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BAND FAIR

Was Not as Largely Attended as Was Hoped For.

MANY CONTESTS CLOSED

For Which Pretty Articles were Presented.

The Band Boys of our village planned greatly in opening a Fair in the Opera house expecting it would receive the patronage of all the citizens.

Last Tuesday night was the first evening. Quite a large number were present and with about the same attendance throughout the week.

Three booths were neatly arranged in which the goods donated were displayed and sold.

Thursday evening a contests was opened for the most popular young lady present which was given Miss Mabel Carroll.

Friday evening a musical and literary program was offered, but many of those who had promised to take part was unable to do so owing to severe colds. Friday evening, those assisting in the program were Mrs. W. L. Mercer, Mrs. H. Parrott, Mrs. E. S. Roe, Dr. C. B. Roe and O. P. Woodworth. All were greatly appreciated. Another contest was opened after the program and continued until the last evening. This was for the most popular young lady clerk in town.

Saturday evening much of the goods which remained unsold, were disposed of at auction; after which Mr. B. H. Hollister rendered a number of selections on the mouth organ and guitar; Mr. Hollister responded to two encores and the selections were greatly enjoyed.

A number of articles were sold by chance and the lucky numbers drawn awarded to Harry Binns, a pair of vicid kid shoes; Mrs. G. E. Smith, a beautiful waste basket; Mr. W. P. Carmer, a toilet set; Claude Rynearson, a shaving set; James Provan, a clock; Rex Lamb, a lamp and the most costly article was drawn by Supt. W. L. Mercer, who received the beautiful writing desk, donated by the Buchanan Cabinet Co.

The Band boys wish to thank all those who contributed to the Fair and all who so kindly assisted them in all things.

While this Fair was not what was hoped for and anticipated, the boys expect to bring something new before the public in the future which they hope will meet with the approval of all and trust that those who did not assist the time, will feel so disposed at the next.

At 10:30, closed the contest for the most popular lady clerk which was awarded to Miss Flossie Bunker, an estimable young lady of our village and an employe of J. Cohl & Co.

The contestants and number of votes received were:

Miss Flossie Bunker 147
Miss Susie Butler 148
Miss Kit Kingery 58

The prize awarded was a most beautiful vase, donated by J. Cohl & Co. to the Fair.

The boys netted the sum of \$27.77 which amount will be used toward new uniforms for next summer.

HAS INCREASED RATE

New Freight Schedules in Force on Michigan Central.

Washington, Nov. 28—The Michigan Central has filed with the interstate commerce commission a new freight tariff schedule between New York and Chicago, making an increase of 5 cents in the export rate on provisions and of 5 cents for dressed meats both for domestic and export. The new tariff will be effective January 1 next.

The tariff on provisions is thus raised from 95 to 30 cents per 100 pounds, and on dressed meat from 40 to 45 cents. The increase means a difference of some hundreds of thousands of dollars to shippers.

It is expected all the other roads in the Central freight association territory will file similar tariffs, and increases in many other articles are expected.

Report from the Reform School

J. G. Gluck, superintendent Pruntytown, W. Va. writes: "After trying all other advertised cough medicines we have decided to use Foley's Honey and Tar exclusively in the west Virginia Reform School. I find it the most effective and absolutely harmless." Sold by W. N. Brodrick.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys and bladder right.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Dr. R. W. Culver Fires Shot, Thinking Someone Attempting Burglary.

RECEIVES A SEVERE WOUND.

Miss Alice Slate, a Domestic Servant, Narrowly Escapes Death.

Considerable excitement was aroused last Wednesday evening at the home of Dr. R. W. Culver on Day's avenue, when the home of the Dr. almost became the scene of a great tragedy.

Dr. Culver has, for the past few weeks, been selling his goods at a great reduced price, as he is closing out his stock, expecting to leave in a short time for the East and knowing that a large sum of money was taken home from the store, he was on the lookout for robbery. Late in the night, he was aroused by the noise of someone walking below, and hastily secured his revolver and stepped to the top of the stairs, when he saw someone walking at the foot of the stairs. The doctor asked them to halt, but the object still proceeded, seeming to ascend the steps. The doctor, imagining he heard the click of a revolver, fired, and was greatly surprised to hear the screams of a woman. Mrs. Culver hastily lit the lamp and discovered that it was their hired help, Miss Alice Slate, about fifteen years of age, who the doctor claims is somewhat hard of hearing and failed to hear the doctor's "halt". The shot grazed the girl's forehead, causing a scalp wound.

Dr. Culver immediately ran to the neighbors, asking assistance, and as soon as possible secured the services of Dr. Garland, nothing serious is anticipated, and all is being done by Mr. and Mrs. Culver for the girl.

It is said that if the girl had been one step higher, the shot would have caused immediate death. Great excitement prevailed for a time.

REV. HAMILTON

Former Pastor of the M. E. Church Passed Away last Saturday.

The members of the M. E. church as well as those who attended services there last Sunday were deeply grieved when a dispatch sent to I. L. H. Dodd was read which announced the death of Rev. S. L. Hamilton, so efficient a former minister of the M. E. church.

Rev. Hamilton and family reside in Los Angeles, Cal. at which place he died. Most every citizen remembers Rev. Hamilton for his kindness and goodness toward every one, and we all regret deeply to hear of the departure of one who so earnestly and willingly labored among all people.

We will give our readers more next week, as we were unable to receive full particulars for this weeks publication.

Neighborhood Dinner.

Among the many dinners served last Thursday, one of the most pleasant was what is called a "neighborhood dinner", given at the home of Mrs. Lou Smith on South Portage street.

Twenty-five sat down to the table, overflowing with good things and all partook heartily, especially of the old-fashioned English plumb pudding, so delicious, prepared by Mrs. B. Miles. This was a rare treat, as no one present had ever enjoyed such a dish before. In the evening an oyster supper was served, and a number of visitors together with those who partook of dinner, of which all indulged freely.

It was indeed a day of pleasant associations, and all truly wished that Thanksgiving would come oftener. We wonder how many neighborhoods could enjoy such a dinner, in which there are no hard feelings.

Victim of Paralysis.

Mr. J. A. Kirk, who has been a great sufferer of paralysis for the past year, left Saturday evening for Rhoads Island, where his parents are located. Mr. Kirk sustained a stroke of paralysis some time ago, which rendered him speechless and has since gradually failed in health and thought a trip to his parents would be of benefit. Mrs. Kirk accompanied her husband.

"INDIAN POWWOW"

A Special Evening's Entertainment Held at

AN "INDIAN RESERVATION"

Beautifully Prepared by the Thirty Club

The special meeting of the 30 Club is held this evening in the Pears-East building, and arrangements have been made to make this one of the most enjoyable evenings of their history.

The subject selected for the evening is "Indian Powwow."

The hall is most beautifully decorated and so very appropriately, and the ladies in charge are truly worthy of great praise.

Eight Indian wigwams have been placed around the room, each being equipped with the photo of an Indian, blankets and all things necessary to complete the Indian home.

A number of ground cushions are also found about upon which the Indians may rest after drinking of the cool water secured in the Minnie Ha Ha Spring. A number of Navaho blankets adorn the walls and many Indian relics are also on exhibition. A camp kettle also hangs in readiness.

The costumes, consisting much of genuine Indian paraphernalia, is something which cannot be described to be appreciated. They are exceedingly rich.

The 30 Club with their husbands and friends have planned greatly for this occasion and seemingly everything has been done necessary for such. Upon entering the room one may really feel that an Indian reservation has been reached.

A program will be rendered as follows: Sun dance, Mrs. Blake: reading, Mrs. Kingery; selection, Mrs. Rough, with piano accompaniment; a selection by Mrs. Hall, an original story "Soenes on the old St. Joe."

At the close, all the Indians will select Squaws and share in an Indian march. Refreshments also appropriate for the occasion will be served.

INITIATORY SERVICES

Held at Patricians Hall last Wednesday Evening.

A pleasant evening was spent by the Patricians of this place last Wednesday evening when six candidates, Henry M. Dilling, Ida Markley, Kate Gilbert, M. E. Gilbert, Richard Markley, E. L. Ballard, received the secret work of the order.

Deputy F. M. Van Horn and Mr. De Witt of Benton Harbor was present at this most pleasant evening's work.

Neighboring members were also present. After the initiatory work a fine banquet was served.

Other candidates have been balloted on and in a short time will be greeted as members of the Order of Patricians. All present enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

SOLD HIS OFFICE

Dr. C. B. Roe will be Succeeded by Dr. John Butler.

Dr. C. B. Roe, who for the past three years has been a most efficient dentist in our midst, has sold his office to Dr. Jno Butler of Indiana Harbor.

Dr. Roe will retain his place of business until about the 15th of January when Dr. Butler will take charge. Dr. Butler is a graduate from our High school and completed his course in dentistry at Ann Arbor, a year ago. We welcome Dr. Butler among us and hope that the citizens will call and give him a hearty hand shake and their patronage.

Dr. Roe as yet, does not know what the future has in store for him. We regret to loose him as he has ever been ready to assist in whatever was asked of him, and in his dental parlors he has aimed to please his customers, treated them kindly and given the best of satisfaction.

Woodmen Take Notice.

Friday evening, Dec. 5, is the annual election of Camp officers. Every member is interested and should be present. Refreshments will be served.

W. F. RÜNNER, Clerk.

CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

..AT..

...W. N. BRODRICK'S...

A very large display of Holiday Goods may be found at W. N. BRODRICK'S including a new stock of staple and fancy presents.

Toilet Sets, Smoking Sets, Ladies and Gents Purses, Perfumery, both in bulk and fancy Bottles, a large and new line of Fancy Atomizers making a very neat, a reasonable present for Lady or Gent

DOLLS

In this line you can see the largest and most up to date line of Dolls on the market. Doll Heads unbreakable, made of Aluminum also Bisque and China.....Fancy Vases, Albums, Combs and Brushes, Clothes Brushes, Fancy Box Paper and many other articles suitable for all ages at a very low price.....Games and Juvenile Books, a large stock that is new and now subject to your inspection. Call and see them and the low prices.

Mr. Brodrick invites your special attention and personal investigation as all goods will be freely displayed and all are welcome to call and see them regardless of a purchase

The most popular line of ready to wear garments ever shown in Northern Indiana

WHERE YOUR MONEY BUYS MOST Happ & Marks

309-311 SO. MICHIGAN ST.

Mail orders filled for any goods advertised in this issue but no premiums given.

Extraordinary Underwear Values

It's a mighty proud thing for a big store like this that always buys in big quantities to say that it has already practically sold out its first purchase of winter underwear. It seems that winter has only just begun yet a week ago our stocks were so badly demoralized that it really alarmed us. It proves, if it proves anything, that our goods were right and our prices were right. It also proves that our advertisements are read—that people believe in them and come here to buy.

Yesterday, we unpacked another immense line of heavy underwear. If you will believe us they are better values than our original line and to be sold for less. Manufacturers are alarmed over the continued unseasonable weather and are glad to sell their reserve stocks for any old price. We know that's not their habit but this year is an exceptional. Here's the proof.

Ladies' Underwear

Ladies' heavy fleece lined underwear taped neck, exceptional value, 15c
at garment.....
Ladies' heavy fleeced lined underwear taped neck, laced facings, in eoru and white 25c
only.....
Ladies' white, cream and black fleeced lined underwear, all sizes, extra quality, per garment..... 50c
Ladies' special quality fleeced lined union suits, eoru only, 45c
75c and.....
Ladies' fleeced lined union suits, gray only, best value in the city 1.00
for.....
Ladies' wool union suits, fine qualities, \$3, \$2 and 1.50
Ladies' all wool vests and drawers, crey only, per garment, \$1.25 and..... 1.50

Men's extra fine worsted union suits, very reasonable at \$2; here 1.50

Men's and Boys' Sweaters

Nothing to equal our sweater line in South Bend. Prices right, goods right, immense lines. All colors, plain and fancy stripes, with collars and without. Genuine savings of 15 to 25 per cent.
Boys' heavy cotton sweaters..... 39c
Boys' fancy wool sweaters..... 50c
Boys' fancy worsted wool sweaters, \$1-00..... 1.25
Men's heavy ribbed cotton sweaters..... 45c
Men's all wool sweaters, \$1.00, \$1.25..... 1.50
Men's fine basket weave sweaters, \$2-00..... 2.50

Fine zephyr Arcula shaws, blue and white, pink and white, wine and white, very pretty, \$2.25..... 2.90

Hand made shetland floss circular shawls, very heavy, double; blue and white, and pink and white; orders taken at..... 3.50

Handsome Baby Hoods

Silk embroidered, lace edge baby hoods, very pretty—50c, \$.75..... 89c
Silk hoods, plain lining, extra value at..... 25c
Eiderdown hoods, fur trimmed, capped..... 50c
Silk crochet hoods, 50c, \$1.00..... 1.50
Mercerized silk crochet hoods..... 35c

Pre-Holiday Announcement

We beg to advise our friends not to spend a single cent for holiday goods until our entire line is on display. We promise to eclipse any former best effort and honestly believe there will not be a line in the city to compete with it. The entire range of goods will be covered and an immense line of novelties added. There will be something unusually attractive for the children.

