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The Michigan Congressional delegation is all in Washington, and the Government still lives.

Monon, Ind., has a mugwump postmaster and republican deputy, a combination which makes democrats weep.

An oil painting, said to be a genuine Raphael, and worth \$75,000, is in the hands of Chicago custom house officers, confiscated as smuggled goods.

It has cost Montreal and vicinity nearly 4,000 lives to learn that it is economy to be vaccinated, and the denizens of that city are not absolutely positive that they know that much now.

Senator Hoar says of President Cleveland's Message: "Everything that the President has recommended the Republicans have tried to do for the next ten years, but the Democrats of the House have prevented them doing it."

Wm. H. Vanderbilt, the railroad magnate dropped dead at his mansion in New York, at 8:30 Tuesday afternoon, of apoplexy. His estate is estimated at \$225,000,000, of which \$150,000,000 was left to him by his father, Cornelius II., at his death. He was sixty-four years of age.

As President Cleveland has never been west of Dunkirk, New York, it is appropriately suggested that he buy a life accident policy and start out for a brief look at the little country of which he is Chief Magistrate. It might be of some value to him in his official capacity.

If there was ever a time when the New York Sun showed itself more a fool than at another, it was when it hurried its dirty abuse at ex-President Hayes, simply because he attended the funeral of Tom Hendricks. It could not leave the open grave of its political champion to hurl its epithets at a political opponent.

It is fortunate that Mr. Hendricks died just when he did, for if he had lived until now and seen all the outlandish pictures that the country and daily newspapers are publishing, labeled "Thomas A. Hendricks" it would have sent him to the lunatic asylum. It would have been more than human endurance could withstand.

Owing to a remark by Gov. Alger that he would not be a candidate for re-election, nearly all of the papers of the state have been trying to select a suitable man to take the place. Pretty early yet to begin bothering about so insignificant an affair as the governorship. Plenty of time to worry over that next year.

The democratic administration has not paid a dollar of the national debt, and money is yet accumulating in the United States treasury, thereby contracting the currency daily, not a bond being taken up, nor a dollar of interest stopped. It is time for Tim Tarsney to redeem his promise to raise the flood-gates of the treasury and let the accumulated millions flow out to the "dear people." Eight months and not yet a single flow.—Greenville Independent.

United States Treasurer Jordan's annual report shows a decrease of revenue, for the fiscal year, of \$24,820,160, and an increase of expenditure of \$16,100,690. There was a lack of surplus toward the payment of the National debt, as compared with 1884, of \$40,929,854. The assets, according to the new form of statement, Sept. 30 1885, were \$574,708,256, an increase of \$55,018,007 over 1884; the liabilities were \$380,381,777, an increase of \$10,216,391. There was also an increase of \$28,463, in the gold and of \$22,005,016 in the silver assets.

The first session of the 49th Congress convened Monday noon. The Senate elected as President pro. tem, Hon. John Sherman, of Ohio, and then adjourned "out of respect to the memory of the late Vice-President." The House was organized by the election of Hon. John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky, as Speaker; John B. Clarke, of Missouri, Clerk; John H. Leedom, of Ohio, Sergeant-at-arms; Samuel Donelson, of Tennessee, Doorkeeper; Lycurgus Dalton, Postmaster. The House then adjourned "out of respect to the memory of Vice-President Hendricks."

For the benefit of the Greenback wing of the Democracy, we copy the following from Secretary Manning's report. As they helped place Manning in his present important position, they will, as a matter of course, not object to his opinions: "I cannot myself believe that the voters of the several states will ever decide that the Federal Government holds as sovereign a power to issue and reissue treasury notes and make them a legal tender in payment of private debts as it has to coin money and borrow it."

Either Mr. Manning is hard to convince of the errors of his ideas, or he has never heard of the decision of the Supreme Court on this point.

At the Republican Senatorial Caucus to nominate a candidate for President pro tem of the Senate, on Friday last, Hon. John A. Logan was the unanimous choice, but in a neat little speech he declined the honor, when the choice of Hon. John Sherman, of Ohio, was made. While it was the almost unanimous wish of the Republicans of the country, that Mr. Logan would be the man who should receive the position which was so unanimously offered him, all now praise him for refusing it, believing that he can be of more service to the country by being able to enter the lists of debaters on the floor of the Senate, which he could not have done as President of the Senate. Many of his friends already predict for him a brilliant future, and that he will be the next nominee of the Republican party for President.

What an elevating spectacle and high recommendation it is for Michigan's little supreme court for one of its members to be hobnobbing about the departments of Washington, pettifogging for some postoffice seeker. Such has been the elevating occupation of the lately elected Judge Allen B. Morse during the past ten or dozen days.

The Postal Service. It is not surprising that the report of the postmaster-general should show a more than usual deficiency. Two new laws for the accommodation of the people have gone into effect, which have reduced the revenues of the department about \$800,000. One of these laws is the raising of a single letter rate from one-half to one ounce, and the other is the reduction of postage on newspapers and periodicals sent from the office of publication to regular subscribers from 2 to 1 cent a pound. We believe this falling off in revenue will be temporary, from the fact that the virtual reduction on letters and sealed packages has been attended with an increase in the number of letters carried and in a noticeable increase in the number of sealed packages. No reduction in postage has ever been made by the government that has not been immediately followed by a corresponding reduction in revenues, but in each instance, it has proved to be only temporary. The rule that the cheaper a thing is the more it will be used has found no exception in the postal service of the country. It is only when the government trenches on business that belongs to some one else that the loss has been continuous. Thus, when the government competes with express and freight companies in the business of transportation, as is the case in carrying third-class matter, a loss invariably results. The United States mails should not be cumbered with merchandise of all kinds, as is now the case, which the government transports at less than the postage that it costs to carry it one-half the distance. A very large proportion of the mails for the territories is made up of merchandise carried as third-class matter at less than cost. The result is that, while the government does not do all the express business, it does enough of it to injure companies engaged in that business, and people have to pay exorbitant rates on what they carry. A very large proportion of the annual deficiency, when it exists, is due to the fact that the profits from the transportation of letters is more than lost in the carrying of third-class matter, at less than cost. It is this that stands in the way of a further reduction in the rates of first-class matter.—Chicago News.

