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TAKES HEROIC MEASURES.

ENGLAND GREATLY ALARMED AT HER LOSSES.

Lord Roberts and General Kitchener With 50,000 More Troops, to Be Sent to the Front Immediately.

London, Dec. 19.—The Daily Mail hears from a hitherto reliable correspondent that General Buller, after a stiff fight, crossed the Tugela river. This correspondent also states that General Methuen's communications are cut.

London, Dec. 17.—Thoroughly alarmed over the prestige lost in the consecutive and decisive defeats of Gatacre, Methuen and Buller, the British government has decided to take heroic measures. Field Marshal Lord Roberts, Y. C., has been appointed Commander-in-Chief in South Africa. Lord Kitchener is made chief of staff, and 50,000 more troops will be sent to the front immediately.

London, Dec. 16.—All England is shocked today by the official announcement of a reverse sustained at Tugela river by Gen. Buller, commander-in-chief in Africa and the army idol of the public. It was everywhere believed that Buller would be able to achieve a decisive victory, relieve Ladysmith and cause to be forgotten the previous ill success of British arms.

Gen. Buller planned to cross the Tugela river, but the deadly fire of the Boer forces rendered it impossible and he withdrew his forces in order to avoid greater losses.

London, Dec. 16.—General Buller reports to the war office that his losses in yesterday's engagement were: Killed, 82; wounded, 667; missing, 348; total, 1,097.

The revised list of the British casualties at the battle of Magersfontein shows the total to be 933, of which number seventy were officers.

The Black Watch were the heaviest sufferers. Of the rank and file forty-two were killed, 182 wounded and 111 are missing.

London, Dec. 14.—A special dispatch received here from Weenen, Natal, dated Monday, Dec. 11, says that the Ladysmith garrison made a sortie and destroyed the Modderspruit bridge.

London, Dec. 14.—An official report gives the total number of killed, wounded and missing of all arms in the engagement of Sunday and Monday, north of the Modder river, as 817. There were fifteen officers killed and four wounded, and in addition five are missing and one is known to have been made prisoner.

Price of Murder Advances.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 19.—The price of human heads has gone up again in Chinatown. The assassination of Wong Chang Gorn on Sunday has emboldened the Highbinders, and it is expected that a long war will be in full operation before the week is over.

The assassins who hire themselves out to commit murder usually demand that for each life they take they shall be paid \$500. It is said that many of the most desperate of these thugs have banded together in a sort of assassination trust, and have run up the price.

Five Kills Three People.

New York, Dec. 15.—Three persons were burned to death and another seriously injured at a fire this morning in a dilapidated tenement at 300 South First street, in the Williamsburg district of Brooklyn. The dead are Mrs. Goscher, 65 years old; Mrs. Susan Smyth, 85 years old; Luke Freen, 51 years old. Mrs. Goscher and Mrs. Smyth were found on the top floor suffocated. The wife of Luke Freen jumped from the second story window and broke her legs.

Chicago Oleomargarine Seized.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 15.—Collector of Internal Revenue Charles Wright has seized 800 cases of oleomargarine, valued at about \$10,000, which were en route from Chicago to Liverpool. The reason for the seizure is said to be that the manufacturer had evaded the special oleomargarine tax. The name of the manufacturer, who is claimed to be a prominent Chicago producer, is withheld by the officers.

Franchise Is Extended.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 19.—The street railway aldermen carried through the council the ordinance extending the franchises for ten years. The hours for which twenty-five rides can be had for \$1 were made from 5:30 to 8 a. m., and from 5 to 7 p. m. The clause fixing the rate of fare was changed from "shall be five cents" to "not to exceed five cents."

Frick Buys Site For Mill.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 15.—Plans of H. C. Frick and his associates in the Union Steel Company, that will oppose the Carnegie company, are beginning to crystallize. This afternoon Mr. Frick, acting for the Union Company, closed a deal for the purchase of 100 acres of land at Blair Station. The understanding is that the ground will be immediately utilized for the erection of large steel mills.

Want Dewey at Golden Gate.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 15.—An invitation signed by Mayor Phelan and the grand officers of the Native Sons of Golden West, has been sent to Admiral Dewey requesting his presence in this city on admission day, Sept. 9, 1900.

More Cuban Arms Captured.

Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 15.—Another lot of concealed arms has been captured near Guantanamo by the rural guards. A party of colored Cubans was preparing to distribute the weapons.

HOUSE AND SENATE.

Proceedings of Both Branches of the National Legislature.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—By a majority of forty votes the financial bill providing for the establishment of the gold standard was adopted by the House this afternoon. The vote was 190 for the measure and 150 against it.

No amendments were offered. Party lines were closely drawn, and the measure was voted for by every Republican present. Eleven Democrats aligned themselves with the Republicans.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Speaker Henderson to-day announced the committees of the House.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—In opposition to the retention by the United States of the Philippine islands two resolutions were introduced in the Senate to-day, one by Mr. Tillman (S. C.) and the other by Mr. Bacon (Ga.). Each resolution proposes to yield the islands to a government to be established by the Filipinos themselves.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Representative Sulzer, of New York, has introduced a joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists in South Africa and according belligerent rights to the Transvaal government. The resolution declares "the Congress of the United States protests and remonstrates against the barbarous manner in which the war has been conducted by Great Britain, and the president is hereby authorized to take such steps as may be expedient, in his judgment, to secure an observance of the laws of war as recognized by all civilized nations and bring about an honorable peace."

The six days' debate upon the currency bill closed today. The vote on it will be taken immediately after the reading of the journal on Monday and a majority of 35 is claimed for it.

An investigation of the right of former Senator Quay of Pennsylvania to a seat in the Senate by appointment of the Governor of Pennsylvania was begun today by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The debate on the currency bill in the house today was tame. Mr. Sibley, (Dem. Pa.), who has publicly announced his change of views on the money question, and who, it was thought, might vote for the bill, stated that he would vote against it. Mr. Thayer, a Massachusetts democrat, was the only member of the opposition who made a speech for the bill today.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The closing day of the general debate on the financial bill proved to be one of exceptional interest.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The Democratic Senators in caucus today made their committee assignments, and later in the Senate the complete reorganization of the committees was announced.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The Senate today by a decisive vote laid on the table the Pettigrew resolution of inquiry as to whether or not United States forces had recognized the Filipino insurgents' flag and had turned over Spanish soldiers to the insurgents. Mr. Pettigrew explained that his only purpose was to ascertain whether certain newspaper statements concerning the recognition given Aguinaldo's forces by our fleet in Manila Bay in the summer of 1898 were true. The vote on the motion to lay on the table was, yeas, 41, nays, 20.

After a brief executive session the Senate adjourned, first agreeing to the House resolution for a Christmas holiday adjournment from Dec. 20 until Jan. 3.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The currency debate in the House lasted from 11 o'clock this morning until 10:30 tonight, with a recess of three hours for dinner.

So far as known twelve Democrats—eight from New York, two from Pennsylvania, and one each from Maryland and Massachusetts—will vote for the bill.

The House adopted a resolution for a holiday recess from Wednesday, Dec. 20, to Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Among the bills introduced in the Senate today were the following: By Mr. Lodge, to provide for telegraphic communication between the United States of America, the Hawaiian Islands, Guam, the Philippine Islands, Japan and China, and to promote commerce. The cable must be in operation by Jan. 1, 1903.

The Senate today confirmed the following nominations: P. C. Hanna of Iowa, Consul General at Monterey, Mexico.

William M. Hoey of Indiana, collector of customs for the district of Arizona.

Edwin C. Madden of Michigan to be Third Assistant Postmaster General.

Consuls—Adelbert S. Hay of New Hampshire at Pretoria; J. G. Long of Florida at Cairo; S. Berliner of New York, Teneriffe, C. I.; R. M. Bartleman of Massachusetts at Malaga; H. W. Brush of New York at Niagara Falls, Canada; J. Harmony of New York at Coruna, Spain; F. D. Hill of Minnesota at Amsterdam; J. H. Carroll of Maryland at Cadiz; H. C. Morris of Michigan at Windsor, Ont.; Jay White of Michigan at Hanover, Germany.

Kentucky's General Contest.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 15.—By unanimous vote the democratic state executive committee, the democratic state central committee, and the democratic campaign committee have decided to contest before the legislature and before the state board of election commissioners every office of the state government now held by the republicans of the recent election.

AGUINALDO IN DISGUISE.

HE HAS FIVE HUNDRED MEN WITH HIM.

Insurgent Major, Commanding 100 Men Guarding 23 Americans, Surrenders and Directs Captains to Do the Same.

Manila, Dec. 18.—The following dispatch has been received from a correspondent at Laoag, Province of North Ilocos:

"Natives at Manitong, Province of North Ilocos, report that Aguinaldo, in disguise and accompanied by several of his generals, left Manitong last Saturday with 500 men, going in the direction of Salsona, from which point he intended to proceed to Cabugon, Province of Cagayan.

"An insurgent Major, claiming to be in command of 100 Filipinos guarding twenty-three American prisoners at Cabugon, has surrendered. He wrote to his Captains to deliver the prisoners to General Young.

"General Young's command is now divided into six or seven parties, which are operating in the mountains about Laoag.

Manila, Dec. 18.—Colonel Smith, with a detachment of the Seventeenth Infantry, surrounded and captured in a village near Malasqui a party of guerrillas who had made their headquarters there. The party included the band which assassinated seven officials at Malasqui for friendliness to the Americans.

All are insurgents who became bandits when the disintegration of the Filipino army began. They kept the country around Malasqui in a state of terror for several weeks and committed twenty-five murders in less than that number of days.

The bandits were promptly sent to General MacArthur's headquarters at Bayambang by train, where it is expected that they will be speedily tried and either shot or hanged as an example.

A BAD DAY IN WALL STREET.

Secretary Gage Comes to the Rescue of the Money Market.

New York, Dec. 19.—Two failures, one of a \$5,000,000 trust company and the other of a Stock Exchange firm; sales of 1,615,000 shares of stock on the New York Stock Exchange, the biggest day's business in the history of the institution; call money bid up to 186 per cent, and declines ranging from one to twenty points in all the active stocks, were the features of a market which almost ran into a panic Monday.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Monday's crash in Wall street at once decided the Secretary of the Treasury to take governmental action toward relieving the situation by pouring in cold cash instead of waiting for further chances to buy bonds.

These internal revenue collections are now running up to fully a million dollars a day, and the action of the government will relieve the stringency by that amount poured into the market in a steady stream.

TO INSTALL MARCONI SYSTEM

A Railroad Will Attempt to Flash Messages Across Lake Michigan.

Toledo, O., Dec. 16.—Without wire or cable the Ann Arbor railroad will attempt to flash messages across Lake Michigan this winter. The negotiations have been practically closed between Marconi and the Ann Arbor company. One of the offices will be at Frankfort, on this side of the lake, and the Western office will be at near Memominee. The distance will be about eighty miles, but agents of the Marconi system do not anticipate that they will have difficulty in giving the railway satisfactory service.

Yaqui Fight the Mexicans.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 13.—Information reaching here today is to the effect that on Dec. 3 the Yaqui Indians and the Mexican forces under General Torres had a pitched battle near Rio Chico, on the Yaqui River. The engagement was with the main body of Indians, the Mexican forces numbering some 4,000 men. The militia made several attempts to dislodge the Indians from their retreat in the rough, woody country without success, and upon each deploy the soldiers lost quite a number of men.

Removal of Maine Victims.

Havana, Dec. 16.—The Bishop of Havana has agreed to waive all cemetery charges in connection with the removal from Colon Cemetery of the bodies of the victims of the Maine disaster. Father Childwick, chaplain of the destroyed battleship, is indignant at a charge made by a local paper that the Bishop demands \$2 for a permit to remove each body. This statement is absolutely false.

Frederick Earling Killed.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 16.—Word was received here tonight that Frederick Earling of this city, chief of telegraph construction and brother of A. J. Earling, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road, had died from injuries received this evening in a fall beneath the wheels of a work train at Nemaha, Ia.

Philadelphia Gets Convention.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The republican national convention will meet in Philadelphia on Tuesday, June 19. Chicago lost it by one vote. The final ballot was 25 for Philadelphia and 24 for Chicago.

LARGE FAILURES.

Old and Supposedly Wealthy Firm Goes Under, Dragging Down Bank.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—The John P. Squire & Co. pork packing corporation, one of the largest concerns in its line in the east, made an assignment late this afternoon to Lawyer Heman W. Chaplin. The failure is due to the complications from which the Globe National Bank has just been extricated, and it is understood that many—if not most—of the banks in the city hold the concern's paper.

The liabilities are said to be \$3,000,000 and the assets \$5,000,000. The corporation is capitalized at \$1,000,000 and has been doing a business of some \$15,000,000 annually.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—The Broadway National Bank of this city has failed.

One of the directors, Frank O. Squire is connected with the firm of John P. Squire & Co., which assigned yesterday. The Broadway Bank was incorporated in 1853. Its capital is \$200,000. News of the failure became known when the bank failed to open its doors this morning and a notice posted at the entrance read: In the hands of the comptroller of the currency. D. G. Wing, receiver."

BROOKE'S CABINET RESIGNS.

Cubans Like Brooke and Receive News of Appointment Satisfactorily.

New York, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says that Gen. Wood's appointment as military governor of Cuba is received quietly, but appears to be satisfactory to all factions. The better classes regard it with favor, as a step toward a harmonious administration.

No special significance is given to it with reference to possible annexation. Gen. Wood numbers among his friends some of the most radical partisans of independence.

Members of Gen. Brooke's Cuban advisory cabinet presented resignations this morning, but at Gen. Brooke's request withheld them temporarily.

Invents a Frictionless Ship.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—A model ship, the invention of William B. Motheral, is now lying in the trial tank of the navy yard, which, if it proves successful, will revolutionize shipbuilding. The claim is made by the inventor that it entirely abolishes friction. The ship floats on a little cushion of air. The bottom of it is full of minute holes, through which air is continually pumped. Friction is thus abolished. The underbody of the Motheral boat is wedge shaped, and, as it is driven through the water, rises more and more out of it, so there is practically no resistance.

Mr. Motheral claims the battleship Indiana, if built according to his system, would easily steam 150 miles an hour.

Object to Paying for Uniforms.

Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 14.—Sixty recruits of the United States ship, Hartford have refused to sign articles of enlistment, because, as they claim, the government charges them with the cost of their uniforms and clothes. The Hartford was Admiral Farragut's flagship at the battle of Mobile Bay in the civil war. During the last four years it has been fully restored and is now being fitted out for a cruise to New York, where it will be used as a training ship.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago.

Wheat—No. 2 red, 67 1/2@68; No. 3 red 64 1/2@65; No. 3 hard winter, 61@64 1/2; No. 1 northern spring, 67 1/2@68 1/2; No. 2 northern spring, 66 1/2@67 1/2; No. 3 64 1/2@65 1/2.

Corn—No. 2, 31c; No. 2 white, 31@31 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 31 1/2@31 3/4; No. 3, 30 1/2; No. 3 yellow, 29 1/2@29 3/4; No. 2 white, 29 1/2@29 3/4; No. 3, 29 1/2@29 3/4; No. 2 white, 29 1/2@29 3/4; No. 4 white, 29 1/2@29 3/4.

Barley—Weighted, 36 1/2; malting, 37 1/2@45c.

Rye—December, 50c; May, 52c.

Butter—Creameries, extras, 25c; firsts, 24 1/2@25; seconds, 24 1/2@25; dairies, extras, 21 1/2@22; firsts, 19c; No. 2, 17c. Ladies, extras, 17 1/2@17 3/4. Packing stock, 16 1/2@16 3/4.

Eggs—Fresh stock, 20c, cases included.

Dressed poultry—Turkeys, 20c per lb; chickens, 17c; spring, 15c; roosters, 14 1/2@5c; ducks, 10c; geese, 8 1/2@9c.

Veal—Small carcasses, 5 1/2@6 1/2c per lb; medium, 5 1/2@6 1/2c; large, 5 1/2@6 1/2c.

Wool—Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and eastern Iowa, fine unwashed fleeces, 10@12c; medium unwashed, 10@12c; coarse unwashed, 10@12c; colored and rough unwashed, 12@15c; Nebraska, Minnesota, Kansas, western Iowa and Dakota coarse, 12@16c; fine, heavy, 12@16c; light, 14@16c.

Green fruit—New apples, \$1 50@2 00 per bbl. Potatoes—Fair to choice, 37@45c.

Cattle—Steers, \$1 00@1 50; butchers' cows, \$2 75@4 00; feeders, \$3 00@4 75; choice calves, \$3 75@7 50; common calves, \$1 00@2 00.

Hogs—Roughs, \$3 25@3 50; mixed and prime packers, \$4 00@4 25; prime heavy, and assorted butcher weights, \$1 1/4@2 25; light mixed bacon weights, 140 lbs up, to average, 17 1/2@19 lbs. \$1 1/4@2 15; pigs, all weights, 100 lbs up, \$3 1/2@4 10.

Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, \$5 00@6 00; good to prime native wethers, \$4 50@4 75; fair to good fat western sheep, \$3 80@4 00.

Detroit.

Wheat—December, 70c; No. 2 red 70c; May, 73 1/2c; No. 3 red, 69 1/2@70c mixed red, 69 1/2; No. 1 white, 70c asked.

Corn—Cash, No. 2, 33 1/2c; No. 3, 32 1/2c; No. 4, 31c; No. 2 yellow, 33c; No. 3 yellow, 34 1/2c; No. 4 yellow, 3c nominal.

Oats—Cash No. 2 white, 27 1/2c; No. 3 white, 26 1/2c.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 57c.

Butter—Prime private creamery, 56 1/2c; prime dairy, 52@53; fair to good, 48 1/2@50; common dairy, 44c; cheap dairy grades, 40@42c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh eggs in large lots 12@13 1/2c; all lots in bulk, 10 1/2@11 1/2c.

Fruit—Apples, winter, 40@50c per bu.

New York.

