkers, \$7.45@7.75; stags, 1-3 off.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y.—Cattle—Steady.

Hogs—Strong; heavy, \$7.00; yorkers, \$8; pigs, \$6.50@7.50.

Sheep—Lower; top lambs, \$8.50@9.75; yearlings, \$7@7.50; wethers, \$3.25@5.50; ewes, \$4.50@4.75. Calves—\$6@12.

GRAIN, ETC.

DETROIT—Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, \$1.12 1/4; May opened at \$1.161-2, advanced 1-4c and declined to the opening July 4 opened at 95 1/2c, advanced to 95 3/4c and declined to 95 1/2c; No. 1 white, \$1.11 1/4. Corn—Cash No. 3, 48c; No. 3 yellow, 48c No. 2 yellow, 47c. Rye—Standard, 35 1/2c; No. 3 white, 1 car at 34 1/4c, 2 at 34 1/2c. Oats—Cash No. 2, 62c. Clover—Immediate and prompt shipment, \$2.20; January, \$2.20. Cloven Seed—Prime spot, \$11.55; prime alsike, \$12.75.

GENERAL MARKETS.

The poultry market is a little firmer and dressed chickens are in demand at an advance of about a cent. Other lines of poultry are steady and quiet. Fruits are dull and steady. Offerings of apples are quite large and demand is not active. Butter is steady and the tone in the egg market is easy. Dressed hogs are easy and dull. Potatoes show little change and business is not active.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35c; creamery strats, 32c; dairy, 32c; packing, 21c per lb.

Eggs—Current receipts, candied, cases included, 25c per doz. APRIL EGGS—Hedwin, \$2.25@2.50; green, \$2.50@2.75; spey, \$2.75@3; steel red, \$3@3.50; No. 2, 75c@\$1.50 per bbl.

CABBAGE—\$1@1.25 per bbl. DRESSED CALVES—Ordinary, 10@11c; fancy, 12 1/2-13 1/2 per lb. DRESSED HOGS—\$8.50 per cwt. for light to medium.

DRESSED POULTRY—Spring chickens 12@15c; hens, 11@13c; old roosters, 16@17; turkeys, 21@24c; ducks, 15@18c; geese, 14@15c per lb. POTATOES—Michigan, sacks, 55c; bulk 45c in car lots and 55¢@60¢ for store.

HONEY—Choice fancy white comb, 16@17c per lb; amber, 14@15c. LIVE POULTRY—Spring chickens, 12 1/2-13 per lb; hens, 11 1/4-12c; No. 2 hens, 9c; old roosters, 9@10c; ducks, 15@16c; geese, 12@14c; turkeys, 17@20c per lb.

VEGETABLES—Peets, 40c per bu; cauliflower, \$2.25 per doz; turnips, 50c per bu; spinach, 75c per bu; hot-house cucumbers, \$2 per doz; watercress, 25¢@70c per doz; head lettuce, \$2@2.25 per hamper; homegrown celery, 25¢@30c per bu; green peppers, 40c per basket; rutabagas, 40c per bu; hot-house radishes, 25c per doz.

PROVISIONS—Meat, \$18; family \$22.50; breakfast, 15¢@16¢; bacon, 16¢@18¢; shoulders, 13 1/2-14¢; picnic hams, 15¢ per lb; lard in tins, 11 1/2-12¢; kettle rendered lard, 11 1/2-12¢ per lb. RYE—Car lot prices track Detroit: No. 1 timothy, \$16@16.50; No. 2 timothy, \$14.50@15; No. 1 mixed, \$14@14.50; light mixed, \$15@15.50; wheat and oat straw, \$6@10; rye straw, \$10.50@11 per ton.

Superintendent J. L. Hayes, of the Saginaw district of the Pere Marquette railroad appointed A. R. Derwees chief engineer and E. L. McDermid chief train dispatcher.

With the time of his wedding but a few hours away, Peter Nelson, living south of Grant, lost his life in a tragic manner when he rushed into a burning barn to save his employer's five stock. He was burned to death. Twenty head of cattle and horses were burned and valued a loss estimated at about \$1,000.

NEWS OF MICHIGAN

Three Rivers.—Joseph Cox, a policeman, was badly beaten by a number of citizens and lodged in the city jail, after he had fired two shots at Robert Keith, superintendent of the Sheffield machine shops. Neither bullet fired by the officer took effect. Keith and a party of friends, who had attended a local dancing party, were lurching at a cafe, when the officer ordered him to light the lamps on his auto. Keith did not obey the order at once, waiting until the party was ready to start. Cox is alleged to have ordered Keith to halt. When the latter turned around the officer fired two shots at him, both of them tearing holes in Keith's overcoat. A crowd including Prosecuting Attorney George Arnold, former Mayor Arthur W. Schmore, Alderman Fred Rohrer, Thomas Hogan and other prominent residents, attacked the officer. Cox was badly beaten and taken to the jail where Prosecuting Attorney Arnold turned the key.

Hastings.—Breaking through thin ice on the mill pond at Morgan, Morley Mains, aged twelve, nearly lost his life while skating. He and his little sister and brother shouted for help, but no one responded. While the ice was breaking away beneath Morley's grasp the other children took off their skates and ran to a store 60 rods away, where they secured help. In the meantime Morley was fighting to keep the swift current from dragging him under the ice, which kept breaking as he clutched it. Just as the boy was about to be drawn under the ice James Howard slipped a pole under him and hauled him out. The boy dropped from exhaustion and was carried to the store, where restoratives were administered.

