

JOHN G. HOLMES, Editor. THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1905.

E. R. Sisson, of South Bend, signed the name of Mrs. Kate F. Sisson, his mother-in-law, \$20,000 too much and has skipped.

The acts of the administration indicate that it has no intention of accepting the Hawaiian Islands as a part of the United States.

The 1902 copy of Appleton's Annual Cyclopaedia has been delivered, and is fully equal to its predecessors as a record of important events of the world.

The old Ford theater building, in which Lincoln was assassinated, used by a branch of the pension department, collapsed last Thursday evening.

The question of opening the World's Fair on Sundays has been passed upon by the United States District Court, and been decided against the opening.

Depression in Trade. The depression in trade and financial results from uncertainty as to what the Democratic administration and Congress will do to the tariff, currency and the tariff.

A Johnson township man was in the city Thursday offering for sale a young grey wolf that he had captured on the Kankakee marsh.

Are the Taxes Paid. People having business with the Register of Deeds will be interested in S. R. 125, Act 290, Public Acts of 1904, which took effect June 12.

Section 125. When any deed, land contract, plat of any town site, village, or addition to any town site, village, plat or city, or other instrument for the conveyance of title to any real estate, is presented to the register of deeds of any county in this state for record or filing in his office, he shall require of the person presenting the same a certificate from the Auditor General, or from the county treasurer of the county, whether there are any tax liens or other claims against the property, or any individual, against such piece or description of land sought to be conveyed by such instrument, and that all taxes due thereon have been paid for the five years immediately preceding the date of such instrument, and in default of the presentation of such certificate he shall not record the same until such certificate is secured and presented.

Boards Not Wanted. "No Valise Boards Taken" is the way a placard reads in the hallway of a Jefferson street boarding house. "Will you be kind enough to tell me what that sign means?" asked the seely man with a carpetbag.

Ann Artor has bicycled thieves who are judges of wheels, as they always take the best. Five have been stolen, and wheelmen are excited.

The people of Coruna apparently do not propose to have themselves punished for the lynching of Sullivan, which was done a few weeks since. Gov. Rich ordered an investigation, but the Supervisors stop the work by giving notice that they will not allow any bills made in carrying out the order of the Governor.

The Summer Tours of the Michigan Central. The Niagara Falls Route, are unrivaled in their variety, picturesqueness and comfort, embracing the routes to the resorts, Mackinac Island and Michigan Islands, the St. Lawrence River, the Adirondacks, Green and White Mountains, Canadian Lakes and the New England and Sea Coast.

Homes for World's Fair Visitors. In view of the crowded condition of Chicago and its hotels during the World's Fair period, Fools Bros. have devised a public service in preparing carefully prepared lists of the Homes in Chicago that are thrown open to the public upon this occasion.

PAYING SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS.

Practical Hints to "Homeless" People. Hospitality is one of the chiefest of the virtues, and every head of a household is supposed to understand perfectly what is meant by the word.

But there is a vast homeless element among us, especially in our cities and large towns. They live in hotels and boarding houses, and are always ready to accept invitations. Many of these unfortunate people—for everybody is unfortunate who has no home—possess limited means and can make only the simplest return for the favors which they receive.

On the other hand, many of them are well to do, if not wealthy. "What would you do," asked such one of a woman to whom he was distantly related, and who had frequently invited him to her house, "if you, with your hospitable instincts, were living as I am, in a boarding house, and were unable to show in any way your appreciation of these charming attentions?"

The lady blushed and replied by some commonplace, but she could not help reflecting that if she were indeed situated as her friend was she would certainly find out some way of returning her obligations.

At any first class hotel a beautiful luncheon or dinner party may be given from \$2 to \$3 a plate upward. A box may be taken for a musicale or any other entertainment of a high order, and refreshments at a restaurant may be served either before or after it.

There are plenty of women as well as "homeless" men who seem never to feel any burden of reciprocity for hospitalities received. To these almost the same means are open as to their brothers. Society allows a woman to rent a parlor at a hotel for an afternoon reception, if her home is in the suburbs where her friends cannot well come for a brief call, or if its limitations in the city are handicapping.

Emerson says somewhere something like this: "It is doubtful if it is possible for a gift to be taken or given without intention of adequate return and the integrity of giver and receiver remain unimpaired."—New York Times.