Wheat—December, 72 1/2c; May, 75c.

Corn—December, 32c; May, 38 1/2c.

Butter—Receipts, 2,620 pigs; firm; western creamery, 23 1/2c; factory, 1 1/4@1 1/2c.

Cheese—Receipts, 5,150 pigs; dull and quiet market; September, fancy, 12 1/2@13 1/2c; finest October, 12 1/2@13 1/2c; large September fancy colored, 12 1/2@13 1/2c; large October finest, 11 1/2@12c.

Receipts, 5,059; firm; western ungraded, extras, at mark, 10@11 1/2c.

MICHIGAN STATE NEWS.

THE LEGISLATURE IS IN SPECIAL SESSION.

Called Together by Governor Pingree to Secure Legislation For Taxing the Railroads Same As Other Property.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 18.—The Michigan legislature met in special session at noon today in response to call of Gov. Pingree. The governor's object is to secure passage of a joint resolution providing for submission to the people at the general election next November of an amendment to the state constitution placing railways upon the same basis for taxation as all other property. At present the railroads pay specific taxes upon gross earnings.

Interest in the special session is increased by the fact that the grand jury, which has returned indictments alleging bribery against some of the legislators, is still in session here. Speaker Adams of the house of representatives, who is one of the indicted men, presided today as usual.

The message of Gov. Pingree was read this afternoon before the joint session of the two houses. It urged passage of the proposed joint resolution so as to permit enactment of laws by the next legislature for equal taxation of all property at its true cash value.

Struck by a Train.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 16.—Christian Unger, aged 65, was instantly killed by a Michigan Central train at the Burton avenue crossing in this city. He had been in the country to get some wood, and was just returning when he approached the crossing. A pedestrian informed him that the train was coming and that he could not get across, but he whipped up his horses and made the attempt. The train struck the wagon and smashed it into splinters, knocking the old man forty feet into a ditch. He leaves a widow and several children.

Jury Seeks Fraud.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 19.—As a result of grand jury investigations the State Military Board is alleged to have sold during last July to the Illinois Supply Company of Chicago for \$10,500 absolutely new clothing, tents and other quartermaster stores, which inventoried more than \$53,000, and immediately purchased the same goods from the Henderson-Ames Manufacturing Company of Kalamazoo, paying therefor more than \$60,000. It is admitted the Henderson-Ames Company and the Illinois Supply Company are the same.

Was Well Insured.

Lake Odessa, Mich., December 15.—J. G. Snyder, living a short distance west of Tremain's Corners, twelve miles north of this village, lost two big barns by fire last night at 8 o'clock. Tracks were found in the snow leading across a field adjoining the barn yard, this morning, and it is thought the fire caught from the pipe of a tramp lodger. A good span of horses and all of his hay, grain and feed were consumed. Loss about \$1,800; well insured.

Three Prisoners Paroled.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 16.—Gov. Pingree to-day paroled the following convicts: William Gallagher, sent from Wayne county, March, 1888, to twenty-five years at Jackson, for robbery; George Hairman, sent from Saginaw, May, 1893, to ten years at Jackson for manslaughter; John Idalski, sent from Presque Isle, June, 1892, to fifteen years at Jackson for murder in the second degree.

Caused by Rails Spreading.

Lawton, Mich., December 15.—Late last night train No. 9, of the South Haven & Eastern Railroad was derailed between Lawton and Paw Paw by the rails spreading. The passengers were shaken up considerably, but no injuries were reported. The damage to the equipment was slight and the tracks cleared about midnight.

Thieves Got Some Harness.

Farmington, Mich., Dec. 14.—Thieves got away with a black and gold-mounted harness from Perrin's stable in Northville, and made off in the direction of Farmington. Word was at once sent to the police in the latter place and strict watch is being kept on all the roads.

Suit Went Against Saginaw.

Saginaw, Mich., December 15.—In the Circuit Court today the jury gave Mary Vergin a verdict against the city for \$750 for damages resulting from a defective sidewalk. The case of Susan Hanaway, who sues the city for \$5,000 damages for injuries received from a defective walk, is on trial.

Fell From a Load of Hay.

Charlotte, Mich., December 15.—M. I. B. Arnold, the well-known commission merchant, fell from a load of hay in the Michigan Central yards this evening, breaking his right shoulder. He was picked up by Agent Brown, of the Central, and driven to his home.

Big General Store Burned.

Baldwin, Mich., December 16.—Early this morning Chaplan & Singerman's general store was burned. Loss, \$7,500. Insurance, \$5,000. Defective chimney.

Broke His Leg While Playing.

Oxford, Mich., December 16.—While playing at school yesterday, Arthur, the 8-year-old son of Peter Hammond, broke his leg in two places.

Public Building at Owosso.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Congressman Fordney has introduced a bill authorizing the construction a public

building at Owosso at a cost of \$50,000. A measure for this purpose has been pending in congress for a number of years, but Mr. Fordney proposes to make a special effort to secure a favorable report upon it at the present session and to pass it before the end of this congress.

Fell Thirty Feet.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 15.—Bert Tripp, of Jackson, a slater employed on the new workshop at the Industrial School for Boys, was working with a companion on a staging thirty feet from the ground, when the staging gave way. Both men were precipitated to the ground. Tripp was badly injured on the head and back and may not recover, but his companion was only slightly injured.

Was Not Admitted.

Kalamazoo, Mich., December 15.—A man named Bowles, who has held many newspaper jobs in Michigan, was here today in company with Mr. Loomis, who was keeping track of him to prevent him from committing suicide, as he had purchased arsenic for that purpose. He wanted to have Bowles admitted to the asylum, but not being considered insane he was barred.

Met With a Serious Accident.

Highland Station, Mich., Dec. 13.—Elijah Kent, 83 years of age, one of Highland Station's most highly respected citizens is in a serious condition from a fall which he sustained while filling his coal stove. He stumbled and fell, fracturing his left leg at the hip joint. On account of his advanced age his recovery is considered doubtful.

Gets a Job in the Philippines.

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 14.—W. C. Sanford, a former well known business man of this city, has received an appointment in the quartermaster's department in General Lawton's army division, and has sailed from San Francisco for Manila. Mr. Sanford received the appointment on account of speaking Spanish fluently.

To Help Stranded Ladies.

Adrian, Mich., Dec. 15.—The Page Fence Co. took 200 seats for the complimentary benefit to the Tuxedo band tendered those ladies and distributed the seats among their workmen. The company was stranded here Saturday, leaving the ladies in a most unpleasant predicament. There are twelve members.

Guilty of Slander.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 16.—A circuit court jury has returned a verdict of \$500 damages against Nelson Rossman, of Ononaga township, against whom suit was brought for charging that his neighbor, Fred Roraback, had burned his own barns.

Love-Sick Young Lady Saved.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 13.—Miss Jennie Smith, living four miles south of this city, took half an ounce of carbolic acid with suicidal intent. She was dejected on account of a love affair. Her life was saved by prompt medical attendance.

Hermits House Destroyed.

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your China, Crockery, and Glass-
ware from our large and pleas-
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THE BACHELOR'S DINNER

I'm blue as I sit at dinner,
With loneliness, too, I sigh,
Though there's three of us here to-
gether.

The waiter, the turkey and I
To listen to some one talking,
I'd give of my hard earned pelf.
But the turkey can't and the waiter
shant.

And I never talk to myself!
I miss the rustle of laces,
The blush and the deep blue eye,
The prettiest of the faces,
Like a dream of the days gone by.
What folly to live like a hermit—
I'll ask her to-night, that flat.
"Hi, waiter! Call me a hansom,
And bring me my coat and hat!"

THEIR BROTHER TOM.

A Christmas Story.



THE Darcys had just arrived from Ireland and had settled on a little farm in one of our Western States when John Darcy died.

The Darcys were five in number—Mrs. Darcy, Tom, Bride and Hugh; the dead man was father and hus-



On One Corner of the Lane Stood a Deserted Barn.

The friendless family stood around the grave as he was lowered into the frosty earth. A few sympathizing strangers stood near, and looked on the scene; but human sympathy was powerless to help this sorrow.

Mrs. Darcy lifted her pale face to the cold, gray sky.

"He is not lost to us," she said, in a voice that for a moment lost its sound of grief. "We will meet him again, children, come what may."

Tom took her hand in silence that spoke more than words; neither did the strangers speak; but their hearts told them that silence was best, and their pitying glances followed the widow and her children as they went towards their desolate home.

Tom was seventeen at this time; Bride, a blue-eyed little girl of eight; and Hugh a year younger than his sister.

A month passed—a month in which grief for death was mingled with the miseries of life.

John Darcy obtained his farm on certain conditions. He was to pay for it gradually. For him the night when no men can work had come. The owner of the farm refused to entrust his property to Tom—a mere boy.

And so the Darcys were obliged to leave the small stone house in which they had hoped to spend so many days.

They hired two rooms in the house of a neighbor. Mrs. Darcy obtained some sewing to do, but there seemed to be no work for Tom anywhere.

"It's no use, mother, I'll have to leave you," he said one evening, and it needed not a mother's tender perception to see by the quivering lips and averted face the agony that those



Mrs. Darcy Reads of the Loss of the Mignon.

words cost him. "I'll have to leave you, mother—and the children." "The children!" Words so simple and yet which made the mother look into her son's face with a feeling that partook both of pride and pain. Not long ago he had been only a careless boy himself. Now he spoke of "the children," as if he were their protector.

A few weeks had changed him. He would never be a boy again, and so the mother felt, leaning her head on his shoulder and weeping.

"Before morning it was arranged that Tom should go to New York. The only friend they had made was a Capt in Brown, of the brig Mignon, which traded between New York and the West Indies. He had met the Darcys on their landing in the great city, and having employed Tom in some trifling services, he had promised to obtain work for him should his favorite ever return from the West. Tom was now going to claim the fulfillment of that promise.

Many tears fell from Mrs. Darcy's eyes as she sadly packed Tom's small traveling bag—bags which made his commonplace belongings sacred to him.

At last everything was ready for his departure. The mother had gathered her whole slender stock of money, and placed the well-worn pocketbook in a corner of the bag.

Tom saw the action.

"I will work my way," he thought, resolutely. But he said nothing. When his mother left the room for a moment, he hastily took a small sum from the purse, and then put the purse with nearly the whole of its contents back upon a shelf.

"She will never see it until I am gone," he thought.

He took his farewell over and over again.

He was gone. The children cried for him, the house was dark and desolate. Only the remembrance of his bright smiles and his voice remained.

"I'll write often, mother," he had said, as she hung her Rosary around his neck. "Don't let the children forget their brother Tom, for I'll come back one day, mother, and make you happy as a queen."

Two letters came. Tom had arrived in New York, was kindly received by Captain of the Mignon, which was to sail in a few days, and on which Tom secured a situation as a clerk to the Captain.

After this no letters came from Tom. One morning Mrs. Darcy glanced at the newspaper, and then sank back in her chair, white and speechless.

This is what she had read: "Burning of the brig Mignon. Loss of all on board."

And the children soon learned that their brother Tom had met a terrible fate far out at sea. They did not forget him in their prayers.

Mrs. Darcy struggled hard to keep her boy and girl in food and clothes. Sewing could not always be obtained. Gradually the Darcys drifted from place to place until their old neighborhood was left far behind them.

Five years ago Tom Darcy had gone away. Bride was now a bright-eyed, golden-haired, womanly damsel of thirteen, and Hugh was quite as tall, though not so sensible as his sister.

There was no difficulty in finding yarn for them for one thrifty housewife had paid Mrs. Darcy for some work in that article.

Each day tender-hearted Bride saved what she could from her own frugal meals and managed to convey sundry slices of bread and cups of tea down to the barn.

The woman never appeared. Bride would open the door place her offering inside and escape.

It was Christmas eve. Snow had fallen late in the afternoon, and more was falling now in the dusk.

The stockings for Mrs. Burns and her tiny boy were finished at last, Bride was putting the last touch to them. Bride had found time to decorate their own room with bunches of holly and crimson maple leaves.

Hugh had come home, and, as supper was over, had gone to work at geography, while his mother, propped up in bed, read her own book—"The Following of Christ."

Bride took her own share of supper and the stockings, and hastened down the lane.

"Happy Christmas," she whispered, pushing them inside the barn-door. Though Hugh had not mentioned it, he had picked up quite a supply of wood before he came home, and left it in the same place.

Bride ran up the lane, leaving a line of small foot-prints in the soft snow. The snow ceased to fall, and the moon appeared and smiled in those foot-prints.

A man in a shaggy overcoat came along the road and looked up the lane. "I'm tired, and the town is too far away for a pleasant walk through this snow. There ought to be a lodging-house somewhere near the road. No sign of life in this lane, however, he murmured. "Ah, yes—here are fresh footprints; these may lead me to a farm-house."

He followed Bride's traces, and after a time knocked at the Darcys' door. Bride opened it. "Come in, sir."

"I'm a stranger in these parts," the man began, taking off his hat and revealing a crop of light curling hair. He stopped in his speech.

"Tom!" she cried.

"Mother!"

Tom sprang to his mother's side and clasped her in his arms.

"I do believe," said Bride—"I do believe it's our brother Tom come back to us."

Yes, it was their brother Tom.

After the agitation was in part over, Tom explained. The Mignon had been burned, but the crew had got safely into the boats. A storm was raging at the time, and one boat had been swamped. The other—in which Tom was—kept up staunchly, but when land was reached had been broken to pieces by the breakers. Tom and a companion had been thrown on shore alive; the others were dead. Strange to say, some sheep which were on board the Mignon managed to reach shore uninjured.

Tom and his companion found themselves on an uninhabited but fertile island. They spent two years there, during which time the sheep increased in number. The island was out of the usual track of vessels, and so the castaways watched in vain for a sail.

At last a ship came near the island and answered their signals. They were taken on board. By this time they owned quite a large sheep-farm, and a merchant on board bought their live stock and rights as discoverers of the island for a good round sum. Tom on this Christmas eve was going to visit his companion, who lived in Eagle-cliff, when he had seen Bride's foot-prints.

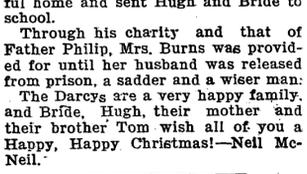
I searched for you everywhere, mother," he said. "In the old neighborhood nobody knew where you had gone. I'd never have found you, perhaps if it hadn't been for Bride's footprints."

Tom removed his mother to a cheerful home and sent Hugh and Bride to school.

Through his charity and that of Father Philip, Mrs. Burns was provided for until her husband was released from prison, a sadder and a wiser man.

The Darcys are a very happy family, and Bride, Hugh, their mother and their brother Tom wish all of you a Happy, Happy Christmas!—Neil McNeil.

Said Sam Unto John.



Said Sam Unto John.

John Bull—This ere Christmas business has a bore, haint hit, Sam?

Uncle Sam—Well, John, I think as how you have a boer or two mixed up with yourn this Christmas.

He Didn't Care.

An acquaintance of mine had occasion to reprove her very small son for ante-Christmas behavior.

"Clarence, if you are not better God will punish you."

Clarence did some deep thinking.

"Does God know Santa Claus?" he asked at length.

"No; certainly not."

"Well, then, if God don't tell Santa Claus, I don't care," was the little heathen's reply.

An Optimist.

May—My, I'm glad Jack isn't a pessimist, if he is near-sighted.

Maud—Why?

May—Why, he can't tell whether a bunch of any thing is mistletoe or not, but he always hopes for the best.

"Where are you going?"

"To have my picture taken."

"Don't go to that artist; he'll make you look melancholy."

"I know it. That's why I'm going to him. I'm going to send the picture to my wife—she's away and threatens to come home."—Detroit Free Press.



May Be Made Useful When Old.

When Xmas is over and Jack Horner is in bed from too much plums or happily escaped to school there is sometimes a van of debris, and what to do with it is the question. To burn it with the Christmas tree seems a sort of holocaust.

Then, in moving, or the outgrowth and changing of time—to throw them away seems impossible, and to store them in chests, closets or spare rooms—"hants" are not a circumstance to the crowd of memories that fill the place—sometimes such sad ones.

These happiest of life's possessions—children's toys—may be made a joy forever and things of beauty often, and fun. With some imagination, a little ingenuity and an hour of effort they may be called play for mother and children, many useful keepsakes for the immediate family and intimate friends may be made of old toys or nursery books outgrown.

Given a box of tools the Christmas tree itself will be a source of amusement for many rainy days. With a hint now and then many pretty presents may be made from the smaller branches. A key rod, a pen rack, etc.—some screw with loops and hooks.

An old linen "Cinderella" will make a pretty gift for the sister away at school. Make an outside cover of brown holland, either new or of an outgrown child's apron. If old, do it up new and paint on in picturesque letters. "A thing of shreds and patches." Add a leaf of pretty flannel, and on this stick threaded needles in various colors of silk and cotton. This will come in very handy when s'e er is in a hurry. If leaves are added to her school dresses for rents these may be useful.

An old racket cover painted "Stage snow" in fancy letters—this to hold drifts of paper and scraps that somehow will fall in the nursery or elsewhere.

The "merry thought" of the Christmas dinner turkey will make a pen-wiper for some other absent one. dressed up. Brother at college would like a "tea cosy" of a little silk flag converted into a liberty cap and washed and lined. Two more flags would make a pretty sofa cushion or head rest, tied with "bunting ribbon." Dozens of suggestions are at hand, but given the idea, every one will use it to pleasure. One article I will describe which gave a happy day to the children and promises success for time to come. Baby broke open his first drum to see where the sound came from and his drum has been made into a work basket. Lined with the silk of a little first bonnet and tied with ribbons from baby belongings, it is a delight to see, a tiny, inexpensive drum of beaten or pressed brass, it is very pretty. Polish the drumsticks with sandpaper and use one of them to mend gloves on. Tie a skein of glove cotton on one end and it is ready and ornamental.