Men's Union Suits

An exceptionally strong line bought of the maker at a trifle less than 60 cents on the dollar. You save where we save.
Men's fine worsted wool union suits—you'd think them extra values at 1.00 \$1.50 our price..... 1.00

Fancy Shawls

An entirely new line at prices you cannot resist.
Shetland floss circular shawls, lavender and white and blue and white..... 1.00
Shetland floss circular shawls in pink and white, blue and white, lavender and white and plain white, 1.50..... 2.19

...HAPP & MARKS, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA...

Calendar for December 1902 with days of the week and dates.

A WEEK'S RECORD

All the News of the Past Seven Days Condensed.

HOME AND FOREIGN ITEMS

News of the Industrial Field, Personal and Political Items, Happenings at Home and Abroad.

THE NEWS FROM ALL THE WORLD

DOMESTIC.

At Ninth district United Mine Workers' headquarters it is stated that 14,000 men and boys out of 51,000 former mine employees are still idle.

The post office at Clark's Hill, Ind., was entered and the safe dynamited. About \$300 worth of stamps were taken.

Job Williams, colored, was hanged at Bridgeton, N. J., for the murder on October 27 last of John S. Holmes, an aged farmer, and the latter's house-keeper, Miss Catharine Shutt.

In a heavy stable fire at East Boston, Mass., five firemen were injured, 23 horses burned and a large number of carriages and sleighs were destroyed.

Benjamin Watson and his wife, Elizabeth, an aged couple, lost their lives in a fire that entirely destroyed their small cottage at Newport, R. I.

Clint E. Osborne, assistant postmaster and proprietor of the general store in the village of Warren, Mich., was shot dead by one of a gang of robbers that had entered the Warren bank and blown open the safe.

The annual report of Director of the Mint Roberts, shows that the coinage capacity will be greatly increased with the completion of the new mint at Denver.

Chicago national banks reported \$18,083,131 loss in loans from September 15 to November 25 and \$13,010,516 loss in deposits.

John Mitchell and the miners' attorneys accuse the anthracite operators with repudiating Wayne MacVeagh, their attorney, and violating their own agreement in refusing to accept strike settlement.

The Vermont legislature probably will renounce state prohibition of the liquor traffic. Democratic support of license plan is credited with election victories in many towns. The temperance element will resist change.

William Theobald, special customs agent at New York, was discharged by Secretary Shaw following a charge that he advised Mrs. Ida H. Dulles, Philadelphia, not to declare a \$26,000 necklace she brought from Europe.

In Hancock county, in the mountains of upper East Tennessee, Richard Green probably fatally shot his wife and daughter in an attempt to kill himself. He then shot and killed himself, using a shotgun.

Thanksgiving day was generally observed in the usual manner throughout the country, and by Americans in many European capitals.

Chairman McPherson has sold his seat on the New York stock exchange, and will retire. The sale price is said to have been \$80,000.

Postmaster General Payne's annual report recommends free mail delivery in all cities of 5,000 population or \$5,000 gross receipts. The postal deficit for the fiscal year is \$2,961,170.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has ordered a quarantine against cattle, sheep and swine in New England and prohibited their exportation or shipment elsewhere. The foot and mouth disease is epidemic in four states.

The steamer Sylvanus J. Macy, with 18 men, sunk in Lake Erie during Sunday night's gale. The news was brought to Detroit by the barge Mabel Wilson, which the Macy was towing. The steamer Bannockburn is believed to be lost in Lake Superior with 20 men.

President Roosevelt answered the objection of white citizens against a negro as collector of Charleston (S. C.) port, and declared he would not discriminate between whites and blacks showing equal ability for office.

The St. Louis flyer on the Big Four road was wrecked near Avon, Ind., by a broken rail. It is believed that many persons were killed.

"American corsets rule this market," says United States Consul Mahin, reporting to the state department from Nottingham, England, on popular American wares in England.

After eluding arrest for several months, Charles F. Kelly, the former speaker of the St. Louis house of delegates, who is wanted in the western city in connection with the bribery cases unearthed there some time ago, was arrested. He had just returned from Liverpool.

At Armourdale, Kan., Ernest Damms and Charles W. Tucker, packing house employes, fought a pistol duel over Mabel Randall, a waitress. Damms was mortally wounded, but before he died he shot Tucker twice, fatally wounding him.

William Armstrong, one of the most prominent business men in Ottumwa, Ia., and well known in Iowa commercial circles, dropped dead while talking to a customer.

Edward P. Croker, chief of the New York fire department, who recently was tried on a series of charges, has been declared guilty by Commissioner Sturgis, and was dismissed from the service, the dismissal to take place on December 1.

The plant and stock of the Curtis Fertilizer company, at Louisville, Ky., was damaged by fire to the extent of \$50,000. The loss is covered by insurance.

The president has decided to appoint W. J. Youngs, of Oyster Bay, United States district attorney for the eastern district of New York, to succeed George H. Pettit, whose term expires December 20.

Secretary Moody's annual report declares a shortage of 577 naval officers exists, while new ships being built will need 623 more, and 100 will leave the service. Eight battleships under construction are from ten to 29 months behind the contract.

Dr. Adolph Lorenz, the Vienna surgeon, was given the degree of LL.D. by Northwestern university at the dedication of the Tremont hotel building in Chicago to educational purposes. He declared himself the agent only of the Vienna university, to whom the honor of the degree belongs.

Weekly trade reviews report that cold weather has increased distribution in certain lines. Railroad earnings are maintained and car shortage continues.

Secretary of War Root in his annual report recommends that the office of commanding general be abolished and a general staff be established with the chief as the army's head.

A boiler explosion in the plant of the Swift Packing company at the stockyards in Chicago caused 13 deaths, 20 more being injured.

The third international live stock show opened in Chicago.

Comptroller Ridgely, in his annual report, favors a plan for giving elasticity to the currency system by allowing national banks to issue notes additional to those secured by government bonds.

The captain and crew of a sinking schooner were rescued off the Atlantic coast after 18 hours of peril and suffering.

Wesley Reynolds, 16 years old, was killed in a desperate fight with four bank robbers at Westville, Ind.

The annual football game between West Point and Annapolis resulted in victory for the army over the navy by a score of 22 to 8.

Harvey Logan, the alleged Montana train robber, has been given ten sentences, aggregating 130 years, at Knoxville, Tenn.

Marine losses on the great lakes for the season just closing are reported about the same as last year.

Mrs. Hattie L. Whitten, of Dexter, Me., hanged herself while being held as the suspected murderer of her nine and 11-year-old daughters.

A test of the new submarine torpedo boats shows that they are not up to expectations.

Chief Justice Fuller at Richmond declined to take up an election case involving disfranchisement of negroes, basing his decision on lack of jurisdiction.

Two men made an unsuccessful attempt to rob a Chicago & Alton passenger train at Independence, Mo.

The army transport Crook arrived in San Francisco from Manila.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Sheriff-elect James M. Fahnstock of Pittsburg, Pa., died at the Egnew hotel, Mt. Clemens, Mich., after a brief attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Eliza Stansburg died at Bloomington, Ill., aged 75. She was a wealthy pioneer resident of central Illinois, and became noted through her generosity to religious institutions.

Mrs. Kate Vance, a colored woman of Newton, Kan., is dead, aged 123 years. Mrs. Vance had a daughter 90 years of age, and her husband died at the age of 105.

Amid a flow of poetry, wit and oratory, New York friends celebrated the sixty-seventh birthday of Mark Twain.

Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, who is seriously ill, is not expected to resume his public duties and may resign.

Nelson Augustave Moore, the veteran landscape painter, died at his home in Kensington, Conn., from apoplexy.

John Elliot Ward, president of the convention that nominated Buchanan for the presidency, died in his eighty-eighth year at Dorchester, Ga.

FOREIGN

Emperor William in his farewell audience of Ambassador White presented him with the gold medal of the empire for science and art, which is given once a year to a person, either a German or a foreigner, who in the opinion of the government is best entitled to it.

People are dying by scores from fever in Colombia. So great is the mortality in some places that no attempt is made to give burial to the victims.

A private cablegram announces the death at Madras, India, of Theodore Parker Cabot, United States consul at Madras.

The gold standard scheme for Siam has become law and the mints have been closed to the free coinage of silver.

Dr. Joseph Parker, minister of the City Temple, London, is dead.

Frau Krupp has given \$750,000 to establish a benefit fund for the workmen at Essen, Prussia, in memory of her late husband.

Senor Tamayo's resignation as Cuban government secretary has been accepted by President Palma, and Senor Yero, secretary of public instruction, made his successor temporarily. The resignation was due to the Havana strike.

Capt. Pershing and 60 American soldiers have completed a march across the island of Mindanao, and are probably the first white men who ever made the journey.

Gen. De Wet's story of the Boer war, published in London, declares that the Boers lost because so many burghers proved false to their colors.

A London paper demands that the United States keep order among the South American republics if the Monroe doctrine is to be enforced.

Residents of the Isthmus of Panama demand the recall of Minister Concha, believing his attitude endangers the Panama canal project.

LATER

The second session of the Fifty-seventh congress began in Washington on the 1st. In the senate the death of Senator McMillan, of Michigan, was announced, and adjournment was taken. In the house the new members were sworn in. Mr. Cannon (Ill.) introduced a bill appropriating \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the anthracite coal strike commission. Adjournment was voted out of respect to the memory of Representative Charles G. Russell, of Connecticut.

T. Henry French, famous as a theatrical manager and producer of many celebrated dramas, died in New York.

The United States is said to have reached a practical agreement with Costa Rica and Nicaragua whereby a canal route, with absolute control, is to be made over.

Safe blowers robbed the Tomah (Wis.) post office of about \$1,200 in stamps.

The annual report of Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress, shows that the total number of books in the library is 1,114,111.

The Belgian steamer Leopold foundered in the North sea and 28 persons were drowned.

Barry Johnstone, a famous actor, shot and killed Kate Hassett, an actress, in New York, and then shot himself. Jealousy was the cause.

The liner St. Louis arrived at New York after one of the most tempestuous voyages in her history.

The total circulation of national bank notes outstanding November 29, 1902, was \$384,854,514.

There was over \$23,000 in a mail sack which was stolen or lost at or near Danville, Ky.

Rev. W. H. Milburn, blind chaplain of the United States senate, has resigned, owing to ill health.

The fire losses in the United States in the last 11 months amounted to \$123,667,000, against \$152,000,000 for 1901.

President Joseph Smith, of the Mormon church, declares that the church does not sanction polygamy.

The steamer Charles Hebard was wrecked in Lake Superior during a gale and 15 persons were drowned.

The public debt statement issued on the 1st shows that the debt decreased \$140,440 during the month of November. Cash in the treasury, \$354,575,588. Total debt, less cash in the treasury, \$958,097,251.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

The democratic congressional campaign committee is to be made a permanent institution.

Leroy Pelletier, of New York, is making arrangements to start next summer in quest of the north pole.

Havana newspapers advise the Cuban government to accept the United States' offer of 20 per cent. tariff reduction.

Congressman Cannon, of Illinois, arrived in Washington and said he had enough votes pledged to make him speaker.

The commissioner general of immigration has postponed action as to the case of the Cuban children ordered deported.

Prince Henry, head of the house of Pless, will succeed Baron von Hohenhausen as the German ambassador to the United States.

A Panama paper lauds the services of Admiral Casey in the peace negotiations between the Colombian government and the revolutionists.

The killing of William Fitzgerald by Godfrey Hunter, Jr., in Guatemala City, is said to have been the outcome of an old Kentucky feud.

Henry C. Frick, former steel magnate, will give a site for a university, erect buildings and furnish \$2,500,000 endowment to the city of Pittsburg.

Kansas farmers are better off financially than ever before. Corn is held for higher prices, while poultry, butter and alfalfa furnish a living income.

Investigation into the death of Mrs. Gertrude Young, of Minneapolis, who died from long fasting, revealed the fact that a number of persons had adopted the fast.

Now that the footings have been made, the republicans will have 298 and the democrats 178 members in the next house, or 30 majority against 50 majority in the present house.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani is in Washington to attempt to secure from congress payment for the crown lands which were taken over by this government at the time of annexation.

A rush of settlers from the United States is expected by Canadian officials, who estimate there will be 100,000 immigrants there in the spring. The prospect of losing citizenship may deter many.