Battle Creek.—Two hundred professional men and women from every part of the world met in conference as the Medical Missionary society at the sanitarium here. Dr. Robert H. Gohen of Bombay was the principal speaker and discussed diseases in the upper classes of society in India. Miss Ellen M. Stone, former missionary in Bulgaria, who was the subject of world-wide attention because of her capture by bandits, who held her for ransom of \$45,000, which was paid by popular subscription, also spoke.

Lansing.—An obligatory list law for township and village libraries is being advocated by educators of Michigan and the movement may culminate in the matter being brought to the attention of the legislature. The idea is to purge rural libraries of books unfit for reading. Michigan educators would have the obligatory list compiled by the superintendent of public instruction and the state librarian, the heads of these two departments working together. As it is now the superintendent and the librarian are in an advisory position only.

Niles.—Septimer S. Beall, member of the board of supervisors for many years, and his wife were so badly burned as the result of the explosion of a gasoline stove that the outcome in each case is doubtful. Mrs. Beall is in a much worse condition than her husband, who received his injuries in trying to extinguish the flames that enveloped his wife, and which threatened to destroy their home. Both are elderly persons.

Jackson.—Because of a change in the law relative to the sentencing of women to Jackson prison, Mrs. Allen Jackson, convicted of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, will have to be resentenced. Warden Simpson refusing to receive her when she was brought to the local prison to begin a sentence of two and one-half years.

Adrian.—Dr. Samuel Stevenson, an aged physician of Moresni, died at his home. Doctor Stevenson was a graduate of the U. of M., and the Detroit College of Medicine. He practiced in Moresni for over half a century. He leaves two sons who live in Montana, a daughter in Moresni, and also a brother, Dr. W. G. Stevenson, of Moresni.

Charlotte.—Oscar Prah, the Calhoun county man charged with having stolen furs from George Andrews of Olivet, was arrested and brought from Marshall to this city. Prah pleaded not guilty, but after being confined in jail several hours, changed his mind and pleaded guilty. He was fined \$30.

Brighton.—John Lane of Plymouth, who was making his first try as a brakeman on a local Pere Marquette freight train, fell from a car while switching in the local yard. Both legs were run over and it is feared he may lose the right one. Lane was taken to a Detroit hospital.

Calumet.—During the last year there were 25 violent deaths in Calumet, a community of 20,000 people, while only thirty-six were due to tuberculosis in the same period. Ten deaths were caused by cancer, 11 by heart trouble and 25 by pneumonia. Thirteen of the violent deaths were caused by suicide, seven of the suicides occurring within a period of one month. Two were due to poisoning and one to taking poison by mistake. The remaining violent deaths were due to mine accidents. There were no suicides.

The SABLE LORCHA

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SYNOPSIS.

Robert Cameron, capitalist, consults Phillip Clyde, newspaper publisher, regarding anonymous threatening letters he has received. The first promises a sample of the writer's power on a certain day. On that day the head is mysteriously cut from a portrait of Cameron while the writer is in the room. Clyde has a theory the portrait was mutilated while the head was being moved by a string, unnoticed by Cameron. Evelyn Grayson, Cameron's niece, with whom Clyde is in love, finds the head of a Chinese boy employed by Philletus Murphy, an artist living nearby, had borrowed a rifle from Cameron's lodgekeeper. Clyde makes an excuse to call on Murphy and is repulsed. He pretends to be investigating alleged infractions of the game laws and speaks of finding the box of an opium pipe under the tree where Cameron's portrait was found. The Chinese boy is found dead next morning. While visiting Cameron in his dressing room a Nell Gwynne mirror is mysteriously shattered. Cameron becomes seriously ill as a result of the shock. The fruitless search is mysteriously on Cameron's sick bed. It makes direct threats against the life of Cameron. Clyde tells Cameron the envelope was empty. He tells Evelyn everything and plans to take Cameron on a yacht trip. The yacht picks up a fisherman four drifting helplessly in his boat. He gives the name of Johnson. Cameron disappears from yacht while Clyde's back is turned. A fruitless search is made for motor boat seen by the captain just before Cameron disappeared. Johnson is allowed to go after being closely questioned. Evelyn takes the letters to an expert in Chinese literature, who pronounces them of Chinese origin.

CHAPTER X.—Continued.

Very briefly she explained that she had seen the professor that morning, and had laid before him the original letter and my copies of the others, and that he had kindly promised to make a careful study of them and acquaint her with the result later in the day. She thought it better, however, that I should call upon him for his conclusions, she said, as they would probably be verbal, and she doubted her own ability to convey them to me with entire accuracy. Of course she had told him nothing as to the circumstances surrounding the letters. As they bore no dates, and were undressed, she had him to infer that they were autographic curiosities belonging to her uncle, in which we were all three interested.

I had met Professor Griffin on several occasions. Once or twice he had contributed articles to *The Week*, and while we were scarcely intimate, we were on terms of friendly acquaintanceship. He was an oldish, white-haired gentleman, of rather the ascetic type, with long, somewhat peaked nose, and light, watery blue eyes, which seemed to bulge behind the strong lenses of his gold-bowed spectacles.

He received me in his study, a spacious, book-lined room on the second floor of his old Colonial stone house. "I have been deeply interested, Mr. Clyde," he began, "in the autographs and copies which Miss Grayson brought to me. They are unique specimens of English composition, in that the Oriental influence is so clearly demonstrated throughout. Do you, by any chance, know where Mr. Cameron obtained them?"

I was hardly prepared for this question, but I answered as promptly as possible that they had recently come into my friend's possession, I believed, but from just what source I had not learned.