PHACT AND PHYSIC. Sixty tons of almonds were gathered from sixty-five acres on the Oakshade farm, in Yolo county, Cal., the present season.

No Mystery About It. There are no mysteries or secrets about the compounding of Brown's Iron Bitters. The regular use of iron is the only one that can be taken without injuring the teeth or stomach. It gives vigor to the feeble, life to the debilitated, and health to the dyspeptic. Year used, and we refer you to the most delicate child. Mrs. Emma Williams, of Starkweather, Miss., says, "It relieved my daughter of dyspepsia, and myself of general debility."

The Post Office Department discourages sub-offices in large cities as delaying rapid delivery, and favors an increase of the carrier system.

Forty years' experience, in every climate on earth, has proved Ayer's Cherry Pectoral to be the most reliable remedy for colds, coughs, and all lung diseases. Neglected colds often become incurable ailments. Deal with them in time, and prevent their becoming deep-seated in the system.

One of the Atlantic Prohibitionists who was most active during the recent campaign has been turned over to the police by his family. His head had been turned by the excitement.

Tone up the system by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It will make you feel like a new person. Thousands have found health and relief from suffering, by the use of this great blood purifier, when all other means failed.

Maine paid \$33,950 of internal revenue last year. There are 1,014 retail liquor dealers in the state.

Fits.—All fits stopped free by Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. No fits after first day's use. Marvelous cures. Treatise and \$2 trial bottle free to fit cases. Send to Dr. Kline, 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

A natural bridge has recently been discovered in the Tonto Basin, A. T., which is 200 feet long, 500 feet wide, and 170 feet high.

S. B. Duffey, mate of steamer Arizona, had his foot badly jammed. Thomas' Electric Oil cured it. Nothing equal to it for a quick pain reliever.

Spurgeon, the great English preacher, is seriously ill.

Ele's Honey the great cough cure, 25c. & 41
Ele's Sulphur Soap heals & beautifies, 25c.
German Corn Remover kills Corns & Bunions
Hill's Hair and Whisker Dye—Black and Brown, 50c.
Pike's Toothache Drops cure in 1 Minute, 25c.
Beane's Rheumatic Pills are a sure cure, 40c.

The clergy, medical faculty and people all endorse Burdock Blood Bitters as the system renovating, blood purifying tonic in the world.

The petrified skeleton of a whale over thirty feet long has been discovered by an officer of the Coast Survey on a range of mountains in Monterey county, Cal., over 3,300 feet above sea level.

Adolf Dallow, carriage manufacturer, Buffalo, says: "I was troubled with nausea, sick headache and general debility. Burdock Blood Bitters cured me."

A mushroom described by a physician of Portland, Oregon, as having sprung up in a single night near his doorstep, measured twenty-four inches in circumference and weighed 1 1/2 pounds.

For burns, scalds, bruises and all pain and soreness of the flesh, the grand remedy is Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Be sure you get the genuine.

A death certificate was so filled in by a Chicago doctor as to have it appear he had killed his patient. He wrote his own name inadvertently in the space where the cause of death is specified.

Senators Blair and Frye are said to be the only members of the upper house of Congress who are teetotalers.

The best on earth, can truly be said of Dr. Griggs' Glycerine Salve, which is a sure, safe and speedy cure for cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, wounds and all other sores. Will positively cure piles, tetter and all skin eruptions. Try this wonderful healer. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Only 25 cents. Sold by S. A. Wood 9711

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Harper's Bazar.

HARPER'S BAZAR is the only paper in the world that combines the choicest literature and the finest art illustrations with the latest fashions and useful hints of household adornment. Its weekly illustrations and descriptions of the newest Paris and New York styles, with the useful pattern-sheet supplements and cut patterns, by enabling ladies to do their own dressmaking, save many times the cost of alterations. Its papers on cooking, the management of servants, and housekeeping in its most details are eminently practical. Much attention is given to the interesting topics of social etiquette and the art of entertaining. Its needlework are acknowledged to be unequalled. Its literary matter is of the highest quality, and its illustrations of character of its humorous pictures have won for it the name of the American Punch.

HARPER'S PERIODICALS.

For Year: HARPER'S BAZAR, 4 00 HARPER'S MAGAZINE, \$4 00 HARPER'S WEEKLY, 4 00 HARPER'S YOUNG PEOPLE, 4 00 HARPER'S FRANKLIN SQUARE LIBRARY, One Year (8 Numbers), 10 00

Postage Free to all subscribers in the United States or Canada. The volumes of the BAZAR began with the first Number for January of each year. When no time is mentioned, it will be understood that the subscriber wishes to commence with the Number next after the receipt of order.

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I GURE FITS!

Consumption. A natural bridge has recently been discovered in the Tonto Basin, A. T., which is 200 feet long, 500 feet wide, and 170 feet high.

CHAS. BISHOP, SUCCESSOR TO BARMORE & RICHARDS, GROCER AND BAKER.

Having purchased the well-known Barmore & Richards stock, No. 54 Front street, I would inform the public that the stock will at all times be kept full and fresh, and will consist of

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES, Crockery, Glassware, BAKERY GOODS,

And in fact everything usually found in a first-class Grocery and Bakery.