On the other drumstick tie loops of ribbon slipped from little dress sacks or cut from anything not in use. It may be of one color or in many colors. On one loop fasten an emery bag, on another a little bower-like bag for a thimble, etc. Baby slippers will make a spool case and a scissors case with the addition of tapes or ribbons.

The "stitch in time that saved nine" will surely be less irksome if the implements come to hand ready with a thousand pictures of happy, dear children. With a resourceful mother or mother's help ennu may never enter the nursery, and rainy days will be as fruitful of joy and pleasure in the home kindergarten as out of doors to the other flowers.

Pop Corn!

If Santa Claus has corns the same as grandpa," said a wee girl the other day, "I fink he'd be 'fraid to come down the chimney over a hot fire to fear his corns, would pop."

Their Sorry Flight.

Psyche—This is Christmas time among the mortals.

Cupid—Yes; I wish we had a pair of stockings.

Cheap Presents.

Perdita—With as many admirers as you have, it must have been a rather expensive Christmas for you.

Penelope—Oh, not at all. I merely gave them each more or less encouragement.

Christmas Dinner in Sight But—

"Now, als, I got 'im hypnotized. Clip off 'is hair, quick. Golly! I kin almost smell 'um bress a-cookin'!"

Little Rassetus (in background)—speaks fer de drumstick.

When two nations are at war even the dispatches conflict.



Little Dorothy said: "I am sure he will come."

With his sleigh full of toys, and his reindeer that run.

Just as swift as the wind, 'cause they must get away.

To take Santa Claus home again 'fore Christmas day.

I really can't tell you where the Claus people dwell.

But it must be in Fairyland, 'cause we know well.

That in bringing such presents, so many and fine.

Our real fairy-god-mothers must work yours and mine.

Now when you have grown up into big pa's and ma's.

If you think yourselves wise and believe there's no Claus.

Then he'll steal past your house very quiet and sly.

And he won't leave a thing so your children will cry.

That's what my Mamma says, so I know it is true.

And for that very reason I tell it to you.

There is no one so sad on a bright Christmas day.

As the boy or girl Santa Claus missed on his way.

He's a jolly old fellow, but as shy as can be.

And no one e'er saw him hanging gifts on the tree;

But we all know he does 'cause we find them there soon.

As the first streaks of daylight creep into the room.

And he's awfully wise, and it's true that he knows.

Where the good children live, and the bad children grow;

And he knows all about one-finger-washed faces.

So in making his calls he just skips by such places.

I suppose where he lives it's so clean and so white.

That the least speck of dirt just gives him a fright;

And to please him, of course, you must go off to bed.

With your faces as clean as the pillows and spread.

I don't know for sure, but I expect Mrs. Claus.

Rides along with St. Nick to remind him of flaws.

Being careless is one; romping late on the street;

Being rude and unkind, 'stead of thoughtful and sweet.

There's no use of trying, you can't fool Mr. Claus.

For he knows all about it—he's wise as our pa's.

But he smiles when he sees us tucked snugly in bed,

And approvingly nods if our prayers have been said.

So when morning light dawns, and the night shadows flee,

You can hop out of bed and run straight to your tree,

For I'm perfectly sure 'mong the gifts hanging there,

You will find a big drum and dolls with real hair.

Would Do in Either Case.

Santa Claus was in a quandry. He thrust his hands into his pockets and gazed despairingly at the stocking suspended in limp supplication from the mantel-piece. Then he turned it inside out and inspected it. Next, he idly counted its checks. He looked at the offending stocking this way and that with growing ire; he pulled it, he pinched it, he turned it, he twisted it, he fingered it in every way in an agony of indecision. When every hope had deserted him, he stood off and, reckless of discovery, puffed vigorously upon his pipe. And then a bright idea came to his relief.

"Well," he muttered, chuckling at his escape, "but me if in these days, I can tell whether you're a man's or a woman's, but a bicycle lamp is sure to suit either way."

Only Got a V.

Van Ishe—Did you hang up your stocking?

Ten Broke—No, my dress suit—and I only got \$5 on it.

He Knew.

Willie—Santa Claus only bring presents to good little boys.

Tom (confidentially)—Yes, but he's easily fooled.

An International Complication.

"This Christmas any one would know that Bobbs was a Briton and his wife an American."

"For what reason?"

"They're having a sealskin dispute and they can't even settle it by arbitration."

Lucky Escape.

Mrs. Upjohn—it was about \$55 we raised for the poor of our parish wasn't it?

Mrs. Highsee—it was \$55 exactly.

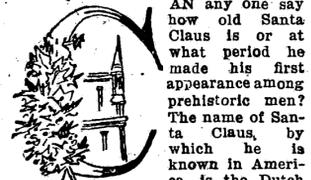
Mrs. Upjohn—My husband told me this morning that nearly half of it was donated by a good-natured sort of fellow who gambles. He won it at cards, and turned it over to our fund.

Mrs. Highsee—Well, I'm thankful we didn't find it out till the money was all disposed of.—Chicago Tribune.

Courage is the thing that enables us to forget our fears.



Long Ago He was the Jolly God of Pagan Celebrations.



AN any one say how old Santa Claus is or at what period he made his first appearance among prehistoric men?

The name of Santa Claus, by which he is known in America, is the Dutch pet name for St. Nicholas.

The name Cringle, by which he is known in England, is a corruption of Christ Kindlein, or the Christ child. But the festivities that distinguish Christmas existed long before Christianity, and a jolly god of good cheer appears as the personification of the period from the earliest pagan times. Now, the Santa Claus of to-day is simply that old jolly god sobered up, washed and purified.

Although the central figure of the Christian festival is the child God, the Christ Kindlein, the influence of long pagan custom, was too strong within the breasts of the early Christians to be easily superseded. The tradition of hoary age as the true representative of the dying year and its attendant jollifications still remained smouldering under the ashes of the past. It burst into new flame when the past was too far back to be looked upon with the fear and antagonism of the Church when there seemed no longer any danger of a relapse into paganism. At first, however, the more dignified representative was chosen as more in keeping with the occasion. Saturn was unconsciously rebaptized as St. Nicholas, the name of the saint whose festival occurs in December, and who, as the patron of young people, is especially fitted for the patronage of the festival which has come to be looked upon as especially that of the young. At first St. Nicholas did not supersede the Christ child, but accompanied him in his Christmas travels, as, indeed, he still does in certain rural neighborhoods of Europe where the modern spirit has been least felt.

St. Nicholas, according to the hagiologists, was a bishop of Myra, who flourished early in the fourth century. He is the patron of children and schoolboys.

It is strange that everywhere St. Nicholas is most honored and his feast day most observed the most pious and instructed among the common people know little of the legend of the saint. He is treated with that mixture of seriousness and frivolity which becomes a dying myth. One masquerades in his dress in the evening and prays to him in the morning, and so fulfills a duty without spoiling the fun. Yet even the mumming has an educational purpose.

The German Santa Klaus.

In Southern Germany and Austria a youth possessing the necessary religious knowledge is masked, dressed in long white vestments, with a silk scarf, and furnished with a mitre and crozier. He is accompanied by two angels and a whole troop of devils. The angels are dressed much like the choir boys in Anglican or Catholic churches. Each carries a basket. The devils blacken their faces and add horns of pigs' snouts or such other fantastic devices as the ingenuity of boyhood can devise. They are girt with chains, which they shake or rattle furiously. It is thought much better fun to be a devil than an angel, hence the number of the former is only limited to the number of boys who are able to command the necessary regalia. In the twilight of the evening of December 5 the good bishop and his suite begin their round of visits. It is the season for juvenile parties, and almost all the children of the village are collected in a few separate houses, each of which St. Nicholas visits in turn. He enters with the two angels, while his swarthy followers are left to play their pranks outside. A great silence falls upon the children, and one by one they are called up and examined by the saint. This part of the evening's business is carried on with the greatest seriousness and decorum. Simple religious questions suited to the age of each child are propounded, after which it has to sing hymns and recite prayers. If the ordeal is successfully passed the angels present it with nuts and apples. If it fails it has to stand aside. When the examination is ended the devils are called in.

They are not allowed to approach the good children, but may tease and frighten the naughty ones as much as they like. They do this at first as a matter of duty. Duty is followed by the pleasures whose anticipation had caused them to enlist—pleasures which consist in strange dances and antics, and in pursuing the larger girls with the attempt to blacken their faces. Their whole appearance is intended to be grotesque and farcical. For the entire evening they are allowed full license in the villages, though in some of the towns the festival has, for good reasons, been prohibited. For weeks before the eve of St. Nicholas a devil may occasionally be seen at the window of some cottage where the children are supposed to be naughty; their elder sister is known to be particularly attractive.

When St. Nicholas has left the children return to their own homes, but they do not believe that the generous of the saintly bishop has been exhausted. After saying their prayers and going to bed they place dishes or baskets upon the windowsill, with their names written within them, and in these their parents deposit small presents, which their little sons and daughters fancy he has brought.

The village minister acquires a surplus—but seldom a surplus.

THE LAND OF COOPER

Still clear and fair Otsego Lake,
The Glimmerglass of old,
Which rippled once with birch boat
wakes.
Reflects the mountains bold.
Still o'er its outlet sway the trees
That hid the Hutter's ark.
Its surface yet each summer breeze
Plays o'er from dawn 'till dark.
The sleeping lion's couchant form
Which looms up blue and dim,
Still 'waits a signal of alarm
To end his slumbers grim.

Point Judith, Hutter's Point, Rat's
Cove
And wave-washed Council Rock,
About which Cooper wove
His yarns of Chingachgook.

Each calls to mind some thrilling part
Of Leatherstocking tales;
Old tales that still will touch the heart,
When to-day's story falls.
—Frank Farrington in N. Y. Sun.

THE HINDOO DAGGER.

I happened to be stopping over night
at a little hotel in the Berkshires
when there happened a tragedy which
I cannot forget.
I may say here that I am a detective
in the regular employ of one of the
largest detective agencies in the
world. And that the errand upon
which I was bound was a private one.
An unforeseen railway occurrence
left me stranded over night in the
village of X, and having engaged a room
at the only hostelry in the place, I re-
tired early and enjoyed a good night's
sleep.

Next morning I arose and dressed
myself and no sooner had completed
my toilet than I was aroused by a
loud outcry in the next room. Open-
ing my door I followed the direction
of the cry and was joined by others
from the floor below. The cry was
continued, and on opening the door we
saw an awful sight.

There upon the bed lay a girl of un-
usual beauty, stone dead. Her eyes
were wide open and staring, her fin-
gers were extended clawlike, and her
head was twisted as though she had
died in agony.

Bending over her was a dark-haired
woman who was crying out "Oh Evely-
n! Evely! my daughter! Evely! my
daughter, speak to me!"

Then turning toward us the woman
said wildly: "I left her last night at
her own request. She said she wished
to sleep alone. And this morning I
find her dead, murdered. Oh, Evely! my
daughter, speak!"

And so the unhappy mother contin-
ued to rave, while we took the girl
from her arms and examined her to
see if a spark of life remained. No,
she had been dead many hours and
we all saw at once that the hand of
the murderer must have been laid up-
on her soon after she had retired the
night before.

When the physicians were called
they gave the surprising information
that the girl had died of heart dis-
ease. No trace of a wound of any
kind could be found upon her. She
had quietly passed away of heart fail-
ure, they said. One eye was terribly
bloodshot, showing the rupture of a
blood vessel in the brain.

At this information the mother be-
came quieter and by afternoon she had
made preparations to return to the
city with her daughter. I learned
from the hotel keeper that they were
summer guests and had been stopping
there for several weeks.

"Speak no ill of the dead is a good
rule," said the proprietor, "but for
tempers that dead girl had the worst
one. I wonder how her mother ever
put up with it, poor lady."

After the first the mother bore the
bereavement remarkably well; and
when it came time for them to go she
had even a little color in her face,
though her eyes were haggard.

Traveling alone and in the same
direction I found that I could be of
service to the afflicted woman and so
upon offer she readily accepted my
services. Accordingly I assisted in
arranging her baggage and, with her,
took a last leave of the rooms.

As we were stepping out into the
hall, the coffin with the dead girl hav-
ing just been borne out, the mother,
either from grief, or through accident,
tripped and I caught her. As I did so
I uttered a cry of pain.

Looking down I saw that a tiny or-
nament which she wore upon her
chateleine had become imbedded in
my flesh. I pulled it slowly out while
a drop of blood followed and settled
on the skin.

"Oh, my Hindoo dagger," said she,
hastily, "how careless of me. I should
have folded it up."

And then to my astonishment she
pulled out of the shiny, silver case
which was only three inches long, a
slender needle of steel, fully a foot
long, fastened together by curious
links, which snapped together as she
pulled the dagger out of the case.

It was a marvel of Oriental work-
manship.

Then, while I looked on, she refold-
ed the dagger, snapped it together,
link after link, as one closes a pocket
knife. I never saw such curious
workmanship except upon a slender
steel ruler which had been given me in
India.

She seemed much confused at the
accident and blamed herself for my
hurt.

That afternoon I rode beside her in
the train and talked with her upon
various topics. Yes, the dead girl
had been her only companion. It was
very sad. She had wired ahead for
relatives to meet her in Boston.

Suddenly, and without preliminary,
I picked up the little charm which
hung at her belt and said: "Is this
the instrument you killed your daugh-
ter with? Show me how you jabbed
it into her eye."

She looked at me horrified.
"I know all about it," I said. "You
might as well confess."

The wretched woman gasped. "You
were in the next room; did you see?"
I felt sure of my ground so I nodded
"Yes."

"I couldn't help it," she murmured.
"Couldn't help it. She was so fiendish
and I depended upon her."

"I will tell you the story. Evely
was my step-daughter. Did you not
know it? Her father married me when
she was a baby and I brought her up.
She was always a disagreeable child,
but I loved her."

"When her father died he left all
his fortune to her as my request, and
I was to live with her as long as I
lived."

"I urged him to make this will, sure
that Evely would respect his wishes.
Yet no sooner was he dead than she
turned upon me and told me to leave
the house. In vain I pleaded with
her. She was a fiend. She called me
names and told me that I was no bet-
ter than a pauper. God knows how
she abused me."

"Last summer she was ill and I of-
fered to nurse her. She brought me
up here with her, for her father's
money was left her for her own dis-
posal without clause, and I took care
of her while she rode and drove and
got strong."

Last week she was pronounced out
of the physician's care and next week
we were to have gone home. Or at
least she was to have gone home, but
I had no place to go. That day she
told me that she would have no
more use for me after next week.

"I pleaded with her for the money
was as much mine by right as hers,
but she laughed at me. Her mother
was a heartless woman, so her father
once told me, and Evely could not
be expected to be any better."

"Last night I asked her for money
to travel out to the home of a sister
who would care for me, and she re-
fused. She told me that I could earn
the money or go without."

"She sat up in bed railing at me
and calling me names. Then she got
out of bed to get something off the
bureau. I caught hold of her and
begged her to reconsider. She raised
her hand to strike me, I think, but she
slipped, and fell forward! My
dagger was open. It is broken and
falls open sometimes, and as she fell
she struck her face against it. She
cried out with pain: 'It is my eye,' she
said; 'oh Mother,' calling me by the
name she uses when she is in trouble."
"But I, maddened by the sound
which smote my ear like a mockery,
repulsed her. Then the Devil entered
my soul. With my hand upon her to
push her off, I seized her by the hair
and held her fast while with the other
hand I drove the dagger straight
through her eye and into her brain."

"It was all over in a minute. She
gave a cry which I smothered with my
hand. Then she straightened out con-
vulsively and I held her fast. As she
writhed I pushed the needle further
in my frenzy."

"With her eyes still staring at me
she stiffened out and after she had
ceased to struggle, I drew out the dag-
ger and lifted her on the bed and cov-
ered her up."

"Then I went to my own room.
"All night I lay awake waiting for
morning."

"This morning I entered the room,
lifted the sheet and made a great out-
cry. The rest you know."

The story of the awful murder of
Evely White is still fresh in the an-
nals of a certain State. But the part
I played in the matter was kept quiet.

Through my influence the wretched
woman was persuaded to confess to
the police and give herself up to jus-
tice.

In the days awaiting her execution
she had every luxury; for by her hus-
band's will all the property was to
come to her, on the death of her step-
daughter.

The Kaffir's Wives.

The aborigines of this vast country
where black men—the Kaffirs. They
have lost dominion of the country and
are but serfs to the burghers or citi-
zens. The Kaffir is a day laborer, and
reckons his wealth in the number of
heads of cattle he may be able to ac-
quire. He works for a couple of years
until he can get eleven oxen or cows;
then he hires himself to the Zulu land
on the east or to other countries con-
trolled by black men, and there buy
himself a wife. Ten cows is the price
of a wife. The eleventh is killed for
the wedding feast. The Kaffir remains
a few months with his wife, then off
to the mines he goes to earn the price of
another. When he possesses half a
dozen wives the Kaffir's mental toll is
over and he becomes a gentleman. His
wives plant the mealy (corn) and
look after what cattle their lord and
master owns. With a kraal full of
daughters the Kaffir must become a
rich person. The daughter of a chief
costs twenty-five cows and the daugh-
ter of a king sixty, no matter how old,
or ugly. The chiefs are severely
strict in their watchfulness over the
morals of the Kaffirs. If one is found
guilty of dishonesty he is fined so
many oxen. The Kaffir is said to be
better in his original state, than when
contaminated with what they call
civilization.

Bees Sting a Horse to Death.

A fine young driving mare of Dr. J.
T. Twilley was stung to death by
honey bees in Kent county recently.
The animal was turned into a lot to
graze in which was a bench of eight
hives of bees. One of the hives was
knocked over, and in an instant the
mare was covered by bees. She be-
came entangled in a quantity of vines
in such a way that she could not ex-
tricate herself, and began to roll to
free herself of the bees, which swarm-
ed on her body. This only made mat-
ters worse, and resulted in overturn-
ing the entire bench of eight hives,
the bees from which completely cov-
ered the helpless animal. She lived
about eight hours and died in great
agony. Handfuls of bee-stings were
combed from her hair and pulled from
about her nose, mouth and eyes—in
short, there was scarcely a square inch
of the animal's body which had escap-
ed a wound from the bees.