The three sheets lay before him on the writing-table of his old-fashioned mahogany secretary, and now he took up one of the copies, holding it at some distance from his eyes, as though his glasses, thick as they were, were not as powerful as his sight required.

"The three writings," he went on, "in the tone of a classroom lecturer, 'evidently form a series, of which, I take it, this is the first.'"

"The one which says, 'Take warning of what shall happen on the seventh day,'" I queried.

"Yes, that is the first. The other of the copies, in which occurs the phrase 'once more,' is, of course, the second. And the original autograph is the last."

"Exactly," I agreed. It seemed to me that all this was very obvious, but it courtesy I could not say so.

"All three," he continued sagely, "begin, as you must have observed, with the same sentence, 'That which you have wrought shall in turn be brought upon you.' That is a quotation!" I exclaimed, in surprise.

"That quotation from Mencius, the great expositor of Confucius, who lived B. C. 272 to 235. In the original, a word meaning 'Beware' precedes the warning, and a more literal translation of the passage would be: 'Beware! What proceeds from you will return to you again.'"

It seemed to me this was taking a great deal for granted. I feared that the professor, like many savants who specialize, was straining the best to fit his theory, but he was already embarrassed.

"The supposition that the words are a paraphrase of Mencius," he explained, "would not be tenable, perhaps—the idea is not impossible—"

through the series, other quotations that are unquestionably of Chinese origin. The first letter, for example, concludes with: 'The ways of our God are many. On the righteous he shows his blessings; on the evil he pours forth misery.' This is from the Book of History, or 'Shu King,' in which are the documents edited by Confucius himself. It usually has been rendered in this way: 'The ways of God are not invariable. On the good doer he sends down all blessings, and on the evil doer he sends down all miseries.' That is the more exact rendering. And again, in the second letter we find:— He paused a moment, taking up the second sheet, and focusing his dim eyes upon the lines. "We find," he went on, "fine words and a smiling countenance make not virtue, which is from the Lunhu, or Analects of Confucius, in which the Jews and maxims of the sage are related by his disciples. 'Smiling countenance' is hardly the best translation. 'Insinuating appearance' is more nearly the English equivalent, and I should prefer, 'are rarely connected, or associated, with virtue' to make not virtue."

"Those, of course, are unmistakably translations," I agreed.

"And so are the concluding sentences of the third, the autograph, letter," he assured me. "Say not Heaven is high above! Heaven ascends and descends about our deeds, daily inspecting us, whosoever we are." I find it in one of the sacrificial odes of Kau, and it is the best rendered of all the excerpts.

"So your conclusion as to the authorship is—?" I queried.

"Chinese, undoubtedly," he answered. "These were written, I should say, by a Chinaman, educated, probably, in this country. His English is the English of the educated Oriental, but the quotations from Confucius and his commentators are characteristic. With the average Chinaman, to know Confucius is to know all; what he said is all-sufficient; what he did not say is not worth saying. Another identifying feature is the effort to make afraid. Their religion is fear."

Having concluded his exposition, Professor Griffin was disposed to enter upon a more or less lengthy discourse on Chinese character and literature in general. However illuminative this might have been under ordinary conditions, I was assuredly in no mood to listen to it at this time. The information he had given me, while it merely verified suspicions which I had held from the first, set me to speculating on the individual source of the letters; and with so modern an instance at hand I was naturally disinclined to consider the authorship of writings dating back often a thousand years and more beyond the Christian era.

With what grace I could, therefore, I discouraged a continuance of the theme, and having thanked him most heartily, pocketed the notes with which he was good enough to furnish me, and prepared to depart. But as I stood at his study door, his lean, scholarly hand resting in mine, he detained me for a final word.

"The symbol!" he exclaimed, his pale eyes lighting at the recollection. "We forget the symbol!"

"Oh, yes," I returned, my interest revived, "that silhouette at the bottom."

"It is unmistakably Chinese," he said. "I am not very familiar with the symbolism of the East, not as familiar as I should be, possibly; but Chinese writing, you know, in its origin, is picture writing with the addition of a limited number of symbolical and conventional designs. This figure, I should say, represents a lorcha, or small Chinese coasting junk, and you can rest assured that the threats contained in the letters were with a view to reparation for some crime or injury connected in some way with such a vessel. That is as near as I can interpret it. But if you would like to know more—if you would like to get something more nearly definite—I can refer you to one who can, I think, give you the information."

"By all means," I implored, "I shall appreciate it greatly."

"An authority on this subject is living not very far from here. He spent many years in China, is something of an artist himself, and made, I understand, a study of Oriental symbolism. He lives at Cos Cob, and his name is—"

"Murphy!" I interrupted, as a flood of illumination swept over me.

"Philletus Murphy. Yes. Do you know him?"

"I have met him," I returned shortly.

And thanking the professor, once more, I hurried away, with a course of action already shaping in my mind.

CHAPTER XI.

The Chinese Merchant.

It was while Professor Griffin was talking of Chinese characteristics that the thought of Miss Mow Chee first occurred to me. The professor had

something about the average Chinaman's disinclination to speak of death, directly, and how he invariably employed some euphemism. The phrase "pass from sight of men into torment" the professor pointed out as an illustration. And then I remembered little Mow Chee, who was in my class at Yale, and how, once, in speaking of the demise of a fellow classman, he had used the odd expression, "he has saluted old age," which I afterwards learned was quite a common form in China.