Hydrophobic Treatment. My reader, did you ever try what is called a "pack"? If not, let me tell you what it is like. When you have slowly undressed, you lie down on a small bed, and the attendant comes with hot mustard bags, which he places under you and over you and covers you up with blankets.

After a time the attendant comes and unpacks you and takes you off and dresses, or, I should say, washes, you down with warm soap and water. Then you are put into a kind of shower bath, which starts by being hot and gradually cools down. Then you go back to your box and are rubbing your feet, and after which you dress and the thing is done. A pleasant sensation, however, of lightness, warmth and comfort remains with you for hours.—Birmingham Herald.

"No Valise Boards Taken" is the way a placard reads in the hallway of a Jefferson street boarding house. "Will you be kind enough to tell me what that sign means?" asked the seely man with a carpetbag. "It means you," replied the red-headed landlord with a stout accent that smacked of the logs of the Emerald Isle. "That dressing case you are lugging around with you won't weigh four ounces. It looks close kin to a football with a handle to it, and surely it is not a blood relative of a decent trunk. No, sir, when a man comes to board with Paddy O'Shay and Mme. O'Shay he must have a trunk, and we will give him the best room in the house and clean sheets once a week, but valise boarders don't go here, and the reason is they don't have a chance."—Louisville Courier Journal.

At Lowell girl spoolers struck for an advance.

A Surgical Operation. For the cure of Piles is always painful, often dangerous and useless, and invariably expensive; on the other hand there is a new, certain cure, perfectly painless, gives instant relief and permanent cure and costs but a trifle. It is the Pyramid Pile Cure. It is a more certain cure than a surgical operation, without any of the expense, pain, expense and danger of an operation. Any druggist will get it for you.

Muncie, Ind., teamsters struck for 25 cents an hour.

The following item, clipped from the Ft. Madison, Iowa, Democrat, contains information well worth a member's reading: "Mr. John Roth, of this city, who met with an accident a few days ago, spraining and bruising his leg and arm quite severely, was cured by one 50 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm." This remedy is without an equal for sprains and bruises and should have a place in every household. For sale by Barmore, Druggist.

Thorndike, Mass., reports a strike of weavers.

To Nervous Debilitated Men. If you will send us your address, we will mail you our illustrated pamphlet explaining all about Dr. Dye's Celebrated Electro-Voltaic Belt and Appliances, and their charming effects upon the nervous debilitated system, and how they will quickly restore you to vigor and manhood. Pamphlet free. If you are thus afflicted, we will send you a Belt and Appliances on a trial.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

First.—All flies stopped free by Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. No fits after the first day's use. Marvellous cures. Treatise and \$2.00 trial bottle free to all cases. Send to Dr. Kline, 601 Arch St., Phila., Pa. For by all druggists. Call on yours. 332

Just as sure as hot weather comes there will be more or less bowel complaint in this vicinity. Every person and especially families ought to have some reliable medicine at hand for instant use in case it is needed. A 25 or 50 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is just what you ought to have and all that you need for the most severe and dangerous cases. It is the best, the most reliable and most successful treatment known, and is pleasant to take. For sale by Barmore, Druggist.

Colorado unions will hold a state convention.

Hon. W. V. Lucas, Ex-State Auditor of Iowa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family, and have no hesitation in saying it is an excellent remedy. I believe all that is claimed for it. Persons afflicted by a cough or cold will find it a friend."

Garment workers at Cincinnati have organized.

Sufferers from Piles Should know that the Pyramid Pile Cure will promptly and effectually remove every trace of them. Any druggist will get it for you.

Cincinnati union marble polishers use a label. A Salary. With expenses paid, will come handy to any one who is now or expects to be, especially where no previous experience is required to get the position. If you want a position, see advertisement in this paper headed, "A Chance to Make Money."

Milwaukee masons now get fifty cents an hour.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria. Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria. Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria. Biddeford, Me., stonecutters struck for nine hours.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, also gave them Castoria.

Syracuse carpenters are agitating nine hours.

Sufferers of the heart will find "Adironda", Wheeler's Heart and Nerve Cure, a never-failing relief and cure if properly taken.

Gompers says organized labor will fight the trusts.

