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TERMS OF ADVERTISING. One square (10 lines) for three months... Single advertisements at rates from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per annum.

Holiday Presents.

S. & W. W. SMITH'S. Do you want something beautiful? Do you want something useful? Do you want to combine utility with ornament?

CLOTHING. We Have the Largest and Best Selected Stock of BOOTS & SHOES, HATS AND CAPS, CLOTHING, AND FURNISHING GOODS.

SPENCER & BARNES. Manufacturers of and Dealers in all kinds of FURNITURE. All Work Fully Warranted.

Business Directory. A. F. WHITE, Druggist and Apothecary; B. P. PETTIT, M. D., Homeopathic Physician; C. S. SMITH, M. D., Physician and Surgeon.

MORLEY, star foundry. All kinds of casting, such as engine parts, pump castings, etc. WOODLAND HOUSE, Buchanan, Mich.

W. R. SOBER, M. D., Eclectic Physician; WOODLAND HOUSE, Buchanan, Mich.; J. F. HAHN, Metal and Casket Coffins.

DR. I. D. SELBY, Electroic and Magnetic Physician. Treats all forms of chronic disease, such as Rheumatism, Neuralgia, etc.

MIDWIFERY! MRS. MARIA DUTTON, MIDWIFE AND NURSE. Particular attention paid to the diseases of women and children.

The President's Message.

In submitting my eighth and last annual message to Congress it seems proper that I should refer to and in some degree recapitulate the events and official acts of the past eight years. It was my fortune, or misfortune, to be called to the office of Chief Executive without any previous political training.

stipulations in his search for gold. The question might be asked why the government has not enforced obedience to the terms of the treaty prohibiting the occupation of the Black Hills region by the whites. The answer is simple.

AN ENEMY IN THE REAR ALMOST AS DANGEROUS AS THE MORE HONORABLE ENEMY IN THE FRONT.

The latter committed errors of judgment, but they maintained their open and courageous position. The former received the protection of the government they would see destroyed, and reaped all the pecuniary advantage to be gained out of them by obtaining contracts and by swindling the government in the delivery of their goods.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS. The Court of Commissioners of the Alabama Claims, whose functions were continued by an act of the last session of Congress until the 1st day of January, 1877, has carried on its labors with diligence and general satisfaction.

REDUCTION OF TAXES ON THE PUBLIC DEBT. The taxes have been reduced within the last seven years nearly \$300,000,000, and the national debt has been reduced in the same time over \$455,000,000 by refunding the six per cent bonded debt for bonds bearing five and one-half, five, and four and one-half per cent interest, respectively.

THE INDIANS. A policy has been adopted toward the Indian tribes inhabiting a large portion of the territory of the United States which has been humane and has substantially ended Indian hostilities in the whole land, except in a portion of Nebraska and Dakota.

THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE BRITISH POSSESSIONS. It is with satisfaction that I am enabled to state that the work of the Joint Commission for determining the boundary line between the United States and the British Possessions, commenced in 1872, has been completed.

THE QUESTION OF EXTRADITION WITH GREAT BRITAIN. I reserve for a separate communication to Congress a statement of the conditions of the questions which lately arose with Great Britain respecting the surrender of fugitive criminals under the treaty of 1842.

THE OTTOMAN TREATIES WITH THE OTTOMAN GOVERNMENT. The Ottoman Government gave notice, under date of Jan. 15, 1874, of its desire to terminate the treaty of 1830, concerning commerce and navigation, pursuant to the provisions of the twenty-second article thereof.

EXPATRIATION AND NATURALIZATION. In former messages I have called the attention of Congress to the necessity of legislation with regard to fraudulent naturalization and the subject of expatriation.

COMMERCIAL RECIPROcity WITH HAWAII. The necessary legislation to carry into effect the convention respecting commercial reciprocity, concluded with the Hawaiian Islands, in 1875, having been had, the proclamation to carry into effect the treaty, as provided by the act approved Aug. 15, 1876, was duly issued September last.

WAR CLAIMS. I invite your special attention to the following recommendations of the Secretary of War: First, that the claims, under the act of the 4th of July, 1864, for supplies taken by the army during the war, be removed from the offices of the Quarter-master and Commissary Generals and transferred to the Southern Claims Commission.

MARRIAGES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS, CONTRACTED ABROAD. and concerning the status of American women who marry foreigners, and of children born of American parents in a foreign country.

CLAIMS OF ALIENS ON THE UNITED STATES. In like manner, I repeat my recommendation that some means be provided for the hearing and determination of the just and subsisting claims of aliens upon the Government of the United States, within a reasonable limitation, and of such as may hereafter arise, while by existing provisions of law the Court of Claims may, in certain cases, be restored to by an alien claimant.

THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR shows that the branch of the service to be in a condition as effective as it is possible to keep it with the means that the appropriations give to the department. It is, of course, impossible to rival the costly and progressive establishments of the great European powers with the old material of our navy, to which no increase has been authorized since the war except the eight small cruisers built to supply the place of others which had gone to decay.