It was now a year or more since I had seen Mow Chee, but I recalled that at our last meeting I had made a note of his address; and so on reaching my desk the next morning I looked it up. Curiously enough a private detective agency which I had arranged to consult chanced to have its office in the same building on lower Broadway as the Pacific Transport company, by which Mow Chee was employed; and thus the plan which had been shaping mentally the previous afternoon, as I hurried away from Professor Griffin's, was readily set in motion before noon of the day following.

In the evening I had discussed it with Evelyn; and though the detective feature did not at first meet with her approval, she eventually conceded that it was a necessary part of the project. It was agreed, however, that the real purpose for which that aid was invoked should not be divulged. Philletus Murphy was to be shadowed and daily reports were to be made to me. That he had been under suspicion of brutally murdering his Chinese servant was sufficient reason for the proceeding, and to the detective agency I gave no hint of any further consideration.

As for my Celestial classmate, I was not by any means sure that I should find him at the Pacific Transport office. I knew that for some time China had been calling upon her sons of western education to return to their mother country for service, and I feared that little Mow Chee might already be customs soaked at Shantung, or some other imperial province. But my misgivings were very promptly allayed; for no sooner had I stepped within the outer office than he saw me, and came hastily forward, with a smile of greeting on his square, flattened, yellow face.

His desk was just back of the long counter which ran the length of the room, and a glance at its piled contents showed me that he was very busy. Moreover, there was no opportunity here for the privacy which I desired; so after an exchange of greetings, and a few conventional inquiries, I invited Mow to lunch with me at the Savarin, at whatever hour would best suit his convenience.

Somewhat to my dismay, he fixed upon one o'clock. As it still wanted ten minutes of noon I now had over an hour of leisure, which, as may be imagined, promised to hang rather heavy, the more so, as I was impatient to make some real progress in my quest.

Wall street being at hand, I concluded to call on a friend there who usually handles my investments, and make a convenience of his office. On the way, I bought an afternoon paper, and as my broker happened to be at the Stock Exchange, I had ample opportunity to read it from first column to last. It proved about as thrillingly interesting as the early afternoon reports of what one has already read at breakfast usually are, and I was about to drop it to the floor, when my eye caught a group of headlines on the last page, which, up to that moment, had escaped me, but which now suddenly riveted my attention:

CELESTIAL CLAIMS—MYSTERIOUS BOX ON FALL RIVER PIER.

Anything concerning Celestials, I suppose, would have attracted me, just then, but the burden of this was so peculiarly pertinent, that it seemed as if it must have intimate connection with the tangle I had undertaken to unravel.

With the paper gripped tightly in both hands, and my head bent intently forward, I raced through the frivolously-written article which followed; and from a superabundance of cheap wit and East side slang managed to extract the somewhat meager facts. A truck, driven by a Chinaman, it seemed, had that morning taken from the pier of the Fall River Line, a square box, measuring about five feet each way, and perforated with a number of auger holes. The brilliant space-writer had given his imagination free rein as to the contents, speculating as to the possibilities, from edible Chinese dogs to smuggled opium, but he had omitted to furnish the name and address of either the consignee or consignee. The truck, drawn by the shaggy-eyed white horse, and driven by the phlegmatic Chin, chattered away in the direction of Mott street, the account concluded.

After all, it was a very commonplace, everyday occurrence. Probably the auger holes were only iron rods, transformed by the reporter's imagination. Nevertheless, I thrust the paper into my pocket. Mow Chee might throw some light on the matter. He would know, in all likelihood, what sort of goods were shipped by way of the Fall River Line to his countrymen in New York.

We secured a corner table in the inner room at the Savarin. It was not so crowded there and it was less bustling and noisy. My companion attracted some little attention, of course, but not sufficient to prove annoying. New York, as a rule, pays small heed simply to the unusual, and Chinamen are common enough not to be absolute curiosities even in the big downtown restaurants.

A very dapper little fellow was Mr. Mow; neatly and inconspicuously clad, and well brushed and combed. He was for recalling old college days, when he was coxswain of the class crew and I pulled the stroke oar, but my time was too precious for such reminiscence, and as speedily as possible I broached the subject I had at heart.

"Now," I began, perhaps less delicately than I should, "there's a saying, you know, that the only good Indian is a dead Indian. That wouldn't apply to the Chinese, would it? And yet, while there are some very excellent Chinamen, there are some pretty bad ones, aren't there?"

He grinned, exposing his fine teeth. "Oh, yes," he answered, "there are good and bad, but the percentage of bad is less in my country than in some others." I caught the significance of his remark, and realized that I deserved the rebuke.

"And amongst the educated Chinese, here in New York?" I went on, without stopping for comment. "There are a few bad?"

He was still smiling. "Bad?" he queried. "What do you mean by bad? There are some who have vices, yes. Some gamble, some smoke opium; some get the best of a bargain."

"Are there some who would kill?" I asked, bluntly.

"Oh, no, no," he protested, without raising his voice. "I certainly should hope there are none such among the educated."

And then I told him about the three letters, and what had happened, omitting only Cameron's name and place of residence. Imperturbable little chap that he was, he listened without emotion. When I concluded he said: "You are sure they were Chinamen who did this?"

"Would men of any other nationality quote Confucius and Mencius?" I asked.

"No, I think not," was his reply, "and yet it might be done by crafty persons to mislead."

But I could not agree with him. "We are not revengeful as a nation," he said, "we are rather long-suffering. If Chinamen did what you tell me, it was in return for some very great injury; some crime, I should say, against their parents or near kinsmen."

"But my friend was never in China," I declared. "And he was the last man in the world to harm anyone."

For a little while Mow Chee ate in thoughtful silence. Presently he looked up.