A New Pile Remedy. Has created a sensation among physicians by its wonderful effects in speedily curing every form of Piles. It is called the Pyramid Pile Cure. It is cheap and simple to use, but nothing removes disease so quickly and surely. Any druggist will get it for you.

Evansville, Ind., printers won strikes on two papers.

If you are troubled with indigestion Pepsin Rolloed Oats will relieve you. For sale by all Grocers.

Indianapolis plasterer were accorded \$4.50 a day.

It is Strange That people suffering from Piles will endure them for years or submit to dangerous, painful, cruel and expensive surgical operations, when all the time there is a painless, certain, lasting cure, which gives instant relief and cures a trifle. It is called the Pyramid Pile Cure and can be found at all drug stores. Any druggist will get it for you if you ask him.

Northwestern lighting plants have consolidated.

Captain Sweeney, U. S. A., San Diego, Cal., says: "Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy is the first medicine I have ever found that would do me any good." Price 50 cents. Sold by M. E. Barmore. 4

Cleveland brewers want \$1 per week advance.

Strength and Health.—If you are not feeling strong and healthy, try Electric Bitters. If "La Grippe" has left you weak and weary, use Electric Bitters. This remedy acts directly on the liver, stomach and kidneys, gently aiding those organs to perform their functions. If you are afflicted with sick headache you will find speedy and permanent relief by taking Electric Bitters. One trial will convince you that this is the remedy you need. Large bottles only 50c, a W. F. Runner's drug store.

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Commissioners' Notice.

First publication June 8, 1892. STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Berrien.—N. Probate Court for said County. Estate of John Peers, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed by the Judge of Probate of said County, Commissioner on Claims in the matter of the estate of John Peers, deceased, and six months from the 25th day of April, A. D. 1892, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment. Notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1892, and on the 22nd day of October, A. D. 1892, at ten o'clock A. M. of each day, at the office of W. A. Palmer, in the village of Buchanan, in said County, to receive and examine such claims. Dated June 5, A. D. 1892. LORENZO P. ALEXANDER, CHARLES SAHR, Commissioners. Last publication July 6, 1892.

WIRE-FENCE MACHINE. Material costs 25 cents per rod, galvanized. Machines sold and fences made by JOHN BIHMIRE, BUCHANAN, MICH.

Chicago tin and sheet iron manufacturers are organizing.

Pepsin is nature's own Remedy for indigestion. Try Pepsin Rolloed Oats or Pepsin Oat Meal.

Cleveland bootblacks have organized for ten cent shifts.

The best Salve in the world for Cuts Bruises, Sprains, Ulcers, Itch, Blisters, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by W. F. Runner, Druggist. 271

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Farm for Sale.

I offer for sale my farm of 87 1/2 acres, situated about one mile south-east of Cottage Hill, near Michigan State line. On the place is a seven room frame dwelling with good cellar; a frame barn and other buildings. There is a good well and a good system of irrigation. A fine orchard and good variety of small fruits. The entire farm is under a good state of cultivation. On account of poor health, which unfits me for farming, will sell at a bargain. Crops go with farm if sold soon. Enquire at the Record office or on the premises. 15-22* MRS. WM. HUSTON.

Notice of Commissioners on Claims. First publication May 19, 1892. STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Berrien.—N. Probate Court for said County. Estate of William Peers, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed by the Judge of Probate of said County, Commissioner on Claims in the matter of the estate of William Peers, deceased, and six months from the 25th day of April, A. D. 1892, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment. Notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1892, and on the 22nd day of October, A. D. 1892, at ten o'clock A. M. of each day, at the office of W. A. Palmer, in the village of Buchanan in said County, to receive and examine such claims. Dated May 15, 1892. LORENZO P. ALEXANDER, JOHN C. DICKE, Commissioners. Last Publication June 13, 1892.

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NEW HARDWARE

NEW FIRM! One Door East of the Bank, Buchanan, Mich.

RENNIE & GODFREY. COME AND SEE US.

USE Dodd's German Cough Balsam. FOR YOUR COUGHS AND COLDS. DODD'S LIVER PILLS ARE THE BEST. GUARANTEED BY Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son, Druggists and Booksellers.

WALL PAPER. Are you going to do any Wall Papering this Spring? If so do not forget we, as usual, have the largest stock and the lowest figures in the market.

BARMORE.

