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Washington Letter

At the moment of this writing it is not decided where the inaugural ball shall take place. The Senate wants it in the Pension building, where it has been held for a quarter of a century. The House wants it in the Congressional Library building; and a few members of both houses want to assign to that function the rotunda and corridors of the Capitol. It is the unanimous desire that the inauguration shall be the most memorable of any ever held. Some prominent citizens desire the erection of a special building either for temporary or permanent use, but that plan for Gen. Grant's second inauguration failed utterly and made the celebration a very poor affair. Either the Capitol or Library is adapted to the purpose. The latter is already lighted abundantly, and would neither need nor permit decoration. The Capitol rotunda and Statuary Hall can be illuminated with dazzling brilliancy, almost in an hour's notice. In each building there are corridors by the mile, tinted walls and frescoed ceilings. The exits and entrances of both are perfect, and there are cloak rooms abundant. Some Senators are opposed to using the Library on the ground that the fine building would be injured, but in what way the fine building could be injured by ever so large a throng, is beyond conception. It would be no more exposed to injury than it is every day and every night till ten o'clock. The inauguration ball held in the vast spaces of the Library, would be a brilliant and magnificent affair.

The President has succeeded in stirring up all parties in both houses of Congress on the subject of extravagance in government printing and in favor of its summary reduction. Representative Landis, chairman of the House committee, says that millions of dollars could be saved by a rigid supervision of the matter sent

By the latest table, the plurality for the Republican presidential electors is 2,546,169. Nothing contributed more to the result than the Democratic plank declaring that "Protection is a robbery of the many to enrich the few."

Be sure and put your waste paper in the new garbage box in front of the RECORD office, and do your part towards keeping the streets clean. For some little time the RECORD has been urging the advisability of placing several of these cans on the street and the council has had one made and placed it in front of this office as an experiment, to see if the people would appreciate clean streets enough to put their waste paper in this box. Let each one do his part and we will get the habit of keeping the street clean, so that next summer, when we pave the streets, they will always be kept clean.

Church Notes
Christian Church Service, morning preaching by the minister, C. B. Black. Evening, Christmas exercises and an address by C. B. Black. All cordially invited.

At the Presbyterian church Sunday morning the subject will be in keeping with Christmastide. Subject for evening service at seven o'clock will be "Oblivion and How We May Defeat It."

to the public printer. He says, "At least one third of the printing could be cut off, saving millions of dollars to the government. There are thousands of tons of stuff printed in the government printing office in the highest style of the art, that are not worth the paper they are printed on." Among the principal offenders in this respect are the Geological Survey, the Bureau of Ethnology, and the Smithsonian Digest. Hundreds of thousands of volumes are distributed that are never read or even opened, some of them illustrated with a multitude of the most expensive colored engravings. Many books are thus produced which are so abstruse and even occult as to be quite beyond the general comprehension and the Geological Survey boasts that it has published a bulletin so recondite that only three men in the United States can understand it, and only six persons have ever called for a copy! Think of a great volume on the Charleston earthquake with hundreds of photo lithographs printed four years after that event, and containing no valuable information in addition to that published in the newspapers at the time.

Senator Stewart's bill increasing the salary of the President to \$100,000 a year, that of the Vice President to \$20,000 and that of the Speaker of the House to \$20,000 and that of Senators and Representative to \$10,000 seems to have run against a snag. A ringing protest is heard from all parts of the country. It held that men should not be encouraged to seek the highest places under the government by a money reward. Great honors go with them, which are above price. Senators and Representatives are required to spend here only about one third of the time for which they are elected; the other two-thirds can be devoted to their private business here or at home. And this is a country of many opportunities. Perhaps salaries will be raised when the presidents, vice-president, senators and representatives get into the habit of resigning because of inadequate compensation. Members of the House of Commons, in England receive no salaries whatever.

All summer long, day and night, an insensate little locomotive has been hauling hundreds of thousands of cubic feet of dirt from one end of the U. S. Capitol to the other. But now the little iron horse has been banished and hundreds of jaded, galled and underfed horses are compelled to finish the work with overloading, stalling and beating. The occasion of this is that Senator Hale of Maine has come back to the Capitol and in driving to the Senate chamber his superb horses showed some surprise at the engine and Senator Hale of Maine had it immediately suppressed. Senator Hale's aristocratic horses should not be blamed for the pathetic suffering of their fellow horses. Doubtless if they could have foreseen what the Senator would do they would have dissembled their surprise. There was no accident. Nobody will suffer except the hundreds of horses that suffer a daily crucifixion and are used to it.