"Clyde, my friend, I know so little of my own people here in New York. But one man I know, a merchant, who is very prominent and very upright. He is a big man in the Six Companies. I will give you a card to him; you can speak to him in confidence, and if he can help you, he will, not only because I sent you, but because he stands for all that is best, and desires that my countrymen in the United States shall have the respect they deserve from your citizens. I would send you to the Chinese Consul, but my friend, Mr. Yip Sing, is better."

My hand was on the newspaper in my pocket, but I did not show it to Mow Chee. I would reserve it for the encyclopedic Yip Sing, whose address, as written on the card which my classmate furnished me, was on Mott street, a few doors from Pell.

New York's Chinatown is a much more familiar locality to the transient visitor than to the average citizen. In all the years of my residence in the metropolis, of which I am a native, I had never before had either the occasion or the desire to dip into this most foreign of all the city's foreign sections. To me, Chinatown was as a far country. Vaguely I had an idea of its location. It lay, I knew, east of Broadway and west of the Bowery; but its latitude was not clearly defined.

to grant. Therefore I boarded a Broadway car and was drawn haltingly northward, until, on reaching Canal street, I alighted in sheer desperation and turned eastward.

Here a letter, carrier, of whom I inquired, sped me straight to my goal—a couple of blocks as I was going, a turn to the right, a few blocks more, and the bulk windows of the Yip Sing Company would come into view.

I found the establishment easily enough. But had it not been for the name printed in big Roman lettering, I should never have imagined it a Chinese business house. There was no display of goods in the big windows, which were screened half way up by light blue shades, giving the front an appearance similar to that of the average American wholesale house.

Having passed inside, however, there was no such illusion. All about me were the characteristic products of the Orient, from brilliant silken embroideries, and exquisite gold and silver and bronze work, to cheap cotton and linen fabrics, lacquer furniture, and straw slippers. And the atmosphere was further enhanced by the half-dozen or more Chinamen who were lounging in the middle and far distance, each with shaven crown and coiled queue and each in the more or less brilliantly colored native dress.

One of these, a comparatively darkly-tinted young man with full, round visage, came forward as I entered.

"Is Mr. Yip in?" I asked.

He was inclined, I saw, to hesitation and so I produced Mow's card.

"Oh, yes," he said, after studying it for a moment. "Oh, yes, Mista Yip! He in." With which he left me, and taking the card with him disappeared behind some draperies at the back of the big crowded store.

Between the others, who regarded me for a moment only with idle interest, there was, while I stood there, a rapid exchange of observations in their native tongue, mingled with a sort of half-pitched cackling which I assumed to be laughter.

I had turned my back towards them, but presently a shuffling of feet along the floor informed me of the approach of what I imagined was my returning emissary. On whirling about, however, it was to face an elderly man in purple silk garments and a black skull cap—a man of thin, almost cadaverous yellow visage, whose upper lip and chin were adorned with a sparse growth of silky blue-black hair, and upon the bridge of whose nose rested a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles.

"You would see me, sir?" he asked, and I noted that there was scarcely the slightest indication of the foreigner in either pronunciation or accent.

"If you are Mr. Yip," I smiled, "you can, I fancy, from what Mr. Mow tells me, give me the information I am in search of."

He did not smile in return, but his thin face assumed an expression of benignity that was as much of an invitation to lay my problem before him as were his words.

"Anyway I can serve a friend of Mr. Mow," he said, "will be a pleasure."

But, as he spoke, the benign expression passed. Once again that thin saffron-hued face, with its hollow cheeks, and small deep-set eyes, had become unfathomable.

At least two of his partners or salesmen were within ear-shot, and I turned a significant glance towards them, as I said:

"The subject is a confidential one, Mr. Yip. If I could speak to you—"

"In private?" he finished. "Certainly, sir. Will you kindly step this way?"

He led me to the rear of his store, holding aside a curtain of heavy embroidery, through which I passed into a smaller room, furnished in carved teak wood and ornamented with magnificent specimens of Chinese porcelain and old pottery. A little Chinese girl, not over eight years old, and wearing a blouse and wide breeches of a pale cerulean silk, stood beside a table. Before her were several small sheets of rice paper on which she was making designs in water colors.

Ignoring the child, he indicated a chair near the only window, screened, like the windows in front, with a blue shade. And when I had sat down, he drew up a chair for himself opposite me.

His manner, in spite of the benignity of a moment before, was not encouraging, and for a little I was embarrassed as to just where to begin. At length, however, I said:

"I fear, Mr. Yip, that some of your countrymen have recently made a terrible mistake."

"A mistake?" he echoed, gravely. "A mistake that I trust it is not too late to repair. Briefly, they have kidnapped a gentleman of fortune and influence, one of my dearest friends, in a manner most mysterious, after first subjecting him to the annoyance of a series of anonymous letters and a succession of singular, nerve-torturing acts of trespass."

Mr. Yip glanced at Mow Chee's card, which he still held.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Couldn't Miss Them.

A black broadcloth suit marked "Rush order" lay on the tailor's table, ready for cleaning and pressing.

"About the only kind of dirt I can see on that suit is chalk," a man remarked. "Looks as if it had been dragged through a chalk pit."

"The woman put it there purposefully," said the tailor. "Each chalk mark is in the form of a ring that encircles a grease spot. She hunted out each spot in the sunlight and marked it so I couldn't possibly miss any. Finally, that Mista Yip shouldn't have found them all back here at the shop."

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TOLD HER LIFE'S AMBITION
Small Girl Somewhat Crudely Expressed Her Desire to Be a Teacher When She Grew Up.