I HAVE A FEW Walter A. Wood Mowers, AND Minneapolis Harvesters FOR SALE. COME AND SEE ME.

U. S. BAKING CO., JACKSON, MICH. FILLMORE COTTRELL, MANAGER.

If You Are Going To THE WORLD'S FAIR you should begin at once to inform yourself on the subject, so that you may use your time there to the best advantage. You will not be able to see everything—you may see what you are especially interested in if you go there informed at the beginning.

If You Are Not Going To THE WORLD'S FAIR you should do the next best thing—know as much as possible about it. If you can't see it you can at least read about it. In either event you imperatively need a daily paper from the World's-Fair city—you need a Chicago daily, and The Chicago Record Will meet your need.

HERCULES POWDER. SEND FOR DESCRIPTIVE PAMPHLET. STRONGEST AND SAFEST EXPLOSIVE KNOWN TO THE ARTS. POWDER, FUSE, CAPS, Electric Mining Goods, AND ALL TOOLS FOR STUMP BLASTING. FOR SALE BY HERCULES POWDER COMPANY, 40 Prospect Street, Cleveland, Ohio, WILLARD, MANAGER.

W. TRENBETH, Merchant Tailor, CARRIES THE LARGEST STOCK OF CLOTHS, SUITINGS, Pants Goods,

CLOTHS, SUITINGS, Pants Goods, to be found in Berrien county, at the lowest living prices for good work.

An Inspection is Solicited.

Front Street, Foot of Day's Avenue, BUCHANAN, MICH.

Buchanan Markets.

- Hay—\$10 @ \$10 per ton. Lard—12c. Salt, retail—\$1.00. Flour—\$4.00 @ \$4.50 per bbl., retail. Honey—16c. Live poultry—5 @ 6c. Butter—10c. Eggs—12 1/2c. Wheat—65c. Oats—32c. Corn—45c. Beans—\$2.00. Live Hogs—6 1/2c. Potatoes—70c.

Tax Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the tax roll of the village of Buchanan for the year 1893, has been placed in my hands for collection. I will be in my office, in the Council room, each Saturday during the month of June for the collection of taxes and upon all paid to me during June there will be charged one per cent for collection fee, and upon all paid after the month of June four per cent will be charged for collection fee.

JOHN ANSTIS is very sick.

Mrs. DABY RICHARDS went Saturday to Chicago for a visit with friends.

The steamer May Graham commenced her summer's business last week.

A new school house talked of in Batavia.

The warmest weather we have had thus far this summer is 88.

JOHN A. VALENTINE AND WIFE, of South Bend, are in Buchanan.

JOHN E. BARNES, of Benton Harbor, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. CORA HUDSON, nee Epley, of Colorado Springs, is here for a visit.

Mrs. C. E. KERR, of Saginaw, is visiting Buchanan friends this week.

REMEMBER the S. S. Institute, next Saturday afternoon and evening, in the A. C. church. Bring your Bibles.

ABOUT the heaviest short shower we have had this year, fell in this vicinity Saturday.

BARODA people are fighting the establishment of a saloon in that place. May success be theirs.

FRED BELKNAP, of Niles, thinks it would be worth \$25 to know who poisoned his spaniel.

Mrs. GEORGE RAPP, of Eau Claire, broke her leg just below the knee by jumping from a buggy last Thursday.

JAMES DILLEY, of Berrien Springs, died Friday morning, aged thirty-five. He leaves a wife and one daughter.

Mrs. LENA DUNKER is spending her summer vacation with friends in Chicago.

MR. J. BOYD THOMAS, of Cassopolis, well known here, is booked for a fat clerkship in Washington.

ATNT NANCY JONES and David and Mrs. Martindale arrived in this place Saturday, from Greeley, Iowa.

ELD. W. ROE will preach at Galien Center, Sunday, both morning and evening.

JAMES B. DILLEY, a resident of Berrien Springs since 1880, died in that village last Friday.

MR. AND MRS. ED. MCGLENSKY, of New Buffalo, were in Buchanan over Sunday.

A picnic party is making lively times at Clear Lake camping grounds to-day.

FOURTH of July celebration is occupying the attention of committees all over the country. Will Buchanan celebrate?

A GEMENT walk was put down at the front of the Deering residence on Front street, by Mr. Arden Miller, last Saturday.