Reduced circumstances are the kind
that alter cases.

FORMER ENGLISH RESIDENTS.

Remains of Ancient English House—Man-
ner of Building.

The Denton house on it is very an-
cient, probably early Tudor; indeed,
some very beautiful oak paneling that
I removed from it to this place can
scarcely be later than that date, says
Rider Haggard in Longman's Maga-
zine. From the shape of the portion
that is now standing I imagine it to
be the remains of a larger building,
of which parts have been pulled down
as it fell into disrepair. Such frag-
ments of houses are common about
here; indeed, there is one of them at
my own gate, which is so old that it
had to be strapped up in 1613, as is
proved by the "anchors" let into the
wall, whereof the faces fashion that
date in wrought iron. I suppose that
all these dwellings in the times of the
Plantagenets and the Tudors were the
homes of yeomen who owned or
farmed from one to three hundred
acres of land. Or, possibly, they were
in many cases the farmhouses let with
the holding. That tenant farmers
were common so early as 1560 we learn
from Thomas Tusser's Rhymes, for he
talks of the taking over of farms at
Michaelmas as a familiar thing. At
Michaelmas lightly new farmer
comes in,
New husbandry forceth him new to
begin;
Old farmer still taking the time to him
given,
Makes August to last until Michaelmas
even.

Good farm and well stored, good Hous-
ing and dry,
Good corn and good dairy, good mar-
ket and nigh;
Good shepherd, good tillman, good,
Jack and good Gill,
Make husband and huswife their cof-
fers to fill.

Nor does the country—he farmer in
Suffolk and at East Dereham, in Nor-
folk—seem to have been so lonely as
might be imagined, for he talks of
journeys to market and of the visits
of chapmen or dealers. Indeed, I be-
lieve that the enormous increase of
the population in England has taken
place in the towns only and that the
country was almost as thickly popu-
lated in the times of the Henrys as it
is to-day. The size and number of the
churches show it, as do the death en-
tries in the earlier registers.

Wonderful Siberia.

Siberia is a topic which is a good
deal in the air just now by reason
mainly of the announcement that the
czar is carrying into practical effect
the project announced some weeks ago
of abandoning the convict-settle-
ment system. It has always been the
custom, not only in our generation,
but for the last 200 years, to regard
"Siberia" as an expressive synonym
for all that is cruel, pitiless and hor-
rible.

As a matter of fact, however, the
real Siberia, so far from being a
country of desolation, is as green and
fertile a land as Australia. It is
doubtful if the Russians have any
very definite ideas about the marvel-
ous fertility of this territory, which
occupies so large a space on the map
of Asia. A man who traveled through
the country a few years ago from the
Caspian to Vladivostok, by way of
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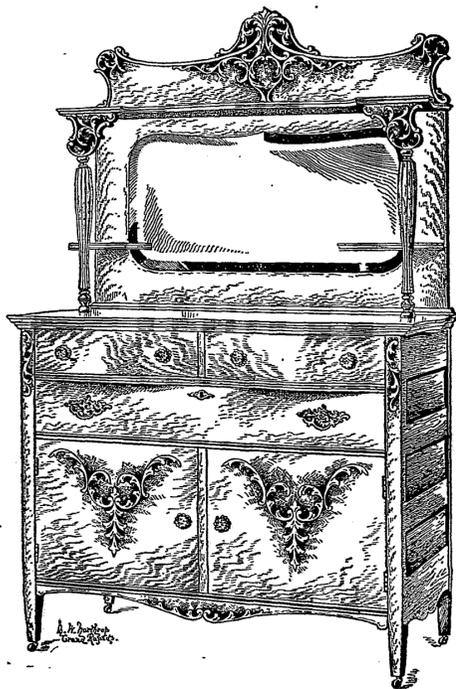
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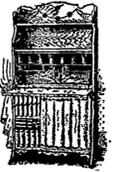
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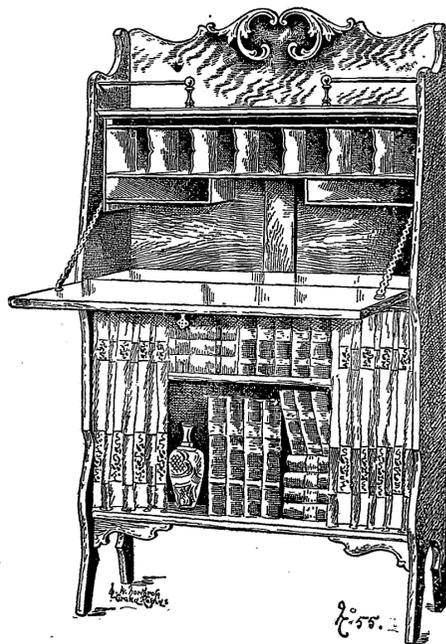
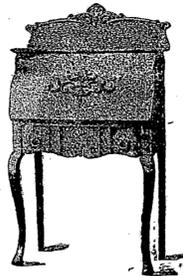


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METHODIST CHURCH. Rev. H. L. POTTER, Pastor. Sabbath services: Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.; Sabbath School 12:00 p. m.; Junior League 3:30 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:00 p. m.; Prayer meeting, Thursday evening, 7:00 p. m. Members are expected and strangers are always welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Rev. James Provan, Pastor. Sabbath services: Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sabbath school 12:00 p. m. Young People's meeting 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening, 7:30. recordal-y invited.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH.—corner Oak and Second Sts. Rev. J. R. Niergle, Pastor. Residence 47 Main St. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 11:45 p. m. Mrs. Lucy A. Brocius, Supt. Young People's Alliance every Sunday at 6:30 p. m. Prayer service Wednesday at 7:50 p. m. All seats are free. All cordially welcomed.

U. O. F.—Buchanan Lodge No. 76 holds its regular meeting at Odd Fellows Hall, on each Tuesday evening.

R. & A. M.—Buchanan Lodge No. 68 holds a regular meeting Monday evening on or before a full moon in each month.

A. O. U. W.—Buchanan Lodge No. 98 holds its regular meeting the 1st and 3d Friday evening of each month.

G. A. R.—Wm. Perrott Post No. 32. Regular meeting on the first and third Saturday evening of each month. Visiting comrades always welcome.

SYLVIA CHAPTER. No. 74, O. E. S. holds a regular meeting Wednesday evening on or before the full moon in each month.

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The Goshen News of December 2 has a big write up of the business houses of that city.

We are indebted to Senator Blakeslee of Galien for a copy of the Michigan Manual for 1899.

The Belding Banner had a fine Holiday Number on Dec. 14. It comprised 8 pages and 4 page cover.

The Tnscola Co. Advertiser of December 15, was a fine Holiday number of 8 pages and a fine colored cover of 4 pages and gives great credit to editor Slocum.

The Niles Daily Sun of yesterday is a special Holiday edition of 8 pages and cover, devoted to an excellent "writeup" of that historic place. It reflects great credit on the new management.

The next national Republican convention will be held at Philadelphia June 19th. The date and place were fixed at the meeting of the national committee in Washington Friday, Chicago lost the convention by just one vote, that of Richard C. Keren of St. Louis, Mo.

The sensation of the week has been the findings of the grand jury of Ingham County in regard to the war expenditures of the state military board. It has been shown that the board sold supplies inventoried at \$53,500 to the Illinois Supply Co., of Chicago for the paltry sum of \$10,500 and a short time thereafter purchased supplies to the extent of about \$60,000 from the Henderson Ames Co., of Kalamazoo, and it appears that a large proportion of the said supplies were the identical goods sold to the Illinois Supply Co.

Governor Pingree has demanded the resignation of the entire Military Board and has requested the legislature to authorize proceedings against their bondsmen to recover the loss to the state by their carelessness.

COUNTY SEAT NEWS

CIRCUIT COURT.
The probable claim of the attorneys for the defense in the Totman case now on trial will be that George King did not have \$2,500 in his house and that Calvin Totman never took one of the two bags of gold as there were no bags there. The case is attracting a number of listeners to the court room and the attorneys take up considerable time in heated discussions. Both sides are working hard to win the case and strong testimony has been given for the plaintiff and defendant. C. M. VanRiper is also employed by the plaintiff.

Mr. Totman was subjected to a rigid cross examination Wednesday afternoon and at times he appears a little confused.

Court was held Tuesday evening in order to finish the trial as soon as possible.

Frank Stafford who pleaded guilty to horse stealing was sentenced to six months at Ionia Tuesday afternoon.

Richard Whitford, who is charged with rape, pleaded not guilty.

MARRIAGE LICENSES:
Clyde W. Rockey, 19, Laura M. Sinn, 19, Royalton.
R. E. Smith, 32, Matie Schaedel, 22, Chicago.

C. E. Merritt, 25, Eva M. Hogue, 25, Pipestone.
George N. Babcock, 40, Millburg, Luella Fraze, 32, Benton Harbor.

Henry Fick, 25, Edith Shrader, 24, Three Oaks township.

Frank Decker, 22, Baroda, Myrtle Mead, 19, Livingston.

Letters unclaimed remaining in P. O. at Buchanan, Mich., for week ending Dec. 19, '99. Mrs. Anne Kavinagh, Mrs. Bertha Hodgers, Mrs. Sarah Redding, Miss Ada Gifford, Mr. E. O. Ettinger, Scott Baldwin.
G. W. N. OBLE, P. M.

PERSONAL.

Miss Daisy Emery went to South Bend to-day.

Miss Carrie Boyle went to South Bend to-day.

Atty. L. J. Fletcher, of Niles, was in town Tuesday.

Dr. C. H. Haskins of Jackson was in town Tuesday.

Mr. S. S. Clary, of Dowagiac, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Claude Hayden of Cassopolis was in town, Friday.

Mr. R. E. Lee was up from Benton Harbor on Tuesday.

Mr. Max Gross of South Bend was in town yesterday.

Mr. F. P. Hopkins, of Chicago, was in town yesterday.

Deputy Sheriff J. C. Wenger was in Benton Harbor Friday.

Mr. F. H. Saxton, of Albany, N. Y. was in town on business.

Mr. Leo Wile, of Buffalo, was in town Monday on business.

Mr. O. C. Howe of Lansing was in town, Tuesday, on business.

Mr. Dan Whalen of the Standard Oil Co., was in town Friday.

Mr. Geo. F. Dressler was a visitor at the county seat on Monday.

Mr. D. A. Hubbell, of Ionia, Mich., was a Buchanan visitor yesterday.

Mr. Geo. F. Morris, of Buffalo, N. Y., was a visitor here yesterday.

Dr. F. R. Belknap, of Niles, made the Record office a pleasant call, Tuesday.

Mrs. Carrie Boyle returned on Thursday from her visit at Cassopolis.

Miss Edith Beardsley returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Bryan, O.

Editor L. J. Merchant of the St. Joseph Saturday Herald, was in town this morning.

Mrs. J. D. Chittenden will leave on Saturday for Benton Harbor where she will spend the winter with relatives.

Mrs. Sarah VanNordstrand returned on Monday from a visit with South Bend relatives.

Messrs. H. Sherick of Michigan City and A. H. Pearson of Kalamazoo, were here Monday engaged in removing the Postal Telegraph office to its new location.

Mr. S. M. Castle, of Chicago, formerly a salesman for Rough Bros. Wagon Works, will spend Christmas with Prof. and Mrs. L. G. Avery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Koons and family of Dowagiac were in town this week, called here by the death of Mrs. Koons' mother, Mrs. H. Rollings.

Mr. Frank S. Whitman is home for Christmas. Mr. Whitman is in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern R. R., and is now engaged in work on an extension in Iowa.

Mrs. Ellis Clarke started on Saturday for Owen, Wis. where she will spend the winter. She was accompanied by her two sons, John and Arlin, the latter only going as far as Chicago.

Mr. E. R. Rogers, of Puyallup, Washington, stopped over a day on a visit with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. H. Dodd. Mr. Rogers is a wholesale grocer in Washington, is largely interested in hops, and is now on his return from a business trip to London, England.

Mrs. J. H. Godfrey and daughters, Grace and Ethel returned this morning from a trip through the Black Hills of South Dakota. They rode 2300 miles. Last Sunday they rode 16 miles from Spearfish to Deadwood over the mountains with the thermometer 10 below zero.

OBITUARY.
MRS. HANNAH ROLLINGS died at her home 4 miles north of Buchanan, Monday, Dec. 18, 1899. She was 68 years of age last June. She was born in Yorkshire, Eng. and came to New York and settled in Monroe Co., where she was married, Dec. 25, 1854. In 1855 she came with her husband to Berrien Co., Mich. where she lived until her death. Mrs. Rollings was the mother of nine children of whom the greater part remain but some have preceded her to the better land. She was a firm believer in the Christian religion and a faithful member of the United Brethren Church. Her husband had also gone before, to welcome her to her final home. In the death of Sister Rollings, the children mourn a faithful loving mother; the church, a devoted member; and the community, a kind neighbor. Mother thou hast left us, but surely after the toils of life rest is sweet.

The funeral services were held yesterday from her late home and a large number of friends followed the remains to their last resting place at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Maynard D. Haskin the 9 year old daughter of Geo. E. Haskin of Corymbo, Ind., and nephew of Mrs. May Godfrey was buried at Dowagiac yesterday.

Some Attractive Windows.

Many of our merchants have taken especial pains to arrange their windows for an attractive display for the holidays and a stroll down the street will give much pleasure in looking at the various displays. Messrs A. Jones & Co., have a neat and tasty window comprising an arch of incandescent lights, with a pleasing arrangement of Nile green crepe paper, which shows off the cut glass and silver ware, in the window to good effect. Harry Binns has his window well filled with various articles and novelties handled in his store. At Kent's the window display consists largely of lamps and crockery. At S. P. High's a pleasing arrangement of pretty handkerchiefs attract much attention. B. E. Deenberg & Bro. of the "Big Store" have several pretty windows; one being neat arrangement of shoes and neckwear and the other a green and white window with a mirror effect. G. E. Smith & Co. have a mirror in one window with a tasty arrangement of crockery and lamps. Druggist W. F. Runner has a neat display of books, toilet articles, etc. Mrs. Bertha Roe has an attractive window filled with box candies, pies, bakery goods. Richards and Emerson have an exceptionally nice display of furniture in their windows. The Racket has a christmas tree loaded with gifts in one window and notions in the other. As tasty a window as any in town is the one which Mr. Robt. L. Dodd has fixed at Dodd's drug store. The arrangement of holly, cotton, gilt paper is very neat. Carmer & Carmer have a fine display of shoes tastily arranged. Treat Bros. have a pleasing display of crockery, fancy lamps, etc. At Brodriek's drugstore our genial village clerk has shown much taste in arranging a doll house and other pretty gifts in an attractive manner. W. H. Keller has his window a bewildering mass of attractively arranged crockery, lamps, toys, chairs and a toy house. G. W. Noble has a fine display of slippers, and Del Jordan, a neat arrangement of candies. E. S. Roe shows the various articles handled by him. At Van's restaurant one window has a tempting display of candies, the other his bakery goods. Morris the Fair exhibits two fine windows, one of toys, the other of shoes and furnishings. At Boardman's Dry Goods store two very tasty windows are shown, one representing a cosily furnished "den" the other a winter scene which is very attractive and represents much work.

For the Benefit of Tax Payers.

Under Session Laws of 1899 all taxes that are returned to the County Treasurer (March 1st) will be charged with one per cent per month for interest and four per cent Collection Fee. Session Laws of 1897 provide that Cities shall return in addition to the taxes levied five per cent City Collection Fee.

To illustrate; Suppose taxes levied to be \$100.00, City Collection Fee \$5.00 and Interest \$1.00, (if paid in March) \$4.00 County Collection Fee, making in all \$110.00.

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THE BUCHANAN RECORD " 1.00
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We will send this fine combination of periodicals for one year and the volume of "Career and Triumph of Admiral Dewey" for only \$2.90. Send in your order and if the combination does not suit, come in and see us for we have others equally as good.

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Butter—16¢.
Eggs—16¢.
Wheat—60¢.
Oats—25¢.
Corn—30¢.
Rye—53¢.
Flour, per bbl.—\$3.60 to \$4.80.
Live Hogs—\$3.75
Honey—12½¢.
Live poultry—4@5¢
Hay—\$6@7 per ton.
Lard, retail—8½¢.
Salt, retail—80¢.
Beans—80¢@1.00.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

All "copy" for change of advertisements must be in our office by Wednesday of each week to ensure the change being made.

Edison Phonographs.

John Chess Ellsworth. Van has a change of adv.
Card of Thanks—see local.
Buggy Pole Lost—see local.
Sled Free. See Keller's adv.
Archarena Board. See adv.
Holiday Excursions. See adv.
Stamping. See Mrs. Smith's adv.
Estate of Warner O. Hamilton. See legal.
S. P. High has a Christmas adv. in this week.

C. D. Kent has a change of adv. this week.

Estate of Lousia Hamilton, deceased. See legal.

Blodgett & Blodgett have a new adv. this week.

G. C. Genrich has a change of adv. in this issue. Read it.

Lyman Boardman has some interesting locals and adv. this week.

LOCAL NOTES

Mr. Gillett of Spencer Ill., had charge of Mrs. Godfrey's office during her absence.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church held a Military Fair last Friday and Saturday and had a very successful time and good attendance.

The members of Buchanan Lodge No. 75, I. O. of O. F., will hold a banquet at Hotel Lee on January 2nd. Covers will be laid for about 75 to 100 guests.

Buchanan Lodge No. 886, M. W. A. initiated one candidate, Friday night and elected three new members. It was also decided to have a banquet on the evening of third Wednesday in January.

Mr. Amos P. Evans was stricken with apoplexy on Monday morning, while engaged at work at the home of Mrs. Scott corner of Oak and Chicago streets. Medical aid was summoned and he is now out of all danger.