ROOT MAKES REPORT

Secretary of War Tells of Needs of the Army.

Urges Appointment of a General Staff - Favors Permanent Militia System - Advantages of the Canteen.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The annual report of Secretary of War Elihu Root says that on October 15, 1902, the army of the United States consisted of 3,556 officers and 66,003 enlisted men, making a total of 69,559. On October 24, 1902, an order was made reducing the enlisted strength to 59,866. This reduction will have been accomplished in the most economical way before the end of the current fiscal year, and in the main accomplished during the next 30 days. The effect of carrying out this order will be to bring the American troops stationed in the Philippines down to an enlisted strength of 13,450. The distribution of the army will be as follows when this reduction is completed:

Table showing army distribution: Philippines 13,450; Coast artillery in United States, Cuba and Hawaii 12,293; Field artillery in United States 3,220; Nine bands and sergeants major 300; Cavalry in United States 3,540; Infantry in United States 45,615; Infantry in Peking 150; Infantry in Alaska 230; Staff departments 2,977; Total 59,866.

With the execution of this order the regular army will have been reduced to the minimum of enlisted strength, which, in the judgment of congress, a wise policy requires us to maintain as an insurance against future attack.

Among the most important suggestions in the report is one for the establishment of a general staff of officers, acting independently of the administrative staff of the army, whose duty it shall be to direct and superintend the movements of an army of invasion. Still another is for the establishment, through act of congress, of a permanent militia as an adjunct of the regular army.

The Canteen.

Referring to the operation of section 38 of the act of February 2, 1901, which prohibits the sale of beer and light wines in post exchanges, I said in my last report that a great body of reports had been received which indicated that the effect of the law was unfortunate, but that I thought a sufficient time had not elapsed to give the law a fair trial, and that the observation and report of its working would be continued during the ensuing year. A great number of additional reports have now been received, and they confirm the impression produced by the earlier reports. I am convinced that the general effect of prohibiting the use of beer and light wines within the general area of the army post is to lead the enlisted men to go out of the post, to frequent vile resorts which cluster in the neighborhood, to drink bad whisky to excess, and to associate intimately with abandoned men and more abandoned women; and that the operation of the law is to increase drunkenness, disease of the most loathsome kind, insubordination and desertion, and moral and physical degeneration.

Trade in the Philippines.

The trade of the islands has been greatly hampered during the past year by the ravages of rinderpest, causing a mortality in some provinces of over 90 per cent. among the carabao, and a consequent shortage of food crops. Business in many sections has been seriously interrupted by an epidemic of cholera, yet the imports for the fiscal year 1902 were greater than in any previous year in the history of the archipelago, and exports were exceeded in but two previous years, 1870 and 1880. The total merchandise, exclusive of gold and silver and government supplies, imported during the fiscal year 1902 was \$52,141,842, as against \$30,279,406 for the fiscal year 1901 and \$20,601,436 for the fiscal year 1900, and the total value of merchandise exported during the fiscal year 1902 was \$23,927,679, as against \$23,214,948 for the fiscal year 1901 and \$19,751,068 for the fiscal year 1900, an increase of six per cent. in value of imports for the fiscal year 1902 over the fiscal year 1901 and of 56 per cent. over the fiscal year 1900, and an increase in the value of exports for the fiscal year 1902 over the fiscal year 1901 of three per cent., and over the fiscal year 1900 of 21 per cent. The imports from the United States amounted to \$4,035,243 in 1902, as against \$2,855,635 in 1901 and \$1,657,701 in 1900, or an increase for the past year over 1900 of 143 per cent. The value of merchandise exported to this country in 1902 was \$7,691,743, as against \$2,572,021 in 1901 and \$3,522,160 in 1900, showing an increase in favor of the latest period over 1900 of 118 per cent.

Found Guilty.

Athens, O., Dec. 1.—Frank Smith, aged 25, who shot and killed Perry Oxley and Charles Brown at Gloucester on August 20 last, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by the jury.

Charged with Murder.

Dunlap, Tenn., Dec. 1.—William H. Murray, alias Howard, was arrested here Saturday by an Illinois officer on a warrant charging Murray with the murder of a man named Woodrume, at Williamsburg, Ill., 28 years ago.

Under Arrest.

Hamburg, Dec. 1.—The German painter, Christian Allers, a resident of Capri island, who, it is alleged, was responsible for the charges brought against the late Herr Krupp, has been arrested at the Swiss frontier.

SO PRESUMING OF HIM.

With Only \$75,000 a Year He Had No Reason to Expect That He Had a Chance.

The yellow moon hung by its crescent hook against the starlit azure of the September sky, and the night was dreamy, delicious, divine, says the New York Herald.

The man and the maiden walked beneath the silent stars and listened to the purple music from the dusk. Her jeweled fingers rested lightly on his arm, and he felt there as trembling harp-strings feel the touch of angel hands that summon forth the soul's high harmonies. His heart beat fast and the red blood ran riot in his veins, for love had placed its challice to his lips and he had drunk his fill. He had not spoken, but he felt the spirit of the hope that makes man dare do anything and now this night of nights should see him conqueror of the maiden's heart.

"A penny for your thoughts," he whispered, bending low to look into her sweet, soft eyes.

"More?" she murmured, looking up at him to let those blue eyes fall again.

He caught her hand in his and let his full heart flow.

"All I have in the world," he said, emphatically.

"Too little," she responded, with firmness.

And then he knew that some of his hated rivals had told her he had but \$75,000 a year income and no rich relatives.

He Got It.

The man with the cinnamon colored beard was observed standing at the counter and looking at the bottles on the shelves in some perplexity of mind.

"What is it?" said the druggist.

"Isn't there an organization of Methodist young people?" asked the man, "that's named after some place where John Wesley used to live?"

"You mean the Epworth league?"

"That's it!" exclaimed the customer, his brow clearing. "Give me five cents' worth of Epworth salts."—Chicago Tribune.

California.

The Passenger Department of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway has just issued a beautiful book of 60 pages, relating to California and the best route to the Pacific Coast.

The book is artistically arranged, beautifully printed and fully illustrated—portraying the scenic beauties, hotel and transportation advantages, and delights of outdoor life in the favored climate of the Coast.

This publication is of special value to those interested in California or contemplating a trip to that State, and may be obtained on receipt of four cents in stamps, sent to W. B. Kniskern, Passenger Traffic Manager, Chicago, Ill.

Ethel—"Father, please give me a nickel." Father—"Don't you think you're too big to beg for a nickel?" Ethel—"Spouse you give me a quarter, then."—Detroit Free Press.

Frisco System—New Observation Cafe Cars.

In addition to through chair car and Pullman Sleeper service the Frisco System operates on its trains out of Saint Louis and Kansas City very handsome Observation Cafe Cars, under management of Fred Harvey. These cars are equipped with every convenience, including large library observation room and platform; the former supplied with easy chairs, writing material, latest newspapers and periodicals. Electric lights and electric fans add to the comfort of the passengers. These trains leave Saint Louis and Kansas City daily via the Frisco System.

Willing to Leave It Out.—"Sweet are the uses of adversity," quoted the philosophical friend, "Perhaps," admitted the prosaic man, "but I'm not hankering for that kind of sweetness."—Chicago Post.

Dr. August Koening's Hamburg Drops, as a blood purifier, strength and health restorer, and a specific for all stomach, liver and kidney troubles, leads all other similar medicines in its wonderful sales and marvelous confidence of the people, especially our vast German population. It is not a new and untried product, but was made and sold more than sixty years ago.

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As to His Hair.—Tess—"She declares her beau's hair is natural. Is that straight?" Jess—"Straight as a dye."—Philadelphia Press.

Do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—J. F. Boyer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Self-laudation abounds among the unpolished; but nothing can stamp a man more sharply as ill-bred.—Buxton.

All creameries use butter color. Why not do as they do—use June Tint Butter Color.

Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambitions.—Longfellow.

Iowa Farms \$4 Per Acre Cash, bal. 1/2 crop till paid. Mulhall, Sioux City, Ia.

Fame is a glorious thing, but a small regular income is much more satisfactory to the average man.—Chicago Daily News.

CATARRH OF LUNGS.

A Prominent Chicago Lady Cured by Pe-ru-na.

Miss Maggie Welch, secretary of the Betsey Ross Educational and Benevolent Society, writes from 328 North State street, Chicago, Ill., the following glowing words concerning Peruna:

"Last fall I caught the most severe cold I ever had in my life. I coughed night and day, and my lungs and throat became so sore that I was in great distress. All cough remedies



Miss Maggie Welch.

nauseated me, and nothing afforded me relief until my doctor said rather in a joke, 'I guess Peruna is the only medicine that will cure you.'

"I told him that I would certainly try it and immediately sent for a bottle. I found that relief came the first day, and as I kept taking it faithfully the cough gradually diminished, and the soreness left me. It is fine."—Maggie Welch.

Address the Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio, for free literature on catarrh.

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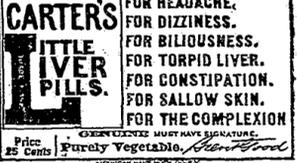
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NAVY-- REPORT OF POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Secretary Moody Strongly Urges the Need of More Officers for Our Warships--Secretary Payne Recommends Legislation for His Department--Reports of Director of the Mint and Internal Revenue Commissioner.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Provision by which at least 1,000 additional officers will be secured for the navy in the next four years, the addition of 3,000 enlisted men at once, and the building of two new battleships and several minor ships are among the recommendations in the annual report of Secretary of the Navy William H. Moody. Among these recommendations the one on which Secretary Moody lays by far the greatest stress is that for the increase in the number of officers. He says: "The most imperative need of the navy to-day is of additional officers. I cannot overstate this need. It invites the instant attention of congress. The administration of the department is embarrassed almost daily by the lack of officers below command rank. This condition has been approaching for some years, and was clearly apprehended and stated by my predecessor in office. It is acute to-day, and, when the ships already authorized are completed, it will be desperate unless there is early action."

Of the general importance of improving the navy, Secretary Moody says:

"Among the most important lessons learned in the war with Spain was that a modern navy cannot be improvised during a war or upon the threshold of a war. The time best suited to the development and perfection of our navy is the time when there is neither war nor threat of war.

"The country approves, with hardly a dissenting voice, the policy of strengthening our power upon the sea. What would have been an adequate navy some years ago is totally inadequate for the performance of the duties growing out of our new possessions in the Pacific and Atlantic and the determination of congress to construct a canal across the isthmus.

"If, then, the policy of strengthening our power upon the sea to the point where it can respond to the national needs be not abandoned, there must be additional naval and coaling stations, more ships, fighting and auxiliary, and an increase of officers and men.

"After most careful consideration, I believe it to be my duty to recommend a continuance without interruption of the increase of ships."

Of the other features of the secretary's report this criticism of the builders of some of the new vessels of the navy for the slow progress of their work is especially important. He does not rest content with the excuses that strikes, non-delivery of material and the scarcity of skilled labor are responsible, and says significantly: "The department has notified contractors that they will be held to accountability for failure to push forward the work of construction with due diligence, if such failure shall occur, and particularly for any delays which may at any time be caused by preference being given to private over public work."

WORK OF THE MINT DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Washington, Nov. 28.—George E. Roberts, director of the mint, in his annual report says: In number of pieces the coinage of the year has never been exceeded, aggregating 191,419,306, but in value it has fallen from \$136,340,781 in 1901 to \$94,525,678, this being due to the greater demand for the small denominations. Gold coinage dropped from \$99,065,715 to \$61,050,572, but the stock of gold bullion on hand increased from \$100,219,493 to \$124,053,712. The coinage of silver dollars amounted to \$79,402,800, subsidiary silver coins to \$10,713,569, and minor coins to \$2,499,736.

The original gold deposits of the year amounted to \$132,580,539. Gold bars taken for export amounted to \$36,332,678, and for domestic consumption \$14,452,578. The gross expenditures on account of the mint service, including loss by wastage, was \$1,910,503. The earnings from all charges and incidental gains, exclusive of seigniorage, aggregated \$357,568. The seigniorage realized in the manufacture of 1 and 5-cent pieces amounted to \$1,919,370.

The director says the increased capacity of the mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco and the prospective opening of the new mint at Denver will give the country a much greater coinage capacity than it has heretofore had, and that the pressure on the mints is about to relax instead of increase. The coinage of 1,600,000 silver dollars a month, now required by law, will come to an end soon by the exhaustion of the stock of bullion.

Francher Attends Football and Dies. St. Louis, Nov. 29.—Excitement caused by watching a local football game Thursday caused the sudden death of Rev. John J. Barth, of the German Methodist Episcopal church, by apoplexy. This was the first football game he had ever witnessed. He was 55 years old.

