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We now have 9,000 square feet of space devoted to the sale of all kinds of Floor Coverings, Curtains and Draperies. We can sell you goods in this line for less money than you can buy the same qualities elsewhere. We have competent salesmen to carry out, and suggest if you wish suitable styles and color schemes for your different rooms, in Carpets, Rugs, Etc., with Curtains and Draperies to harmonize. We have the goods to deliver.

- We offer Tapestry Carpets, 60c to \$3c yard
- We offer Velvet Carpets, 55c to \$1.25 yard
- We offer Axminster Carpets, \$1.25 to \$1.50 yard
- We offer Wilton Carpets, \$1.60
- Sanitary Carpets, yard wide, 25c
- Granite Carpets, yard wide, 25c
- Union Carpets, yard wide, 35c
- Ingrain Carpets, all-wool, yard wide, 50c
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- 9ft. x 10ft. 6 Tapestry Rugs, \$10.00; 9x12, \$12.50 and \$15.00; Body Brussels Rugs, 8-3x10-6, \$20.00; 9x12, \$22.00; Wilton Rugs, 8-3x10-6, \$25.00 and \$30.00; 9x12, \$30.00 and \$35.00
- We offer Wild's printed Linoleum, 45c yard and up
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- Opaque Shades, 3ftx6ft., 20c; 3x7, 25c.
- We make shades to order
- We offer 50in.x3yds. Roman Stripe Couch Covers at \$1.15 each; Tapestry Portiers, 50in.x3yds. Roman Stripe Portiers, 50in.x3yds. \$1.95; other Portiers, to \$50.00 pair
- We offer Ruffled Mull Curtains, 2 1/2 yds. long, 29c pair
- We offer entire new lines of Lace Curtains from 45c to \$50.00 pair and up, the most complete line ever shown by us
- We drape Cosy Corners to order, design and execute special draperies

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GEO. WYMAN & CO.
SOUTH BEND, IND.

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Cut Price Sale

This week on

Baked Beans

1-3 lb Can Baked Beans **7c**

4-3 lb Can Baked Beans **25c**

All nice fresh Goods
Come early and avoid the rush
Yours For Low Prices

C. B. TREAT & CO.

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Buchanan, Michigan.

September

Full line of School Tablets

Read carefully and come and see us. We are up-to-date and have nothing but the best goods.

- Monday morning soap 2 bars.....5c
- 4 cakes good toilet soap.....10c
- Big Maple soap.....05c
- Vermicelli for soups.....10c
- Maple syrup per bottle.....10c
- 1 lb. Keller's baking powder.....10c
- Coaco cream flakes.....10c
- Juicy and sweet oranges, sweet potatoes cabbage and celery

W. H. Keller

Phone 27

Buchanan, Mich.

"U. S. Corn Cure for ladies is good for men too. I travel all over the United States but have found nothing equal to it, one bottle took the soreness out of two very bad corns and took the corns out in a few days." Mr. M. P. Fox, New York City. Price 15c or two bottles for 25c at Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son.

I Keep a Drivin' On

Sometimes I meet a farmer—
I meet them every day—
And oftentimes they want to stop
And pass the time away.
I bow my head politely
And greet them with a smile;
However much I'd like to stay
And chat a little while—
I keep a drivin' on.

Sometimes I meet a stranger
Along my weary way;
"Would do me good to listen to
The things he has to say.
But then 'tis not my business
To stop along the line,
And talk, and talk, and talk,
To while away the time—
I keep a drivin' on.

Sometimes I meet a candidate;
They're always out, you know;
They're hunting all the votes they can—
They'll want to stop you, "sho"
I nod my head "Good morning,"
And, taking out my whip,
About the time he thinks I'll stop
I've given him the slip,
And keep a drivin' on.

Sometimes a gate swings open,
And someone standing by;
She has a letter in her hand,
A basket very high;
'Tis filled with precious dainties,
Known only to the fair.
How can I pass this maiden and
The treasures rich and rare?
I keep er-r—whoa-a, I er-r stop!!!

It Saved His Leg

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by all druggists.

REPUBLICANS ORGANIZE

Enthusiastic Meeting Held on Tuesday Evening

PLAN A POLE RAISING

Officers Elected and Will Hold Formal Opening Next Tuesday

Tuesday evening about thirty of the stalwarts met at the council chambers and organized a Buchanan Republican Club.

The object of the meeting was set forth and on motion O. P. Woodworth was made chairman and Herbert Roe secretary.

Those present were very much in favor of organizing a Republican club in Buchanan and so decided by a vote, which was unanimous.