At one time or another during the ward school life of a little girl there prevails the ambition to become a teacher. Perhaps it is the indisputable authority possessed by the hand that wields the rules or the nonchallant display of wisdom on topics surrounded by the most inaccessible difficulties to the small boy and girl. They will nearly always tell their ambitions to a well liked teacher, and one rather surprising declaration was given by a little maid in one of Miss Clara Townsend's room before she became principal of the James school.

Among the special favors coveted by the youngsters is the permission to stay behind after school and clean the blackboards. One evening a little girl was given the desired privilege, and while engaged in the task she struck up a shy sort of conversation with Miss Townsend. Finally the usual confession was made.

"When I grow up, I am going to be a teacher," she announced.

"That so?" pleasantly asked Miss Townsend. "And why do you want to be a teacher?"

"Well," was the rather surprising answer, "I'll have to be either a teacher or a lady, and I would rather be a teacher."—Indianapolis News.

Shopper's Cramp.

Simson Ford, at a dinner of hotel men in New York, discussed a new disease.

"There's a new disease called shopper's cramp," he said. "It appears early in December, becomes violent epidemic about the middle of the month and ends suddenly on the evening of the 24th."

"Women feel shopper's cramp in the arms, the limbs, everywhere; but it attacks the husband only in one place—the pocket."

Balanced.

Representative Pulo was talking in Washington about the currency.

"It must balance," he said. "It must balance automatically and delicately. It must resemble the Christmas husband."

"Oh, John, dear," said this chap's wife, "I'm so sorry you've got all those heavy parcels to carry!"

"Well, you see, John panted, reassuringly, 'my pocket is very much lighter now.'"

A Weakling.

"I am sorry to say," remarked the young wife, "that my husband seems to lack initiative and decision."

"What has caused you to think so?" her friend asked.

"I have to suggest it every time when he asks for a raise in salary, and then he hesitates for a long time about doing it."

Keeping Her Word.

Josephine—Do you know to whom Stella is engaged?

Margaret—Yes, but I promised I would not tell. However, I don't think there'll be any harm in my writing his name on a piece of paper for you.—Satire.

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CHUBBS CORNERS

George Schuler spent the week end in Jackson.
F. W. Allison is better at this writing.
Margaret Paulus of Jackson is visiting at the home of M. Hoisel.
Wirt Smith has moved his family to Ann Arbor.
Mrs. David Yelland and family of Ann Arbor visited friends in this vicinity last week.
Robert Entwisle spent the holidays with relatives in South Saline.
E. Hoisel and wife are visiting relatives in Jackson.
Mrs. T. Richards has returned home after spending some time with relatives in Northern Michigan.
The O C P C met at Mark Allison's New Years evening. M. Hoisel was awarded first prize and Jay Brigham the consolation prize. The next meeting will be held at the home of M. Hoisel.

SOUTH MARION.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sheben and son visited at Jas. Harris' of Pinckney last week.
The annual oyster "eat" held at the pleasant home of Hart Gauss last Tuesday night was well attended and a royal good time was enjoyed by all.
John Carr spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Irving Hart of East Marion.
Miss Kit Brogan spent a portion of last week with friends at Howell and Chilson.
Mrs. M. Gallup entertained company from Jackson a portion of last week.
John Gardner and wife entertained the following at New Years dinner: Vera Demerest and wife, Hart Gauss and wife, and Ray Newcomb and wife of Howell.
Mrs. Loan Newman spent part of last week with relatives at Fowlerville. Several from this vicinity attended the play at Pinckney last Thursday night.

SOUTH IOSCO.

Mrs. Truman Wainwright and Mrs. Walter Miller are on the sick list.
Mrs. Wm. Caskey of Anderson visited her parents here last week.
Miss Kathryn Lamborne has returned to her home after spending some time with her sister in Pinckney.
Daniel Wainwright of Williamston spent Sunday at T. Wainwright's.
Miss Eiva Caskey returned home Saturday.
Mrs. L. T. Lamborne and daughter E. Beatrice called on Mrs. Walter Miller Wednesday afternoon.
Miss Clara Harrington of Webberville is visiting her sister Mrs. Joe Roberts at present.
Mrs. Joe Roberts and daughter Gladys and Clara Harrington of Webberville were called at F. Beatrice Lamborne's school last Friday afternoon.

ANDERSON.

Autrey Gilchrist and family of Pinckney visited at the home of E. Book Sunday.
Agnes Brogan of Lansing was a guest of Clara Ledwidge last week.
G. W. Crofoot and wife and A. G. Wilson and wife spent last Thursday at the home of Chas. Bullis.
Chas. Frost and family of Unadilla were Sunday guests of C. A. Frost and family.
Gene McClear and family, Max Ledwidge and family and Mike and Will Roche ate New Years dinner at the home of Will Ledwidge.
R. J. Edwards visited relatives in Canada recently.
Mrs. Sharpe of Stockbridge is visiting her daughter Mrs. Chas. Bullis.
Ray Brogan of South Marion visited at the home of Will Brogan Sunday.
Chas. Holmes and family and Kirk V. Winkle and family of Lansing spent the latter part of last week at the home of Jas. Marble.
Mrs. Jennie Lavey of Pinckney spent Thursday at Gene McClear's.
Will Caskey and wife spent New Years at the home of Robt. Caskey of Plainfield.
A number from here attended the play at the Pinckney opera house last Thursday evening. All report it well played.
W. H. Crofoot and wife spent New Years in Pinckney.
Mary Conners spent a couple of days last week with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Dan Plummer of this place.
Mrs. Wm. Ledwidge and daughters were in Ann Arbor Monday.
Glenn and Orla Hinchey ate New Years dinner with their brother Frank and family.
Will Roche visited relatives in Pinckney Sunday.
Mrs. Gene McClear and children returned to their school work in Ypsilanti Saturday.
The wedding of Miss Frances Carpenter of this place and Albert Synes of Chilson took place on New Years day at the home of her parents.