Death of a Prelate. London, Nov. 27.—Most Rev. John MacVilly, Roman Catholic archbishop at Tuam and primate of Connaught since 1881, died Wednesday at the age of 85 years.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The annual report of Postmaster General Payne is made public. It shows the total receipts of the department for the year 1902 to be \$121,548,047.56, as against \$111,631,193.39 in 1901; total expenditures for 1902, \$124,765,697.07, as against \$115,554,920.87 for 1901; excess of expenditures over receipts, 1902, \$2,937,649.51; 1901, \$3,923,727.48—a decrease in the deficit from the previous year of \$956,077.67. The estimate of the revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, which has been transmitted to the secretary of the treasury, is \$132,514,371; appropriation for 1903, \$135,416,598; estimated deficit for 1903, \$5,602,227; estimated revenue for 1904, \$144,767,664; estimated expenditure for 1904, \$153,010,520; estimated deficit for 1904, \$8,242,856.

The postmaster general recommends to the consideration of congress legislation along many lines, including the following:

That the extension of free delivery to towns of not less than 5,000 population, or \$5,000 gross annual postal receipts, be authorized.

That the maximum fee for a money order be fixed at 25 instead of 30 cents.

That the interstate commerce law be amended to prohibit common carriers, to wit, telegraph and express companies, or any of their employees, from aiding and abetting in the green goods or lottery swindles, or any other scheme carried on partly by mail and partly by common carrier and which is in violation of the postal laws.

That the department be authorized to adopt a system of postal checks.

That a statute be enacted authorizing the receiving and dispatching of certain classes of mail matter without the necessity of affixing postage stamps to individual pieces.

That an act be passed conferring upon the department specific authority to introduce a system of reply postal cards and envelopes.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Washington, Nov. 26.—John W. Yerkes, the commissioner of internal revenue, in his report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1902, says that by the two acts abolishing war revenue taxes internal revenue taxes have been reduced about \$100,000,000. There has been, however, an increase of revenue from taxes laid on distilled spirits and other objects that were not affected by revenue legislation.

The receipts of the bureau for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1901, were \$306,871,669, and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1902, \$271,867,990.

By an act of congress of June 27, 1902, provision was made for the refunding of taxes paid upon legacies and bequests for uses of a religious, charitable or educational character, for the encouragement of art, etc., under the act of June 13, 1898. Refunding claims on this account amounting to some \$435,000 have been allowed already, and it is believed the total amount that will be refunded under this law will amount to some \$640,000. Congress having provided for the payment of a drawback or rebate on all original and unbroken factory packages of smoking and manufactured tobacco and snuff and cigars sold by manufacturers or dealers on the first of July, 1901, 49,364 claims have been paid, the rebate being \$3,105,511.

In addition to the claims for refund or rebate presented, there have been filed during the fiscal year, 1902, 4,743 claims for abatement of taxes assessed. Of these 3,557 were allowed, amounting to \$4,187,651, and 440 claims amounting to \$449,294 were rejected or returned for amendment. In 1901 the total production of spirits was 128,568,201 gallons; in 1902, 132,843,802 gallons. In 1901, in round numbers, 100,000 gallons of tax paid spirits were withdrawn; in 1902, 104,000,000.

It is estimated that the receipts from all sources of internal revenue for the current fiscal year 1903, will aggregate \$220,000,000. The statement of receipts for the months of July, August and September, 1902, would appear to indicate that the receipts for the year will be largely in excess of the above estimate, but these receipts are regarded as abnormal.

The report shows that during the year revenue agents seized and destroyed 1,094 illicit stills and arrested 1,036 persons for violations of the revenue laws. During that time one agent was killed in a raid and two were wounded. One hundred and sixteen registered distilleries were reported for seizure during the year, 68,117 gallons of spirits were reported for seizure, the total value of the property involved being \$153,894.

Football Player Dies of Injuries. Westchester, Pa., Nov. 29.—Charles Carr (colored), 21 years of age, of Philadelphia, died at the Chester county hospital from injuries received during a football game Thursday. Carr's neck was injured in a mass play, and he was rendered unconscious.

Passed Away. San Francisco, Nov. 26.—Capt. A. P. Mordaunt, who is credited with having made the first discovery of pay gold at Nome, died in this city Tuesday.

MILBURN RESIGNS.

Blind Chaplain of the United States Senate Voluntarily Quits His Position.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Rev. W. H. Milburn, the blind chaplain of the senate, who is now in California, has forwarded his resignation to President Pro Tem Frye. It will be placed before the senate to-day. His successor will be elected by the senate. Mr. Milburn, in his letter to Senator Frye, says ill health compels him to retire from the position, and he adds: "It is with deep sorrow that



REV. W. H. MILBURN.
(Blind Chaplain United States Senate.)

I have come to this decision, as it was my cherished wish that, under the favor of the senate, I should conduct its religious services during the remainder of my days."

LEADING LADY SLAIN.

Former Member of Mansfield's Company Kills Kate Hassett, of Keith's Theater in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 2.—Barry Johnston, an actor known throughout the country, and who until last Saturday played Cassius to Richard Mansfield's Brutus in "Julius Caesar," shot and killed Mrs. Kate Hassett, leading woman in Keith's Eighth Street Theater stock company, here, Monday night. The tragedy was committed in the presence of a large crowd at Darlen and Wood streets. Johnston then attempted suicide and it is believed he cannot recover. Five bullets were fired by Johnston at his victim. One pierced her left arm and the other went through her left breast, causing almost instant death. Then he shot himself through the breast, and the doctors, while saying the wound is not necessarily fatal, believe it is so.

Jealousy is the motive assigned to the tragedy. Both Johnston and Mrs. Hassett were married, but both lived apart from their respective spouses. Johnston had been paying considerable attention to her, but she had tried to avoid him. He came here from New York Sunday, but was unable to see her until Monday evening after the theater. Then he followed her and shot without warning, preceding the deed with the words hissed into her ear: "You have been untrue to me."

BURGLARS FOILED.

Pinkey Cashier Fretch's Robbery of South Dakota Bank—Thieves, One of Them Wounded, in Custody.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 2.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to burglarize the Bank of Aurora at Aurora, S. D., Monday morning. Electric alarms were sounded, and two burglars were captured, one of them being shot twice in the leg. The alarm awoke Henry Kelsey, the cashier, who hurried to the bank with a rifle. The burglars tried to escape, going towards Brookings. Kelsey shot one, and he crawled into a straw stack. The other burglar came to town and gave himself up, telling where his companion was hiding, and he was also captured.

AWFUL BARBARISM.

Turks Reported to Have Committed Terrible Atrocities in Macedonia.

London, Dec. 2.—According to dispatches received here the Bulgarian newspapers are publishing stories of horrible atrocities by the Turks in Macedonia. Children are reported to have been torn to pieces in the presence of their parents; men have been roasted alive, and others tortured with red-hot moulds placed on their heads. Many peasants are said to have been starved to death.

Will Submit Nominations. Washington, Dec. 2.—The president will to-day submit to the senate nominations for the appointment of 169 postmasters. Of these 52 are in cases where appointments already had been made during the recess of congress, and 46 are to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation or removal of incumbents. In 61 cases the commissions of the incumbents have expired, or are about to expire, and in 62 cases the offices have been advanced to the third class and the appointment of the postmasters vested in the president.

Takes Kelly to St. Louis. Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 2.—Gov. Stone has honored the requisition of the governor of Missouri for the return to St. Louis of Charles F. Kelly, former president of the House of delegates of St. Louis. Detective McGrath left at once for Philadelphia to take Kelly to St. Louis.

Agreement Restored. Washington, Dec. 2.—It is announced at the state department that the international copyright agreement with Spain of 1893 has been restored to full effect by an exchange of diplomatic notes.

ARE LOST IN A STORM.

Vessels Founder on the Lakes During a Gale.

Total of 29 Lives Lost—Steamer Charles Hebard and Schooner Aloha Lost in Lake Superior—The Celtic in Lake Huron.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 2.—Three vessels were lost in the furious gale which swept over Lakes Superior and Huron last Saturday night, and 26 men and three women were drowned. The following vessels were lost:

Steamer Charles Hebard, owned by Holland & Graves, Buffalo, N. Y., crew of 13 men and woman cook.

Schooner Aloha, owned by same firm; crew of six men and woman cook.

Schooner Celtic, owned by Spence Bros., of Cleveland; crew of seven men and woman cook.

Driven on Rocky Shore. The steamer Charles Hebard was driven on the rocky shore at Point Manassas, Lake Superior, and the crew of 13 men and a woman cook have not been heard from since. It is feared all have perished.

The schooner Aloha, one of the three vessels that were being towed by the Hebard, broke away during the gale, and has not been heard from. The Aloha had a crew of six men and a woman cook.

Lost in Lake Huron. The schooner Celtic was in tow of the steamer Runnels and broke away during the height of the gale when in the north end of Lake Huron. When the weather cleared the Runnels searched all along the east shore of the lake from Duck islands northward to Detour, finding no trace of the Celtic.

The Celtic carried a crew of eight, but a list of their names cannot be obtained. With the exception of the officers a complete shift in the personnel was made when the vessel was at Buffalo. The only members of the crew known to be on the missing boat were Capt. H. Jeffries, of Detroit, and Cook Margaret Quirk, of Marine City.

No Hope for Bannockburn.

There is no longer hope for the safety of the Bannockburn and its crew of 20 men. The death knell to the hopes of the relatives of the crew was sounded Monday when a dispatch was received from the captain of the tug Boynton, stating that he had traversed the entire shore where the missing steamer was believed to have been stranded. No trace of the steamer or crew was discovered. As the waters of Lake Superior reach their greatest depth at that point it is probable that none of the bodies will ever be recovered. Lake Superior never gives up its dead.

Twenty-Eight Reported Dead.

Brussels, Dec. 2.—There is an unconfirmed rumor that the Belgian steamer Leopold has foundered in the North sea and 28 persons have been drowned.

CUT IN ESTIMATES.

Appropriations Asked by Secretary Shaw for the Year Ending June 30, 1904, Aggregate \$589,189,112.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The secretary of the treasury has transmitted to congress the estimates of the appropriations required for the government service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, as furnished by the heads of the several executive departments.

The total appropriations asked for are \$589,189,112, which is \$21,635,576 less than the estimates for 1903 and \$38,050,014 less than the appropriations for that year.

Following is a recapitulation of the estimates by departments, cents omitted.

Legislative	\$11,508,483
Executive	319,600
State department	2,678,826
Treasury department	172,818,223
War department	130,958,976
Navy department	84,758,798
Interior department	168,918,818
Post office department	10,382,436
Department of agriculture	6,680,150
Department of labor	152,220
Department of justice	7,431,900
Grand total	\$589,189,112

The Congressional Library.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The annual report of Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress, shows that during the past fiscal year the fees from copyrights aggregated \$64,687. The total number of books in the library is 1,114,111 volumes, of which 172,750 were duplicates. The accessions to the library during the year were 51,971 printed books and pamphlets, 62,910 manuscripts, 986 maps and charts, 34,401 pieces of music, 20,676 prints and 1,961 additions to the law library.

Unwilling to Arbitrate.

San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, Dec. 2.—The Dominican government has informed United States Minister Powell that it could not agree to submit the points of disagreement with the improvement company to international arbitration. The question involves the payment of \$4,500,000 by the government to the improvement company, an American concern.

Reward Offered.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 2.—A reward of \$500 has been offered by Gov. La Follette for the arrest and conviction of the persons who set fire to the Wickinson residence at La Grange, Walworth county, the night of October 2. In this fire three of the Wickinson family perished.

Hitch in the Plans.

Shanghai, Dec. 2.—Another hitch has occurred in the evacuation of this city by the foreign garrisons. The commanders of the German and French troops declare they will not leave before February.

THE BANKRUPTCY LAW.

Some Interesting Information Regarding Its Operation During the Year.

Washington, Dec. 2.—A report on the practical operation of the bankruptcy law for the last year has been submitted to the attorney general by F. C. Brandenburg, in charge of such matters for the government. The aggregate number of voluntary petitions filed during the year was 16,374, against 17,000 in 1901, and 20,000 in 1900. During the same period 2,103 involuntary petitions were filed. The states showing the greatest number of voluntary proceedings were New York, 1,906 cases, and Illinois, 1,814; Alabama, 1,436; Massachusetts, 1,408; Maine, 860; Ohio, 770, and Iowa, 685. A year ago Illinois led the list with 2,266 petitions. The smallest numbers filed were one case in Alaska, six each in Arizona, New Mexico and Porto Rico, seven in Nevada, 11 in Hawaii, 20 in Delaware, and 29 in Idaho. Of the cases called during the year 1,320 were in behalf of farmers, 6,859 wage earners, 2,555 merchants, 235 manufacturers, 531 professional men, and 1,758 contractors, hotel and saloonkeepers, real estate men and others of a miscellaneous character not included within the classes enumerated.