Miss Elizabeth Gardner, teacher in the first grade, and who is a universal favorite is wearing a beautiful diamond ring, and as a consequence, she and Principal W. L. Mercer of the High School are being warmly congratulated upon the announcement of their engagement.

Deputy Sheriff J. O. Wenger has rented the front street barn of I. N. Batchelor and will take possession of the same January first. He will conduct a feed barn, and also have his sample machines of the Champion Company on exhibition here. We wish him success in his venture.

Landlord Geo. F. Noble is making general overhauling at the Hotel Lee and is going to give our town a first class hotel in all that the word first class implies. The dining room has been renovated and papered, and much needed improvements made. All lounging about the hotel has been stopped and the hotel is home like in every respect. If you want to enjoy a nice dinner you can be sure of getting it by stopping at Hotel Lee, and every effort will be made to ensure your comfort.

The Monday Literary Club held their regular meeting this week with Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Alma Morgan had an excellent article on Russian Jews and Gentiles, and Mrs. E. S. Roe, gave a pleasing reading. The next meeting of the club will be on January 8th, at the home of Mrs. Redden.

The Postal Telegraph office has been moved this week from Hotel Lee to the Berrick block with the American Express office as Mr. F. M. Raven is manager of the telegraph office as well as the Express business. Busman Ed. Bird has rented the space vacated by the Postal at Hotel Lee and will have his office at that place.

Messrs Frank and Henry Blodgett have leased the rooms vacated by G. S. Bolton & Co., and will conduct a coal and wood yard, and handle baled hay, saraw, corn, oats, ground feed, etc. If you need anything in this line just call them up over Bell Phone 11, and they will be pleased to fill your orders. We wish the firm of Blodgett & Blodgett success.

Miss Daisy Emery who has for the past year been the efficient bookkeeper at the Record office, and whose genial and sunny disposition made her a universal favorite, resigned her position last Saturday. Miss Emery is to be married on New Year's Day to Mr. Frank F. Rough, of Bertrand township, and the "Record force" extend in advance their hearty congratulations to the young couple.

The 30 club met yesterday with Mrs. H. F. Kingery, and a good number were present. Mrs. Kent conducted the History lesson, Misses Georgia Wilcox and Carrie Boyle furnished music, Mrs. W. W. East read an excellent paper on "The Restoration." Mrs. H. D. Rough conducted the Civil Government. The next meeting will be on January third and will be at the home of Mrs. J. R. Bishop, instead of with Mrs. C. F. Pears.

The Flushing Observer of Dec. 14 has an account of the wedding of Mr. Ellis E. Roberts, son of Rev. O. J. Roberts former pastor of the Presbyterian church of Buchanan, to Miss Myra Alice French. At the same ceremony the bride's brother Mr. Fred W. French was married to Miss Lena Grace Kelly, each couple acting as bridesmaid and best man for the other. Both young couples will reside in Chicago. The many friends of Mr. Roberts will extend hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts.

Mrs. J. W. Broceus was summoned to Chicago, Friday, by a telegram announcing that her niece had been burned to death. The fated lady was Mrs. Pearl Palmer of Decatur, Ala., who was boarding at No. 1 Hubbard Court where a fire broke out on Thursday night, and although there were quite a number of other boarders in the building, all escaped except Mrs. Palmer. The mother of Mrs. Palmer was in Chicago at the time, but was stopping at another place and knew nothing of her daughter's fate until the next morning. Mrs. Broceus accompanied the bereaved mother and the remains to their former home in Decatur, Alabama.

Christmas Entertainments.

PRESBYTERIAN.

There will be a Christmas Cantata rendered by the members of the Sabbath School, in the Church, on Friday, Dec. 22nd, at 7:30 p. m.

Appropriate services will be conducted next Sabbath morning and evening. All are cordially invited.

Miss Viola Conrad teacher at the Broceus School has arranged a Christmas tree and entertainment at the school house on Friday evening Dec. 22nd.

The Christmas entertainment of the Christian Sunday School will be held at the church on Saturday evening, Dec. 23 at 7:30 o'clock. The exercises will comprise music, recitations and trees for the different classes.

The Methodist Sunday School will hold their exercises on Saturday evening, Dec. 23 at 7:30 o'clock. They will have a mixed program and also a tree.

At the United Brethren Church appropriate exercises will be given on Sunday morning. A representation of a manger and appropriate musical and literary exercises will be given.

The Evangelical church will hold their Christmas exercises on Christmas evening, Monday, Dec. 25.

The Sunday School of the Advent Christian Church will have their Christmas exercises at the usual Sunday School hour next Sunday.

Oxford Sale of a Catholic Church. Oxford, Mich., December 16.—The proposed Catholic church is an assured thing. Fathers Baumgartner, Sharp and Ryan were here to-day and confirmed the selection of a site made by the local Catholics. It is announced that Father Sharp will have charge of the flock at this place.

Young Incurable. Lansing, Mich., Dec. 13.—Glenn Hayward is the name of a ten-year-old incurable of this city who was sent to the Industrial school for seven years. Even at his age his parents could do nothing to control the general "cussedness" of the kid, and they were compelled to make complaint against him.

Discovers New Receiver. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—Researches by Professor Reginald A. Fessenden and his assistant, Professor Kintner, in the electrical laboratory of the Western University of Pennsylvania have resulted in the production of a receiver for wireless telegraphy which is 2,000 times more sensitive than the coherer of the Marconi system.

In speaking of his discovery today Professor Fessenden said: "It should be possible to send messages across the Atlantic with poles less than 200 feet high. The ultimate distance must be checked by actual experiment before it becomes a scientific fact in the strict sense."

Big Canadian Diamond Field.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 16.—It is reported that a diamond field has been found in the wilds between Michipicoten and Port Arthur. The precise location is kept a profound secret. The discovery was made last summer by an expert from Kimberley, who made an exploring tour. A formation was found precisely similar to that of the Kimberley field. The discovery is reported to be of considerable area and in the opinion of the diamond expert the precious stones undoubtedly exist there.

Upheld Peaceable Strikers.

New York, Dec. 14.—Vice-Chancellor Reed, at Trenton, N. J., rendered an important decision this afternoon involving the rights of employees and strikers in the case of the Cumberland Glass Blowers' association against the Glass Blowers' Association of the United States, Dennis A. Hayes, and others. Reed holds that, under a statute passed in New Jersey in 1883, it is lawful for men to combine to strike or to induce others to do so, but that the means employed must be persuasive and not coercive.

Another Dividend Declared.

Lansing, Mich., December 15.—Receiver Foster, of the People's Savings Bank, has declared another dividend of 5 per cent to the depositors of that institution, making in all dividends of 42½ per cent which have been declared. The dividend will be payable December 23.

Had His Leg Broken.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 19.—Harry Waite, a part pay fireman, was run over by a hook and ladder truck this afternoon and has a leg broken below the knee. The firemen cleared \$1,000 from their ball, which goes into an emergency fund.

Lieutenant Brumby Dead.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Lieutenant Thomas M. Brumby, Admiral Dewey's flag lieutenant, died of typhoid fever at 6 o'clock this evening at the Garfield Hospital. The end was peaceful and had been expected for several days. He was 44 years old, a native of Georgia, and unmarried.

Panic-Stricken at a Fire.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 15.—The Western Pennsylvania Institute for Deaf and Dumb, situated at Edgewood, was completely destroyed by fire this evening. The 500 pupils in the building were panic-stricken, but the teachers quickly secured control of them and all were saved.

Needed Protection.

Noah Blution—'Talkin' o' protection, dey's some southern proverbs wat oughter be pertected, sich as sharks an' alligators.

Tatterton Torn—Aw! yer nutty! Dey ain't good to eat.

Noah Blution—Sure not, but dey keeps people from goin' in swimmin'.

—Standard and Catholic Times.

Joy Around the Board.

"I attended a strawberry festival last night."

"Where was it?"

"At our boarding house; at dinner the landlady gave us two big dishes apiece."—Detroit Free Press.

Water sets at W. H. Keller's.

Largest and finest line of lamps at W. H. Keller's.

Bertrand Township Taxes.

I will receive taxes for Bertrand Township at the following days and places:

Wednesdays, at Dayton.
Thursdays, First Nat'l Bank, Niles.
Fridays, at my home.

Saturdays, First Nat'l Bank Buchanan.
R. M. CAUFFMAN,
Treasurer.

The M. C. R. Co. will sell Excursion tickets to all stations on Dec. 23

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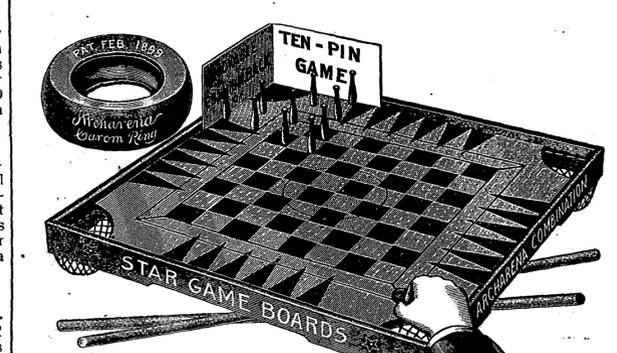
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The family of the late Mrs. Hannah Rollins desire to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who so kindly aided during her sickness and death, also to the singers for the sweet music at the funeral.

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Buggy Pole Lost: Between here and Grange Hall. Finder will please leave same at W. D. HOUSE'S LIVERY BARN.

Dolls and doll heads at W. H. Keller's.

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Rev. John Reid, Jr., of Great Falls, Montana, recommended Ely's Cream Balm to me. I can emphasize his statement, "It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed."—Rev. Francis W. Poole, Pastor Central Pres. Church, Helena, Montana.

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The speaker was the head clerk of a well known hotel which is the Mecca for more newly married folks than any other within a great many miles of Philadelphia.

"Only a little while ago a young man and woman walked up to the counter as bravely as could be imagined. Both carried handbags that had seen better days, and each was attired in a fashion which indicated that the clothes they had on were at least two years old. Their manner toward each other was cold and distant, and to tell the truth, I never would have suspected them as bride and groom had it not been for the happening of that 'something' which invariably occurs to give a newly married couple away."

"What are your rates?" the young fellow demanded. "For an ordinary room, I mean."

"I told him our price and he began to object at once. "Come on," he said to the woman, in a surly tone; "we'll have to go to a cheaper place."

"Oh, no," she responded, wearily, "let's stay here. We can afford it for one day and make a change tomorrow."

"It was all very prettily done and might have gotten through, all except for what happened next. The man reached for a pen, shoved the register around, and wrote his name with a flourishing scrawl. Then he threw the pen down. I glanced at the signature and grinned.

"Isn't the lady with you, sir?" I asked, in my sweetest tones, "I thought she was."

"The man gave one look at the register and wilted.

"The joke's on me," he exclaimed. "Come on, dear, we'll have the best in the house! We might as well, for we can't fool anybody, it seems."

"And so it happened that they occupied the bridal suite during their stay. Before they left the young husband confided in me that he had made a bet he and his bride would manage to escape notice as a newly married couple on their wedding trip, and that his little slip of the pen would cost him a wine supper. He invited me to be in it, too."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

"Old Glory" Still Above.

The Anglo-American line of boats is the only line in Egypt which flies the American flag, says the Woman's Home Companion. "That was the final inducement they offered which decided my choice of the Mayflower. But while we knew that she was obliged to fly the British flag also, we were indignant beyond words to see a huge union jack floating at the top of the forward flagstaff and beneath it a toy American flag about the size of a cigar box. Beneath the English flag I nearly wept with rage. The owner of the line was at hand and I did not wait to draw up a petition or to consult my fellow Americans. I just said: "Have the goodness to haul down that infant American flag, will you? I have no objection to sailing under both, but I do object to such an insulting disparity in size. Besides that, you seem to have forgotten that the American flag never flies below any other flag on God's green earth!"

He made some apologies and gave the order at once. The baby was hauled down amid the smiles of the English passengers. But at Assiout we were avenged when an enormous American flag arrived by rail and was hoisted to the main flagstaff, twenty feet higher than the British. When I came out on deck that Sunday morning and saw that blessed flag waving above me everything blurred before my eyes and I do assure you that it was the most beautiful sight that I saw in all that European continent. You may talk about your temples and your ruins and your old masters! Have you ever seen "Old Glory" flying straight out from a flagstaff in a foreign country 7,000 miles away from home?"

He Called Her.

An old colored woman of Washington was traveling the other day on the Virginia Midland railroad. The trains are nearly all of the accommodation variety and run very slowly. The conductors personally know everybody who travels on the road, and children and old people are always confided to their care. This was the case with the old colored woman, and the conductor was requested to see that she did not leave the car at the first station reached, as she was very likely to do unless watched. He sat her down in the end of the car, as it is called, and told her not to budge until he called her. The second stop was at a little station called Vienna, and just as the conductor was about to sound the starting bell he saw the old woman tumbling off the car, spilling her bundles in all directions in her hurry. "Where are you going? Get back on that car," he shouted. "Didn't I tell you not to get out till I called you?" "Please, mister, you done called me." "No, I didn't. Get back quick." "Deed you did call me, sah," persisted auntie, as she scrambled aboard. "You done call my name twice."

"Called your name? What is your name?" asked the conductor. "My name, please, sah, is Vienna, sah."—New York Tribune.

French Runners.

The late duke of Beaufort was somewhat formidable in repartee, if we may judge of his power from the following anecdote: "When Voltigeur, the French horse, won the Derby a French nobleman came up to the duke, who had bet heavily on the race, and, grasping his hand enthusiastically, said: "Ah, my dear duke, Waterloo is at last avenged! Yes, my dear count, was that reply?" The French also ran well at Waterloo!"

BERLIN'S CLEAN STREETS.

They Are Given As Much Care As Many Kitchen Floors.

Bicyclists who have ridden much on the asphalt streets of German cities say that the tendency to "side slip" is there much less marked than on similar pavements in this country. The explanation of this fact may possibly lie in the statement which is made by the American consul at Berlin that the asphalt streets in that city are regularly washed, the purpose of the washing being to remove the slime which the asphalt seems to leave and to keep the street from being slippery. The washing has the further effect of preserving and hardening the asphalt. The care taken of the asphalt by the city authorities contrasts strongly with the methods usually adopted in the United States.

For instance, the space in front of the consulate is divided into four squares, which are in charge of one man. After cleaning the street early in the morning he wheels out a barrow load of very fine, sharp sand and scatters it lightly over the streets to prevent slipping. On rainy days the process is repeated several times. Once a week the whole street is sluiced and thoroughly washed with sprinkling carts. These are followed by ample roller brushes, which sweep the water and slime into the gutter, whence it is carted away. After this the man who has charge of the street comes along with his wheelbarrow and sand sprinkler. In spring or autumn, when the streets are often sloppy and wet, the washing is done several times during the week.

The man in charge of the asphalt pavement is paid 5 cents an hour, the ordinary street hands receiving 4 cents. Nobody litters the street or puts sweepings on the pavement. There is a box kept for these. Wire baskets are fastened on lampposts, against houses, fences, or trees, in which the public may throw waste paper while walking along. The citizens are very proud of their clean and sweet-smelling streets, and the householders have to sweep to the center of the street in front of their sidewalks every morning before 6 o'clock. The litter is piled up and soon the city teams cart it away.—Boston Transcript.

A Cool Man.

"Who impressed you as the coolest man you ever saw?" was asked of the former land boomer, who escaped from the west and now lives a quiet life in Detroit, according to the Detroit Free Press.

"Well, this fellow I'm going to tell you about was the sheriff. According to the story, he had been on the track of a big gang of counterfeiters for months. Now the sheriff and the head of this gang were in love with the same girl, and she, not knowing what a smooth and oily villain he was, showed a preference for the counterfeiter. One afternoon he took her out for a drive. They were held up by a tough-looking lot of ruffians, who were really acting under orders from their chief, and taken as prisoners to the shanty of the counterfeiters in the mountains.

"But the sheriff had suspected treachery, and shadowed the couple from the time they left the city. He managed to show himself to the girl as she looked from a little window, and she knew her business. Half an hour later, while the gang were in the midst of a noisy drinking bout, the sheriff sprang into the room with a revolver in either hand and ordered all hands up. There was the sharp click of a half-dozen guns, but he stood unharmed. The girl had slyly withdrawn all the cartridges. He captured the whole outfit, and, of course, married the heroine. But as he stood there, facing those fierce and lawless men, he was the coolest I ever saw."

"What were you doing in such a place?" "Oh, didn't I mention it? That all happened on the old opera-house stage at Leadville."

Beautiful Old Nara.

We went through Nara, a beautiful old town that was the capital of Japan 1,000 years ago but has now the drowsy quiet of a sleepy cathedral city, says Travel.

Every place in the world, like every man and every woman, has an individuality. And the individuality of Nara is like that of a beautiful-souled man who has grown old yet whom the cares of the world have never troubled, and whose wrinkled countenance has ever a serene smile. That's Nara. Civilization has not made it conventional and shoddy. The tourist skips it in his rambles. It is old Japan in loveliness.

It was a holy day in the Shinto religion when we were there, and over child-born that day was counted; year older than a child born the day before or the next day. Thousands of pilgrims had come to visit the shrine. There were gaunt-cheeked old men in octagonal-shaped hats and long gray robes hobbling on their staffs from temple to temple. Shaven-headed, red low-robed Buddhist priests walked with solemn men through the silent avenues. Bunches of Japanese maidens, winsome to look upon, hobbled on tiny clogs, their arms about one another's shoulders. The trees arched long branches over the path, and from the knee-deep bracken came jumping the deer, long-horned bucks and soft-eyed does, running unafraid and pushing their nostrils into one's hand sniffing for cakes. The deer live friendly with mankind. They roam in the woods and lanes by day. At sundown there is a bugle call, and they come with sprightly leap for the evening's meal and shelter in the stockade.

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OAK ISLAND BONANZA.

The Work of Trying For Buried Treasure Goes Merrily On.