Please Give Me a Call.

CHARLES BISHOP, 54 FRONT STREET.

SAMSON & PIERCE Offer their entire stock of

STOVES!

AT ACTUAL COST!

Now is the time to get a good bargain.

CHAS. B. TREAT, Successor to Treat & Redden, Leading Grocers!

Having bought the interest of my partner, Mr. L. L. Redden, I will continue the business at the old stand, where I will strive by honest and fair dealing, to hold all the trade of my old friends and to gain many new ones.

Cor. Day's Ave. and Front St., BUCHANAN, MICH.

Buchanan Prices Current.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including wheat, flour, corn, and other goods.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate.

GRATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Berrien—In the matter of the estate of Orin M. Beckwith, Willis L. Beckwith and Della M. Beckwith, Executors.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order granted to the undersigned, Guardian of the estate of said minors, by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Berrien, on the 24th day of May, A. D. 1885, there will be sold at public vendue to the highest bidder, on the premises, in the County of Berrien, in said State of Michigan, on



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CONSUMPTION. A natural bridge has recently been discovered in the Tonto Basin, A. T., which is 200 feet long, 500 feet wide, and 170 feet high.

E. S. DODD & SON, Druggists and Booksellers.

MAKE THIS THEIR TENTH ANNUAL Holiday Announcement!

We gratefully appreciate the favors shown us in the continuous patronage given since we engaged in this branch of our business, and feeling justified in increasing our stock we have added

BLANK AND MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS, WHICH FOR FINE QUALITY ARE UNEXCELLED.

Dictionaries from 25c to \$12; Noyes' Patent Holders; Pocket, Family and Teachers' Bibles, ranging in price from 30c to \$10. We call attention to our large and varied assortment of Photograph and Card Albums, in the newest styles, better and cheaper than ever. In Artists' Materials, including the beautiful Essex Ware, we have an elegant stock from which to select. Brush and Comb Sets in Plush and Aligator; Brush Broom Holders in Brass and Plush, mirror and medallion styles; Collar and Cuff Boxes; Odor Cases; Perfumery, the largest stock, the most odors; Mirror Stands; Pocket cases and books; Pocket Cutlery; Razors and Razor Sets; Fancy and Plain Box Paper; Writing Desks; Ink Stands and Trays in many new and unique designs; Dolls in profusion; Toy Paints; Games of different kinds; Scrap and Children's Books; Toy, Building and A. B. C. Blocks in great variety and very cheap; Cups and Saucers and Vases at cost to close; Cigar Cases and Smokers' Sets at half the prices usually obtained.

It is impossible to enumerate here all that we desire to call your attention to. We therefore ask you to

CALL AND EXAMINE OUR STOCK,

Whether you buy or not. It will afford us pleasure to show you, and should you desire to have some article laid aside till Christmas, we will care for purchases so made till wanted.

Wishing you one and all the compliments of the season, and prosperity in basket and store, we are,

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,

Dr. E. S. DODD & SON, The Old Line Druggists. BUCHANAN, MICH.

NOT THE "Largest Stock of Goods Ever Brought to Buchanan,"

(EVERYBODY ELSE HAS THAT,) BUT JUST THE NICEST ASSORTMENT OF

HOLIDAY GOODS

You can wish for, from which to make your selections for

Christmas Gifts.

We mean to make it an object for you to thoroughly examine the many beautiful things that are now ready for your inspection.

Remember, we will be pleased to show you these Goods.

YOURS FOR INSPECTION,

S. A. WOOD, Corner Drug Store.

Next week we will give you a list of the articles we carry.

THE MESSAGE.

President Cleveland's First Communication to Congress.

He Urges a Suspension of the Coinage of Silver.

Recommends a Reduction of the Tariff on the Necessaries of Life.

Favors the Tehuantepec Ship Railway Across the Isthmus.

A Plea for the Education and Civilization of the Indians.

Our Relations with Foreign Powers in a Satisfactory Condition.

Cordial Relations with Mexico and the Central American States.

A Good Word for the Life-Saving Service—The Signal-Service Bureau.

A tribute to Mr. Hendricks. To the Congress of the United States: Your assembly is clouded by a sense of public bereavement caused by the recent and sudden death of Thomas Hendricks, President of the United States. His distinguished public services, his complete integrity and devotion to every duty, and his personal virtues, will find ample room in the hearts of the people.

CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY. The Constitution, which requires those chosen to legislate for the people to annually meet in the discharge of their solemn duty, requires the President to give to Congress information of the state of the Union and recommend to its consideration such measures as shall seem necessary and expedient.

FOREIGN RELATIONS. It is gratifying to announce that the relations of the United States with all foreign powers continue to be in a satisfactory condition. A century of successful constitutional government, maintenance of good faith in all our engagements, and a consistent and friendly attitude toward the strong and weak alike, furnish proof of a political disposition which renders ready and unhesitating assent to the requests of nations and peoples.

THE CHINESE QUESTION. The question has arisen with the Government of Austria-Hungary touching the representation of Chinese citizens in the Chinese Consulate at Vienna. The Government has appointed an estimable citizen of unimpeached probity and competence as minister to that country.

EMERGENCIES GROWING OUT OF CIVIL WAR IN THE UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA. The Government at the beginning of the administration of the Emperor of Colombia, to fulfill its guarantees, under the thirty-fifth article of the treaty of 1848, in order to keep the treaty open across the Isthmus of Panama.

THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF CONGO. The independent state of the Congo has been organized as a government under the sovereignty of His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

ment of the Colombian proposition did not, however, imply the admission of a belligerent status to the United States. The Government has expressed its willingness to negotiate a convention for the adjustment, by arbitration, of the claims of foreign citizens against the Government of the Republic of Colombia.