The next in order was the election of officers for the club and by resolution it was decided that the chair appoint a committee of three to select a list of officers and report to the meeting. P. A. Graffort, J. P. Beistle and Chas. F. Pears were appointed as the committee.

The committee presented the following list which was presented to the meeting and on motion was adopted.

President, O. P. Woodworth; 1st Vice President, Walter Boone; 2nd Vice President, S. A. Ferguson, Bertrand; secretary, P. A. Graffort; Treasurer, W. J. Miller; Finance Committee, H. F. Kingery, C. F. Pears, Herbert Roe, C. D. Kent, W. H. Keller; Music Committee, Henry Dickinson, Chas. Phillips, P. A. Graffort, W. W. East, E. S. Roe, John Morris, W. L. Mercer.

The first rally of the campaign will be held next Tuesday evening, at which time a pole will be raised at the residence of Chas. F. Pears, on Clark street. Attorney A. A. Worthington will deliver the address, and arrangements are being made to secure the services of the band for the occasion. A large crowd is also expected to come over from Niles.

The old RECORD building on Oak street has been secured as headquarters for the Club and it is expected that meetings will be held every Tuesday evening until after election. Several have expressed their desire to have the Club assist at the raising of Roosevelt and Fairbank's poles in the near future. Turn out next Tuesday evening and have a royal good old fashioned time.

30 Club.

The "30 Club" meet at the home of Lotta Searles Wednesday, Sept. 28. A well prepared paper on "The Haunts of Shakespeare" was read by Mrs. Boyle, Act II of Romeo and Juliet conducted by Mrs. Pears was very interesting and instructive. Roll Call, New Books, was well responded to. "Life Works and Influence of Fra Angelico," by Miss Blanche Peck brought out some very interesting facts and showed considerable research. Then followed a review of the beautiful story of Farringtons "Fra Lippo Lippa" by Mrs. Wells which was greatly enjoyed by all. Miss Searles then treated the ladies to delicious peaches and grapes and the club adjourned to meet with Miss Logan next week.

More Riots

Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorders of the Liver or Kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective nerve and the greatest all around medicine for run down systems. It dispels Nervousness, Rheumatism and Neuralgia and expels Malaria germs. Only 50c, and satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists.

FERRIS' NOT TO GET 'EM

Commercial Travelers in no Stampede to Him.

JUST NEWSPAPER FAKE

Secretary Peake of Association Gives Warm Reply to Article Published in Detroit Paper.

Jackson Sept. 29—In the Tribune Mr. N. H. Bowen writes from Grand Rapids that the traveling men of the state are for Ferris, and claiming two young traveling men have informed the democratic machine that they will buy 1,000 Roosevelt and Ferris buttons and distribute them to their republican friends throughout the state, but ask that their names be withheld for business reasons.

This is the same kind of fake that I have found in all of my traveling experiences in Michigan in every campaign, and I challenge Mr. Bowen to produce the names of the men who are ashamed of their stand.

On the face of that article any man will brand it as a lie for the reason if they wanted to protect their business interests enough to withhold their names they would not jeopardize that business by peddling Roosevelt and Ferris buttons.

If they are anything, and I doubt if they exist only in the minds of the reporter, you will find they are democrats, voting for Roosevelt, ashamed of their national candidate for president who was nominated by Wall street.

Why any republican should single out Mr. Warner, or why he should bear all the ills or wrong doings of his party is more than I can tell. I have known Mr. Warner all my life and he is my ideal of a man for governor.

Search his public or private life and show me one single act any man can criticize.

Compare his political record to Mr. Ferris. Mr. Warner has always been a republican, Mr. Ferris everything but a republican.

Have the democrats told the people just what reform they propose to give and just how they are going to do it? Will the election of Mr. Ferris bring all this about? Not if we compare their past records. Twice within my recollection in this state, once the "Squawback" legislature where fraud and robbery predominated and the last administration of Grover Cleveland, which many people will remember was as near—as they want to get, have the democrats had complete control of the affairs of state and government. Can anyone look back with pride on the record they made—do the people want it?

Now Mr. Warner has said that he will sign any bill that the legislature of the state of Michigan enacted for primary reform that the people may want. Can Mr. Ferris do more? The only way to secure what they want is to instruct the members of the legislature and senate just what the people want. Now, just one word about primary reform—the only way in my opinion that it can be had and protect all parties, is that both parties must hold their caucuses on the same day and place all over the state and that by ballot, each man who votes having his name registered.

Not until then will you get pure primaries. This will prevent either party from dictating the nominations on either party's ticket as was the case in Grand Rapids last week when nearly half the democrats to that city went to the polls and voted for a candidate to beat Prosecutor Brown for renomination, who had been prosecuting the water scandals in that city.