To-day the Oak Island Treasure Company has a plant of two boilers, seven steam pumps, one hoisting engine, one steam drill and a force of fourteen men, says Ainslee's. The latter work in two shifts, known as the day gang and the night gang. Several new shafts have been sunk and a confederate has been built at Smith's Cove to shut off the tide. It is this element that has constantly broken the progress of the work. The superintendent believes that this obstacle will soon be quite surmounted and then the way to wealth will be clear. The last one of importance was unearthed in November, 1897. From a depth of sixteen feet the augurs brought up a wet scrap of parchment. The scrap measured three-eighths of an inch in length and one-half an inch in width and bore the inscription, "V. R."

You may go and see the treasure-seeking for yourself on the green little island, with a few ragged oaks at the west point and a farm house and outbuilding at the other extremity. There are about 200 acres in all, owned by three men, Maginnis, Sellers and Butler. At the highest point on the island, probably 100 yards above tidewater, are the works of the treasure company. The superintendent is an affable man, willing to show the visitor around and to tell him about the search, generally hopeful about the outcome, but never much concerned if the visitor does not share his sanguine views. He will show you the shaft, the "moley pit," the abandoned pits, the boiler house and everything else of interest. You will hear the rumble of the heavy machinery, you will see the workmen hauling away loads of earth and rock and it will probably impress you as an everyday, busy scene such as you would expect to encounter at a coal or iron mine. There are nothing particularly mysterious or romantic about it—from the outside.

But when you realize that deep down in that pit, probably 200 feet below where you stand, they are delving night and day, rain or shine, for a vast amount of gold and precious stones secreted there at least two centuries ago, by black-bearded, fierce-visaged pirates, then you rub your eyes and wonder if you have been dreaming. It is possible that the humble sailor, who on his deathbed divulged the Oak Island chart and the story of the buried treasure, was a moralist, and did he have a precept to inculcate on man's hunger for the impossibility

Water Hard to Heat.

Water is the hardest of all substances to heat, with the single exception of hydrogen gas. The easiest two are mercury and lead, which stand in this respect on nearly the same footing.

She Hadn't Heard of It.

Mr. Wabash—Do you think the north pole will ever be found, Miss Olive? Miss Olive (of St. Louis)—Why, I didn't know it was lost.—Boston Traveller.

Its Advantage.

Mrs. Homeseeker—You certainly don't expect anybody to take this house? Why, it sags terribly. The floors all run down hill. Agent (a smart man)—It was built that way on purpose, mum, to keep peace in the family. Greatest invention of the age, mum. Mrs. Homeseeker—Keep peace in the family? Agent—Yes, mum, nothing like it! Whenever your husband drops his collar studs he'll always know where to find 'em.—The Rival.

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Notice.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Board of Supervisors in and for the county of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, at the session, commencing on the first day of January, 1899, for the privilege of constructing a dam across the St. Joseph River at any point or place in section twenty-six (26) or section twenty-seven (27) of the township of Mendon, County of St. Joseph, and State of Michigan, said dam to be of concrete and stone eight to ten feet in height above common low water mark.

CHAS. B. LONG, Victor Osegood, Wm. P. McCoy, JOHN WAGNER, NELSON HOWELL. Lated, Mendon, Dec. 11th, 1898. Last publication, December 28th, 1898.

Estate of Henry G. Houseworth.

At a session of the Probate Court for said county, held at the Probate Office in said county, on Tuesday, the 12th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Present, JACOB J. VAN RIPPER, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Henry G. Houseworth, deceased.

Whereas the said Henry G. Houseworth, administrator of said estate, comes into court and represents that he is now prepared to render his final account as such administrator. Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 8th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the examining and allowing such account and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the Probate Office in the city of St. Joseph, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the said account should not be allowed.

And it is further ordered, that said administrator give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said account, and of the hearing thereon, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the BUCHANAN RECORD, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, 3 successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (SEAL.) Probate Register. (a true copy.) Last publication, January 4th, 1899.

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Mortgage Sale.

WHEREAS default has been made in the payment of certain mortgage dated the 25th day of July 1888, made and executed by Jacob Imhoff, and Mary C. Imhoff his wife, and John F. Peck and Annie Peck, his wife, all of Berrien County, Michigan, to Roscoe D. Dix of the same place, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County on the 27th day of July, 1888, in liber 48 of mortgages on page 140, and,

WHEREAS said mortgage was duly assigned by said Roscoe D. Dix to Ransom Hubbard of St. Joseph County, Indiana, in his lifetime by a written assignment bearing date the 28th day of July, 1888 and recorded in said Register's office on the 28th day of July, 1888 in liber 44 of mortgages on page 120, and,

WHEREAS said mortgage was duly assigned by said Ransom Hubbard with the will annexed of the estate of said Ransom Hubbard, to Mary E. Hubbard by a written assignment bearing date the 18th day of March, 1892 and recorded in said Register's office on the 21st day of March, 1892 in liber 41 of mortgages on page 482, and,

WHEREAS said mortgage was duly assigned by said Mary E. Hubbard to Haven Hubbard by a written assignment bearing date the 26th day of January, 1894, and recorded in said Register's office on the 14th day of November, 1895, in liber 65 of mortgages on page 513, and,

WHEREAS the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this order is six thousand two hundred seventy two dollars and sixty nine cents (\$6,272.69), and no proceeding has been instituted to recover the same or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such behalf and provided, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the 13th day of March 1900, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the front door of the Court House in the city of St. Joseph, in said County, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for said County is held), the premises described in said mortgage to satisfy said indebtedness, the cost and expenses of sale, and the attorney fee provided for by law, and the attorney fee said Haven Hubbard may pay for taxes, insurance or otherwise to protect his interest as assignee of said mortgage, and the proceeds of said sale in said mortgage as follows to wit: All the following described pieces or parcels of land situated in the township of Galena, County of Berrien and State of Michigan, known and described as the west half of the south-east quarter of section ten (10), eighty acres more or less. Also the east half of the north-west quarter of section fifteen (15), eighty acres more or less, making two hundred and sixty acres hereby conveyed. All of said lands being in town eight (8) south, range nineteen (19) west.

Dated December 14th, 1899. HAVEN HUBBARD, Assignee. A. A. Worthington, Attorney for Assignee. Last publication March 8, 1900.

Estate of James A. Fritts.

First publication, December 14th, 1899. STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Berrien, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said county, held at the Probate Office in said county, on Tuesday, the 12th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Present, JACOB J. VAN RIPPER, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of James A. Fritts, deceased.

Whereas the said James A. Fritts, administrator of said estate, comes into court and represents that he is now prepared to render his final account as such administrator. Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 8th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the examining and allowing such account and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the Probate Office in the city of St. Joseph, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the said account should not be allowed.

And it is further ordered, that said administrator give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said account, and of the hearing thereon, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the BUCHANAN RECORD, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, 3 successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. (SEAL.) C. M. VAN RIPPER, Probate Register. (a true copy.) Last publication, January 19th, 1900.

First publication Nov. 16, 1899.

Foreclosure Sale.

DEFAULT having been made in the terms and conditions of certain mortgage dated the 12th day of August, A. D. 1893, executed by Jacob Imhoff and Mary C. Imhoff, his wife, of the village of Buchanan, county of Berrien, State of Michigan, to John R. Rough, of the township of Bertrand in said county, which mortgage was duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County of Berrien, in Liber 54 of Mortgages on page 378, on the 13th day of August, A. D. 1893, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of one hundred and twenty-eight dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$128.28), to which is to be added the further sum of twenty-five dollars as an attorney's fee allowed for said mortgage; and no suit or proceeding at law having been instituted to recover the debt secured by the said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Therefore by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and of the statute in such behalf and provided, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the 9th day of February, A. D. 1900, at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of foreclosing said mortgage, the premises therein described will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the court house in the city of St. Joseph in said county of Berrien, and described as follows: The south four (4) rods of lots one and two (1 & 2) in Block "A" in Nathaniel B. Colvin's addition to the village of Buchanan, more particularly described as follows:—commencing at the south-west corner of lot one (1) in Block "A" in said addition thence running north four (4) rods, thence east to the east line of said lot two (2), thence south four (4) rods to the north-west corner of said lot two (2) thence west to place of beginning, said lot being a part of the north-east quarter of section thirty five (35) in town seven (7) south, range eighteen (18) west.

Dated November 16, 1899. ALBION C. ROE, JOHN R. ROUGH, Atty. for Mortgagee. Mortgagee. Last Publication Feb. 8 1900.

First publication Oct. 12, 1899.

MORTGAGE SALE.

WHEREAS DEFAULT HAS BEEN MADE in the payment of the interest money secured by a mortgage dated the 17th day of October 1896, made and executed by Wilson Womer of Bertrand township, Berrien County, Michigan, to Ellen J. Womer, of the same place, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county of Berrien, in liber 75 of mortgages on page 26 on the 19th day of October, 1896 at 12 o'clock m., and,

WHEREAS the amount claimed to be due as interest on said mortgage at the date of this notice, the principal sum not being yet due, is the sum of seven hundred and sixteen dollars and eighty seven cents (\$766.87), and no suit or proceeding at law having been instituted to recover the same or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, the undersigned, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on Tuesday the 9th day of January 1900 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the front door of the Court House in the city of St. Joseph in said county (that being the place where the Circuit Court of said county is held) the premises described in said mortgage to satisfy said indebtedness, the cost and expenses of sale, and the attorney fee provided for by law, which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows to wit: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the township of Bertrand, in the County of Berrien and State of Michigan, and described as follows to wit: The north half of the northeast quarter of section seven (7), Town eight (8) south, range seventeen (17) west.

Dated October 12th 1899. ELLEN J. WOMER, Mortgagee. A. Worthington, Attorney for Mortgagee. Last publication J anuary 4, 1900.

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Trains carrying passengers leave Niles as follows:

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The above train runs between Benton Harbor and Elkhart only. L. G. SATTI, Agent, Benton Ha or. OSCAR G. MURRAY, Traffic Manager, Cincinnati, O. C. S. BLACKMAN, Trav. Pass. Agt., Anderson, Ind. E. O. MCCORMICK, Pas. Traffic Man., Cincinnati, O.

VANDALIA LINE

Terre Haute & Logansport Ky. Co.

TIME TABLE.

In effect May 14, 1899. Trains leave South Bend as follows:

FOR THE NORTH. No. 6, Ex. Sun., 1:30 P. M. For St. Joseph No. 14, Ex. Sun., 3:55 A. M. For St. Joseph No. 3, Ex. Sun., 11:58 A. M. For Terre Haute No. 25, Ex. Sun., 5:30 A. M. For Terre Haute No. 26, Ex. Sun., 9:11 A. M. For Terre Haute

For Complete Time Card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates through cars, etc., address, C. M. WHEELER, Agent, Terre Haute, Ind. Or E. A. FORD, Gen'l Pass. Agent, St. Louis, Mo.

St. Joseph, South Bend & Southern Railway.

Time Table in effect June 11, 1899.

Southward trains Northward trains

Table with columns for train numbers, times, and stations. Stations include St. Joseph, Vandalia, Derby, Baroda, Glendora, Ar St Bend Lr.

Train No. 19 (is freight, but will carry passengers) leaves South Bend at 4:40 p. m. on Sat. 10; Glendora, 5:57; Baroda, 6:30; Derby, 6:45; inland, 7:00 and arrives at St. Joseph at 8:00 p. m. daily except Sunday.

Direct connections are made at South Bend, Ind. with Vandalia Line at our new passenger depo without transfer, and good connections are made with L. S. & M. S. R. R. and C. & G. T. R. R. for all points east.

For full time card and any other information in regard to rates and connections, call on, or address: FRANK R. HALE, Traffic Manager, St. Joseph, Mich.

Milwaukee, Benton Harbor & Columbus Railway Co. Time Table.

EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, OCT. 22, 1899, AT 12:05 O'CLOCK A. M.

GOING SOUTH. GOING NORTH.

Table with columns for train numbers, times, and stations. Stations include Sun Sun Sun, Buchanan, Oakland, Berrien Springs, Hinchman, Royalton, Benton Harbor.

*Flag Station. Northbound trains have right of track over southbound trains. E. P. SINGLAR, General Manager. H. B. DICKINSON, Traffic Manager. Gen'l Frt. and Pass. Agt. Benton Harbor, Mich.

The Michigan Presbyterian

(WEEKLY) (\$1.00 PER YEAR)

is the most popular Presbyterian paper that ever entered a Michigan home. It is distinctly a religious publication and sticks to the lines and is illustrated. It is ably edited by Rev. William Bryant and has a staff of editorial contributors that rank among the foremost divines of Michigan whose writings are choice and whose thought gives inspiration to ever reader. All departments of church work are discussed each week by the best talent procurable.

CLUB OFFER. We have made arrangements with the publishers of the Michigan Presbyterian whereby we are enabled to give to our readers, The Michigan Presbyterian, price \$1.00, until January 1, 1901 and the BUCHANAN RECORD for one year only \$1.60.

WM. D. HOUSE

Will carry passengers to South-Bend every Thursday. Leaving Buchanan at

B. R. DESENBERG & BRO.

"The One Price Large Double Store."

BUCHANAN,

MICHIGAN.

IT'S only a question where to get the best at the lowest price, there's nothing like a stroll through "THE BIG DOUBLE STORE" for Holiday suggestions and price comparisons. To avoid the rush incidental to Christmas buying and to induce as many people as possible

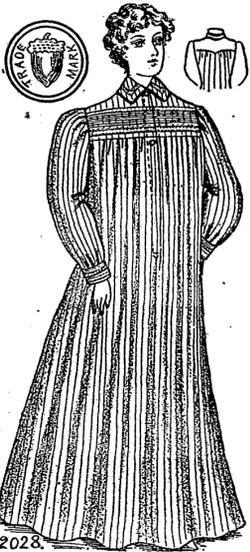
to do their purchasing now, we start the Holiday selling of beautiful and useful articles for Christmas presents at once, at such low prices, that will make it an unequalled Holiday Sales and a tremendous bargain demonstration. To avoid the crush, trade ear y.

New Dress Goods.

Makes elegant presents for Christmas. Black and colored Dress Goods at very tempting prices.

- 38 inch Jacquard and plain black Henriettas, should be 35c **.25**
- 40 to 46 inch extra quality, black brocades and plain, worth 20 per cent more **.50**
- 40 inch all wool imported novelties and silk and wool fancy suitings made to sell at 60 cents. **.38**
- Good quality black Crepons, excellent values at \$1.00, **.75**
- Extra fine quality Mohair Crepons, beautiful luster worth \$1.35 **\$1.00**
- 54 inch strictly all wool Ladies' Cloth, black and colored worth 75c **.50**

Holiday Sale of Dressing Sacques, Robes, Skirts Etc.



Ladies' fancy and plain Eiderdown, Dressing Sacques, a useful gift

75c

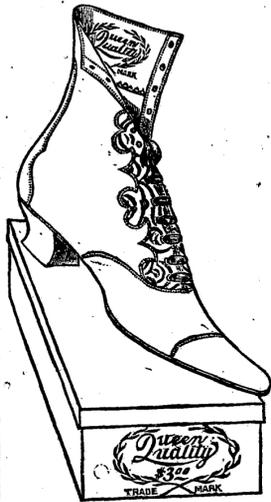
Ladies' Striped Outing Flannel Gowns, tucked yokes and fancy braid trimmed.

\$1.00

Ladies' heavy black under skirts, two ruffles, corded and ribbed trimmed, cheap at \$1.50

\$1.00

Holiday Slippers and Shoes



Having foreseen the advance in footwear, we bought early, an extra large assortment of Shoes and Slippers enabling us to now offer Gents Holiday Slippers at extraordinary low prices in Embroidered Velvet, Black and brown Aligator and Morocco Everettes, from

75c to \$1.50.

Ladies' warm lined shoes and slippers in either all felt or leather foxed from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per pair.

Sole agents for the Queen Quality Ladies' Shoes, best shoe in the land for

\$3.00.

Holiday Handkerchiefs. Handkerchief Headquarters.

the largest assortment in the county, better goods at less money than elsewhere.

- Children's Handkerchiefs, big lot at 5c and **.01**
- Ladies' Handkerchiefs in plain white hemstitched, embroidered, lace trimmed, initials, and silk, from 5c to \$5.00.
- Gents' Handkerchiefs in fancy borders, plain white linen, Japonet and Silk, plain and with embroidered initials, from 5c to 75c.

Gift Gloves.

Ladies' Kid Gauntlet

In tan shades, particularly serviceable for driving or shopping **75**

Ladies' Dress Kid Gloves.

Embroidered backs, in 2 clasp or hook fasteners, in English reds, tans, browns, modes, French grey, white and black. Extra value. **\$1.00**

Ladies' Suede Gloves in French grey, 2 clasp, embroidered backs. **\$1.00**

Ladies' Scotch Gloves.

Very desirable, warm and durable. **50**

Gent's Kid Gloves.

In Glace and Suede black or colored \$1.50, \$1.25 and **\$1.00**

Kid Lined Mittens

For Men, Women and Children in Glace and Suede, all colors at \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c **.50**

Holiday Neckwear.

Handsome assortment of Bows, Puff Ties, DeJoinvilles and English Squares for 50c and **.25**

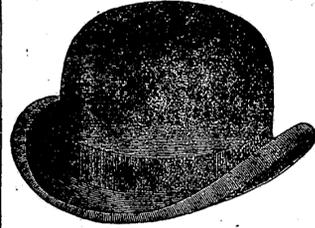
Men's Fine Mufflers

In Cashmere and Silks from 25cts. up

Men's Muffettes

A very desirable gift from 50c to **\$1.00**

Holiday Hats and Caps.



Immense variety to select from all the newest shapes and colors for Men and Boys. Remember that we are headquarters for the celebrated HOWARD HATS, the equal of any \$5 hat sold though our price is, **\$3.00**

HOWARD STYLE

Holiday Fur Sale.

Our line of Ladies Collarettes is most complete, every kind of desirable fur being represented, ranging in price from **\$3 to 25.00**

Childrens' Sets, from

1.50 to 4.00

Christmas Umbrellas.