THE ISTHMIAN CANAL. The interest of the United States in a practical and permanent route for the communication separating the Atlantic from the Pacific has been repeatedly manifested during the last half century. My immediate predecessors caused to be constructed a canal through Nicaragua, and by and at the sole cost of the United States, and laid before the Senate.

While the general project of connecting the two oceans by a waterway has long been engaged, I am of opinion that any scheme to that end, to be considered with favor, shall be free from essential objections. Any project which is declared by competent engineers of the highest repute and by eminent scientists to afford an entirely practical route for vessels and cargoes, and which is free from all objections, is entitled to the consideration of the Government.

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THE REDUCTION OF THE TARIFF. The fact that our revenues are in excess of the actual needs of an economical administration of the Government, and that the amount expected from the people for its support, our Government is by the means established by the tariff, is a serious and important question.

THE NATIONAL BANK CIRCULATION. During the year ended Nov. 1, 1885, 146 national banknotes were issued, amounting to a total of \$16,988,500, and circulating notes have been issued to the amount of \$4,274,910.

THE SILVER QUESTION. Since February, 1878, the Government has, under the compulsory provisions of law, purchased silver bullion to the amount of more than 2,000,000 of dollars every month.

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silver coin in circulation, but the fact that a large share of the limited amount thus put out for the satisfaction of the public, and the payment of duties, leads to the belief that the people do not now desire to keep it on hand, and this, with the evident disposition to hoard gold, gives rise to the suspicion that the Government already exists a lack of confidence among the people touching our financial processes. There is certainly no enough silver now in circulation to cover the obligations of the Government, and now on hand might, after a time, be absorbed by the people without apprehension; but it is the consensus of opinion that the Government should not be obliged to issue other European nations as he may deem advisable, to join the United States in a conference to adopt a common ratio between gold and silver for the purpose of establishing a uniformity in the uses of bimetallic money and securing a relative value between these metals.

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To this end I delegated a gentleman well informed in the financial affairs of the principal centers of Europe, and in conjunction with our Ministers to England, France, and Germany, to obtain a full knowledge of the attitude and views of the European nations in regard to the establishment of such an international ratio as would procure free coinage of both metals at the mints of those countries and our own. By my direct orders the gentleman in question has given close attention to the proceedings of the Congress of the Latin Union in order to indicate our interest in its objects and report its action.

It appears that the number of desertions has diminished, but that during the last fiscal year they numbered 2,927, and one instance is given by the Lieutenant General of six desertions by the same recruit. I am convinced that this number of desertions can be much diminished by better discipline and treatment. But the punishment should be increased for repeated offenses. These desertions might also be reduced by lessening the term of first enlistments, thus affording the recruit an opportunity to make a nearer discharge, and the army a profitable reward. After one term of service, a re-enlistment would be quite apt to secure a contented recruit and a good soldier.

COURTS MARTIAL.
The acting Judge Advocate General reports that the number of trials by general courts-martial during the last fiscal year was 1,200, and that the number of convictions was 1,100. The suggestion that probably more than half the army has been tried by courts-martial is small, in one year, may well arrest attention. Of course, many of these trials before garrison and regimental courts martial were for offenses against discipline and the general good order of the army, and the way directed to dispose of these in a more summary and less inconvenient manner than by court-martial. If some of the proceedings of the courts-martial were more summary, and if the same present the ideas of justice which generally prevail in these tribunals, I am satisfied that they should be much reformed, if the honor and efficiency of the army are to be maintained, and their instrumentality to be vindicated and protected.

SEA-COAST DEFENSES.
The Board of Engineers, after Defenses, appointed in pursuance of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1855, will in a short time present their report, and it is hoped that this may be the last report of the Board, inasmuch as the present defenseless condition of our sea-coasts.

SIGNAL SERVICE.
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BEST POINT ACADEMY.
The military academy of West Point is reported as being in a high state of efficiency and well equipped for the satisfactory accomplishment of its duties. The fact that the class which graduates next year is an unusually large one, has constrained me to decline to make appointments to second lieutenants in the army, and to reserve such vacancies as exist in these places may be reserved for such graduates, and yet it is not probable that there will be enough graduates to fill the positions for all the men who leave the military school. Under the prevailing law and usage, those not thus assigned to duty never actively enter the military service. It is suggested that the act of Congress of the 1st of March, 1855, which provides that those young men as are not at once assigned to duty after graduation may be retained as Second Lieutenants in the army, if they desire it, should be amended so as to provide that those who do not accept of the position as Second Lieutenants should be assigned to duty at once, and that the law should be amended so as to provide that those who do not accept of the position as Second Lieutenants should be assigned to duty at once, and that the law should be amended so as to provide that those who do not accept of the position as Second Lieutenants should be assigned to duty at once.

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DISCONTINUING A BUREAU.
So far as a further survey of our coast is concerned, the report of the Secretary of the Navy, referring that work to the Navy Department, and other duties now in charge of this establishment, is a most judicious and profitable arrangement. It is a most judicious and profitable arrangement. It is a most judicious and profitable arrangement.

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DESERTIONS.
It appears that the number of desertions has diminished, but that during the last fiscal year they numbered 2,927, and one instance is given by the Lieutenant General of six desertions by the same recruit. I am convinced that this number of desertions can be much diminished by better discipline and treatment.

COURTS MARTIAL.
The acting Judge Advocate General reports that the number of trials by general courts-martial during the last fiscal year was 1,200, and that the number of convictions was 1,100. The suggestion that probably more than half the army has been tried by courts-martial is small, in one year, may well arrest attention.