Now, one word about the traveling men. They fully realize wherein lies their best business interests, as has been demonstrated by the last eight years of republican administration, and my acquaintance which covers a period of 20 years in this state, among my traveling friends shows me that

ELLSWORTH'S STORE

WHEN YOU INTEND TO BUY DRESS GOODS

Compare style, quality and prices. This store has always made a special effort to show the best and most complete line of Dress Goods the world's markets produce. This store carries the following famous lines of Black Goods.

Priestly's. Wm. F. Read's. Wm. Broadhead's as well as many other foreign and domestic makes. Here are a few numbers specially priced:

- 40-inch All Wool Granite Cloths.....50c
- 46-inch All Wool Granite Cloths.....75c
- 52-inch All Wool Broadcloths.....\$1.00
- 54-inch All Wool Cheviots.....\$1.25
- Broadcloths are very much in vogue this fall for gowns and tailored suits, we have a complete range of colorings, 54 in. wide, prices per yard.....\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50
- Mammoth Effects, these hard twisted cloths that wear so well. A complete line to be found here. 40 in wide, per yard 50c. 45 and 50 in. wide per yard 75c, 50 and 54 in. wide.....\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50
- Cravanette Cloths and Rainproof Cloths are in great demand, we are showing these creations at, per yard.....75c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50
- Scotch Checks in blue and green, brown and green, red and green very stylish this season, per yard.....\$1.00
- Silk Wrap Crepes, soft, clinging goods for dressy gowns, in new onion brown, new blue, mole skin, cadet and many other new shades. 44 in. wide per yard.....\$1.00, \$1.25

This store has long been noted for its Dress Goods. I am keeping up its reputation.

Glove Department News

Never before has our glove department been in such flourishing condition. This season we have planned to surpass all previous seasons and we have the gloves to do this. We invite you to inspect this stock even though you are not ready to buy. You will be interested to know that we have a complete stock of Men's High Class Gloves. This is the finest and most complete glove stock in South Bend.

- Men's Dress Kid Gloves in tan, brown and grey, self and color stitching, one clasp, some pique, some over seams, prices.....\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00
- Men's Street Gloves, Paris point backs, one button, tan and brown.....\$1.50
- Browns are the leading Gloves for ladies this season. The swell things in Ladies' Street Gloves are brown and tan with pique seams, stitched in white with one button. Some come in pretty shades of grey with white and black stitching, one pearl clasp, price.....\$1.50

John Chess Ellsworth

113-115 NORTH MICHIGAN STREET

SOUTH BEND, IND.

where you find one republican who will vote for Ferris against Warner you will find fifty democrats who will vote for Roosevelt against Parker.

A. F. PEAKE, Secretary Michigan Commercial Travelers' Republican League.

A Proclamation

To the people of the state of Michigan, greeting:

The Universal Exposition commemorating the acquisition by the United States of the vast territory known as the Louisiana Purchase is now in progress at St. Louis. The event it commemorates is not only one of the most important in the world's history, but the Exposition itself is the greatest and most complete exhibition of the achievements of the human race ever made.

Michigan, though not of the Louisiana Purchase, is, by her history, her traditions and her people, closely related to that great event and the magnificent state which have grown out of it. Her natural products and manufactures find at this exposition a prominent place and have received deserved applause. Her progress in education and arts has been signally recognized.

To properly emphasize the relation of Michigan to the Exposition, the event which it celebrates and the achievements it represents, the twelfth day of October, 1904, has been set aside as "Michigan Day" whereon can be celebrated by appropriate ceremonies the worth and achievements of our great state.

I therefore proclaim Wednesday, October 12, 1904, as Michigan Day at the Universal Exposition, St. Louis,

invite all loyal citizens to attend, that the celebration may be signalized by merited dignity and enthusiasm.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan, at the Capitol, in Lansing, this third day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four, and of the Independence of the United States the One Hundred Twenty-ninth.

A. T. BLISS, Governor.

Takes the burn out; heals the wound; cures the pain. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, the household remedy.

First publication Sept. 30, 1904.
Estate of Isaac Long, Deceased.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, the Probate Court for the County of Berrien.
In the matter of the estate of Isaac Long deceased.
Having been appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, we do hereby give notice that four months from the 26th day of Sept. A. D. 1904 were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and that we will meet at the office of Pierce & Sanders in the village of Buchanan, in said county, on the 26th day of November A. D. 1904, and on the 26th day of January A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims, on or before the 26 day of January A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.
Dated 26th day of September, A. D. 1904.
JOHN GRHAM, E. W. SANDERS, Commissioners.