THE POSTAL SERVICE. The report of the Postmaster General shows an excess of expenditures (excluding the expenditures on account of previous years) over the receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876, to be \$4,151,988.66. The estimated expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877, are \$3,672,943,243; estimated revenue for the same period is \$304,645,256, leaving an estimated excess of expenditures to be appropriated as a deficiency, of \$5,078,267.43.

AGRICULTURE. The report of the Commissioner of Agriculture, accompanying the message, will be found one of great interest. As it does, the great progress of the last century in the variety of products of the soil, increased knowledge and skill in the labor of producing, and saving and manipulating the same to prepare them for the use of man, in the improvements of machinery to aid the agriculturalist in his labor, and a knowledge of the scientific subjects, necessary to a thorough system in the production of agricultural products, namely: chemistry, botany, entomology, etc.

THE NAVY. The report of the Secretary of the Navy shows that branch of the service to be in a condition as effective as it is possible to keep it with the means that the appropriations give to the department.

THE ARMY. The report of the Secretary of War shows that the army has been actively employed during the year, in subduing, at the request of the Indian Bureau, certain wild bands of the Sioux Indian nation, and in preserving peace at the South during the election.

THE ESTIMATES OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT. are made upon the basis of the number of men authorized by law, and their requirements, as shown by years of experience, and also with the purpose of a part of the bureau officers to provide for all contingencies that may arise during the time for which the estimates are made, exclusive of the engineers' estimates, presented in accordance with the acts of Congress calling for surveys and estimates for the improvement at various localities.

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Berrien Co. Record.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 14, 1876.

To Advertisers. The Record is the best Advertising medium in Southwestern Michigan, having the largest circulation of any other paper in this part of the State.

NOBLE! NOBLE! WILL SELL BOOTS! BOOTS! SHOES! SHOES! HATS AND CAPS! CHEAPER THAN EVER.

Mercury crawled down to 4 above zero. They have three debating clubs in Berrien Springs. THREE more issues of the Record this year.

The little folks had a "social" at Amos Evans' last night. ONE week from next Monday is Christmas. Have you bought your presents?

There are seven marriage notices in another column, and it is not much of a week for weddings either. They say the Bloomingdale Tidings is about on its last legs. Weakness in the stomach is the trouble.

The foot in a chimney in the Collins & Weaver block was burned out last night. If you want a parlor box stove for \$1.50, cash, call at this office. Cheap as can be found anywhere.

REDDEN & GRAHAM have a new advertisement in another column. Read it and heed it. The Michigan Central Railroad Company say they want 500 cars with which to catch up with their business.

Don't fail to secure seats for the Entertainment at Collins and Weaver's Hall, Friday evening, Dec. 22. NONE but the brave deserve the fair, and the most courageous cannot live with some of them.

The examinations in Buchanan Union School will be held next week. See programme in another column. THE Cassopolis Vigilant tells of a lady in Adamsville who killed a dozen chickens which weighed 10 pounds each. Good enough.

THE "Lilly" murder case in Cass county has been adjourned to next term of court, on account of the absence of an important witness. They complain in Lansing of having no snow. Perhaps they might have some of ours if they would take some of the cold weather with it.

FRIDAY night was one that was pleasant to be out in. The air was thick with snow and with a living gale, and mercury among the small numbers. TOM THUMB and wife and Miss Minnie Warren are on another exhibition tour through this State. Wonder if they will come here.

A SPECIAL to the Evening News from Paw Paw, Dec. 8th, says the Glifton house in that place was burned the night before. THE law firm of Clisbee & Ketcham of Cassopolis is split. Ketcham will go off by himself and set up a shop of his own.

OUR CLUB LIST.

To subscribers for the RECORD we can furnish reading matter for the ensuing year at the following exceedingly low rates:

Table listing various publications and their prices, including God's Ladies Book, Democrat's Monthly Magazine, Peterson's Magazine, Harper's Bazar, etc.

Other periodicals furnished at lowest club rates, upon short notice. Those marked * are accompanied with either chromo or steel engravings.

THE present indications are that there will not be such another scarcity of ice next summer as there was last, and it will bear a little lower price.

JOHN GRAHAM has been quite sick the last two or three weeks but is now able to be about. He made his first appearance down town this morning.

Manufacturers and others, who give their employes orders on stores, can find blank orders, just the thing they want, at the RECORD office.

CHARLEY HIGH has so far recovered from his late sickness as to have been down town, and expects to soon be able to renew his labors behind the counter.

It seems that the vote of this county on the amendment relative to the salary of Circuit Judges is not to be left out after all. The Board of Canvassers are to meet again and make a new count.

Who says that advertising doesn't pay? Mr. Bradley inserted a six line notice of his new pictures, in last week's RECORD, and before we had gone to press he informed us that he had received two orders for pictures. Advertise, by all means.