In the Circuit Court at South Bend, last week, Annie E. Bailey was granted a divorce from Frederick J. Bailey. The parties are well known here.

MESSRS. Wm. Matthews of St. Joseph and D. W. Matthews of South Bend, were here Monday to attend the funeral of their brother, James M. Matthews.

NILES has been fooling along something like twenty years, wishing they had a good system of waterworks, and are still wishing. The system they have furnishes water that is wet, but with too little force to be valuable, and tastes!

Mr. FRANK MUTCHLER, of this place, has accepted a position as pastor of the Christian church, at Zanesville, Ohio.

The roof on the power house for the water works will be on this week, and will indicate something of the appearance of the building when completed.

A new cement walk will be built at the rear of the union school building, to replace the old wooden one which is rotted out.

MR. AND MRS. BYRON SAWYER and daughter Minnie visited at the home of Chas. Sawyer, in Laporte county, over Sunday.

The Modern Woodmen will hold an ice cream and strawberry festival, at the old school house grounds, Saturday evening, June 24. Everybody invited.

LIGHTNING struck James Fox's barn near Galien, Saturday afternoon, burned it and killed a cow that was standing near. A valuable horse was saved by removing him.

GUS VETTER struck his hand against the shaper knives in the Buchanan Cabinet Co.'s shop, Monday, and mangled four fingers. Dr. Dodd dressed the wound.

MR. J. E. FRENCH has bought of D. C. Nash the premises on Oak street, occupied by Mr. French during the past few years, and located two doors north of the U. B. church. Price, \$900.

BRIDGMAN has an old bachelor's club, but when the o. b.'s get themselves singled out where they can see how they appear they are getting married, and the club is in danger.

Mrs. CELIA COLMAN, wife of Wm. Colman, of Dayton, died at her home last Thursday, after a sickness of a few weeks. Mrs. Colman was a daughter of Celia Morley, of this township, niece of Mr. James Glover, of this place.

DID WELL.—Being in want of some cash last week, the publisher of the RECORD sent out dunning letters to a few subscribers for amounts due and running from \$1.50 up to \$10 each. All small amounts but aggregating \$400. Thus far \$60 has been received, and we feel gratified that the response has been so prompt and liberal.

CHILDREN'S DAY will be observed at the Evangelical church next Sunday, at 10:30 a. m. The pastor, Rev. Geo. Johnson, will preach a sermon to the children, which he will illustrate with experiments. In the evening, beginning at 7:30 the Sunday school will render a fine program.

THE State Teachers' Institute for Berrien county will be held at St. Joseph, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., Monday, July 17, and closing at 4 p. m., Friday, July 22. Commissioner E. P. Clarke, St. Joseph, Local Committee.

MARRIED.—B. D. Harper, Jr., the youngest son of B. D. Harper of this office, was married at Oakland, Cal., to Miss Edith Phouhaupt, of New Buffalo, this county, May 23, 1893. They are now located at 270 Minna St., San Francisco, Cal.

LAST of letters remaining uncalled for in the post-office at Buchanan, Mich., for the week ending June 13, 1893: Mr. Guy Phelps, Mrs. M. B. Redding, Miss Ida Dunbar, Miss Met Miller. Call for letters addressed.

TOOK A DIVE.—While working on the Power and Electric company's boat last Friday, Mr. Johnson let the pop valve drop into the river. As the water was twelve feet deep where it dropped, Mr. Johnson had a good diving match before he returned the valve to its place on the boat, but it came.

THE meeting of the officers of the Young People's Picnic Association, for the purpose of locating the annual picnic, was held in Berrien Springs last week, and they decided that Benton Harbor is the proper place for this year. The picnic is the first Wednesday in August.

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LAST of letters remaining uncalled for in the post-office at Buchanan, Mich., for the week ending June 13, 1893: Mr. Guy Phelps, Mrs. M. B. Redding, Miss Ida Dunbar, Miss Met Miller. Call for letters addressed.

TOOK A DIVE.—While working on the Power and Electric company's boat last Friday, Mr. Johnson let the pop valve drop into the river. As the water was twelve feet deep where it dropped, Mr. Johnson had a good diving match before he returned the valve to its place on the boat, but it came.

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Common Council Proceedings. OFFICIAL REPORT. Special meeting of the Common Council was held in the office of the Bank, Friday morning, June 9, 1893, at 8 a. m.