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Estate of Jesse S. East, Deceased.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, the Probate Court for the County of Berrien.
In the matter of the estate of Jesse S. East, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that four months from the 26th day of September A. D. 1904, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the city of St. Joseph in said county, on or before the 26 day of January A. D. 1905, and that said claims will be heard by said court on the 26th day of January A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.
Dated September 26th, A. D. 1904.
FRANK H. ELLSWORTH, Judge of Probate.

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REPUBLICAN TICKET

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For President—
THEODORE ROOSEVELT
For Vice President—
CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS
CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION.
For Representative in Congress—
EDWARD L. HAMILTON.
REPRESENTATIVE
For Representative 1st District—
NATHAN V. LOVELL,
of Eau Claire.

STATE TICKET.



For Governor—
FRED M. WARNER,
Of Farmington
For Lieutenant Governor—
ALEXANDER MITTLAND
Marquette
For Secretary of State—
GEORGE A. PRESCOTT
Iosco
For State Treasurer—
FRANK P. GLAZIER
Washtenaw
For Attorney General—
CHARLES A. BLAIR
Jackson
For Auditor General—
J. B. BRADLEY,
Eaton
For Commissioner State Land Office—
WILLIAM H. ROSE,
Clinton
For Supt. Public Instruction—
PATRICK H. KELLEY
Wayne
For Member State Board Education—
LUTHER L. WRIGHT,
Iron
COUNTY TICKET.
For Judge of Probate—
FRANK H. ELLSWORTH,
Benton Harbor.
For Sheriff—
ROY CLARK,
Pipestone.
For Clerk—
SAMUEL B. MINERS,
Royalton.
For Register of Deeds—
I. L. H. DODD,
Buchanan.
For Treasurer—
ALVA SHERWOOD,
Three Oaks.
For Prosecuting Attorney—
CHARLES E. WHITE,
Niles.
For Circuit Court Commissioners—
MILLARD A. SEITZ,
Benton Harbor.
WILBUR A. BURNS,
Niles.
For Drain Commissioner—
JOHN A. BURBANK,
Lake.
For Surveyor—
WILLIAM A. CLEARY,
St. Joseph.
For Coroners—
CHARLES A. COLLIER,
Benton Harbor.
A. W. PLATT,
Niles.

If the Democrats don't get into some sort of harmony before long they will be in a condition to wreck the boat when they take their trip up Salt River.

We have been assured that the Democratic party will not, if in power, do anything which the Republican has done, and inasmuch as the average man has no desire to try wild experiments, he does not intend to give it a chance to do all the things which the Republican has not done.

Summer Coughs are often the worst to cure. Conley's Cough Balsam, 25c and 50c size sold by Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son, will stop the coughing and check the irritation at once. One or two doses taken when your cough commences may save you from pneumonia or consumption.

CORRESPONDENCE

GLENDORA.

The storm Sunday night was the worst for years. Did much damage by laying corn flat and shaking fruit from trees.

Jessie and Glen Boyle started for the agricultural college, Lansing, last week.

The painting of the Baptist church has been completed, also the residence of J. Hartsell.

Arthur L. Logan and little son of Joliet, Ill., well among Glendora visitors last Sunday.

Mr. Ira Shepardson, who has been visiting in Dayton for a couple of weeks, returned Sunday.

Everybody busy making apple butter.

Mr. Aaron Gardner seems to be gradually failing.

Mr. Frank Needham, of Buchanan, is seen here frequently. He is a fruit solicitor, that is why.

PORTAGE PRAIRIE.

Mr. Arlie Henry has returned to his home in Laketon, Ind., after being in the employ of E. S. Arney for the past six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rough, Mr. and Mrs. Percival Rough, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Rough visited their brother John I. Rough, in Elkhart, Sunday.

Mrs. Weise, an elderly lady who has been making her with Mrs. John Herkimer and family for some time past, died suddenly last Saturday night and was buried Monday.

Mr. Percival Rough is having his house and barn painted.

Mr. Ellsworth Karns, of Akron, Ind., has come to work for E. S. Arney.

Wm. Putnam, of Niles reached this place Sunday.

Miss Ella Higgins has gone to Silver Lake, Ind., to visit her parents.

Mr. Henry Swartz is on the sick list.

BENTON HARBOR.

Thirty foreigners, most of them Russians, were naturalized at the court house Monday morning.

The music department of the college gave a very enjoyable recital at the library hall, Tuesday evening.

Sheriff Collins and his aids are searching for a man who hired a rig at Hannon's livery, September 26, and failed to return it.

Our high school football team will go to Plainwell next Saturday and play the first championship game of the season, with the team there.