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PUNISHING MISDEMEANORS.
In connection with the subject, I desire to suggest the adoption of a law which should be constitutional objection, of investing United States Commissioners with the power to try and determine certain violations of law, and to punish them by a fine, or by imprisonment, or by both, and to have the power to change in our present system very desirable, in the interests of humanity as well as economy. The District Courts are now crowded with petty offenses, and the Government is obliged to bear the expense of prosecuting them to distant places for examination and trial, for the purpose of earning mileage and other fees.

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SOMETHING serious happened to our good weather Friday night, that changed the nicest kind of Fall to first-class winter weather. Those who winter in Florida had a good sniff of Michigan winter before migrating.

MISS CARRIE HEATON's sister Lottie, whose sickness called Miss Carrie from her work in Buchanan schools, was borne to her last resting place, Monday, Nov. 30, at Charlotte, Michigan.

LIST of letters remaining uncalled for in the post-office at Buchanan, Mich., for the week ending Dec. 10: Mr. Weaver.

MR. W. L. OSBORN started, yesterday afternoon, on a trip through the West, in the interest of the Buchanan Manufacturing Company. He wants it understood that there is no post-office business connected with the trip.

NOTICE.—There will be a meeting of the Buchanan township board, at the Township Clerk's Office, next Tuesday, Dec. 15. Persons having accounts against the township should make them out and hand them to the Clerk before that time.

THAT new railroad from Paw Paw to Benton Harbor, will prove an everlasting "freezout" for the narrow gauge. —Waterlet Record.

What narrow gauge? If anyone attempts to freeze out our narrow gauge, shoot him on the spot.

A South Bend lady came to Buchanan to buy a dress. Buchanan ladies are not satisfied to trade unless they go to Niles or Galien. Galien people go to South Bend, and thus the world do move.

EXAMINE that chimney closely and see that there are no breaks in it that are liable to allow fire to escape when you least want it. Poor time of year this in which to be burned out, and a little care before a fire is somewhat cheaper than building expenses after a heavy one.

FARMERS living south of this place have good success in keeping their hogs free from cholera, by feeding them charred corn. They find that droves of hogs treated to this luxury are free from the disease, while other droves are being thinned out on all sizes.

MACE LONE, the reformed gambler and outlaw who lectured through this section a few months since, on intemperance, has been libeled by some one who has said that Mace has returned to his old habits, and now he is publishing a card of character from his old acquaintances in Fort Wayne, to prove that he has not.

WANTED.—The person who has borrowed the sample book of first violin parts to Pepper's orchestra music will confer a favor on Buchanan Orchestra if he will return it to this office or to V. E. David at Buchanan Music school.

The editor of the Record does not use tobacco, but the office is supplied with a foreman who does, and who returns thanks to the American Eagle Tobacco Co., of Detroit, for a pound box of their celebrated dark American Eagle, which he pronounces "boss," and advises clerks to try it.

THE Monon Ind. Dispatch of Nov. 27 contained the following. Mr. Look will be remembered by old residents of Terre Coupee prairie:

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents in Francesville, Sunday, Mr. Owen Look and Miss Fannie Long, by Rev. G. A. Bond. Let Luck Look liberally, let love leasurly long. Mr. and Mrs. Look's long line of life; may they live long and look lovely.

FIRST Quarterly Meeting for this conference year will be held at the M. E. Church, Sunday, Dec. 13. The Rev. J. White will preach and conduct the services. The Love Feast will open at 9:30 A. M., and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the close of the morning sermon. A cordial invitation is extended to all. G. G. THOMAS, Pastor.

A GOOD but rather verdant Dominic at Coloma has succeeded in stirring up a good-sized excitement among the faithful of his flock, by allowing himself to be fished out of \$25 by a couple of monte sharps, and when he makes a most innocent public explanation of the transaction, he finds those in his parish who are disposed to look upon his word with doubt.

THE State Vidette, published at Grete, Nebraska, Dec. 3, contains the following: PAULY-PERROT.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. Stobe, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 25th, W. F. Pauly to Belle Perrot, by the Rev. W. P. Bennett. All of Grete.

IT once more becomes necessary to remark that the alleyway between the Record office building and Rough Bros' block is private property and not a depository for ashes of the neighborhood, and any one found putting their ashes there will be asked to remove them. We do not want to be burned out if we can help it.

A BLIND man has been visiting this section working on the good graces of the tender hearted to secure funds. He succeeded in getting a number of dollars in this place to assist him on his way to Detroit, and in South Bend he wanted to go to Chicago. The fellow usually selects members of the Presbyterian church for his victims, as he pretends to be a good brother of that organization.

THE Michigan Artisan, published in Grand Rapids in the interest of the furniture trade, in a notice of the Michigan Central, incidentally gives Buchanan at good end as third town in Michigan in manufacture of furniture, as follows:

"The Michigan Central is an important line to the furniture manufacturers of Michigan. Its special large cars are in constant demand by the furniture makers of Grand Rapids, Detroit, Buchanan and Owosso, the furniture producing centers of the state, while the small factories of Kalamazoo, Jackson, Ann Arbor, Charlotte, and Michigan City, Ind., find use for the big cars whose storage capacity rivals a circus tent, frequently."

MARRIED.—At the home of the bride's parents, in Dayton, Monday, Dec. 7, Wm. Strunk and Miss Ida Martin.

THE Hus-Rice adultery case against John Hus and Mrs. Rice, that has been pending before Esquire Dick the past few weeks, was heard to-day, and resulted in the parties being held for trial in the Circuit Court, in bonds of \$500 each.

REV. NORMAN OSBORN, a Campbellite minister of Calvin, Cass county, was recanted arrested in Chicago, on a dispatch from Cassopolis, charged with unlawfully cohabiting with his sixteen year's old daughter, a practice she says has been kept up for two years. The Reverend gentleman is somewhat known in this place.