President Richards presiding. Present—Trustees Sanders, Howe, Beistle, and Morris, and Stryker. Chairman Sanders of the Finance Committee presented the bond of Peter English as principal, and the American Surety Co. as sureties in the sum of \$15,000.00.

Moved by Mr. Stryker, supported by Mr. Howe, that the bond of Peter English be accepted and placed on a five-day notice.

Chairman Sanders of the Finance Committee read his report on the bill of Peter English.

Peter English, for material and labor in the construction of dam and waterworks, to date... \$1029 93

We the Finance Committee have examined the bill and recommend the sum allowed at \$1029.93.

E. W. SANDERS, JOHN MORRIS, S. BARNORSE.

Moved by Mr. Beistle, supported by Mr. Howe, that the report of the Finance Committee be accepted and the bill of Mr. English be allowed as per their report, and an order drawn for the amount—says 6, says 0.

C. D. KENT, Clerk.

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New York, June 11.—Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., delivered today the eighth sermon in the series on "The Gates of Hell in Modern Babylon." The subject was one which he may be said to have made special studies of, extending over several years. "Official Corruption, or the Supremacy of the Slums" was the title chosen from Psalms cxvii, 1, "Except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen shall be in vain."

We have seen thus far in our studies of the city that the evil elements of our civilization naturally gravitate toward the civic center. We have seen that the city is, in fact, the cesspool of the rural district surrounding it, and it is a fact that the lower and vile elements that congregate in this center the more they seem to be there is something about the pressure of life in the city which brings the slums to the surface in government. Municipal misrule is one of the most painful facts of modern life.

Professor Bryce, who has recently issued his great work, "America," makes this true observation: "There is no denying that the government of cities is the one conspicuous failure of the United States. The deficiencies of the national government felt but little for evil on the welfare of the people. The faults of the state governments are insignificant compared with the extravagance, corruption and mismanagement which mark the administrations of most of the great cities. He enumerates the chief causes of this:

"First—Incompetent and unfaithful governing boards and officers.

"Second—The introduction of state and national politics into municipal affairs.

"Third—The assumption by the legislature of the direct control of local affairs."

These undoubtedly are causes of the present condition of debauchery in city government. But the chief cause lies deeper. They are found in the indifference and selfishness of the citizen, the body for the people who vote are, after all, the governors of the city. Boards and councils are their creations. It is the vote on election day that decides the government for the next year. The Boards of aldermen, excise boards, are not self-creating. The voting constituency get as good government as they deserve. As a matter of fact, the people are to blame in the last analysis.

We have many leaders of the middle class, the age of 21 and are entitled to vote, and yet who do not know how to vote, that it is as yet an impossibility to obtain a decent government in our cities. The evil mind set in a minority, but self-interest and the desire for a better government in the hands of the rabble. Now and then these pilots, well dressed, elegant people are aroused by some vigorous denunciation or some ringing call to action. Some glaring outrage has been committed, and they are stirred for a brief season and desire somebody to do something about it. They would like to see the fur fly, but they want somebody else to furnish the fur. When it comes to be a personal matter, it is none of their business, they say. There are in the condition of the little girl who was heard to finish her evening prayer some time ago with these words, "And I saw a poor little girl on the street today cold and barefooted, but it is none of my business."

"COLONIAL DAMES." Then we have a great many people who move in what they imagine to be society. They do not vote or take interest in politics for various reasons. Some of them have inherited the bad habits of their fathers and mothers. They imagine that they degrade themselves. A well known German scholar visiting this country was invited to a small reception given in a city. Only the most prominent of the townspeople were present. He was asked to give a toast. He said: "I am honored to be here, and I am glad to see you. I am glad to see you, and I am glad to see you."

"He is Scannell's leader in the Eleventh district, was a saloon keeper and professional gambler. For many years he has been the proprietor of a saloon and gambling house at the corner of Broadway and Broadway, where pools were being sold on an election. While Donohue, his victim, was passing through Twenty-third street, at the corner of Third street, one night he was approached by a man believed to be John Scannell. He was a tall, thin man, precisely like Scannell in appearance, and was disguised in a wig and slouch hat. As Donohue and his friends approached the man he drew a revolver and fired. The bullet struck Donohue in the back, passing through rib and lodging in the back without doing him any serious injury.