Two weeks ago a man and woman hired a row boat at Happ's boat livery in St. Joseph, and have not been heard from since. The dead body of a woman was washed ashore a few days ago at South Haven, the description of which tallies with that of the missing woman. The police are inclined to think there has been foul play; possibly coupled with suicide.

DAYTON

The old men came out ahead in ball game last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Weaver went to Buchanan Friday evening to see the play, "Why Women Sin."

Mrs. S. P. Phillips is staying in Buchanan this week.

Will Strunk was home a few days this week.

Miss Hazel Redding is visiting her brother in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bromley returned from Niles Friday.

Quite a crowd attended the social last Saturday evening. Everybody had a good time.

Bert Denny was in South Bend Monday.

Mrs. S. Martin visited her son John in Niles, Tuesday.

Miss Blanche Sheldon and Miss May Dalrymple started for St. Louis Tuesday afternoon to see the fair.

There is quite a good attendance at the tent meetings held here by Rev. Royer.

A. C. Weaver and Miss Emma Richter, were in Buchanan on business Wednesday evening.

GAME AND FISH LAWS

Of Michigan, for the Year 1904.

This synopsis of the Michigan game and fish law gives the correct dates and open season on all protected game that is of interest to sportsmen of this vicinity, and is in accordance with opinions of the attorney general.

DEER

Open season from November 8 to November 31, inclusive.

Unlawful to kill, without having procured license. Residence hunter's license, seventy-five cents; non-resident hunter's license, \$1.25.

Unlawful for any one person to kill more than three.

Unlawful to kill, in red coat or fawn in spotted coat.

Unlawful to use dogs in hunting.

Unlawful to use artificial lights in hunting.

Unlawful to kill, until 1906, on Bois Blanc Island and in Lapeer, Huron, Monroe, Sanilac, Tuscola, Macomb, Allegan, Ottawa and St. Clair counties.

Unlawful to kill, until 1908, in Lake, Osceola, Clare, Mason, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella, Benzie Leelanau, Grand Traverse, Oceana and Gladwin counties.

SQUIRREL

Open season for fox, black and gray from October 15 to November 30, inclusive.

QUAIL

Spruce hen and woodcock, open season from October 20 to November 30, inclusive.

PARTRIDGE

Open season, lower peninsula, October 20 to November 30, inclusive; upper peninsula, October 1 to November 30, inclusive.

DUCKS

Geese, brant, snipe, plover, and any kind of wild waterfowl.—Open season from October 1 to November 30, inclusive. Jack snipe, blue bill, canyback, widgeon, pintail, whistler, spoonbill, butterball and sawbill duck may also be killed from March 2 to April 10, inclusive.

Unlawful to use any floating device propelled by steam, gas, naphtha, oil, gasoline or electricity, or to use any swivel or punt gun, battery, sinkboat, or similar devices.

Unlawful to use gun of greater size than ten calibre.

BLACK BASS

Unlawful to take except with hook and line from March 1 to July 1, and unlawful to take black bass in any manner from inland waters between April 1 and May 20 inclusive.

SPEARING IN INLAND LAKES

Unlawful to take or attempt to take fish in any of the inland lakes with any kind of spear, grap-hook, set lines or night lines, or by the use of jacks or artificial lights of any kind, or any kind of net, or by the use of fire arms or explosives of any kind or any device, except the hook and line, except during the months of December, January, February and March, when spears may be used to take, through the ice only, any kind of fish except brook trout, rainbow trout, German or brown trout, grayling, landlocked salmon and black bass in lakes not protected by local act.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Game animals and game birds.—Unlawful to ship, under cover, unless plainly marked on outside of package with the name of the consignor and consignee, initial point of billing and destination, together with itemized statement of contents of package.

Protected game and fish.—Unlawful to transport beyond the boundaries of this state at any time. Provided That fish taken or caught in Lakes Michigan, Superior, Huron and Erie, and the bays and harbors connected with said lakes, and the Sault Ste. Marie, Saginaw and Detroit rivers, may be sold, transported and shipped out of this state. Unlawful to ship deer or portion of deer, within state unless accompanied by license tag.

Unlawful to sell at any time any game animal or bird protected by the laws of this state.

Use of dog.—Lawful to train, on game birds within fifteen days of opening of season, but person training must not carry firearms when so doing. Penalty for negligent or careless shooting and killing or wounding, while in the pursuit of game, of any human being, one thousand dollars fine or imprisonment for ten years.

It's folly to suffer from that horrible plague of the night, itching piles. Doan's Ointment cures quickly and permanently. At any drug store, 50c cents.

BIG SUIT BROUGHT TO RECOVER \$182,000.