VICTIM OF PARALYSIS.

Death in New York City of Thomas Henry French, Well-Known Dramatic Agent.

New York, Dec. 2.—Thomas Henry French, the publisher of plays and dramatic agent, died here Monday night from paralysis. He had been ill about two weeks. Mr. French was 54 years of age. Mr. French for years was associated with his father in publishing plays of all kinds, and carried on the business after his father's death. He was manager of the Madison Square garden when it was opened, and later of the Grand opera house. He built the Broadway and American theaters. He produced the plays "White Lies," "Silver King" and "Little Lord Fauntleroy," and organized and managed the Lillian Russell opera company. He also was the representative of the Theatre Royal in Drury lane, London.

PLEADS GUILTY.

Farmhand Acknowledges a Murder After Trying to Fasten Crime on Victim's Wife.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 2.—At Iowa City Monday Charles Holada pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree. James Gallagher, a farmer, was shot while he slept one night last spring. His wife, Mrs. Ella Gallagher, and Holada were indicted for the crime. Holada had been in the employ of Gallagher. Mrs. Gallagher was tried first, and Holada was a witness against her, testifying that she told him it was her intention to kill her husband. Holada's testimony was badly riddled, and Mrs. Gallagher was acquitted on October 4. Holada's trial was called Monday.

MAIL SACK MISSING.

It Is Thought to Have Been Stolen with Its Contents Valued at Over \$23,000.

Danville, Ky., Dec. 2.—A sack of mail containing \$14,000 in drafts and checks from the internal revenue office here and \$9,000 in bank checks and drafts, besides registered letters from various parties, was stolen or lost between the Danville post office and the depot, or on the Cincinnati mail train ten days ago. James Hocker, the carrier, says he delivered the sack to the mail agent on the train, but the mail agent says Hocker did not. It was after dark, and there were a large number of sacks, and the general impression is that the sack was stolen at the depot.

Seeks Compensation.

Rome, Dec. 2.—In the chamber of deputies Foreign Minister Prinetti announced that Italy was opening negotiations with the United States with a view to securing compensation for the relatives of Italian emigrants who have been killed while employed in America, and that he hoped to get an equitable interpretation of clause three of the existing treaty. The Italian government, the minister added, also intended to pay a share of the expenses of any lawsuit undertaken by Italian subjects in this connection.

Going Backward.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Unsatisfactory reports have come to the state department in regard to the sanitary condition in Havana. Gen. Wood's reports that for 1889 and 1900 show that the Cuban city was exceedingly healthy as a result of the American methods of sanitation enforced. The state department is advised that a relaxation of this system is taking place gradually but surely. The sanitary inspectors are said to be more lenient, and there are numerous violations of sanitary laws.

Lovers the Record.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 2.—Barney Oldfield, of this city, driving Tom Cooper's gasoline racing automobile at the Grosse Point track, lowered the world's one mile automobile record for a circular track to 1:01 1-5, and the five-mile record to 5:20.

Women Shot.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Lizzie Wilson was shot and killed and Ruth Stein fatally wounded in a Colwell street resort. The shooting was done, it is alleged, by an unknown man, who, a few minutes after, fled the house and has not since been seen.

MICHIGAN STATE NEWS.

To Satisfy Conscience. At the annual meeting of the Lapeer County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance association in Lapeer President John Dodds explained that he had received from a member of the association nearly \$2,000 conscientious money, with the stipulation that he would not reveal the identity of the man who returned the money. The repentant individual says that the loss had been paid a number of years before, and that the amount returned included interest in full as well as principal. He confessed that he had employed a second party to burn his property while he was away from home, so that he could obtain the coveted insurance without fear of detection.

Killed Himself. The body of Noah Hale, who shot and killed his son Frank in Sault Ste. Marie, October 3, has been found under a pile of brush within two miles of his former home. It was discovered by two hunters. Beside the body was the gun which Hale took with him as he rushed from home the day of the murder. A string attached to the trigger was also attached to Hale's foot, showing that he had adopted that device to fire the gun and kill himself.

Love Leads to Tragedy. Because Bertha Sheldon had allowed another man to escort her home from the store where she is employed G. A. Darlington, packer for the Ann Arbor Organ company, and a student in the university school of music, shot her in the arm and then fired a bullet into his own head, dying almost instantly. Darlington was from Strathcona, Ont. He served with the Canadian soldiers in the South African war and was about 24 years old.

Died in Utah. Judge Jabez G. Sutherland, formerly one of the most prominent lawyers of Utah, and author of several standard works of law, died at Berkeley, Cal., aged 77 years. He was a member of the constitutional convention of Michigan in 1850, a member of the Michigan State legislature in 1850, and for seven years circuit judge of the tenth district of that state. He also served as congressman in the forty-second congress.

Sugar Factories. Indications are that the upper peninsula will not only soon be supplying its own demand for sugar, but will be shipping many tons to outside markets. The establishment of three large factories is in prospect. One of these, to be erected at Menominee, is assured, and the indications point to the success of similar projects at Sault Ste. Marie and Gladstone.

Lost Life for Money. Mrs. Walter Knickerbocker, aged 63 years, living at Mena Creek, Oceana county, was burned to death and her husband, aged 50 years, was fatally injured in a fire that partially destroyed their residence. Mrs. Knickerbocker was in the barn when the fire broke out and ran into the burning house and upstairs to get a trunk that contained \$300.

Fatal Quarrel. Charles Allen shot and killed Reed Cornell at Romeo. Allen was walking along the street with Miss Anna Forsythe when Cornell drove up in a carriage. Hot words followed. In spite of the protests of a companion, Cornell leaped from the buggy and advanced toward Allen. The latter whipped out a revolver and shot Cornell, killing him.

Quick Justice. Joseph Beck, the confessed murderer of 10-year-old Julia Wozniak, whom he killed in his blacksmith shop in Menominee September 28, was brought before Circuit Judge Stone, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to hard labor for life in the branch state prison at Marquette, all in 20 minutes.

News Briefly Stated. Genesee county probably leads the country in naming and marking country roads. All of them have received their names, and markers have been sent out to be placed at the corners to guide the persons who may be looking for a particular farm.

Louis Goodridge, of Negaunee lost his left leg while hunting. The State Sunday School association has raised \$3,370 in pledges for the carrying on of the work of the state organization.

The cooperative laundry at Saginaw, the only one in the United States, it is said, has proved a failure and the plant is shut down.

Michigan met and defeated Oberlin at Ann Arbor in the hardest fought football game played on Ferry field this year. The score was 63 to 0.

A syndicate composed principally of Marquette men has organized the Lake Superior Gold Mining and Milling company to operate the La Fortuna mine in Mexico.

While unloading a car at the cement works at Coldwater the workmen found the body of an infant child under two feet of coal.

The body of George Myers, of Cheshire township, was brought to Allegan. A party were hunting eight miles north of Newberry when one of the party, Galbraith of Lacota, took him for a deer and shot him through the heart.

George L. Frank, resident of Kochville township, dropped dead. He was well known, having lived in Saginaw county many years. His age was about 62 years.

The body of William Wyrang, aged 45, who has been missing from Benton Harbor since election day, was taken out of the canal.

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MARRIAGE.

WOOD-SIXBEY.

Miss Grace Sixbey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sixbey, and Mr. Earl Wood, both of this place, were quietly married at Buchanan on Thanksgiving Day, Rev. Neigarth, pastor of the Evangelical church, officiating. The news of the wedding will come as a surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties. Miss Sixbey is a much esteemed young lady, and a musician of considerable ability. The bridegroom is likewise very popular among a large circle of friends.—Niles Star.

FRIDAY-CROSSMAN.

Miss Cora Crossman, teacher of the eighth grade of our public schools, and Mr. Phillip Friday of Coloma were quietly married, last Wednesday evening, at about 8:30, at their home on Chicago street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Douglass. The bride's mother was present at the wedding and remained until after Thanksgiving day. Mrs. Crossman is an efficient teacher, and has become esteemed by all whom she has met. We wish the young couple happiness and abundance of success.

KRASA-CHURCHILL.

Many of the young people were surprised, last Thursday, when Miss Jennie Churchill, a former Buchanan girl and honored by a large circle of friends, arrived in this place, and introduced to her friends a fine looking gentleman, Mr. Wm. Krasa, as husband. The ceremony was performed in Kalamazoo, last Wednesday evening. They came to Buchanan Thanksgiving morning to spend a short time with mother and other relatives, after which they departed, Friday morning for Benton Harbor being the guest of her brother, Rolla Barr, and family. Mr. Krasa has a large circle of friends in this place who join in wishing them happiness and prosperity.

MARKS-ONSNIEMER.

Married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Steel last evening by Rev. J. R. Niergarth, Mr. H. F. O. Marks from Indiana and Joanna Onsnimer from this place.

TWILLEY-HUDSON.

Through a letter received by Mrs. Fannie White, the announcement of the approaching marriage of her only sister, Mrs. Cora E. Hudson, better known by many here as Miss Epley, to Dr. W. S. Twilley of Colorado Springs, is made known. The wedding is to take place in Honolulu this month.

Both Mrs. Hudson and Dr. Twilley have been abroad for the past two years. They sailed from New York with Mrs. C. E. Durkes and Mrs. Ida Lyons, about two years ago, and the party has been almost completely around the globe. They have traveled all through Europe and Asia, spending some time in the Holy Lands. They are now in Honolulu, and the announcement of the marriage was sent from there. After the wedding Dr. and Mrs. Twilley will remain in Honolulu for the winter, returning home probably in June.

For a number of years Mrs. Hudson was secretary of the School Board at Colorado Springs. Dr. Twilley was a prominent dentist in that city for the past five years. He was at one time principal instructor in the Baltimore Dental college.

A MICHIGAN HORSE

Has Just Been Purchased by President Roosevelt.

Washington, Nov. 28—Michigan has had another honor thrust upon her. She has been permitted to furnish one of the horses to be hereafter used by President Roosevelt. The president has just purchased this new horse to match his present carriage team, and will use it in the team in case of accident to either of those now in use. The new horse was purchased from a Baltimore firm and was secured in Michigan. It is a highbred Hambletonian, 5 years old, sixteen hands in height, of a beautiful bay color, with long flowing black mane and tail. The horse can trot in 2:40 and performs well either in single or double harness. It is in splendid physical condition and its conformation is all that could be desired.

Take Fresh Air

Now they are telling an exceedingly funny story upon a local physician and one of his patients who lives north of town.

The doctor was called out hurriedly and left some tablets with the following written advice: "One tablet to be taken three times a day in any convenient vehicle."

The family looked in the dictionary to get the meaning of the prescription. They got on well until they came to "vehicle." To this they found sundry meanings attached—as cart, buggy, wagon and wheelbarrow. After grave consideration they concluded the doctor meant pills should be taken while the patient was riding out in some vehicle. Accordingly, not having any carriage they trundled the victim up and down in their wheelbarrow in the fresh air three times a day while he took his tablets. In the course of a few weeks the fresh air taken so regularly completely cured the patient.—Wakarusa Tribune.

What Constitutes a Thoroughbred

A Washington correspondent writes thus to the New York Herald: "If Gov. Odell had been beaten," said a New York Republican who was in town the other day, "he would never have squealed. He's a thoroughbred and he's got his thoroughbred lesson from his good old father. One day, years ago, when the governor was a boy, his father said to him:

"Ben do you know what a thoroughbred is? Well I'll show you. See those two dogs? Well, this one—and he picked up an ugly-looking, low-bred pup and gave him a gentle shaking, causing yelps and barks and howls to rend the air—'this is not a thoroughbred.' Then he picked up the other, a fine looking, handsome, young dog, and shook him hard. Not a sound came forth.

"There, said the father, that's your thoroughbred, my boy. Be a thoroughbred and whatever happens don't squeal."

School Notes.

Thanksgiving exercises were held in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6. About twenty visitors were present in each of the grades to enjoy the program. The other grades will have Xmas exercises.

Ten worthy and needy families of Buchanan were furnished with a generous supply of food and clothing by the pupils of the grades.

Charlie Marble leaves school to accompany his mother on her trip South. Charlie expects to enter the high school at Chataanooga.

COUNTY CLIPPINGS.

Some time ago Albert Brunke of Benton Harbor got a judgment against his brother Eugene for \$8, and later Eugene secured a judgment against Albert for \$85. Both refused to pay the amount, but Albert is trying to collect his \$8 in shape of a body execution and therefore caused Eugene's arrest Saturday by Deputy Sheriff DeTamp, who took him to the county jail. The proceeding that Eugene must pay the \$8 or remain in jail thirty days, during which time plaintiff must pay the Sheriff the defendant's board for the time he spends in jail.