The Senate came to time yesterday and passed the Philippine government bill, by a party vote. Many amendments were offered, and a general discussion was had but they were mostly voted down. A sharp interchange between Carmack and Foraker punctuated the proceedings. The former sarcastically welcomed the President to membership in the Anti-Imperialist League, because he said in his message that he hoped the time would come when the Philippines would have the same relation to the United States that Cuba now has and that the only justification of our presence there was our ability to do them good. The Senator expressed the fear that such language would excite

the Filipinos to insurrection and trusted it with the speeches of Messrs. Lodge and Beveridge declaring he said, that the object of our benevolent assimilation of the archipelago was to get as much out of it as we could. There were tart rejoinders and significant allusions to the lessons of the election.

The hundred thousand strangers who are expected to witness the inauguration can see a good many other things worth seeing besides the Congressional Library, the refurbished Capitol, the vast central railroad station in progress and other massive improvements.

Two South American rats have just arrived at our Zoo, very rare and remarkable animals. Each is about four feet long and weighs a hundred pounds. The Superintendent announces quite unnecessarily that they are full grown.

A 35 Cent Law Suit.

James W. Pearl won a case in Justice Weldon's court at Benton Harbor Tuesday that will probably be carried up through the courts until a final decision is reached. The result means that Mr. Pearl will be 35 cents richer or poorer at the end of the litigation, but if the railroad companies are beaten it will mean quite a loss in their receipts.

The railroads have a custom of charging storage fees on baggage that is not called for within a certain time. A short time ago Pearl had a bicycle checked to Benton Harbor over the Pere Marquette. He did not call for it at once, and when he did there was piled up against the wheel a charge of 35 cents. He refused to pay it and secured his property by means of a writ of replevin.

The case came up for trial before Justice Weldon and it was decided that the company had no authority for making a storage charge. Gore & Harvey represented the railroad company and Geo. W. Bridgman was counsel for Mr. Pearl.

Mrs. Tawker Speaks
By Mrs. William Bengough.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, James. Don't tell me you forgot what day it was; I have been reminding you every day for a week! Yes, it is a beautiful day, and no doubt Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Topham are enjoying it. Why? Oh, because their husbands always give them beautiful Christmas gifts. Last year Mrs. Topham received diamonds, Mrs. Williams a gold watch, and Mrs. Benson the loveliest set of ermine I ever saw! Hinting? Don't know what you mean, Mr. Tawker; I never noticed that for the last six weeks I have been wishing for an Austrian china dinner set of 500 pieces and decorated with pink roses. It has not interested you to hear me repeatedly declare that I hadn't a decent set of furs to keep me from catching my death of cold, because the set I got last year is out of style. The fact that Sellem & Co. have the exact style of mink pelerine and muff that would suit my complexion and ward off a case of pneumonia has never penetrated your inner consciousness.

"A fine day for Christmas, eh? Yes, and I am going to church, where I shall meet Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Topham. Mrs. Williams will show me the amethyst chain her husband gave her as a Christmas gift. Mrs. Benson will want me to stop in on my way home to admire the point lace bertha, which is her husband's present. Mrs. Topham will expect me to notice the opal ring with which Mr. Topham surprised her."

"How do I know what they were to receive? Well, after Mrs. Williams has been explaining for two months that the thing she most desires is an amethyst chain, such as Glitter & Co. are selling, it will be a wonder if she doesn't get one. Why, she even took the trouble to tell her husband exactly what they cost! She is a model wife, but then her husband appreciates Mrs. Benson had a lace bertha sent home on approval yesterday; she will tell Mr. Benson that she knows, of course, that she can't afford one, but

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Estate of Geo. H. Richards, Deceased.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, the Probate Court for the County of Berrien.
At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of St. Joseph in said County, on the 20th day of December A. D. 1904.
Present: Hon. Frank H. Ellisworth, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of George H. Richards, deceased.
Joseph L. Richards and George B. Richards having filed in said Court their final administration account, and their petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is ordered, that the 16th day of January A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Buchanan Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.
(A true copy.) FRANK H. ELLISWORTH, Judge of Probate.
ROLLAND E. BAKER, Registrar of Probate.