Big Cleveland Contractor Who Built Buchanan Dam.

In the circuit court at South Bend Forest E. Gribben of Cleveland, Ohio, has filed suit against Charles A. Chapin, the millionaire iron king of Niles and Chicago, to collect on contract.

Chapin is the principal stock holder in the South Bend Electric company and the prime mover in the big Buchanan and Hen Island dam enterprise. Judgment in the aggregate sum of \$182,000 is asked.

The suit involves the construction of the power house in the village of Buchanan, Mich., and is divided into three paragraphs. The plaintiff alleges a written contract was entered into with the defendant to construct the power house flumes and tail race for the sum of \$39,500; 60 cents per cubic yard additional for excavation and \$5 per cubic yard for concrete masonry. Mr. Gribben says 94,686 cubic yards of excavation and 1,205,21 cubic yards of concrete masonry were ordered by Mr. Chapin and that changes were made from time to time and extra work done at his request, but that Mr. Chapin now refuses to pay for the work and material to the damage of the plaintiff in the sum of \$182,000.

Mr. Gribben further alleges in addition to building the power house with its necessary equipment he also deepened the channel of the river leading from the plant at Mr. Chapin's request and there is now due him a total of \$150,864. The plaintiff alleges the work was completed Feb. 6, 1903, and water was turned into the power house, but that the defendant refuses to pay for the work and material. He asks for \$160,000 damages, the increased amount representing interest from the date of completion. The suit was filed through the law firm of Meyer & Drummond.

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved" writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. Guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Millinery Opening Saturday Oct. 1, 1904.

A large display of millinery goods Pattern and Street Hats direct from Chicago, Cleveland, Toledo and Detroit. The finest stock ever shown in Buchanan.

MRS. E. PARKINSON.

Men of Oak

Timbers of oak keep the old homestead standing through the years. It pays to use the right stuff.

"Men of oak" are men in rugged health, men whose bodies are made of the soundest materials.

Childhood is the time to lay the foundation for a sturdy constitution that will last for years.

Scott's Emulsion is the right stuff.

Scott's Emulsion stimulates the growing powers of children, helps them build a firm foundation for a sturdy constitution.

Send for free sample.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists,
409-415 Pearl Street, New York.
50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

BRING IN

Your OLD HARNESS and have it made good as new. I am prepared to do all kinds of HARNESS and SHOE REPAIRING.

J. H. TWELL,
Main Street, Buchanan.

YOU CAN ENJOY YOUR MEALS
every bite you eat, from soup to dessert and without any "after effects" if you will just keep your Stomach, Liver and Bowels in good condition. If you are one of the countless sufferers, whose appetite is gone, whose food doesn't taste good, whose every meal is a painful duty, whose Stomach is sour, whose digestion and assimilation is bad—then you need "NATURE'S REMEDY"
and need it badly. Nature's Remedy will give you an appetite, make every meal a pleasure, restore your digestive organs so your food will be digested and assimilated. Nature's Remedy cures Dyspepsia, Nervousness, Sick Headache, Bad Breath, General Debility, Sour Stomach, Constipation, Rheumatism and Bad Blood. It cleanses, strengthens and purifies the entire system. Price 50c and \$1.00 at your druggist.
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Better than ever are the Spiro Fall Clothes for Men and Boys
It is a fact that "nothing succeeds like success"—and it is the success we have had in selling better made, better fitting and better wearing garments for less money than any one else that has made Spiro Clothes
the standard of merit in South Bend, and brought us the greatest clothing business in the city. Of course, we have a decided advantage over other stores when it comes to prices, inasmuch as we buy for four stores: at South Bend, Ind.; Springfield, Jacksonville and Quincy, Ill., enabling us to buy in very large quantities and at quite a saving in prices over others saving which we gladly share with our patrons. It's the combination of low prices with the highest possible quality that has proved the irresistible inducement.
Progress is our Motto
We give you this fall better cloth, better tailoring, better lining, better trimmings, etc.—lowering prices where prices can be lowered—in short always striving to give you a little more than you expect. This is why we keep old friends, make new ones and satisfy every one who wears SPIRO CLOTHES. And this is why our clothes are better this fall than ever before.
Come in and see our new Fall Styles
We show an immense line of new fall suits and overcoats for men and boys.
An entirely new stock of fall hats, caps and gloves.
The largest stock in the city of fall furnishings, neckwear and underwear.
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Over fifty different styles of toes and leathers in our famous \$3.50 shoes for men.
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P. Kaufman, the Dyer and cleaner is renowned, Keeping up-to-date; none better can be found, Anxious to dye; on his dyeing you can rely, Universally known; Kaufman for you will dye. Now is the time to have your winter clothes cleaned, dyed, repaired and altered.
Our wagon will call at Buchanan for your work every second Wednesday. Prompt delivery when work is finished.
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BUCHANAN MARKETS

Week ending Sept. 30. Subject to change:

Butter	16c
Lard	10c
Eggs	18c
Potatoes,	40c
The Pears-East Grain Co., report the following prices on grain to-day:	
Wheat No. 2 Red and White.	\$1.10
Corn, Yellow	50c
Rye	70
Oats	28

Closing of Mails.