Sam Hanson of Benton Harbor, while on a hunting trip in the north woods, brought home a porcupine which was caught being lured into camp by a tame porcupine. It is an animal of peace, fighting only in self-defense.

The Benton Harbor News says that St. Joseph was the only city in the county that really had cause to be thankful Thursday. She has no pump controversy on hand and is not the proud possessor of a stone crusher with a history.

The insurance adjustors, who have been reviewing the burned paper mills, estimated the salvage at but \$280.00 in stock and the total insurance due the paper company at \$30,729.81.

John McCoy, of Benton Harbor started suit for divorce from Hannah J. McCoy Friday in the circuit court. They were married Feb. 19, 1901, in Benton Harbor and lived together one month. The complaint states that soon after their marriage Mrs. McCoy got mad at her husband, ordered him out of the house and enforced her order with a broomstick.

The St. Joseph police force demonstrated the fact that they are poor shots Friday. Three members of the force, Officers Lynch, Cole and Bort went hunting near Coloma Friday morning and with them went Ed. Wehrle and Frank Kibler. The crowd hunted all day and got one rabbit and two spring chickens. The chickens were mistaken for quail. One of the sportsmen is alleged to have crippled a bear and the wounded animal made a rush at the attacking party. Messrs. Lynch and Wehrle got gun shy and came home on the train, leaving their three comrades to drive back. Some unkind citizen of Coloma has said that it wasn't a bear at all but a cow. It is stated that the policemen will be put through a course of gun practice, in the future.

The prisoners in the county jail had a good square Thanksgiving dinner. They always get plenty to eat but Thursday as is the usual custom the sheriff's kitchen turned out something especially nice. The bill of fare at the

jail included soup, vegetables, salad, turkey with cranberry sauce, coffee and pie.

B. O. Johnson, aged thirty-five, for years the only veterinary surgeon in Benton Harbor, died Monday morning of typhoid fever. Mrs. Johnson, who had gone to Florida on account of failure in health, reached her husband's bedside only in time to be recognized.

Additional Locals.

Fuller's bus to South Bend, Thursdays.

FOR RENT—Several good rooms large enough for family. Inquire at ARGUS office.

I will still continue to run my bus to South Bend every Thursday.

I. N. Batchelor.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Seven room house in good condition good cellar, well

There never was anything so interesting as the market reports and financial page of The Chicago Weekly Inter Ocean. You may have both The Inter Ocean and ARGUS combined for one year at the specially low rate \$1.15, if you subscribe in December. It's a rare chance.

A certain woman assured her husband that she had never told a lie and never would. He told her that he did not doubt it, but hereafter would out a notch in the piano every time he knew she deceived him. "No you won't" she cried, "I'm not going to have my new piano all ruined."

The White Belt Club were royally entertained last Wednesday evening by their gentleman friends at the home of Mrs. Fannie Devin. A seven course supper, prepared by Mrs. Devin for the gentlemen was described as "simply grand." Games afforded the entertainment for the evening. Miss Kit Kingery receiving the prize.

If you feel ill and need a pill

Why not purchase the best? Dewitt's Early Risers, are little surprisers, take one—they do the rest.

W. H. Howell, Houston, Texas, writes— I have used Little Early Risers Pills in my family for constipation, sick headache, etc. to their use I am indebted for the health of my family. W. N. Brodrick.

St. Joseph

Mr. Byrum and wife left Saturday for Illinois to make their home with their son Walter Byrum.

Mrs. Louisa Stebbins of Kenosha arrived home Saturday and will visit a while with her parents, J. E. Miller and wife, previous to going to her future home in San Francisco. Mr. Stebbins is already located there.

Rev. Russell H. Brady, pastor of Speakings Memorial church Grand Rapids, and son of Rev. Brady, a former pastor of the M. E. church of St. Joseph, and Miss Mary E. Richards will be married at Trinity M. E. church, Grand Rapids, next Thursday.

Benjamin Ewald left for Boston Monday morning, after spending a few days with his parents here. Henry Ewald

has returned to St. Louis.

Elmer Heselgreen has been sentenced to 30 days in the county jail by Justice St. Clair, for drunkenness.

J. F. Duncan and wife and W. S. Howard and wife pleasantly entertained the Log Cabin club at the home of the former, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Robt. Earle has been taken to Mercy hospital to undergo a course of treatment.

J. J. Drake and wife Wednesday for an extended visit with relatives in Chicago.

The news comes from Oklahoma that Will Walker of the Lake View hotel has shot a live bear and it wasn't tied to a tree, either.

County Clerk Church left Tuesday morning for a visit with Geo. Crandall at Fort Valley, Ga. David Mitchell of Rogers Park will accompany him.

In Chancery.

First publication, Dec 3
State of Michigan, ss
County of Berrien, ss
In the Circuit court for the county of Berrien
In Chancery.
John W. Beistle,
Complainant,
vs.
James McConnell,
Alvah P. Cook,
William H. Andrews and
George A. Murdoch, Jr.,
Defendants.

Upon due proof by affidavit that James McConnell, one of the defendants in the above entitled cause resides out of the state of Michigan and in the county of Marion and state of Indiana; and upon motion of Lawrence O. Pyre, solicitor for complainant, it is ordered that the said defendant, James McConnell, do appear and answer the bill of complaint, filed in said cause, within four months from date of this order, else the said bill of complaint will be taken as confessed against him. Dated this 28th day of November A. D. 1903.

Charles W. Shotton, circuit court commissioner A. C. Roe, business address, Buchanan, Mich. Lawrence O. Pyre, business address, St. Joseph, Mich. Solicitors for complainant
Last publication, Jan 14

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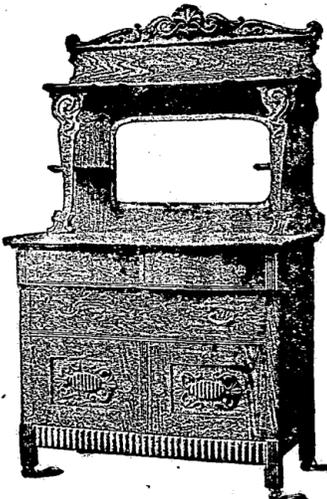
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Chancery Notice.

First publication, Dec. 3
State of Michigan,
Second Judicial Circuit. In Chancery:
Suit pending in Circuit court, for the county of Berrien, in chancery, at Saint Joseph, on the 25th day of November, A. D., 1902. George Vincent, complainant, vs. Ruth Vincent, defendant. In this cause it appearing that the defendant, Ruth Vincent, is not a resident of this State but is a resident of Haverly, New York. Therefore, on motion of George H. Batchelor, solicitor for complainant, it is ordered, that defendant enter her appearance in said cause on or before four months from the date of this order, and that within twenty days, the complainant cause this order to be published in the Buchanan Argus, said publication to be continued once in each week for six weeks in succession.

ORVILLE W. COOLIDGE,
Circuit Judge.

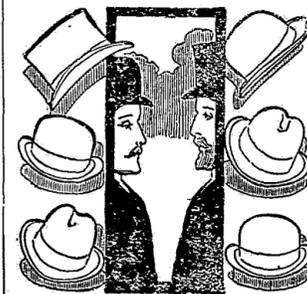
Last publication, Jan 7

Notice of Claims

First publication Oct 16, 1902.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss
County of Berrien, ss
Probate Court for said county.
Estate of Olin H. Williams, deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed by the Judge of Probate of said county, commissioners on claims in the matter of said estate and six months from the 14th day of October A. D., 1902, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment:
Notice is hereby given, that we will meet on Tuesday, the 15th day of January A. D. 1903, and on Tuesday, the 15th day of April, A. D. at 10 o'clock a. m. of each day, at office of John O. Dick, in the village of Buchanan in said county to receive and examine said claims.
Dated Oct. 7 A. D., 1902.
WILLIAM A. PALMER,
JOHN W. BEISTLE,
Commissioners.
Last publication April 8, 1903.

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High Grade Coffee.....25c
High Grade Coffee.....30c
High Grade Coffee.....35c
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Hay \$10 per ton
Baled Hay 55@65 per 100 lb
Lard, retail 12c
Salt, retail \$1.00
Beans \$2.00

If this paragraph in your paper is marked with a blue cross (X) it indicates that your subscription has expired. We would be pleased to have you call and renew the same.

MAILS CLOSE

We print the following time card, believing it will be of interest to many:
EAST—Local, 9.15 a m; through, 12.15 p m; through, 4.45 p m.
WEST—Chicago only, 8.20 a m, through, 12.15 p m; local, 3.15 p m; through, 5.45 p m.
 The office opens at 7 a m and closes at 7.30 p m; except Saturday, 8.30 p m.

AROUND TOWN.

Congress opened Monday.
 Bargains in cushions at the Bazaar.
 Come and see our Holiday Goods. W. H. Keller.
 Jno. Morris was a Chicago visitor Sunday.
 Louis Proud returned from a visit in Iowa last Friday night.
FOR SALE—A steel range good as new. A. Jones & Co.
 Elder Patton will preach in the Larger Hope church next Sunday morning and evening.
 The school scholars enjoyed a few days vacation last week, but resumed studies Monday.
 Mrs. I. L. H. Dodd returned yesterday morning from a visit with her sister, Mrs. H. Storm.
FOR SALE—A good eight room house, good barn; nice home for some one. Enquire at this office.

The December term of court commenced yesterday but the juryman will not be called until next Tuesday.
 Regular meeting of the Eastern Star, will be held next Wednesday evening. A full attendance is desired.

Chas. Miller, who received such a narrow escape a few months ago, is suffering with typhoid fever, at his home on Roe street.

Mrs. Willis Weaver and son, Emmons, returned last Sunday evening to their home in Dowagiac, after a visit with relatives here.

Mrs. Blanche Bowers returned last Saturday evening from a three weeks visit with relatives at Russiaville, Ind. and two weeks in Chicago.

If necessary to send out of town for your Christmas purchases you will find our order and commission department of service to you; come and have the system explained. Try our money orders for sending your remittances.
 E. W. RAVIN, Agt.

Cyrus A. Curtis, the engineer at Spencer & Barnes' factory of Benton Harbor, has been compelled, on account of poor health, to give up his position, which he has held for seventeen years. It will be remembered that last August he fell and received injuries from which he has not yet recovered.—Benton Harbor News. Mr. Curtis is well known here being a former resident of our town.

Oil per gallon 11c. W. H. Keller,
 A cow never faints but oftentimes turns pail.

Don't buy Xmas presents until you visit the Bazaar.
 Miss Esther Devin spent Thanksgiving at home with her mother.
 Jack Westover is again able to be out after a severe illness of a few days.
 Frank Dunbar of Caseopolis was a Buchanan visitor the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hollister spent Thanksgiving with her parents in South Bend.
 Mrs. S. E. Bolton and daughter of Niles spent Thursday with friends in this place.

Miss Phoenia Baker of Galien visited Buchanan friends for a few days the latter part of the week.

Thirty-five deaths are reported as having occurred in Berrien county during the month of October.

Rev. G. J. Kirn will conduct quarterly communion service in the Evangelical church, next Sunday.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. church met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. I. L. H. Dodd.

Miss Amelia Gosline of South Bend spent the latter part of last week with parents and friends in this place.

Messrs Chas Pears and W. W. East attended the Grain Dealers association at the Oliver in South Bend yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoel Wright attended the marriage of Miss Bessie Stead and Wm Wright of Niles, last Wednesday at high noon.

N. C. Johnson of Chicago, traveling agent for the Auditing House of N. York spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. S. E. Johnson.

Mrs. Rountree and daughter joined Mr. Rountree at this place, Monday afternoon. They will remain with Mrs. Fannie White for the winter.

An exchange tells of a woman who is so particular about keeping her town premises clean that she empties her slops over on her neighbors lot.

"COVERT LUSTRE" Waterproof Shoe Polish dries instantly. Will not smudge clothes. Made by "Covert Lustre" Shoe Polish Co, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Saturday evening, Dec. 6th, will occur the annual election of officers of Wm. Parrott Post No. 20, G. A. R. Every member expected to be present.

Perry Mann has resigned his position with the Record office and returned to his home at Three Oaks, for a few days after which he will accept a position in Niles.

Regular meeting of the Lady Maabees will convene next Tuesday evening. Also the annual election of officers will take place. All members are requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall A. Roe of Chicago returned home yesterday morning after a few days pleasant visit with their parents Elder and Mrs. Wm Roe, and other friends.

Like all gifts that of "gab" is valuable but seldom to those who possess it. Gab and genius, wit and wind never go together. It is gumption, not gab, that leads the march of progress.