THE Knights of Labor in South Bend have issued a circular announcing their purpose to boycott the Tribune and every business man who advertises with the Tribune. There is an immense amount of good sense in this act, surely, for while the Tribune may not be in sympathy with this special organization, there is certainly no paper in Indiana that has struck heavier blows, nor more of them for the laboring men of its constituency than has the Tribune.

THERE will be something new in school on Thursday of next week. As that day is the anniversary of Whittier's birth, each room will have a Whittier exercise in the afternoon. In Second street school this exercise will be held on Friday following. Parents and others are cordially invited. The exercises will be interesting, and will consist of readings, recitations, songs, sentiment, drawings, &c., all taken from Whittier's writings.

PEOPLE who wonder why their mail does not always make perfect connections may learn a lesson by referring to the advertised letter list in this paper. Here appears a letter addressed to Mr. Weaver, Buchanan, Mich., which is almost as definite as if it were Mr. Smith, United States. There are about forty persons in this vicinity answering the title of Mr. Weaver, yet none of them owns this letter.

THERE was a wedding in Esquire Dick's office, Saturday afternoon, that failed to be. The disappointed party were Jim Madron's wife and a fellow named Yost. As Jim has not yet relinquished his claim, and was present at the would be wedding, the Esquire concluded he could not accommodate them, and they went their way in sorrow. Had the former marriage never occurred the propriety of such matches is highly questionable, if the welfare of society is to be considered.

FOR the benefit of those most interested in the welfare of the fairies who recently made matters so uncertain by their appearance at the rink, we copy the following from the Montague Lumberman:

"Some misunderstanding between the Sylvester Sisters—Skatorial Artists—and the manager of the rink, brought about a 'scene' at the 'Franklin' on Saturday night. The larger 'Sister' threw her duplex-self-adjusting mouth into the breach and made the air fair-ly blue with imprecations. A mutual friend of the male gender interceded, and soon soft-winged peace fluttered over the rink, the Sisters, and the venerable beau.

ON Dec. 2, at Grand Rapids, Mich., the pure spirit of little Neva Young passed from earth to join her mother in Paradise. Her mother preceded her to the spirit land some two years ago, leaving little Neva to the tender care of her friends. She possessed, for one so young, a remarkable lovely disposition, and was loved by all who knew her. Too frail and pure for earth, she is transplanted from earth to the garden of God to live with her mother and the angels. Only ten years old, but she had seen some of the sorrows of earth. Farewell, little Neva, farewell. J. J. R.

A LITTLE negligence on the part of the managers of the grist mill, in not opening their flood gates during the rain Tuesday night, caused considerable trouble to the residents between Oak street and the race, by the race overflowing and flooding their lots. N. Hamilton's cellar was filled to the joists; Dr. Roe's had about 1 1/2 feet of water; J. M. Vincent's about the same. Water ran into Jap. Murphy's cellar, undermining the wall at the front of the house, letting about half of it down into the cellar and filling the cellar over half full of water. Vegetables and fruit were afloat. The hand engine was brought into service yesterday morning in pumping the water out of the cellars, so damage can be repaired.

WHAT shall we do with those old clothes? Is a question asked in many a household, where a coat, hat, pants, or whole suit that has become frayed at the edges or so soiled as to be unfit to wear in any business where neatness of dress is a requisite, and the suit is thrown into the garret to furnish nests for the mice. These suits would keep out the cold blasts of winter from some person who is too poor to buy for themselves. So gather up your cast-offs, and if you do not know to whom give them, call upon the Supervisor. He can give you a large list of those who are in need of assistance of this kind. He has on his list, old and infirm, cripples and lazy, children, widows and grown people, and can fit any sized garment for either male or female.

DURING the past five or six months the Michigan Central trains carrying the mail to this place has stopped, and as a consequence we have had a pretty respectable mail service, but since the last change some of these trains have resumed the old practice of running the town at the rate of about forty miles an hour, and trying to exchange our mail on the fly. This never has worked well here and most likely never will. The mail to be left here Tuesday evening was thrown from the train in such a manner that it tumbled under the train and was cut in pieces, and strewn along the track, with papers, letters, packages and snow a common mixture. It happened to be the mail by which pensioners here receive their quarterly installments of pension; and some of these

letters are lost, some cut in pieces, some soiled, and others entirely destroyed. This kind of business may answer when there is nothing but an empty pouch to exchange, but when mails are as in this town, it is far from satisfactory.

WEATHER REPORT.—PAST TENSE. Prevailing north-westerly signs of immense size, causing oyster cans, old boots, and other bric-a-brac to gallop around the back yard in childlike abandon.

Neighbor's wood piles in great demand, if you have no such relic of your own. Trade in parasols and fans dull. Handkerchiefs at a premium, and excitement intense.

"Go West, young man." Tempest gone east under a pressure of 200 lbs. to the square inch, and the damper up. Local prophets have predicted that something will bust.

PRESENT TENSE. Prophets correct. Storm coming back, wearily whistling: "Somebody's coming, let the snow drift squall. Somebody's coming and 'twill melt them all."

Uncertain, but warranted trimmed in the latest style. The grumbling committee will please be on hand to find fault.

KITCHEN DEPARTMENT. The most approved style for cooking cats is with the feathers on, and feline every day working order. Fasten in an oven, make a hot fire and retire from the room. For minor details, consult Mrs. —, of Avery.

Peter Pulbert, an industrious trol-lander 1 1/2 miles north, tires of the rattle and rush incident to life in this community, and goes to Missouri.