GOING EAST

8:15 a. m., 12:15 and 4:45 p. m.

GOING WEST

7:45 a. m., 12:15 p. m., 3:15 p. m., 3:00 p. m.

GOING NORTH

7:45 a. m., 4:45 p. m.

LOCAL NOTES

Gasoline 18c per gallon at Buchanan Cash Grocery.

Ladies' needlework turnover collars 10c, at the Racket Store.

Eber Bolster moved his family to Rolling Prairie yesterday.

Call at the Record office and inspect our new line of Souvenir Postal Cards.

Don't forget that the Buchanan Cash Grocery sells flour at wholesale every day.

See the new things in our jewelry section. W. W. Wood is one of them.

BINNS' MAGNET STORE

H. S. Calkins, of Ann Arbor, will preach in the Christain church next Sunday morning and evening.

Persons desiring visiting cards in the latest styles and newest type faces will find them by inquiring of the Record.

Great demand for telegraph operators. A chance to learn this business, for terms and particulars, apply this week to, F. W. RAVIN.

Take your watches and clocks to Elsup. We have an extra good man from the city. Fine watches a specialty, all work guaranteed. \$30

Miss Maria Samson's Sunday school class met with Mrs. A. F. Howe Wednesday afternoon, to help her celebrate her birthday. They had a royal good time and a fine supper. The next meeting of the class will be with their teacher, to celebrate her birthday.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Mitchell*

Mrs. Rynearson has been very ill for several days.

Mrs. Jacob Miller is reported as being quite ill.

Miss Mable Colvin has been on the sick list the past week.

Special Saturday, Oct. 1, dish pans 10c, at the Racket Store.

All latest designs in Souvenir Postal Cards at the Record office.

Second hand school books bought, sold and exchanged.

BINNS' MAGNET STORE.

The Misses Carrie and Minnie Shafer have rented the Myler house, corner of Clark and Front streets, and expect to occupy it in about two weeks.

One of nature's remedy cannot harm the weakest constitution; never fails to cure summer complaint of young or old. Dr. Fowlers' Extract of Wild Strawberry.

Unclaimed letters remaining in P. O. at Buchanan, Mich., for week ending Sept. 27, 1904: J. Strauser, Louis Pollock, Miss Maggie Goins.

G. W. Nobles, P. M.

Lo-tus Liver Pills are the great Pills for Ladies, curing constipation and giving a clear, fresh complexion. Large boxes, 50 pellets, for sale by Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son.

We have a limited number of lithographs of Roosevelt, Fairbanks, Warner and Hamilton which we will be pleased to give to Record readers. Call at this office for them.

Wine Lo-Ti (Coonley's beef, iron and wine with nerving) is the perfect food tonic. There is no other like it or equal to it. Price 50c at Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son's.

The circulation of some of the magazines is increasing 30 to 50 thousand copies per month. Note the sensational article in Everybody's news section.

BINNS' MAGNET STORE.

After enjoying a long and very pleasant vacation, Miss Vera Fitts left this morning for La Porte, where she will continue her course of study at St. Rose's Academy.

Coonley's Tonic Ext. Sarsaparilla is the best Blood Purifier made and it costs only half the price of other medicines of this kind. Large bottles 50c with full directions for using, at Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son.

A card party was given by Mrs. Chas. F. Pears, Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Frank Steiner, of South Bend. There were about thirty present and enjoyed the evening very much. Mrs. Sig Desenberg was the prize winner. Refreshments were served after the games.

A party of Buchanan ladies went to South Bend, yesterday and spent the day with Mrs. Sadie Morris. The party was composed of Mesdames A. F. Ames, F. Lewis, C. D. Kent, Jessie Van Meter, D. L. Boardman, W. S. Wells, F. W. Mead, E. M. Brodick, I. L. H. Dodd, T. Merrill, John Graham and Franc Whitman.

The funeral of the late Gus Vetter took place at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the home of his sister, Mrs. John Rhoades of Lincoln Avenue, West Niles. Rev. A. T. Ferguson conducted the services and the remains were interred at Silver Brook cemetery. A delegation from the M. W. A. of which order the deceased was a member, attended the funeral.—Niles Star.