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A Christmas Favor By Charles M. Harger.

WHEN the captain brought to the fort a vicious looking red automobile, there was much interest among the members of his command. "Wonder if he expects to use it in drill?" suggested Adj. Quilang. "We might hitch a gun on behind and save one team," added the quartermaster. "He can sure make time over the prairie roads." The captain did make time. During the long autumn, when the plain was dry and the roads smooth, he sped on



TWO FIGURES ON HORSEBACK.

his machine, or miles at a velocity that would have landed him in jail in any city in the land. The captain liked swiftness. That was why he bought the automobile. He ran it to the limit of its speed whenever he rode. So in love with it was he that beyond the dreary monotonous daily routine, he gave little attention to the doings of the fort. He had forgotten the annual club dance and was for days unaware of the coming Christmas Eve celebration. He was coursing up toward Wild Horse canyon when the arrangements were made.

On that very afternoon as he rounded the foot of the canyon he came plump toward a lady riding almost as swiftly as he, but mounted on a handsome brown Kentucky saddle. Her horse veered far to the right, but she sat him like a princess and showed no sign of fear. "Beg your pardon," exclaimed the captain, halting his machine and lift-

ing his fatigue cap. She came nearer and then he knew her—Lieut. Burton had brought her to the dance—she was a daughter of a wealthy rancher. Miss Landers smiled and came as near as her restless horse would consent to approach. "Hero never saw an auto before," she explained; then rode on, with another irradiating smile.

The following week the red automobile was at Miss Landers' door and she went riding over the level plains with the captain. He was radiant in his happiness and was certain that he had, with his advantage of equipment and rank, outwitted his rival. But the happiness was short-lived; for, riding up by the haunted house on the crest of the divide a few days later, he saw two figures on horseback, one of whom was plainly Burton and the other evidently Miss Landers. After that the contest became unfriendly, and it was war to the knife between the rivals.

So went the varying favors until the approach of the holidays. The fort, as a break in the dullness of winter, proposed to have a grand Christmas celebration in the great mess hall, to which would be invited all the members of the troops at the station. The captain and the lieutenant were, of course, foremost in the arrangements, and to them was left the duty of issuing invitations for those outside the post. Ranchmen and their families, merchants from the neighboring town, well-to-do farmers and indeed every available resident who might contribute to the pleasure of the occasion were bidden.

To Miss Landers came two invitations, one addressed in the crabbed back-hand chirography of the captain and the other in the flowing, artistic style of the lieutenant. Which should she accept? She determined to wait on events and see where fate led. Fate seemed very undecided at that point of the affair.

No word passed between the captain and the lieutenant regarding the invitation to Miss Landers, nor was there any discussion regarding the manner by which she was to get to the celebration. However, it was the intention of each to be her personal escort. But the lieutenant reckoned without a knowledge of the intensity of the captain's nature; for when he asked for leave to go outside the post, the request came back with the curt indorsement, "Refused." That meant that he must stay at the fort or be subject to a period in the guard house.

The captain chuckled and patiently rubbed the brass fittings of his big red automobile. He looked forward with much pleasure to the coming ten-mile trip across the smooth prairie roads in the crisp winter evening, and he smiled as he thought of the discomfited lieutenant, compelled to remain at the fort.

At dusk the "devil wagon" careened out of the high-walled parade ground and swept down the slope to the bottom lands that led away up the Smoky Hill to the Circle Bar ranch, where Miss Landers was waiting for her escort—wondering all the time which of the twain would first appear. The captain, well bundled against the piercing cold, did not look to the south or he would have seen a rider on horseback making almost as good time as

was approaching him. When he did see, it was too late. Her horse gave a great swerve and, though avoiding the frightsome machine, struck its side against the barbed wire fence. She was assisted to the ground by her cowboy companion—presumably a groom—and the captain led her to the automobile.

"So sorry, Miss Landers—didn't see you—yes, Hero shall be cared for—here, sir, take the horse to the barn and order him looked after."