J. W. Scattergood has sold the Galien Advocate to parties in St. Joseph and returned to his former home in Dowagiac. We are sorry to lose Mr. Scattergood after so short a time as neighborhood editor.

There will be special services in the United Brethren church every night during the week and all day Sunday. Rev. B. F. Brinkman of Grand Rapids will be present to preach. Everybody invited. Come and enjoy the services.

The Rummage Sale and Bazaar to be held by the ladies of the M E church has been postponed for one week. Remember the date, Dec. 11, 13 and 13, to be held in the building recently vacated by A. Jones & Co.

Perhaps you don't like some of the news you find in the paper. We don't like it all ourselves, but there are hundreds of people who pay for the paper, and each wants a little of his kind of news, hence there must be a variety, just like a hotel bill of fare.—Ex.

The special Gospel services at the Evangelical church are being continued this week. This is the third week of the meetings, and the interest and attendance has been on the increase. Rev. A. Ostroth from Portage Prairie preached an interesting sermon on Monday evening. The public is invited to these services every evening at 7:30.

Mrs. Dora Marble and son, Charles left yesterday morning for Clarksville, Tenn. where they will remain for the winter, hoping it will be a benefit to Mrs. Marble's health. Charles was desirous of the news of our village, so requested us to send the ARGUS to them after their destination was reached.

Letters unclaimed in the post-office at Buchanan for the week ending Dec. 30: Rev. Watson Arles, John G. Miller, John A. Miller, W. R. Smith, Albert Keefer, Mrs. Mary Morley, Mrs. M. Aldredge, Mrs. Eliza Miller, Mrs. Irma Baker, Miss Maggie Raspe, Miss Ida Behling, Miss Mile Russell.
 G. W. NOBLE, P. M.

18 pounds sugar \$1.00. W. H. Keller.
 F. L. Raymond left yesterday to attend the fat stock show in Chicago.

A. S. Ames of Battle Creek spent Thanksgiving with friends in this place.

Mrs. Noah Canfield returned yesterday, from a visit with her sister in Dowagiac.

A large crowd from Niles drove over Thursday evening to attend L. W. Peak's dancing class.

Don't be imposed upon by taking substitutes offered for Foley's Honey and Tar. W N Brodick.

Mrs. Wright Smith returned Saturday evening from a visit of several weeks with relatives in Chicago.

FOR SALE—A good Shepard dog; nine months old, bob-tail, Scotch and Collie. Inquire at this office.

Misses Olive Brenner and Ethelyn Titus of Elkhart spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rough.

Mrs. Harry Rough left Monday morning for Chicago where she will visit friends and relatives for a time.

A kidney or bladder trouble can always be cured by using Foley's Kidney Cure in time. Sold by W N Brodick.

Foley's Honey and Tar positively cures all throat and lung disease. Refuse substitutes. Sold by W N Brodick.
 6 bars Lenox Soap wrapped in a good large towel 25c, at
 DEL JORDAN'S Grocery. Phone 16.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Cottrell were visiting for a few days in this place, this week, returning to their home in Cooper this afternoon.

Dr. M. M. Knight performed a successful operation last Wednesday afternoon upon Mrs. B. F. Davis. She was suffering from a fatty tumor.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Mead returned last evening from Jackson, Mich, where they visited friends and relatives for the past week. They also visited other eastern points in the state.

The South Bend lodge of Elks has purchased a Studebaker lot, corner of Michigan and Colfax avenues, South Bend for the sum of \$8600 whereon they will build an Elk Temple.

Profound sorrow hung over Niles last Wednesday when it was announced that Mrs. Arthur Stone had passed peacefully away. Mrs. Stone was married only last April and the sad tidings caused deep regret.

SALESMEN WANTED to look after our interests in Berrien and adjacent counties. Salary or commission. Address,
 THE HARVEY OIL CO.,
 Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. E. Calkins of Kalamazoo, District President of W. C. T. U., will give an address in the Evangelical church, next Sunday evening. She is an able speaker, and all who have heard her will be glad to hear her again.

Mr. L. W. Peak of Niles, who is conducting a series of dancing lessons in this place, was quietly married at the bride's home in Dowagiac, last Saturday, to Miss Grace Gregory of that city. Rev. H. L. Potter performing the ceremony.

The Michigan Central has notified train crews that regular speed can now be maintained over the switch at the west end of the Buchanan diversion. Heretofore all trains have been limited to ten miles an hour. The diversion will shortly be ready for through traffic.

Mrs. A. G. Post and son Charles Groves, of Buchanan, together with John Groves of Kalamazoo, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. George McOmber to South Bend Wednesday, where they ate Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Will Woodford.—Niles Star.

The largest deer reported killed in Northern Michigan this season has been bagged by Rush Culver of Marquette, democratic committeeman for the twelfth district and candidate for congress four years ago. It was a buck with magnificent antlers and tipping the scales at 308 pounds dressed.

Mr. Jerry Lyons has resigned his position as buttermaker of the creamery, and will leave for Chicago next Friday where he has accepted a position. Mr. A. F. Howe has accepted the position vacated by Mr. Lyons, and will retain the same until other services can be obtained.

Mrs. Wm Koons was in Niles yesterday consulting Dr. Bonine with reference to her father, Mr. J. Crandall who is in Ann Arbor receiving treatment for what is thought to be a cancer on the face. The X Rays has been applied and is thought good will result from the application.

The editor and wife are the recipients of an invitation to attend the nineteenth Commencement Exercise of the Cleary Business College, at Ypsilanti, next Friday evening. Miss Cora Jean Earl, and a former employee of our office, and a highly esteemed young lady of our village has completed her course and on next Friday evening receives the reward for her earnest and hard study. We are pleased to know that Jean has attained this round in life and we know her many friends will join with us in extending congratulations and wishing that success may accompany her in all her undertakings.

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Mrs. Salma Barmore is visiting with friends in the city.

Mrs. Clarence Glover spent yesterday in Three Oaks in the interest of the Patrians.

W. N. Brodick left this morning for Chicago to attend the stock show and transact other business.

Mrs. Chas Fuller entertained the Wynona Club last evening at pedro. Mrs. G. E. Smith won the prize.

Mrs. Gertrude Nelfert and baby of Kalamazoo arrived last evening for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bates.

Congressman Hamilton arrived in Washington, D. C. Monday and is down sick under the doctors care, threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. Wm Redding and little grandchild Burnice Ferguson returned Monday from a visit with her daughter Mrs. Mabel Smith of Battle Creek.

Mrs. Wallace Riley returned home last Friday evening from Benton Harbor where she has been taking mineral baths, as she has suffered greatly from rheumatism for some time. We are pleased to know that she is able to resume her household duties.

A man in a neighboring city who chewed twenty cents' worth of tobacco a week concluded to try a tobacco cure. In two weeks he ate \$1.50 worth of the cure and for the next two weeks he used 10 cents worth of Yucatan, 5 cents worth of candy, 5 cents worth of peanuts and 5 cents worth of cough drops per day.

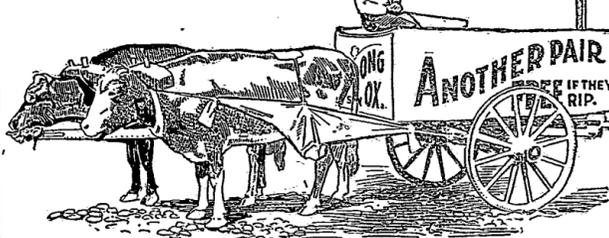
During these two weeks he also consumed two large rubber erasers, ate the rubber tips from 10 lead pencils, chewed up a dozen penholders and browsed off his mustache as high as he could reach. He is now chewing tobacco in the interests of economy.

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ABOUT POSTAGE STAMPS.

Fifty thousand Christmas post-cards designed and printed in London have been ordered for sale on the continent.

The Japanese half-cent stamp, issued last year to take the place of the 5 rin, has been given the customary surcharge for use in the offices in China.

A New York firm recently purchased a document on which were affixed a \$30, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 revenue of the 1898 issue in perfect uncut condition.

The German postal museum has just paid \$1,875 for a rare stamp—the 2d. blue Mauritius. This is about the highest price ever paid for a single stamp.

In Guatemala three provisionals have thus far been issued, pending the arrival of a new set. The one-cent blue revenue has been surcharged for postal use one cent and two cents, and the 25-cent carmine revenue has been converted into six-cent for postal use.

An eastern dealer recently found a fine used copy of the four-cent Columbian error (color of one-cent) in sorting several thousand used one-cent Columbians. This stamp is valued at \$25, unused, the entire supply being held by a London firm.

A sheet of the current 1p. Trinidad was printed without the value. A post office clerk sold six before the error was noticed, and these, it was afterwards ascertained, were used on correspondence to Barbados. What became of the balance of the sheet is not made known—easily the most important item in the episode.

Two exceedingly scarce stamps are the Great Britain 1sh., carmine and green, Queen's heads, surcharged "Government Parcels" and "I. R. Official." According to a writer in the Adhesive, the latter stamp was in existence only three months and is being sold for about four dollars. In an English advertisement fine copies are quoted at 7sh. 6p. The "Government Parcels" was not quoted in this advertisement.

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GONQUERS PAIN

THE GAVEL FALLS.

Last Session of the Fifty-Seventh Congress Begins—Little Business in Either Branch.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The senate was in session 12 minutes Monday, the first day of the session, an adjournment until to-day being taken out of respect to the memory of the late Senator James McMillan (Mich.), who died during the recess. Rarely has the historic chamber presented such an appearance as it did Monday. The custom of placing flowers on the desk of senators on the opening of a session is one which long has been followed, but the display Monday was admittedly the most magnificent of any that heretofore has been seen. Many of the senators were early on the floor, and kept busy exchanging greetings with old acquaintances. The galleries were packed to suffocation and hundreds stood outside the corridors anxious to gain admission. Among the interested spectators were several members of the diplomatic corps. Senor Quesada, the Cuban minister, occupied a conspicuous place and exhibited much interest in the proceedings. The absence of Rev. Dr. Milburn, the blind chaplain, was particularly noticeable. His place was taken by Rev. J. F. Pretymann, of Washington. No business was transacted beyond passing the customary resolutions that the senate was ready to proceed to business and fixing the hour of convening the sessions at 12 o'clock.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The opening of the Fifty-seventh congress in the house was, as usual, a spectacular event. The galleries of the freshly decorated hall were packed to the doors with people prominent in society and politics, and the flower show on the floor, although not as elaborate as usual, filled the chamber with perfume and added grace and beauty to the scene. The members were good natured and jovial, and there was no out-crooping of partisan feeling. Speaker Henderson received a cordial reception as he assumed the gavel, but beyond this there was no demonstration. The proceedings were purely perfunctory. A prayer, the calling of the roll, the swearing in of members elected to fill vacancies created by death or resignation during the recess, the adoption of the customary resolutions to appoint a committee to wait upon the president to inform the senate that the house was ready to transact business and to fix the daily hour of meeting, summarizes what was done. The death of the late Representative Charles Russell (Conn.), which occurred in the early fall, was announced by his successor, Dr. Brandegee, the usual resolution of regret was adopted, and the house, as a further mark of respect, adjourned until to-day, when the president's message will be received. The session lasted less than an hour.

Washington, Dec. 2.—A number of bills were introduced in the house Monday affecting commercial combinations, but none are administration measures. Several had been shown to Attorney General Knox, but he neither approved nor disapproved any of the proposed measures. It is expected that when the judiciary committee takes the bills up Mr. Knox will be invited to state his views.

A joint resolution offered by Representative H. C. Smith (Mich.) proposes an amendment to the constitution conferring on congress power to define, regulate, prohibit and dissolve trusts, monopolies, etc.

Representative Hepburn (Iowa), chairman of the committee on commerce, introduced a bill appropriating \$500,000 to be expended under the direction of the attorney general in the employment of special counsel and agents of the department of justice to conduct proceedings, suits and prosecutions in the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust laws.

A bill introduced by Representative Snook (Ohio) aims at securing evidence in such suits, and provides that no one shall be excused from testifying. All measures on this subject were referred to the committee on judiciary.

Senator Cullom (Ill.) will introduce a Sherman law amendment forbidding transportation of articles made by concerns intended to monopolize or raise prices, outside of the state where made. Punishment is provided for companies carrying such articles.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Two Men Assassinated by a Band of Negroes at a Village in Georgia.

Reidsville, Ga., Dec. 2.—News has just been received here of the assassination Sunday night near Jennie post office, 12 miles distant, of M. M. and Roy Burkhalter. They were shot from ambush by Joe and Ben Bruton, negroes, who were aided by two negro women and three boys. The women and boys have been arrested. The Brutons have escaped, but are being pursued, and a lynchings is expected if the men are caught.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business November 29, 1902, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$955,097,281, which is a decrease for the month of \$410,440.