A desirable gift for Man or Woman.

\$2.50 for a choice lot of \$3.50 Gent or Ladies' Taffeta or Silk Serge umbrellas with steel rod, tight rod, silk or leather case and tassel, elegant assortment of handles, in Horn, Natural Wood, Pearl, Dresden, etc., some with Sterling Silver trimming.

Other desirable styles in black and colored silks ranging in price from \$1.00 to **\$5.00**

Holiday Leather Goods.

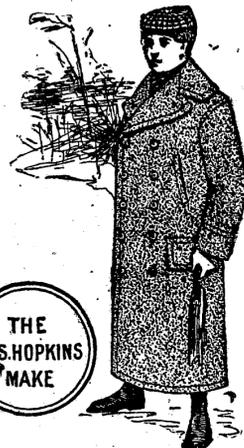
A specially large assortment of Pocket Books and Shopping Bags in all the desirable colors and styles, in Morocco, Aligator etc., plain and silver trimmed, at 25c, 50c, 75, \$1.00, and \$1.25

Fine Chatelaine Bags for the Holidays, Jet, Steel, Aligator, Silk and Morocco.

Holiday Rug Sale.

- 18x36 Velvet Rugs, beautiful designs and colorings **\$1.00**
- 18x40 Smyra Rugs, reversable, ends fringed **\$1.00**
- 26x54 Wiltons, a very showy rug **\$1.50**
- 30x65 Smyrna, another desirable low priced rug **\$1.50**
- 27x65 Extra fine quality Velvet, superior designs **\$2.50**

Clothing Department.



Here you can certainly be "Suited" in price, quality, style and fit for Man, Youth or Child.

Men's Suits from **\$5.00 up**
Youth Suits **3.00 up**
Childs Suits **1.50 up**

HUNDREDS OF FINE GRADE OVERCOATS.

Every conceivable style and pattern ranging in price from

\$3.00 to \$25.00

Holiday Sale of Cloaks.



There is nothing that makes a more acceptable present than a new Jacket or Cape, and nothing in which you can get greater value for your money as every garment is now sold at

1-3 off

Santa Claus decrees that every body shall have

B. R. DESENBERG & BRO.

"THE ONE PRICE LARGE DOUBLE STORE."

BUCHANAN, MICHIGAN.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

For Holiday Shoppers.

What Live Advertisers in the Record Have to Offer.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.

What to Buy and Where to Buy.

In accordance with our usual custom at this season of the year the RECORD presents its readers with a few suggestions in the way of Christmas and Holiday Gifts together with a brief "write up" of the live advertisers of the RECORD. We urge you to patronize your home merchants and you will find that they will treat you right and you have the added satisfaction that every dollar you spend in your home town indirectly benefits yourself. In selecting your gifts read the announcements of the different merchants as presented in our columns and it will be a means of saving you money as well as aiding you in making a decision.

B. R. DESENBERG & BRO., DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, ETC.

The Large One Priced Double Store is as usual the scene of busy trading and presents an attractive sight with pretty window decorations and its replete stock of goods of all kinds. An inspection of this wide awake firm's stock will solve almost any question of an appropriate gift for father, mother, wife, daughter, sister, brother or sweetheart. Messrs. Desenberg are firm believers in the axiom that "Keeping Everlastingly at it brings Success" and are liberal users of printer's ink. Many appropriate gifts can be found here in the shape of Handkerchiefs, Dress Patterns, Cloaks, Jackets, Fancy Umbrellas, etc. They are making some special bargains during the Holidays among which are a Handsome Rug 27 x 60 that they offer at \$2.25. Another attractive present is a Smoking Jacket of which they have a big line. One of the best things they are showing for the money is a Japonette Handkerchief with a silk embroidered initial for the remarkable price of only ten cents. In short you cannot fail to be pleased if you make a selection from this live firm.

MRS. E. PARKINSON, MILLINERY.

Although the season is late yet nothing can be more acceptable to the ladies than a new hat, and Mrs. Parkinson can not only trim in good style but she can give some rare bargains as she is closing out her winter stock at remarkable figures.

J. HERSHENOW, MERCHANT TAILOR.

The above named gentleman has just purchased the Trenbeth stock of cloths etc., and is located at the old stand for so long occupied by Mr. Trenbeth, and if your men folks need a new suit, or a pair of trousers, Mr. Hershonow can make them up in first class shape, and best of all can give you exceptional values as he purchased the Trenbeth stock at a big sacrifice.

WM. MONRO, COAL, LUMBER AND LIMB.

At this time in the year many a family feels the need of a good warm fire, and if your heart is feeling right you may want to make some one's Christmas just a little more cheerful by the advent of a load of coal. If you do feel that way, just step to the telephone or drop into his office, and tell Mr. Monroe about it, he will only be too glad to fill your order.

W. H. KELLER, GROCERIES AND CROCKERY.

The commodious store of Mr. Keller is crowded from floor to ceiling with Christmas Goods in addition to the large and complete stock of Groceries always carried. Liberal advertising has largely increased Mr. Keller's trade and the store is well known to every one in this vicinity. Mr. Keller is making a specialty of Toys, Children's Chairs and Rockers, China and Glassware and a fine line of Lamps. You will find a fine opportunity to select an acceptable present at Mr. Keller's store.

CARMER & CARMER, BOOTS, SHOES, ETC.

This firm conducts the only exclusive boot and shoe store in Buchanan and a policy of buying only the best goods obtainable and selling at a moderate price has built up a large trade for this firm. They have been rushed this season and their stock has been finer than ever, this ensuring you of finding what you want in these lines. A fine pair of felt, satin, or leather slippers make an excellent present, a pair of rubber boots would make that boy of yours superlatively happy.

GEO. W. NOBLE, CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES, GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS.

The old established house has made the name of Noble synonymous with Clothing, Boots and Shoes, and Gent's Furnishings, and if you want to make a gift that will prove serviceable as well as acceptable to the wearer, you should call and see Mr. Noble's line of fancy slippers, suspenders, neck-ties, gloves and mittens, to say nothing of fine underwear and ready to wear clothing which will be sure to give your recipient satisfaction.

G. C. GENRICH, MERCHANT TAILOR.

Although a recent comer to our town the above named gentleman has built up a nice trade since his arrival. Although the time to Christmas is short, yet Mr. Genrich will be pleased to take your order for anything in made to order clothing, and guarantees everything. He makes a specialty of suits for \$15.00 upward.

THE RACKET, NOTIONS, ETC.

Mr. J. C. Rehm the popular young proprietor of this store is building up a fine trade, and his store is full of pretty gifts of all kinds, suitable for any member of your family or any one else's family.

VAN'S BAKERY AND RESTAURANT.

A few months ago Mr. Wm. Van Meter opened this popular restaurant and bakery, and like all level headed business men, "Van" believed in advertising and he went at it systematically. As a consequence "Van's Bakery and Restaurant" is well known. Among his Holiday specialties are candies of all descriptions, especially a fine line of pan candies. Nothing you could do would please the little ones better than to have some of "Van's" candies on Christmas day.

W. N. BRODRICK, DRUGS, PERFUMES AND TOILET ARTICLES.

Village Clerk Brodrick is one of our successful young business men and his store is headquarters for a vast description of fancy articles, suitable for gifts, Toilet Articles, Perfumes, etc. Then if your Father, Husband, Brother or some one else's brother loves a good cigar, why Mr. Brodrick has some that will please them and can fix you up with a box of the finest goods at short notice.

LEE BROS. & CO., BANKERS.

This well known firm is one of the strongest institutions of south-western Michigan, has a responsibility of \$500,000 and transacts a general banking business in addition to their savings department. If you should want to send away a little gift in money, they will be glad to fix you out with a draft, or if you should want to encourage your boy or girl to habits of thrift and economy, nothing would be nicer than to deposit a sum in their name, on Christmas morning give them the book and see how pleased they will be.

DR. E. S. DODD & SON, DRUGGISTS AND BOOKSELLERS.

This old and reliable firm has been in business for many years having been established in 1866 and by close attention to business have achieved an enviable reputation for handling best goods at fair prices. If you are looking for a nice book, a pocket book, comb and brush, perfumes or toilet articles, you can be supplied at this well-known store in a manner that will be pleasing to the largest degree. Then too, they sell Dodd's Sarsaparilla at 75c a bottle.

G. E. SMITH & CO., GROCERIES, GLASSWARE AND CROCKERY.

This firm is hustling after their share of the Holiday business and seem to be getting it too. The special things they have to offer are numerous and our space will only permit us to say that they are offering some exceptionally good values in fancy dishes and glassware, also some excellent lamps, any one of which would gladden the heart of the good wife and make you glad you bought it.

W. F. RUNNER, BOOKS, STATIONARY AND DRUGS.

Many pretty and useful gifts may be found in the "Corner Drug Store" of Mr. Runner, and a walk through his store will repay anyone. A full line of toilet articles, books, leather goods, dolls, fancy baskets, perfumes, and many little notions can be found on these shelves. Then too, Mr. Runner carries an excellent line of Bibles for

presentation purposes which he is selling at very reasonable prices.

C. D. KENT, GROCERIES, ETC.

At this well known store the shopper is met with a bewildering line of goods that are suitable for anyone of the family. A fine assortment of decorated china and crockery, to say nothing of the pretty glassware, and handsome lamps. Mr. Kent has some especially fine cups and saucers which always make appropriate gifts. He is also closing out his line of toys, and some excellent bargains can be obtained in these lines, and as usual his groceries are as fine as any.

E. S. ROE, THE HARDWARE MAN.

The boys and girls are always interested in this store, and no nicer present can be made them than to buy one of the pretty sleds or a pair of skates, and the best goods only are kept by Mr. Roe. Then if your boy or girl likes to go to the Roller Rink, you can get a fine pair of Richardson Ball Bearing Roller Skates at a very low price. Mr. Roe also handles many acceptable gifts for the housewife, such as the Rome Nickel goods, and fine enamelled ware, stoves, knives, etc. etc.

G. H. PARKINSON, MERCHANT TAILOR.

"On the Midway" may be found the place of business of genial and retound Mr. Parkinson and if you want to give your husband, brother, son or father a suit of clothes or a lounging jacket Mr. Parkinson can make them up for you in short order, and if you would like a fine pair of shoes made to order it only requires a word to Mr. Parkinson and "he'll do the rest."

TREAT BROS., GROCERS.

In the Redden block will be found this popular store, and it is replete with an elegant holiday stock, in addition to the complete grocery stock carried by this firm. In this store you will have no difficulty in finding suitable presents for any member of your family, and you can not go amiss if you select some of the beautiful lamps, pretty china, or handsome glassware displayed on their shelves, and perhaps you may think of some one whose lot is not as bright as yours that a basket of good things from the grocery stock sent to them would indeed give a Merry Christmas.

RICHARDS & EMERSON FURNITURE.

For the adornment of the home nothing will cheer "the little woman" that has stood by your side in all your journey through life, and helped you when you were down hearted, rejoiced with you in your prosperity and staid by your bedside when you were sick, like some of the pretty and useful articles of furniture shown by this well known and reliable firm. Their display of chairs, rockers, sideboards desks, tables, etc. are simply grand and you would be sure of pleasing the recipient of your gift, if you should walk in the store and select the first article your eyes rested upon, at any rate you could be sure of being satisfied at their store.

S. P. HIGH, DRY GOODS.

At this "old reliable store" can be found an excellent line of dry goods and fancy notions that cannot fail to please. A fine line of staple dry goods is always carried by Mr. High, and when you buy of him you are sure of getting a splendid substantial article which will give excellent satisfaction. Among the special things offered by Mr. High is a fine line of handkerchiefs which make excellent presents.

BERTHA ROE, BAKERY.

Mrs. Bertha Roe is justly proud of the patronage she receives from the citizens of our town; and her customers are all more than pleased with her celebrated "Home Made Bread" which she deals out in such large quantities each day. Then she has as a fine line of candies as are shown in town, so that you can be sure that you will be pleased with anything you get at the Cottage Bakery, whether it is Candy, Cake, Bread or Pies.

ELECTRIC LAUNDRY.

What aids you in the enjoyment of Christmas so much as spick and span linen when you dress up to go out to help eat that Christmas dinner. It is the mission of Messrs. Adams & Squires to make this fact a real one and your enjoyment complete. They will call for and deliver work at your home, promptly and in first class shape.

MORRIS, THE FAIR.

"Dealer in Almost Everything" and "Santa Claus Headquarters" are familiar terms at Mr. Morris store, and as the searcher for Christmas gifts steps into his store they find that array of articles is almost bewildering to them. Here one can find everything in the

toy line imaginable, almost everything that can be thought of is on the shelves and you have only to make your selection and Mr. Morris will be pleased to fill your order.

A. JONES & CO., WATCHMAKERS AND JEWELERS.

The amount of trading done here satisfies the observer, that prosperity is at hand for as a rule the dealer in what is termed "luxuries of life" is the last to be benefited by any good times. This store has been doing a rushing business for sometime on holiday goods, and have a fine line of sterling novelties, cut glass, plated ware, etc.; to select from. If you are desirous of a more expensive present just ask Mr. Jones to show you his line of elegant watches and diamond rings, they are simply immense.

E. J. ELSON & CO., PHOTOGRAPHERS AND MILLINERS.

A pretty present to any one is a photo of yourself and if you are undecided what to give your friends, why not step down to Elson's and have him get you up some of his celebrated "Carbon Platinum Photos." He is making quite a run on these and he can give you an excellent photo in an exceedingly short time.

LYMAN BOARDMAN, DRY GOODS.

The "Cold Cash" Dry Goods Store is the name of this well known store, and Mr. Boardman has demonstrated that he is wide awake and progressive. He has an attractive stock and well selected so that a Christmas gift selected here will give much pleasure.

H. BINNS, BOOKS & TOYS.

"Have you been to Binns" is a catch phrase in the advertisement of this hustling young merchant, and if you haven't been there you are missing a great deal of aid in the solution of the gift problem, for Mr. Binns has a finer line than ever of holiday goods this year, and he is doing a fine business. His special lines are fancy boxes, toilet articles, trays, books, pictures and other articles for the home to say nothing of an immense line of toys for the little folks.

H. E. BRADLEY, PHOTOGRAPHER.

Although it is close to Christmas, yet, if you want a photo of yourself to give to some of your friends, Mr. Bradley could help you out, as he is using a special Velox paper which works very rapidly. He is also making a special run on Clerocon Panels, which you should see to appreciate.

JOHN CHESS ELLSWORTH, DRY GOODS, SOUTH BEND.

It has been the RECORD's practice to advocate at all times the purchase of all goods at home, but sometimes the articles cannot be procured, in such a case, there is no better place to purchase than at the reliable dry goods store of John Chess Ellsworth of South Bend, where an excellent line of goods is always to be found.

MCHENRY & CO., SOUTH BEND.

The well known Auditorium Dry Goods store is making a fine reputation for good goods and you will be sure that what you buy of this firm is just as represented.

IN CONCLUSION.

After you have gone the rounds of the foregoing stores and are in such a condition that you do not know just "where you are at" a ride in one of Will House's livery rigs will no doubt rest you and clear your mind. If by any reason you should eat too much candy and good things at the Christmas Dinner you have only to call on either Drs. Henderson, Colvin, Curtis, Garland, Peck, or Wheelock and you will find immediate relief, then if you find that eating so much candy has made your teeth ache just call on Dr. Roe or Dr. Filmar and they will fix you up as good as new. If there is some distant relative that you feel that you would like to write to and tell them all about Buchanan and scenes familiar to them, why not just send their name and address to the RECORD office with a dollar and we will send them a weekly letter at no expense to you other than the cost of a postage stamp a week. Just try it and see how pleased you will make the one whose memories turn back at such times as these, to the old familiar scenes about Buchanan, feel that they are still remembered although far distant.

Sale Bills printed at the Record office at short notice. A notice is made in the Record without charge when the bills are printed at the Record office.

Wood Wanted.

Some first quality 16 inch beech or maple wood. Apply to Record office.

NATIONALITIES IN PEKING.

Peking the Mecca For Variety of Distant Nationalities.

As there is no spot on the world's surface so truly cosmopolitan as London, so there are few spots where specimens of so many different distant nationalities may be seen as in Peking, says the Fortnightly. Besides the native Chinese, Manchus and Mongols, in their varied and gay costumes, members of embassies from Lhasa, Korea, Turkestan and Nepal may constantly be seen in the capital, their costumes further enhancing the brightness of the kaleidoscopic Peking streets. The hated European alone, with his shabby, ungraceful dress, as rigid and angular as his perversely situated heart, is out of place, and no hospitality is shown him. Whether the story of how when he dared to attempt an invasion of the holy city, he was ignominiously driven back to his ships after a few days' stay on the confines of the citadel, still inflames the imagination of the Peking gamin, or whether the contemptuous distance at which the high Chinese officials hold our resident representatives, who are now, after thirty years' patient pleading, still vainly knocking at the outside door and begging the favor of a "celestial glance," we know not; but certain it is that in no other spot on the globe that I have visited have I felt myself such an object of contempt as in Peking.

Sir Harry Parkes happily characterized this bad aspect of Peking in the words: "Dirty Dust! and Disdain!" Here is at least one point, viz. in its treatment of strangers, in which London bears the palm. And yet, notwithstanding all, we cannot but be fascinated by Peking; being there we are set back a thousand years in history, and can see with our eyes living pictures of the middle ages, which here have been handed down intact for our special edification. We can realize what was the aspect of the cities of Europe, with their gabled houses and gayly dressed inmates, their dirt and squalor, their towering walls and their peaceful lives and interrupted, as here, at long intervals, by fierce convulsions. Japan, the last stronghold of picturesque aestheticism, is fast slipping from our grasp, and rapidly incasing herself in the Philistinism of modern comfort and ugliness. China yet remains, and though we rail at her conservatism, let us be thankful for it.

Teddy's Tribute to Funston.