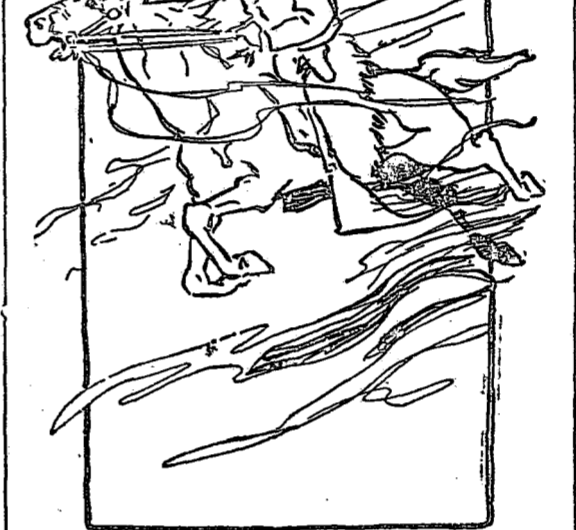
"I think he had better come with us," suggested Miss Landers. "I promised him, you know."

"Well." Then to the cowboy: "Come back here and get in—I'll take you to the fort." The man bowed silently and went to the stables.

A few minutes later the automobile was on its return journey, skimming the frozen ground and carrying its trio of passengers toward the scene of the evening's gaiety. Before it came into the circle of light that marked the driveway the cowboy accompanying the captain and his fair passenger slipped from his seat beside the latter and hurried away in the darkness—but what did the captain care? He handed Miss Landers into the hall joyfully and forgot that the other had ever lived.

But he did not forget the lieutenant. Inquiry soon told him that the younger officer had left the fort soon after dinner and had not yet returned. Then in a moment came an orderly to say that Mr. Burton was in his room.

"He may go under guard until tomorrow," ordered the captain savagely. "Then I will take up his case. Let us start the cotillon," with a low bow to Miss Landers. She had heard his orders and turned a very white face to her partner as she took his arm. She



TOOK THE SHORT CUT.

led the cotillon and received with grace the favors heaped upon her—but all the time she was thinking of the lieutenant spending his Christmas eve under guard.

Then came the supper and after that the Christmas tree. The officers were made happy with remembrances from the men; the men smiled at the little tokens from the officers—for out on this frontier post had grown up a camaraderie between those stationed there that knew no rank or station.

When the tree was emptied there ensued a hush as Miss Landers came down the center of the mess hall, her stately form held proudly erect and her eyes shining with a new light. Before the captain she curtsied with old-fashioned ceremony. The whole company waited to hear her words.

"It used to be the custom," she began, "for the king to grant on Christmas eve a favor to his subjects—I have one to ask."

"Your pleasure, Miss Landers," laughed the captain. He was feeling very good-natured just now.

"The release of Lieut. Burton—and his presence here," came the quick reply.

There was nothing for it but obedience, and the captain gave the signal. In a moment there came an orderly with a young man in cowboy suit—Lieut. Burton—and the crowd cheered as he bowed low to them all.

"But—but—" began the captain, wondering, "are you—are you?" "Yes," interrupted Miss Landers, "you brought him here yourself, and we thank you so much. It was very kind."

Lieut. Burton bowed low again and then took Miss Landers' hand. "I, too, thank you," he added; then in a low tone, the words being audible only to the captain: "Don't fuss so long on the way with your auto next time—a horse is swifter. And, say," in almost a whisper, "come to our wedding, will you—it's the last of January."

The orchestra began a waltz; the lieutenant went whirling away on the floor amid the maze of white dresses and uniforms; the huge clock in the fort tower struck 12—it was Christmas morning!

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SWEPT DOWN THE SLOPE.

he, but keeping in the lee of the bluffs and so out of sight of the casual traveler on the main road. This rider was dressed in cowboy garments, his wide-brimmed hat was flapping in the wind and his fringed coat caught the steam of his horse's breath, which congealed into snow-like foam. He took the short cut up Wild Horse canyon, around the head of Oak ranch and saved a mile where a timber claim caused a wide turn in the roadway. But the sturdy automobile fairly ate up the road, swinging down the slopes like mad and halting neither for the hills nor culverts. Then, just as the Circle Bar was in sight, its twinkling lights telling of the presence of a waiting passenger, there came a sudden "hiss!" and the captain was awakened from his dream by a quick turn into the grass alongside the highway and a short, uncompromising stop. Nothing for it but the unbundling of tools, the careful inspection of piston and igniter, the rattling of chains and the hammering of bolts.

The solitary horseman off in the distance kept on his way and cared not, if he knew, that the captain was swearing at fate and his machine out there on the wind-swept hills.