David Knight, near Sawyer's, sold his personal effects last Monday, under the hammer of Mr. Evans. We are sorry to lose such landmarks, but Kansas is the burden of his song.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gibson, of Lake-side are enjoying life in their own home. Ditto, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Brown. May the sunshine be perpetual.

Mr. H. Holden, who has spent the past summer in Kalkaska, Mich., is again in the vicinity of wife and children.

A feeble old gentleman tried to alight from the moving west-bound train, Thursday afternoon. His body was thrown in front of the wheels, and but for timely help, would have been cut in two.

It is with feelings of thankfulness that we find Arthur Paine past the crisis, but at present he is so thin as to make two sittings in the same spot necessary to cast a shadow.

Dunker services at Drew school house, on Sunday last. But few out, owing to the blizzard.

The sudden death of Mrs. Charles Phillipi was a sad surprise to all. Apparently well at supper, Saturday night, she died in an apoplectic fit, at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. A wife and mother seem the most important part of any home, but the grim boatman gives us no right to choose. K.

[Berrien Springs Journal.] Roscoe D. Dix received on Wednesday, a fine photograph, size 14x15 inches of the regimental flag of the 2d Michigan, which he was a member. It was determined to have the picture made at the reunion held at Battle Creek last October, so that each member of the regiment could have a copy of the flag, they all loved so well. It is indeed a warren, riddled and torn, hanging in shreds on all the edges and a big hole torn through the field of stars by a shell. Over a third of the flag is gone. It was carried in 30 engagements.

[Benton Harbor Wedge.] Monday night a few of our young men procured a boat and hid themselves to the Paw Paw marsh to spear fish. They succeeded in capturing 44 good pickers. Pretty good for one evening's fishing... The length of the street car track between this place and St. Joseph is one and one-tenth miles.

State Items. There were in the Jackson prison Dec. 1, 708 convicts. An order has been received at Jackson for Jackson wagons to be shipped to Odesa, Russia. Battle Creek paid their gas company in the year ended Oct. 31, for gas burned on the streets, \$373.

The second annual meeting of the Fruit Growers Society is held in Allegan, Dec. 16, 17 and 18. Eleven hundred towns in Michigan are "just the place" for that Connecticut clock factory. At Hartford recently, 31 would-be teachers applied for certificates. Of this number 22 failed to pass the examinations.

Carpenters at Owosso who are Knights of Labor, refuse to put in days of labor, on the Merrill house with nails bought of Andrus, whom they had boycotted. Work on the hotel has stopped. Mrs. John Smith, of Milan township, Monroe Co., is the proud mother of three girl babies, born last week. Two of them weighed four pounds each and one three. All are doing well.

The annual guessing match in Do-wagiac has commenced. The guessing is done on the number of seed contained in half-pint bottles, filled, and is used as an advertisement by a dealer. Not a bad advertisement as it is used. Surrounding cities are jealous of Battle Creek, where telegraphic competition bring down the price of a telegram from that point to New York to 15 cents a gram.

During the past year the Jackson prison has received convicts who represented fifty-seven different occupations. Only one gambler was received. Four carloads of poultry, or about ten thousand fowls, have been shipped from Portland within the past six weeks.

A circumstance with a good point connected with it, recently occurred in the supreme court room at Lansing. Two attorneys were admitting the portraits of Cooley and others, that had been placed upon the walls of the court room, when one remarked that those were some substantial men. "Yes," replied the other, "the people are taking all the substantial men from the bench and placing them on the wall." A jest that is brimful of truth.

Some mysterious individual has now come forth with a proposition to furnish new testimony in the noted Crouch butchery that will convict the butchers, providing he can be assured of the \$12,000 reward offered. The reward still stands.

About two years ago an East Saginaw street-car driver was sent to state prison for stealing money from the fare boxes in his car. His three children were afterward sent to the state school at Coldwater, and Wednesday the mother, who has gone to the bad, was sentenced to ninety days in the Detroit house of correction.

The Monroe Commercial says: Mr. H. W. Norton of Hudson, a day or two since performed a novel operation upon a thoroughbred Durham cow. The cow got loose and gorged herself with oats. It was evident that she could not live, so a hole was cut in her side and two bushels of oats were taken out and the wound then sewed up. The animal was alive at last accounts.

A Marcellus man has stamped out the cholera which threatened all his hogs. As soon as the Marcellus man discovered a sick porker he shipped him to the Chicago market, and by close attention he has got rid of all the diseased animals without serious loss.

Hostilities on a small scale, have opened in Utah, but the condition of affairs is such that there is no knowing where the difficulty will terminate.

United States Deputy Marshal Collins is a federal officer who has been particularly conspicuous in the punishment of the Mormons for polygamy. He has thus incurred their bitter enmity, and it was recently decided—by the Mormon church, it is asserted—that he must be put out of the way. One McMurrian was given especial charge of the proposed assassination. He engaged three companions to assist him in murdering Collins, but Thursday night when the attack on the latter was made he so successfully defended himself that McMurrian was fatally wounded by a bullet from Collins' revolver and the other would-be murderers were put to flight.

Collins, to save his life, surrendered to the federal authorities, so to have allowed himself to be arrested by the city officers would have been to give himself up to the Mormons, and it is thought, certain death. Extra editions of the newspaper organs of polygamy were given out, headed by the words "the church avenge the crime." A mob gathered about the penitentiary where Collins was confined for safe keeping, and demanded that they be allowed to drag him out and hang him. The howling, bloodthirsty, almost raving mob, made up of Mormons, were successfully held off by the penitentiary authorities, and later retired together to be reinforced by recruits from the surrounding country, called in by the church to force the federal officers to give up Collins.