"John Scannell disappeared the same night, and nothing was seen of him for nearly a year. About a year later Scannell met Tom Donohue in a pool room in the basement at the northwest corner of Twenty-eighth street and Broadway and killed him by firing five bullets into him. At the first shot Donohue fell to the ground, but he still fired the remaining four shots from his pistol into the prostrate man's body. Donohue died instantly. Scannell was arrested and tried about two years afterward. He was acquitted of the murder on the ground of insanity and given a life term in the lunatic asylum, from which he was discharged at the end of five or six months. Scannell has been a very prosperous gambler, being a partner of John Daly, and is reported to have accumulated a fortune. He was a candidate for the office of alderman in the last election, but he was defeated by a fellow gambler, according to current gossip, the fact that he had raised \$50,000 among the gamblers for Grant's campaign. Scannell's personal contribution to the campaign fund was \$5,000.

"His prominence in Tammany Hall politics is due to the friendship of Dick Croker and Ed Stokes, which he secured under peculiar circumstances. The three men were confined in the Tombs at the same time—1874—each awaiting trial for murder. Croker was innocent of the crime imputed to him, but Scannell and Stokes were both guilty. The last named was the slayer of Jim Fisk and was at one time under sentence of death for his crime. The friendship contracted under these extraordinary circumstances has wielded a more or less powerful influence in Tammany Hall ever since.

"THE TALKER A FELT." Second—We see the fact in the debauchery of our courts of justice in our cities. About all a certain grade of our courts in this city and in other great cities are good for is in working various parts. Some cases in this city are so grossly arraigned, charged with a felonious assault, the penalty of which was seven years in the penitentiary. He was put in jail, and evidence was manufactured sufficient to convict him. But for the fact that he had a lawyer and was able enough to hire a lawyer and prevent the infamy from being consummated the man would have been sent to the penitentiary for a crime committed by another man while he was at home with his family. The man was put up through the influence of court officers.

"A young man came to see me a short time ago who told me that he was arrested on Saturday night on a false charge, and that Attorney Hughes was in the penitentiary. Blackwell island wearing striped clothes. He had a wife in this city, but she was prevented from holding any communication with him, though he sent telegrams to her from the prison. Every statement made by this young man I have found to be true. When from this pulp last June I denounced the infamy of the reappointment of Joseph Koch to the board of excise, it was the easiest thing in the world to find out that Koch, who was on the judge's bench, secured a warrant for my arrest—though he knew every word I said was true—and to compel my attendance from day to day at the Jefferson market police court, during a period of two weeks, during which time it was necessary to have bondsmen and witnesses waiting at the court. The court was absolutely, from the judge to the scullion who swept the room, at the disposal of Mr. Koch. His machinery was used for the purpose of personal annoyance toward me. Mr. Grady from the bench acted both as judge and attorney in behalf of his friend Koch.

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"It was only when this so called indictment reached the hands of the district attorney that the force was stopped. The individuals who were conducting the dirty piece of business the longer I have lived among them, the more I know them, the more utterly impossible it becomes to find language sufficiently emphatic to give any adequate notion of the actual facts. Glance for a moment today at our government, and you will find that it is based on the judge's bench a man who is about to be arrested for rascality and who had become a drunken loafer, who now receives a salary of \$8,000 a year. We have the great and only Paddy Dwyer, who is the only man with his name on the judge's bench of the Tammany hosts in the Second assembly district. He is the keeper of a saloon and has interests in several liquor saloons. He is an ex-member of the board of aldermen, a race track frequenter and the friend and confidant of gamblers. He is on terms of intimacy with Johnny Carson, the proprietor of the saloon at the corner of Broadway and Broadway, who has interests in several liquor saloons.

"We have also on the judge's bench the distinguished ex-chairman of the board of excise, a man whom I denounced through this pulp in unmeasured terms at the time of his reappointment on the board of excise, and who was arrested by the present mayor of the city to the position of judge. He has shown since his elevation to the judgeship that he is about as thoroughly fitted for the position as would be any criminal who has been taken from the streets of this city and placed upon the bench. He pleads for the fact that he was graduated from Columbia law school, and yet he laid aside his judicial duties a few days ago and appeared as the attorney for a saloon that desired to open a man within less than 200 feet of a church.