But even breaks may be repaired, and finally, with a grim sentiment of revenge, the captain pulled the lever out to the limit and raced on his way toward the Circle Bar.

It was dark now and the lights in the front of the automobile were dimmed by the dust of the road; hence the captain did not see until he was at the very gate that a lady on horseback

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First publication Dec. 9, 1904. Estate of Anna Foster, Deceased. STATE OF MICHIGAN, the Probate Court for the County of Berrien. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of St. Joseph in said County, on the 5th day of December, A. D., 1904. Present: Hon. Frank H. Ellsworth, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Anna Foster deceased. Mary Gunter, having filed in said Court her petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to David Murphy, or to some other suitable person. It is ordered, that the 3rd day of January A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition; It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Buchanan Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County (A true copy) FRANK H. ELLSWORTH Register of Probate. ROLLAND E. BARR, Judge of Probate. Last publication Dec. 23, 1904.

First publication Dec. 9, 1904. Estate of Harriet Black, Deceased. STATE OF MICHIGAN, the Probate Court for the County of Berrien. In the matter of the estate of Harriet Black deceased. Having been appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, we do hereby give notice that four months from the 5th day of December A. D. 1904 were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and that we will meet at the office of George E. Batchelor in the village of Buchanan, Michigan said county, on the 7th day of February A. D. 1905, and on the 5th day of April A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims. Dated 5th day of December, A. D. 1904. GEORGE E. BATCHELOR, JOHN GRAHAM, Commissioners. Last publication Dec. 23, 1904.



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Judge Coolidge Not a Candidate

A week ago the state papers printed a report sent out from Grand Rapids to the effect that Judge Coolidge was a candidate for the supreme Bench and would contest with Justice Montgomery for the nomination next spring. The candidacy of the Niles jurist was taken up and endorsed by many papers who became acquainted with Judge Coolidge during the campaign of last fall.

Since the report has been made public in this county many of the friends of Judge Coolidge have hastened to offer him their support, but the judge has informed them all that he is not a candidate. In order to emphasize his position the judge has written the following letter to this paper:

Niles, Dec. 19, 1904. Editor of the News-Palladium. Dear Sir: I have been informed of your presentation of my name as a candidate for the nomination for justice of the supreme court, to be elected next spring.

Thanking you for your complimentary notice and for kind words in the past, I desire to say, however, that I am not a candidate for the position named, and have in no way countenanced the idea. Yours truly,
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Christmas at the Churches

Christmas time at the churches is the delight of the little folks as well as a good many of the grown-ups, and each succeeding year new ideas are advanced for entertainment, but nearly always in conjunction with that old standby, the Christmas tree, with its dark green branches as a background for the many beautiful gifts and its myriad of tiny dancing lights.

This year will be no exception to the old custom, although the day does come on Sunday. The various churches that will celebrate are making elaborate preparations for the event.

The Presbyterian church will start the ball rolling by holding their exercises this evening, at which time a very delightful cantata, entitled "Santa Claus and the Star Queen," will be presented by the Sunday school. Besides the cantata there will be a Christmas tree to delight the little ones.

At the Methodist church, on Saturday evening the Sunday school will give a short program, with special music by the choir. A Christmas tree will be the feature of the evening.

Christmas exercises will be held at the U. B. church, Saturday evening and a Christmas tree will be there also. The exercises will consist of songs, music and speaking all appropriate for the occasion.

The Advent Christian Sunday school will hold their Christmas exercises Saturday evening. Recitations and music will constitute the program. Instead of a tree, an old fashioned fire place will occupy the pulpit platform. The church will be elaborately decorated.

The Christmas exercises at the Christian church will be held Sunday evening and will consist of music, songs and recitations and a short talk by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Black. The presents will be placed on a tree at this church.

EVANGELICAL

Services on Christmas day will be held as follows:

10:30 a. m. The Christmas sermon will be preached by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Hammhuber.

11:45 a. m. Bible school will be held.

7:30 p. m. the Christmas exercises by the Sunday school will be given. The program consists of two parts.

PART I

An exercise by the younger part of the school, representing in costume, nearly every country of the world, and telling how Christmas is celebrated in their country.

PART II

A cantata entitled "Ruth the Gleaner," by the older members of the school. The story of Ruth, Naomi and Orpah, will be sung, from the time they left Moab and ending in Ruth's betrothal to Boaz. The soloists will be assisted by a chorus of 20 voices.