During Gov. Roosevelt's visit to Las Vegas, N. M., for the Rough Riders' reunion, Maj. Heydt visited his private car. The major had a photograph of his son, Sherman, who is a member of Co. H. of the famous Twentieth Kansas regiment, formerly commanded in the Philippines by Gen. Funston. The major is proud of the fact that his son is a member of it. They were present in the car Paul Morton, first vice-president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, and Gov. Roosevelt. The conversation turned toward the fighting regiment, during which Gov. Roosevelt spoke enthusiastically of it.

"They are fighters," he said, "they are noble soldiers. Funston is a brave man!"

"Governor," spoke up the major, "I have here a picture of one of the Kansas boys."

And he exhibited a picture of his son, Sherman, in uniform. Both Mr. Morton and Gov. Roosevelt looked at the picture with interest, and Roosevelt exclaimed, in his enthusiastic way:

"Give me that picture a minute or two."

He took the picture to his desk and wrote upon the back of it in his vigorous style of penmanship these words:

"Three cheers for Funston. Theodore Roosevelt."

Returning, he handed the photograph to Maj. Heydt, saying:

"I want to send this message to your son and through him to Gen. Funston."—New York Sun.

Convicts and Contagion.

The death of a life convict at Joliet a short time ago from consumption recalls the discussion as to the increasing frequency of this disease among inmates of penitentiaries that took place at the recent prison congress held in New Orleans. The facts given seem to establish beyond dispute the theory of the contagious character of tuberculosis. Dr. Blake, physician-in-charge of Alabama, declared that in that state within 16 years the percentage of convicts to die from consumption had risen from 17 to nearly 37 per cent, while in one year more than 50 per cent of all the deaths had been from that one disease. It was also shown that in the prisons in Mississippi, Texas, Georgia, Virginia and many other states the mortality from tuberculosis has steadily and rapidly increased. In Texas 66 per cent of the total number of deaths in 1896 was caused by consumption.

It was the unanimous opinion that this high death rate was caused by confining together in close quarters tuberculosis and nontuberculous convicts—a condition that is very frequent in winter when economy in fuel and blankets makes it rather important to keep the prisoners in as close quarters as possible. On the ground of common humanity convicts have the right to claim from the state exemption from being herded with such of their fellows as have contagious diseases, the only escape from which is death.—Pittsburg News.

In Defense of Coffee.

It is a physiological fact that habitual coffee drinkers are the most long-lived people, and enjoy the best health all that cranks may say to the contrary. Examples may be found day after day in our own city of New Orleans; where old men and women in their ninetieth year die attesting to the powerful aid they have received through life from their good cup of coffee morning and evening each day.—New Orleans Picayune.

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Estate of Louisa J. Hamilton, Deceased.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Berrien, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said County, held at the Probate office, in the City of St. Joseph, on the 18th day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. Present, JACOB J. VAN RIPER, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Louisa J. Hamilton, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified of Minnie E. Plimpton praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Enos Holmes or to some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 15th day of January next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be held in the Probate office, in the City of St. Joseph, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereon, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the BUCHANAN RECORD, a weekly newspaper printed and circulated in said County, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

G. M. VAN RIPER, Probate Register. Last publication, January 11, 1900.

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COUNTY SEAT NEWS

PROBATE COURT
In the matter of the petition by the executor for the removal of the body of Robert Spink, deceased, from Havana, Cuba, the court granted an order authorizing the executors to make such removal and bring his body to this country and give it proper burial at the expense of the estate. L. C. Fyfe represented the estate.

Petitions were filed by Minnie F. Plimpton for the appointment of Enos Holmes as administrator of the estate of Warner O. Hamilton, and Lousia J. Hamilton, deceased, late of Buchanan. Hearing set for Jan. 15, at 10 a. m.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Henry Kasiechka, 34, St. Joseph, town ship, Lillie Burandt, 57, Lincoln township
Gottfried Jesswein, 23, Augusta Kurtz, 19, St. Joseph.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.
Wm. G. Thompson to Evert Thompson lots 9 and 10 and s 1/2 of lots 7 and 8 blk 4 Sheffield's add to Three Oaks \$1.
Mabel Nichols Mitchell to Henry R. Nichols 40 acres in Baingridge \$225.
George Enders to Mary K. Egbert property in Niles \$250.
Al Freeman to Arthur J. Dean s 1/2 lot 2 blk C in Eau Claire \$50.
Thos. B. Thornton to Adelbert property in Chickaming \$55.
Wm. J. Momany to Theresa M. Dostal property in Pipestone \$1000.
Alfred G. Egbert to Mary K. Egbert property in Niles \$275.
John H. Smee to Chas. H. Davis n 1/4 lot 4 in Three Oaks \$300.
Roxana Phillips to Wm. Bosson Trustee property in Buchanan \$500.
Lemuel M. Barnes to Henry F. Edwards 8 acres in Chickaming \$400.
John Cutting to Mary B. and Ethel A. Cutting 10 1/2 acres in Niles \$1000.
Andrew Donner to Michael Bewerman lot 113 Beeson's add to Niles \$100.
Mordecai Mullin to John S. Kalla lot 3 Kimmell's add to Niles \$550.
Harlow J. Ferguson to Gottlieb Marti 19 and 57-100 acres in Hagar \$684.
Mary M. Pauser to John H. Smee w of lot 4 in Three Oaks \$1.

Benj. F. Case to Geo. M. Dean westerly 28 feet of lots 146 and 147 in Berrien Springs \$250.
Geo. L. Freemayer to John B. Jones lot 11 and the n 1/2 of lot 10 blk A in Eau Claire \$1000.
John B. Jones to Herman Fritz lot 11 blk A in Eau Claire \$1.
Thos. E. A. Byerly to Benj. F. Davis lot 18 Rynearson's add to Buchanan \$350.
Frank Wetzel to Frank Bihlmire lot 17 in Baroda \$300.
Emily O. Tatman to Clara Crawford lot 5 blk A except 50 ft in Eau Claire \$625.

Solid Trains to Northern Michigan.
The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad is now running solid trains of palace sleeping cars, dining cars (serving meals a la carte) and first-class day coaches, through from Chicago to Calumet, Houghton, Hancock and other points in the Copper Country without change of cars, with direct connection for Marquette, Negaunee, Ishpeming, etc., and passengers from the East, South and Southwest will find this a most desirable route. All coupon ticket agents sell tickets via the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

Get Your Share.
Are you getting your share of the vast amount of money spent in advertising? It used to be all given to the publishers of newspapers and magazines, but by the latest method it is freely distributed among the people themselves; that is, among those who are alert and quick, and can see an advantage when it is offered them. One of the most successful establishments in America, the Woolson Spice Company, of Toledo, Ohio, is spending thousands of dollars in advertising their Lion Coffee, and they are paying out this money directly to the people who purchase the coffee. Their plan is to enclose in their one-pound package of Lion Coffee a most attractive Premium List. So costly are some of the articles on this Premium List

that one wonders how they can afford to give them away with their goods; but it must be remembered that these premiums are bought in enormous quantities and bought directly of the manufacturers, so that they are secured at about one-fourth the price the retail consumer pays. No profit is paid to shipper, wholesaler or retailer; the goods are all bought at first hand.

This method of introducing Lion Coffee is as if you wanted to purchase some articles for which you would have to pay \$1.00; the proprietors of Lion Coffee buy it for you for 25c, and then give it to you for the trouble that you take in letting them know you are using their coffee.

The housekeeper who is alive to the value of her patronage may now, by a little trouble, secure many desirable articles from time to time at no cost. All that she has to do is to cut out and preserve the Lion head which appears on the wrapper of every package of Lion Coffee. These Lion heads are received by the Woolson Spice Company in pay for their premiums.

The new Premium List which has just been issued in connection with Lion Coffee is unsurpassed in its liberality. Some of the most attractive articles on the market to day are included in this list.

It is evident that the Woolson Spice Company places great value on the recommendation of a satisfied customer, for they believe the best advertising of Lion Coffee is where one who uses it tells a friend of its good quality. It is mostly in this way that its enormous sale has been brought about. Many people are so delighted with it that they feel it a duty to recommend it to their friends, and as every package contains a Premium List with full instructions for securing the articles offered, there is much interest in buying Lion Coffee for household use. Really, Lion Coffee is almost unsurpassed in its quality, and it is a mystery how it can be sold for such a low price. It is better than many other brands of coffee which cost two or three times as much. It would seem as though the time was approaching when every family would be drinking this famous beverage.

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It is an herb drink, and is a positive cure for constipation, headache, nervous disorders, rheumatism, kidney diseases, and the various troubles arising from a disordered stomach and torpid liver. It is a most agreeable medicine, and is recommended by physicians generally. Remember, it cures constipation. Celery King is sold in 25c. and 50c. packages by druggists and dealers.

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The Holiday stocks in every department are now complete, and early choosers will get the choice of these lines, which are all attractively priced.

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HANDKERCHIEFS, FANCY HOSIERY,
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All wool Suitings, Blacks and Colors, 39 cent values at 29c
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Clearing them out Below Cost while they last.
\$10.00 all-wool Cheviot Suits, well made and good fitting Black only. Clearance Price 5.00
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The Farmers' Club meets at Mr. Irving Annable's this week the 21st.

A church fair given by the ladies of the Methodist church was held at Bremer's Opera House last Saturday.

A Sunday School union meeting was held at the Congregational church last Sunday night. Reports were given from the various delegates who attended the Sunday School Convention at Niles. Twenty delegates were present from this place.

NEW BUFFALO.

Union Christmas exercises are to be held at the M. E. Church, Friday evening and at the German Church, Saturday afternoon of this week.

School closes Friday for a vacation of one week. Principal Stevens will attend the State Teacher's Association at Lansing.

Rev. Peshmann will be the pastor M. E. Church during the remainder of the year.

Mr. J. Quantrell is moving a barn for Mr. Smith who lives about two miles northeast of here.

Several volumes will be added to the school library in the near future.

J. Biscomb of Cassopolis was town Monday.

The two lady evangelists who have been holding revival meetings at Union Pier attended the Quarterly Meeting here Saturday.

EDUCATIONAL.

BUCHANAN SCHOOLS.

Miss Elizabeth Gardner, first grade teacher in the Buchanan schools will spend the Xmas vacation at her home, Carson City, Mich.

Miss Sophia Page, fourth grade teacher, passes the holidays at her home in Union City.

Miss Mable Lindsley, sixth grade teacher, returns to Decatur for the Xmas vacation

Miss Cora A. Robison, science teacher in the high school returns to Ann Arbor, her home for the holidays. She will be visited while at home by Miss Caroline Bary, of Detroit.

Miss Bary was a teacher of our high school last year. This year she has a very fine position in Toledo, O.

Miss Frances L. Petit, who has been teacher of languages in our high school for the past nine weeks, goes to her home in Port Huron for her vacation.

Miss Elsie Kingery, eighth grade teacher, will spend her vacation in Saugatuck.

Miss Nina Holliday, fifth grade teacher, will visit in Three Oaks.

Supt. L. G. Avery, and wife intend to be present at the State Teachers' Association Dec. 26-28 at Lansing.

EIGHTH GRADE.

The following program will be given Friday p. m.

Singing, "Joy Bells"
Luke 2:8-14, Prayer,
Instrumental Solo, "The Zither Player,"
Flavia Lough, Mr. E. R. Black, Lois Wheelock, Willard Wade, Charlie Marble, Georgia Beistle, Eight Girls

Welcome, Violin Solo, Essay, "Christmas Customs,"
"Wreath Drills," "The True Home of the Christmas Tree,"
Clarence VanEvery, Instrumental Solo, "Fra Diavolo,"
Vera Glidden

"Holiday Convention," Lois Wheelock, Minnie Graham, Ethel Stryker, Nellie Clendenen

Instrumental Duet, Ethel Stryker, Lois Wheelock, "The Christmas Eve Snow Flakes,"
Cane Drill, Eight Boys
Dialogue, "The Train to Mauro," Ethel Stryker, Louis Runner, Clarence VanEvery

Singing, "Jingle Bells."
SEVENTH GRADE.

Cora Smith was absent last Friday taking care of a severe cold.

Fred Fuller was also ill and away from school for two days.

Tests in geography, reading and spelling were given last week.

Mrs. Anstiss and Mrs. Redden visited the room Friday afternoon.

SIXTH GRADE.

Harleigh Riley was the first to find out what Sir Richard Arkwright did to improve methods of manufacture.

Elmer Ray won in the geographical contest.

Maude Sweet was absent nearly all of last week on account of sickness.

Some interesting accounts of James Watt, Eli Whitney, Elias Howe and other inventors have been given.

Saturday evening was pleasantly spent on the hillside, watching the eclipse and coasting.

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SPECIAL SALE

BOOTS AND SHOES.

We are reworking our fall stock and are making prices that will make it an object for you to trade with us.

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FIFTH GRADE.

We are studying the evolution of the flag and illustrating it by drawings. Many good ones have been made.

Fannie Smith has returned after having been absent two weeks on account of sickness.

Friday is Madonna Day in our grade. The pupils this week are bringing pictures of the Baby Jesus for us all to see and talk about on that afternoon.

Clifford Peters and Carl Renbarger are our ink monitors this week.

The following pupils have received no discredit marks for the past month: LaVerne Elliott, Cora White, Ward Hamilton, Effie Vite, Cecil Raymond, Carl Tourje, Arthur Richmond, Genevieve Smith.

FOURTH GRADE.

Several boys and girls have been absent this week on account of sickness.

A number of the pupils have brought different Indian relics during the past week. Such things make the study of a race much more interesting.

Robinson Crusoe is being read be-

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Prices are liable to go up soon. It is a good time to buy Lime, Lumber, Cement and Building Material. We will sell them right.

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Trenbeth's Old Stand.

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fore the school. His adventures always interest the young.

THIRD GRADE.

John Clark will spend the winter in Wisconsin.

Jesse Eisenhart is in school again.

Topics for this week are, Story of first Christmas, Christmas festivities in other lands.

SECOND GRADE.

All are looking forward with pleasure to the coming vacation.

The spirit of Christmas pervades our drawings and story writing.

Nada Woodworth is still kept at home on account of illness. We will be glad when she can again be with us.

We will finish Copy Book No. 1 this week and be ready to begin No. 14 at the beginning of the new term.

A well warmed and nicely dusted school room is ready for us each morning. Many thanks to Mr. Goodenough for his care for the little ones.

FIRST GRADE.

In a spelling match last Friday the following pupils spelled all the

works correctly: Ethleen Lord, Millie Hess, Bernadine Blake, Harry Sweet, Floyd Antisdal.

We are learning the Christmas songs, "Long Ago on Christmas" and "Good-St. Nick."

Several pupils who were detained at home on account of the cold weather, are back in school.

For Rent.

A very desirable home on Front Street, electric lights, city water in yard, good cistern, etc.

Enquire of J. L. RICHARDS or GEO. B. RICHARDS.

Closing Sale.

For 30 days I will close out all milliner goods at cost to make room for a large stock of spring goods. I have some fine patterns that will interest you to see them and get them at such a price.

MRS. E. PARKINSON.

Imported chinaware at W. H. Keller's.

CORRESPONDENCE

GALIEN.

Mr. Williams, of Niles who is with the McCormick Harvesting Co., was in town hunting several days last week.

Miss Edith Logan, who has been visiting here returned to Buchanan Friday.

Mr. Jack Ryan was in St. Joseph Wednesday.

The K. O. T. M. held a special meeting Saturday night and initiated ten candidates. Geo. White, Floyd Prince and several others will be taken in at the next regular meeting.

The K. O. T. M. Banquet was a success in every particular, there being over a hundred at the tables.

There is a diphtheria scare in town again. Mr. Chas. Springer who is flagman at the Michigan Central crossing went to New Carlisle, Sunday, to see his son who is ill with the disease at that place. Health Officer Beach ordered him back into Indiana where he is quarantined.

Frank Simpson was in South Bend several days this week.

The Epworth League meeting Sunday evening was one of the most interesting meetings of the year, the topic being "The Power of Prayer," Miss Vesta Gaunt leader. There was no church services, the minister being at Dayton.

The S. S. R. R. are doing a good business here at present.

School will be closed Friday for two weeks holiday vacation. The attendance of foreign pupils this year is the largest in history.

Many carloads of wood are being loaded at this place from the Smith wood lot which was purchased by R. W. Montross.

The Sugar Beets from this place have all been shipped. Some of the farmers will make money and some will not, but on the whole the results are all right in this section considering the season.

There is a project on foot here to organize a band so as to be in line for

campaign. It is hoped the boys will succeed as there is plenty of talent here.

Miss Meryl Prince was out of town on Sunday.

The G. A. R. will give an entertainment and an oyster supper in the near future.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Fairland.

Mr. Charles Stafford and daughter, Josephine, expect to leave on Thursday for an extended visit to Niagara Falls, Canada, and Pennsylvania.

W. S. Pullen of Benton Harbor was here Monday on business.

Christmas exercises at Morris Chapel next Saturday evening.

The F. S. C. met Saturday evening with Eugene Ullery. A good program was rendered and one applicant for membership was accepted. The welcomed one being Miss Ethel Toney. A request for a copy of the F. C. S. constitution was received from Mason Co. Mich. It seems that other committees want to have a good time and they can if they organize as good a social club as the one Fairland boasts of. The next meeting will be held Saturday evening at the home of President Roy Walton. C. J. Snuff and Harvey Easton who are working in Chicago Heights are expected to be present.

The Rev. C. D. Tubbs will preach at the Oak Grove school house Tuesday evening.

Michael Bowerman moved to Niles last week as did also Jesse Toney and family.

Miss Griffith spent Sunday at Eau Claire.

Miss Nora Weaver will visit friends in Indiana this week.

Arden Nye of Hollywood has lately moved into the Letcher house on Walker street.

Miss Jessie Ullrey is expected home this week.

THREE OAKS.

Lelia Shackleton who has been in Bellville, Mich., for some time returned last week.

Mrs. Vandevanter of Seattle, Washington is visiting friends in this place.