NORTH HAMBURG.

Miss Una Bennett and Miss Clara Carpenter entertained a few friends at the home of Miss Carpenter Tuesday evening Dec. 31.
Erwin Nash is slowly regaining his strength.
The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Twitchel Thursday, for dinner.
Henry Ross of Brighton spent the week end with Geo. VanHorn.
Mrs. Chas. Switzer spent last week in Ann Arbor.
Mr. J. D. Boylan of Chilson passed away Saturday evening. Funeral at his residence, Tuesday at 3 P. M.
Miss Clara Carpenter returned to school in Owosso, Sunday, after two weeks vacation.
Mrs. Myron Ely and daughter of Howell have been visiting at the home of Wm. Bealson.

What the White Rose Saw

The world seemed very fair and beautiful that summer morning when I first awoke to a consciousness of its existence and of my own life and fragrance, and through a tiny white petal out from among the close green leaves to take my first view of it. I was very happy in those early days. The bees and humming-birds kissed me as they floated lazily by and whispered sweet messages of the garden life. They flattered me until I thought I was the most beautiful thing in the garden until she came, and then I lost my heart.

A dream of loveliness she was as she came down the path clothed all in clinging pink, just the color of the moss roses that grow near me, with hair like the sunlight that lies sparkling on the soft grass, and eyes like dark violets. They told me she was a human.

One day she stopped by the bush and told us she was very happy, but would soon be much happier; then she patted us and called us her bridal roses, and declared no one should touch us until she gathered us for her wedding day.

The next thing I remember was one beautiful night when I heard steps on the gravel, and looking up saw my loved one coming, and with her another human, taller and not nearly so pretty; he did not look like a flower at all, unless it were to remind one of the tulips. I never did care much for them. My love was all in white, and looked like the tall lilies that grow near the gate.

He was speaking to her in low tones. I could not hear what he said, but I could hear her voice plainly. She was saying: "Maurice, if there is any truth in this, tell me—I cannot bear to think you would deceive me." Then I looked up in his face—it looked very white in the moonlight. Then he said:

"Ruth, you do not understand; I have only lived the life of the average man." He paused then and came toward me—I felt myself tremble with apprehension—yes, my fears were realized, he plucked me, and I knew my fate was sealed—that I would never be one of her bridal roses. I thought she started when she saw what he had done.

He handed me to Ruth. "Take this little rose, dear, as a symbol of your purity and nobleness and trust me—cannot you do this?" Her voice as she replied was cold and hard—I scarcely recognized it as the same that had talked so lovingly to us. "Maurice, I am not to be trifled with. I want to know the truth, and you must let me be the judge as to its significance in the weaving of our lives hereafter."

"Well, then, Ruth, I will tell you—Here I lost their conversation, for at his first words she dropped me on the path and they walked on. I lay a long while on the rough gravel, feeling lonely and homesick for my swaying bush, when I was aroused by hearing Ruth say, in broken, tearful tones: "Leave me, Maurice, for the sake of my love for you, leave me." I heard him plead with her—then he turned suddenly and left her standing quite near me. She stood motionless, as though listening to catch the last sound of his footsteps—the click of the gate sounded in the distance, and then all was silent. At last she gave one sob and fell all in a heap on the gravel near me.

How I longed to comfort her—and I think she must have felt my sympathy, for after a while she put out her hand and raised me to her lips and kissed me so tenderly, that even now, though I am old and yellow and shriveled, I thrill at the recollection. After awhile she arose and carried me into the house and up to her room—this was a new world to me, and I wondered what was coming next. She stood for a long while looking out at the moonlit garden, caressing me softly. Finally, she murmured: "It is no use, I cannot face it." Carrying me over to a closet she took out a tiny bottle and slowly drank its contents. I had a confused sense of her fingers tightening around me, and then she staggered backward and fell to the floor, and I was still in her hand. All through the night I lay there watching her, wondering why she lay so still and white. After a while a faint glimmer of light came in at the window; I heard the chirp of birds out in the garden, and the old familiar morning sounds, seeming so faint and far away. How I longed to be down with my companions breathing in the soft sweetness of the summer morning. Everything was gloomy and unfamiliar in the great room and Ruth lay so still and white and did not speak to me.