A silver collection will be lifted. It is desired that no presents be brought to be distributed from the Christmas tree.

The church and Sunday school extend you an invitation to spend Christmas with them.

"Over Niagara Falls"

The above named play was presented at Rough's opera house last night to a good sized audience by a first class company. While it was impossible for the company to use all of their special scenery the presentation was considered above the average that visit this place. Over half of the scenery that is used for the performance was left at the depot on account of the stage being too small for its use. The scene of the "Falls" was one of the most realistic ever seen here and has received many favorable comments. All the characters were exceptionally good, but that of Starlight the Indian chief as portrayed by Mr. C. Nick Stark stood out above all the others. The company should meet with success.

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FIGHT FOR AN OFFICE

Berrien County Will Have Two Drain Commissioners.

AFTER JANUARY FIRST

But The Court Will Decide Which Is To Have Salary.

The legal fight for the possession of the office of County Drain Commissioner will begin on Jan. 1, or rather Jan. 2, when John Burbank of this township, elected to that office on Nov. 8, by the Republicans without opposition will demand the office, and Frank A. Stryker, of Buchanan, elected for two years by the Democratic board of supervisors at the annual meeting in October, 1903, will refuse to turn the office over to Mr. Burbank.

As has been explained before in these columns, the legal entanglement over this important office is precipitated by the Lovell act of the legislature of 1903, making the office of Drain Commissioner for Berrien county elective by all the people instead of by the board of supervisors.

The validity of the act is disputed by Mr. Stryker and by the Democrat leaders of the county, and that explains why the Democrats made no nomination for this office at their convention held in Niles last summer.

Mr. Stryker, therefore, will not recognize the validity of the election of Mr. Burbank and it will devolve upon the latter to at once begin quo warranto proceedings which will bring the matter before the court to determine by what authority Mr. Stryker persists in laying claim to the office.

Gore & Harvey will represent Mr. Burbank and Marshall Howell, the astute Cassopolis legal luminary, will make out the case before the supreme tribunal for Mr. Stryker.

Representative Lovell has been accused of introducing and securing the passage of the act for political purposes only. Berrien county is normally republican by a large majority. At times it occurs that the board of supervisors is democratic. It could happen as in the case of Mr. Strker, that the office will sometime be filled by a democrat. With the office made elective the plum would be for the republicans at all times.

The struggle in the courts will simmer down to two points:

First, The constitutionality of the Lovell act.

Second, Does the Lovell act imply the repeal of the old law under which the drain commissioner held his office?

Mr. Stryker has made an excellent commissioner.

On the other hand Mr Burbank has held the office of drain commissioner, and his competency and high standing as a citizen are well known.

GLENDORA

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Weaver were called to Cassopolis this week on account of the death of her sister, Mrs. Minnie Dunbar.

Mrs. Will Garlington and baby from Benton Harbor, arrived Monday to spend the Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pennell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Shetterly, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Shetterly and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burrus spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shepardson.

Jessie and Glen Boyle are home from the Agricultural college for the winter vacation.

On the 16th inst a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morley.

Mr. Ira Shepardson will spend the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. B. Shetterly.

The chicken pie dinner given to the members of the Baptist Sunday school, last Saturday, was highly enjoyed by those present. Nearly every member being present.

Beginning with Jan. 1, 1905, Clarence Peck will be the butter maker for the Bishop Creamery Co.

Ruben Wolken started for the northern part of Michigan on Tuesday of this week.

The funeral of Marion Boyce was held in New Troy on Wednesday of this week.

The M. C. R. R. will sell round trip tickets at reduced rate to certain points on Dec. 24, 25, 26 and 31st and January 1 and 2 1905 limited to return not later than Jan. 4th, account of Holidays.
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Estate of Harriet Black, Deceased.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Berrien.

In the matter of the estate of Harriet Black deceased.

Having been appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, we do hereby give notice that four months from the 19th day of December A. D. 1904 were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and we will meet at the office of Dr. Orville Curtis, village of Buchanan, in said county, on the 19th day of February A. D. 1905, and on the 19th day of April A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims.

Dated December 19th A. D. 1904.
DR. ORVILLE CURTIS,
FRANK S. LAMM,
Commissioners.

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