Start with Big Capital.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 2.—The merger of the Sharon Steel company and the Union Steel company has become operative. The new combination will start with a capital of \$40,000,000 and will be known as the Union Steel company.

Passed Away.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 1.—John Eliot Ward, president of the convention of 1856 that nominated James Buchanan for the presidency of the United States, died in his eighty-eighth year Sunday, at Dorchester, Ga., his birthplace. Mr. Ward was United States district attorney of Georgia in 1838, and in 1858 he was appointed by President Buchanan as minister to China, in which position he served until the breaking out of the civil war. In 1866 he went to New York, where he practiced law for many years.

Broke His Neck.

Escanaba, Mich., Dec. 1.—Pat Downey, aged 32 years, a deckhand on the steamer Maryland, met instant death as the result of a scuffle with two other deckhands on the boat. The three men were fooling on the deck of the boat, which was unloading coal on the St. Paul dock, when they all fell to the deck below. Downey had his neck broken and died instantly. The others were badly injured.

Successful British Expedition.

Peshavar, British India, Dec. 1.—Twenty-five Waziries killed, 203 taken prisoners, two wounded, 50 towers and three villages destroyed, 6,000 head of cattle and 48 guns captured, is the net result of the British expedition recently sent against the rebellious tribesmen. The effect of this punishment upon the offending tribes is said to have been salutary.

Czar to Visit Rome.

Rome, Dec. 1.—The pope gave an audience to Grand Duke Sergius, who announced to his holiness the czar's intention to visit Rome.

NATIONAL BANKS.

Interesting Statistics of the System Gathered from Report of Comptroller of the Currency.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The annual report of William B. Ridgely, comptroller of the currency, has been prepared for transmission to congress. The report starts with a table giving a detailed statement of the resources and liabilities of all the national banks of the United States, as shown by the five reports of condition made in response to the call of the comptroller. From this table it appears that on September 15, 1902, the date of the last call, 4,601 associations reported, with aggregate resources of \$6,113,928,912.30. The loans and discounts amounted to \$3,208,127,480.69, or more than 50 per cent. of the total resources of the banks. The items of surplus and undivided profits amounted, respectively, to \$326,393,953.66 and \$169,216,512.03. The individual deposits reached the highest point in the existence of the national banking system, \$3,209,273,893.93. There was due to approved reserve agents, other national banks, state banks and bankers, trust companies and savings banks, the sum of \$1,200,341,233.39.

Regarding the growth of banking in the United States, the report states that in 1892 returns were received from 9,338 national and state banks and private banks and bankers, with capital and deposits aggregating \$1,071,073,048 and \$4,679,114,316, respectively. In July, 1902, reports of condition were received from 4,535 national banks, and on approximate dates statements relating also to 7,889 state and private banks and bankers. Adding to these the number of banks making returns only of capital and surplus for taxation, the deposits of the latter being estimated, it is shown that there are in active operation in the country 16,156 banks and bankers, with capital and deposits amounting, respectively, to \$1,340,160,416 and \$9,707,231,904. From 1863 to 1902 the banks have paid to the government, in tax on circulation, over \$90,000,000; on capital and deposits, from 1863 to 1883, nearly \$69,000,000; on capital and surplus, under the war revenue act of 1898, about \$7,000,000.

The report says that on February 25, 1903, the national banking system will have been in existence 40 years, and then proceeds at some length to give a history of the system during these years.

During the year ended October 31, 1902, 470 banks were chartered, with an aggregate capital of \$31,300,000, of which number 302, with capital of \$7,905,000, were of the smaller class, and 168, with capital of \$23,225,000, had individual capital of \$50,000 and over. There was an average of 1 1/2 banks organized on every secular day of the year.

These are in operation in the territory of Hawaii two national banking associations—one located at Honolulu and the other at Waikuku, on the island of Maui. The aggregate capital of these banks is \$325,000, their deposits \$646,938, and aggregate resources, \$1,489,310.

The First national bank of Porto Rico, at San Juan, was chartered on November 10, with capital of \$100,000, and a board of directors elected, who are citizens of the United States, and the requisite proportion residents also of the island.

The treasurer of the Philippine archipelago has transmitted to this office copies of reports of condition of banks and banking institutions doing business therein. The last statements submitted were for the close of the year ended June 30, 1902, and relate to the condition of 11 banks, including branches. The reported capital was \$1,400,000, the deposits \$18,122,366, and the assets \$29,914,459.

The aggregate banking power of the world is estimated at about \$27,045,000,000 an increase since 1890 of \$11,060,000,000, or 69.19 per cent.

Comptroller Ridgely favors a plan for giving elasticity to the currency system by allowing national banks to issue notes additional to those secured by government bonds, the new issue to be guaranteed by a reserve fund to be raised by a small tax.



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"The symptoms of Fibroid Tumor given in your little book accurately describe my case, so I write to you for advice."—(Signed) Mrs. E. F. HAYES, 252 Dudley St., (Roxbury) Boston, Mass.

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A complete stock of mens furnishings all new goods on hand.



UNDER-SKIRTS

Ladies Black Mercerized Sat-teen Underskirts, prettil made up regular 1.50 kind **95c** at Others at 1.35, **\$2.60** 1.69, 2.00 and

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Ladies' Sable Oppossum Scarf good clear scarf the regular \$7.00 kind at **\$4.79**



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Gallien

The Thanksgiving day exercises which were to have taken place last Wednesday afternoon in the high school room did not occur and the same have been indefinitely postponed on account of a scarlet fever scare.

Mrs C W Scattergood of Dowagiac spent a few days in Gallien last week.

Game Warden Palmer and daughter of Buchanan were in Gallien Thursday.

Mrs B C Orr was in Buchanan last Wednesday eve to attend a reception at the home of Frank Treat.

Wellington Best was in Three Oaks last week on business for the Singer Machine Company.

Joseph Woolly was seriously injured last Saturday, while driving a horse from a shed. He was crushed against the side of the shed by the animal and his collarbone broken and chest injured.

A new substantial iron bridge is being constructed on the highway near the grist mill.

Geo A H Custer Post, G A R, has decided to give pedro socials on the first and third Saturday of each month.

A handsome sum of money was realized from the corn social given by the Gallien Centre school, at the Centre church last Saturday, having cleared \$15.

Ed Vantilberg entertained about forty young people at their home north of this place, last Friday evening.

Miss Gertrude Norris and Messrs Frank Raymond and Clarence Runner spent last Sunday with Mrs O B Orr at the home of Mrs Hugh Boyle's.

A number of the friends and neighbors of John Thomas gathered at his home Tuesday, and made merry and cut his wood for him.

A Cold Wave

The forecast of sudden changes in the weather serves notice that a horse's voice and a heavy cough may invade the sanctity of health in your own home

cautious people have a bottle of One Minute cough cure always at hand. E H Wise, Madison, Ga. writes: "I am indebted to One Minute Cough cure for my present good health, and probably my life." It cures coughs, colds, lagrippe, bronchitis, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. One Minute Cough cure cuts the phlegm, draws out the inflammation, heals and soothes the mucous membranes and strengthens the lungs. W N Brodrick.

Eau Claire

A carload of canned goods was shipped from the canning factory last week.

D M Dillin and bride arrived from Chicago Wednesday to return thanks beneath the parental roof.

Benj Mershon as administrator of the Michael Cullivane estate sold the apple crop on the farm this season outright for \$90.

The young friends of Earl King, fifteen in number, dropped in at his home northwest of town Monday evening for a farewell party before he departs for Ohio.

W B Mosher and wife

day for a visit with his parents at Racine, Wis. and Miss Eltie Crall at Harvey, Ill. They will return Monday.

L G Smith has embarked in business at Shelby, Oceana county.

Hon Thos Mars has been confined to his bed since his return from Lansing, where he attended the National Grange.

Chauncey Reese who has been in poor health for the last two weeks was at Niles last Saturday to consult a physician.

Rev Beach began a protracted meeting at Mt Pleasant Monday night, which will probably continue each evening all week.

N V Lovell disposed of his live stock, grain, farm utensils and other property at his farm north of L. Claire last Saturday.

The L A S of the Christian church will meet with Mrs Bertha Krigley next Thursday. The gentlemen are expected to be invited to come and get a good dinner for 10 cents.

Better Than a Plaster,

It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by W N Brodrick.

Edwardsburg

Mrs Griffin Mixell of South Bend is visiting her parents, A E Thornton.

A N Bowers has received from the State Fish Commission 27,000 black and straw bass, which he planted in Bull lake.

Robert Codd, president of the Board of Public Safety of South Bend, spent Thanksgiving day in this village.

The Grand Trunk will put on a new train, to run from Dec 3d to Jan 2d to leave Chicago at 12:05 a m. It will stop at Edwardsburg for passenger returning from the west or desiring to go east.

The rural free delivery routes have been established at Vandalia, to take effect Dec 1. The routes will serve a population of 1,552.

W W Sweetland has gone to Detroit.

J P Hicks and wife spent Thanksgiving at Battle Creek with their son Porry, and family.

E A Smith was in Mishawaka last week, and secured employment in a boat factory in that city and will begin work in about a week.

Last week Mrs L H Glocker of Cassopolis and Mrs J E Ryan and daughter of Escansba, visited C O Aikin.

A cheese factory is to be started in Glenwood.

A freight train was wrecked on the Grand Trunk, at Bishop's crossing, on Monday. Two flat cars were demolished, one box car derailed and an oil tank overturned.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is no quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Sent for testimonials, etc.

F J CHENEY & Co, Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

PERE MARQUETTE

In Effect Sept. 23, 1902.

TRAINS LEAVE BENTON HARBOR AS FOLLOWS:

For Chicago and West—
8:15 a m, 10:20 a m, 2:11 p m, 7:55 p m.
For Grand Rapids and North—
8:05 a m, 10:20 a m, 2:45 p m, 7:55 p m.
For Saginaw and Detroit—
8:05 a m, 10:20 a m, 2:45 p m.
For Muskegon—
8:05 a m, 10:20 a m, 2:45 p m.
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All diseases of Kidneys, Bladder, Urinary Organs. Also Rheumatism, Backache, Headache, Nervousness, Dropsy, Female Troubles.

Don't become discouraged. There is a cure for you. If necessary write Dr. Fenner. He has spent a life time curing just such cases as yours. All consultations free.

"Dr. Fenner's Kidney and Backache Cure is the cause of my being alive to-day. I had suffered greatly of kidney disease for years and reduced in weight to 120 pounds. I now weigh 165 pounds."
W. H. MCGUGIN, Olive Furnace, O.
Druggists, 50c. \$1. Ask for Cook Book—Free.

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Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. Is unequalled for the stomach. Children with weak stomachs thrive on it. First dose relieves. A diet unnecessary. Cures all stomach troubles.

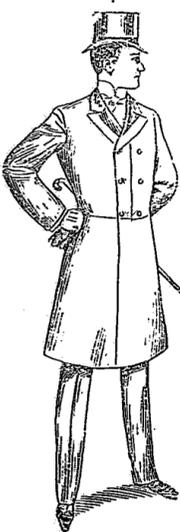
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This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

Spiro's, the Clothing Store That Leads...



The fame of the good sort of ready-to-wear clothing at Spiro's has spread wonderfully. Helped much by town talk. A man sees his friend well groomed; the suit fits to perfection, the overcoat is style itself. Wonders if his friend has found a newly fine tailor, asks—and is told SPIRO'S.

Our business is constantly growing. The Spiro's clothing is interesting to groups of men who know good tailoring. Men who hitherto have been convinced that only a tailor-to-order suit was worthy consideration; and men who have wanted fine clothing but did not want to pay the price. Spiro's clothing satisfies both requirements. Saves men for the one, gives unaccustomed excellence to the other. It stands for finest tailoring, finest material, finest fit, finest style. Spiro's is the BEST clothing.

Men's Furnishings

This is a great store for a man to find what he wants in a hurry. Excellent variety, good values and always the latest novelties. Jump in get what you want quick as a flash, out again the same way; no delay. Union suits, special values \$1.00.

Our \$1 colored shirts, for men and boys, they're at the top of the heap—but so are the other things we sell, for that matter. Come in and see the new neckwear. There are some "stunners" in the variety.

If you want the best made clothing it is possible to get, the most style, the greatest variety of good patterns, the freshest goods, the novelties—if you want to save a few dollars on your clothes—come here. We can help you.

Boy's Overcoats

Boys like style, especially when they get it in their "teens." They notice. Ask where this or that friend got their suit or overcoat. They get to know fine points of clothing and which store gives most attention to the fine details that make their suits attractive.

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