Suddenly there was a sound of other human voices calling Ruth's name loudly; then a crashing sound and two humans came into the room and knelt down beside her with strange cries. Tenderly they raised her and laid her on the white bed. Some one took me out of her hand and tossed me on this table, where I have been ever since. Then there were low sobs and I heard some one whisper something about keeping it quiet—sudden death—and then I realized what had happened. I had seen flowers die—but oh, how differently! We did not know they were gone until the last soft petal dropped from the stem. I had never seen a human die—and she was so sweet and beautiful—so like myself.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Men's \$10 suits and overcoats now \$8 at Dancer's.
Miss Gladys Fisk is visiting relatives in Monroe.
Men's \$18 suits now \$14.40 at Dancer's.
Geo. Sargeson of Howell was in town Tuesday.
Miss Norma Vaughn spent New Years in Hamburg.
G. P. Simer of Dexter was in town on business Monday.
E. G. Carpenter and wife spent New Years at Claude Reason's.
Wm. Dunbar and family visited relatives in Dexter last week.
Leo Monks transacted business in Howell and Ann Arbor Tuesday.
Miss May Teeple visited relatives in Lansing a few days last week.
I. J. Kennedy and family spent New Years at the home of James Doyle.
Mrs. N. T. McClear of Gregory spent Sunday at the home of M. Dolan.
Mrs. Abbie Little of Swanton, Ohio is visiting at Jesse Richardson's.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bock of Detroit have been visiting friends here.
Mrs. Snyder of Jackson spent the first of the week at A. B. Gregory's.
Rev. Fr. Wittliff of Brighton was the guest of Rev. Fr. Coyle Monday.
E. J. Briggs and family were guests of relatives in Howell New Years.
Henry Ewing Carington N.D. is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Ewing.
Mrs. B. B. Sutton of Flaehing is a guest at the home of Mrs. Mary Ewing.
Miss Grace Grieve of Stockbridge spent the past week with relatives here.
Marion Ashley of Detroit is visiting grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Dolan.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Read attended the dancing party at Whitmore Lake last Wednesday.
Try having W. J. Dancer & Co. Stockbridge send you goods on approval by parcels post. Adv.
Fifty people attended the oyster supper given at the home of R. G. Webb last Saturday evening.
Mr. G. Mitchell and family of Danville visited at the home of Wm. Bullis the past week.
Mrs. Walter Chapman and daughter of Pontiac spent the first of the week with relatives here.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Newman of Owosso spent New Years at the home of her mother Mrs. L. A. Davenport.
Mrs. E. G. Fisk spent the past week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Berk's G. Isham of Plainfield.
The Misses Mary Coyle and Alice Nannery and Lewis Coyle of Northfield were guests of Rev. Joe Coyle the latter part of last week.
The Ladies' Aid Society of the Cong'l church, will hold their January tea at their hall Wednesday afternoon and evening January 15 from 5 o'clock until all are served. Everyone invited.
The next meeting of the Pinckney Literary and Social Club will be held at the home of Miss Kate Brown, Friday evening Jan 10th at 7 o'clock standard. All interested are cordially invited to attend.
Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Pearson of Hamburg, Wm. Schiefele and family of Brighton, Miss Thresa Melvin of Ann Arbor, Glen Marlett of Gregory and Clyde Smith of Detroit were guests of Dr. and Mrs. G. J. Pearson the past week.

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School Notes

Lulu Benham of Ypsilanti, Don Hausel of Ann Arbor and Walter Campbell of Woodstock, Illinois visited School Monday.
Myron Dunning was absent Monday on account of sickness.
Glen Fisk is still on the sick list.
The Freshman Class have taken up the subject of Botany.
Miss Heine returned to Pinckney Saturday after spending her vacation at her home in Mt. Clemens.
Miss Agnes McCuskey entertained a few friends at a progressive card party, Saturday evening December 28.
School commenced Monday after a two weeks vacation.
Nellie Fisk is improving rapidly.
Lorenzo Murphy and Lois Teeple are absent on account of illness.

Council Proceedings

Regular Council convened and was called to order by Pres. Reason.
Trustees Present—Flintoft, Clinton Teeple, Dunbar, Roche.
Absent—Monks.
Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
The following bills were read and upon motion were ordered paid and orders were drawn.
Pinckney Ltg. Co. Dec. Ltg. - \$49.50
W. A. Clinton withdrew his application presented last meeting for an electric light franchise.
R. Clinton tendered his resignation as trustee in the following form:
To the Honorable Council of the Village of Pinckney: I hereby tender my resignation to the office of trustee of said village of Pinckney.
Dated Jan. 6, 1918
Motion made by Teeple and Dunbar that the resignation be accepted. Ayes—Roche, Teeple, Dunbar and Flintoft.
The application for an electric light franchise and contract was not voted upon.
Upon motion council adjourned.
W. A. Clinton, Village Cler.

Mrs. Jas. Mehan of Brighton is visiting friends here.
We understand that Lewis Colby has sold his residence on Pearl St. to John McIntyre.
The cases of Ed. Spears vs Geo. Fuller, for assumpsit, and the people vs Alma Rice are booked for this term of the circuit court.
Miss Mae Teeple has returned to the Martha Washington Seminary, Washington D. C., after spending three weeks in Lansing and Pinckney.
The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will serve dinner at their rooms beneath the opera house Saturday of this week from 12 until all are served.

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Classified Advertising

FOUND—In the village of Pinckney a sum of money. Owner can have by proving property and paying for this notice. Jas. M. Harris. 1t

FOR SALE—Hard coal fixtures for a Round Oak stove No 18 Inquire of W. H. Miller. 1t8

Honey for sale. Inquire of Susan E. Swarthout. 1t8

FOUND—A key ring containing five keys. Owner can have by calling at this office and paying for this adv.

FOR SALE—house and two lots Inquire of Mrs. Addie Potterton. 1t8

FOR SALE—114 acres of land on the installment plan, small payment down and long terms for balance. Would take small payment in village property. Address box 686, Howell, Mich. 1t8

MARKET REPORTS

PINCKNEY

Corrected every Wednesday morning

WHEAT—\$1.08
RYE—54c
OATS—32c
MEANS—\$2.00
ONIONS—\$1.00
POTATOES—50c
BUTTER—25c
EGGS—24c
CHECKERS—Eva, 1lb. June 10c.

Mr. Fitzgerald of Brighton is taking treatment at the Sanitarium.