THE election of officers of the Buchanan Grange, to have been held on Saturday afternoon last, has been postponed two weeks, owing to the severity of the weather but law were present at the last meeting.

A South Bend Justice fined a school teacher \$1 and costs for whipping one of his pupils harder than was healthy. A little cheaper than in St. Joseph, in this county. It cost a teacher there \$27 to whip one of his pupils.

FROM DAYTON.

Baldwin's bankrupt sale did not bring in a fortune for his employers, at this place. After a few days' trial here, he moved on to Three Oaks.

Rev. Mr. Bennett delivered a good sermon last Sunday evening, on the text, "Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven and all things shall be added unto you." There will be services at the church next Sunday forenoon, conducted by a minister from Buchanan—the name has slipped our memory.

THE students of the Union School will give an entertainment at Collins & Weaver's Hall, Friday evening, December 22d, 1876. The proceeds of which will be used in purchasing either a Piano, Matting, or an Encyclopedia, the latter being indispensable to the success of our higher institutions.

The exercises will consist of an Oration, Recitation, Essays, Songs and Select Reading; also a Dialogue and the popular Drama, "The Spirit of '76" or the "Coming Woman."

Admission 25 cents. Reserved seats 35 cents. Doors will be open at 6:30 o'clock. Entertainment commences at 7:30. Let the house be crowded.

OUR Public School will be examined next week, commencing Monday, Dec. 18, '76. The following programme will show the time each class will be examined:

MONDAY. 9:15 to 10—Spelling. 10 to 11:30—Algebra, Junior. 1:30 to 4—Arithmetic, Freshman.

TUESDAY. 9:15 to 10—Spelling. 10 to 11:30—French, Senior. 1:30 to 2:30—Drawing. 2:30 to 4—Physical Geog., Junior.

WEDNESDAY. 9:15 to 11:30—U. S. History, Freshman. 1:30 to 4—Latin, Junior.

THURSDAY. 9:15 to 11:30—Grammar, Freshman. 1:30 to 4—English Literature, Senior.

FRIDAY. 9:15 to 11:30—Natural History, Senior. 1:30 to 4—Literary exercises by representatives from all the schools; Singing, Declamations, Select Reading, &c., &c.

THE COUNTY PRESS.

Wheat thieves are becoming numerous. Mr. Elnik, living about four and a half miles west of this city, had some sixty bushels stolen last Monday night.

A. B. Lett, an esteemed colored citizen of Pipestone, died on Tuesday of last week, after a lingering illness of dropsy. He was 60 years old.

Martin Christaer, son of B. Christaer, of this city, was seriously injured on Friday last by being caught in the machinery of a wood elevator at Inkster, near Detroit.

Mr. Rhodes, who lives on Portage Prairie, a few days since killed a very large white owl. These birds are becoming rare in this section, where once they were numerous.

THE Grand Central Hotel, New York, was the first leading hotel to reduce and schedule its rates according to the location of its rooms.

FRANKENBURG, at Niles, will sell you a better overcoat for \$10 than you can buy at any other store in the State for \$20.

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LOCALS.

A Valuable Medical Treatise. The edition for 1877 of the "Spelling Medical Annual, known as Hostetter's Almanac, is now ready, and may be obtained, free of cost, of druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the United States and British America.

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THE YOUNG FOLKS' MONTHLY.

The Young Folks' Monthly, the great Popular Illustrated Literary Magazine for young people. A novelty in many respects; many departments alone worth the whole subscription price.

A NEW BOOK FOR THE PEOPLE—"Foundation of Success and Laws of Trade," a book devoted to business and its successful prosecution, being a complete guide and hand book of reference for young men, clerks, merchants, mechanics, farmers, and the household, by Daniel R. Shafer, A. M.

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Dry Goods CHEAP FOR CASH.

WE WILL SELL YOU MORE Dry Goods, Wall Paper, Oil Cloth, AND NOTIONS, On goods than ever before. S. P. & G. C. HIGH.

Sewing Machines for \$5. All first-class machines and fully warranted. If you want a good Machine, I can sell you one cheaper than you can buy a poor one.

Are You Going to Paint? Then Buy the N. Y. ENAMEL PAINT CO.'S CHEMICAL PAINT.

Are You Going to Paint? THEN BUY MILLER BROS. CHEMICAL PAINT.

THE NEW WHEELER & WILSON Family Sewing Machine, No. 8.

FARRAR & WHEELER, 155 State Street, Chicago.

PALACE ORGANS. THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

JAS. L. WILKIE, Agent, Oak St., Buchanan.

FOUNDRY. You can get your STOVE repaired. Also, the best SHORN SHOES in the market.

NEW BLACKSMITH AND WAGON SHOP. GEORGE MUNSON having completed his new Blacksmith and Wagon Shop.

NEBRASKA AHEP. GOOD LANSIN & CO.

Various small notices and advertisements.