Meantime, on Friday, Gov. Murray called for and secured United States troops from Fort Douglas, three miles distant, and under a strong guard, Collins was taken there.

McMurrian, who was mistakenly reported, died Friday night, and as soon as this supposed fact was generally known, a great mob of Mormons poured out of town and went to Fort Douglas, bent on securing possession of Collins. They were frightened from their purpose by guns leveled at them by United States troops there, and returned to the city in a state of great excitement and still swearing vengeance.

Gen. McDowell, commander of Fort Edward, believing that the mob would return in numbers too great to be repulsed without great slaughter on both sides, telegraphed the war department late Friday night at Washington for aid. In answer to this the War Department, through Gen. Schofield, ordered the post commanders of the department of the Missouri to place all their men in condition to move on a moment's notice. The order of Gen. Howard, commanding the department of the Platte, was that he should at once dispatch by special train all available troops of infantry and force of artillery. A special train of six cars was chartered from the Union Pacific, and the troops at once started on their journey.

The women journalists of this country have a National Press Association, and a New England branch has just been formed in Boston, of which Mrs. Sally Joy of the Herald is President.

Locals.

Call and see those fine Lamps for one dollar, at BISHOP'S. I have a choice line of Tea Sets, Dinner Sets, Chamber Sets, and Mugs and Milk Sets, which will make very nice Christmas presents. Call and see them, at C. B. TREATS.

Come and see the new things for Holiday trade. Old Santa Clause has been to see us. REDDEN & BOYLE.

We have a small stock of Rogers Bros' triple Table Knives and Forks and Spoons, to be closed out cheap. Call and see us. ROE BROS.

You can get the whole World for 10 cents, at PECK & BEISTLE'S.

A fine line of Holiday Goods, at BISHOP'S. Christmas is coming, and we have lots of new Goods to show you. REDDEN & BOYLE.

Read! Of spectacles, usually offered for sale, ten to fifteen percent of the best grades, and twenty-five to forty per cent. of the medium grades are mismatched, or contain imperfect lenses. The eye will accommodate itself to quite serious imperfections, imperfections that in time work much mischief to the sight, so that it is very common to find people using spectacles with bad or mismatched lenses. In buying spectacles of me you run no chance of getting imperfect ones, for I test every one in an instrument that instantly shows these defects, and keep for sale only the perfect ones, returning the others to the manufacturer. This is done by no other dealer in this section of country, and is a very important matter, which I can readily demonstrate. I warrant a fit or refund the money. Those wanting anything in the line of watches, clocks, solid silver and plated ware, jewelry, diamonds, microscopes, telescopes, barometers, etc., will find it to their interest to call and get prices. Quality and prices guaranteed, which means that I sell no poor goods, and allow no one to undersell me. W. G. BLISH, Niles, Mich.

One dollar buys a pair of nice white Blankets at our store. REDDEN & BOYLE.

FOR SALE.—My farm of 160 acres, situated one and one-half mile north-west of Galien station, must be sold within the next two weeks, and the highest offer will get it. Enquire of me during my stay in Buchanan, or at the Record office. Dr. P. B. MYERS.

If you want the best 50 cent silk Handkerchief in town, you will buy it of REDDEN & BOYLE.

TEACHERS. See our line of Reward Cards. P. O. NEWS STAND.

Come and see me, and you won't have to spend your time looking around, you will find Goods clear down to Bed Rock. GRAHAM.

Look at our Neck Scarfs. We show the cheapest line. REDDEN & BOYLE.

The best chance yet. We are selling Logues Soap, 4 bars for 25 cents. MORGAN & CO.

Celery received daily, at BISHOP'S. STOVES AT COST. SAMSON & PIERCE.

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KEELER'S is the place to find Photo and Autograph Albums, fine Toilet and Perfume Cases, Books, Dolls, &c. I have a few cloaks left, and if I can fit you, will give you some low prices. GRAHAM.

Ladies, look at our Bed Spreads. We sell you a nice one for \$1.00, at REDDEN & BOYLE'S.

STRAYED.—One sow. Tee owner may recover his property by calling at the farm of George Treat, in Niles township, proving property and paying charges. Try Prize Baking Powder, at Bishop's. Try your luck. No blanks. STOVES AT COST. SAMSON & PIERCE.

Fresh Buckwheat. Guaranteed genuine, at BISHOP'S. STOVES AT COST. SAMSON & PIERCE.

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Remember Christmas is almost here, and for nice presents call and see me. GRAHAM.

You will find the finest line of Scarfs and Handkerchiefs for both Ladies and Gents ever brought to this market. Come early and get your girl or fellow a nice present, at GRAHAM'S.

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To THE PUBLIC.—I have opened a new meat market in Rough's block with every apartment in first class order and propose to keep them so. I respectfully solicit the patronage of the meat buying public, and promise in return to keep a full line of all kinds of meats, and of the best the country affords. A. BARMAN.

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I still keep 5 pounds of Prunes for 25 cents. GEO. W. FOX.

90 cents buys a nice all-wool Jersey Jacket, at REDDEN & BOYLE'S.

Look around and then come and see us. You will find just what you want a little bit cheaper at REDDEN & BOYLE'S.

STOVES AT COST. SAMSON & PIERCE.

Go to KEELER'S and look over his Holiday Goods. He has a fine line. EXTRA copies of the RECORD may always be found at the news depot in the post office room.

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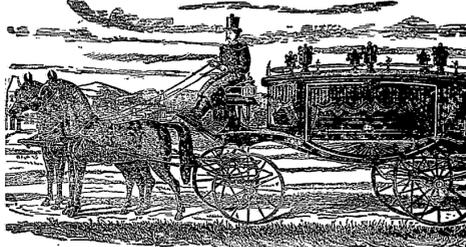
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