Dr. L. E. Peck returned this morning from Ann Arbor, where he was in attendance at the operation performed upon Mrs. Fred Koenigshof for tumor. The operation took place Wednesday afternoon, and the doctor informs us that all indications are favorable for a rapid recovery of the patient. Her many friends will be glad to hear of the success of the operation.

A bad runaway occurred about 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night about three-quarters of a mile northwest of town, at the big hill on the road to George Hanley's. The team of John Bihlmier became frightened in some manner and ran away. At the big hill they overtook Eli Williams, of New Troy, who was driving in a road cart, and literally run over him. One of the horses hitched to the wagon became loosened and this horse and Mr. Williams and his horse were all down in a heap and the wagon on top of them. We have been unable to learn how badly they were injured, but Mr. Williams was quite badly hurt. He was taken home by D. Mitchell.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Curtis was in Dowagiac, yesterday.

Mrs. H. Merrill and Miss Green are in Niles today.

Miss Edna Hayden was in South Bend yesterday.

Mrs. Chas. East was a South Bend visitor Thursday.

Frank Jarvis, of Dowagiac, was in town Wednesday.

A. J. Carothers was a Michigan City visitor, Wednesday.

Mrs. D. D. Pangborn and daughter, Sadie, were in Niles today.

John and Oren Montague went to St. Louis Wednesday to attend the World's Fair.

Mrs. F. H. Readel, of Chicago, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Waterman.

D. S. Scoffern, of Niles, and Chas. A. Chapin, of Chicago, were Buchanan visitors Wednesday.

Mr. Arthur Logan and family, of Joliet, visited with his aunt, Miss Artie Logan, Wednesday.

Mrs. W. J. Rosebrough of Hopkins Station, Mich., is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Kean.

Mrs. H. A. Hathaway returned from Montana, the first of the week. She has been gone for about two months.

Mrs. P. L. Zimmer, of McCook, Neb. visited the past week with her sister, Mrs. H. R. Adams. She started for her home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hauley and Mrs. Lucy Broceus started for St. Louis yesterday. They will be gone two or three weeks and will view the World's Fair.

John Perrott, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith, Chas. Snyder and W. N. Brodick went to Decatur, yesterday to attend the reunion of the old 12th Michigan regiment.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robertson and Mr. Geo. Robertson and daughter of Hinsdale N. H., were Buchanan visitors the last of the week, while on their way to St. Louis, Mo.

No assessment for the Modern Woodmen for October.

Geo. Deno has moved into the Weese house on Main street.

It is reported that a man was killed in Galien last night by the Michigan Central.

The Colonial Dames will meet at Mrs. Ames' next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Marion Harroff who is here from Racine, Wis. shipped her household goods to that place yesterday.

When doctors fail, try Burdock Blood Bitters. Cures dyspepsia, constipation; invigorates the whole system.

Quite a number of the Royal Neighbors drove to New Carlisle, Ind., yesterday and spent the day with Mrs. Geo. Stanton.

Ladies' aid society of the Larger Hope church will meet with Mrs. Harriet Baker, Wednesday afternoon, October 5th.

Twenty Years Younger

"I was all worn out two years ago last spring and thought I would never be any good any more, but two bottles of your Wine Lo-ti made me feel twenty years younger and I have taken a bottle or two of it every spring since and recommend it to all my friends." Mrs. Lee Steadman, South Bend, Ind. Price 50c per bottle at Dr. E. S. Dodd & Son.

Lady Macabees Entertain.

In response to an invitation extended by East Hive to Victoriae Hive of Niles to be their guests Tuesday evening, the 7:47 train brought a large number of the Niles ladies, who were cordially greeted by their Buchanan sisters, and at the sound of the gavel assumed the stations in the lodge room and exemplified the work as given in the new ritual. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the manner in which the work was given. Lady Commander Greene, impressed all as a fine presiding officer, happy in possession of good subordinate officers. After the work had been given, a musical and literary program followed. After this feast of reason and flow of soul, refreshments were served, and a happy evening closed by announcement that it was nearing time for the 12:30 train. Our guests departed leaving with us the happy memories of hours well spent in the advancement of the best interests of our beloved order.

A. BEE.

LOST—A black frock coat, between Bainton's mill and C. O. Hamilton's, Tuesday. Leave at Record office.

FOR RENT—A suite of furnished rooms, enquire at 205 North Oak street.

FOR SALE—Forty acres of land. Inquire of Enos Holmes.

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JOE COVENEY.

FOR SALE—Two good oak ward-ropes. Call at the Record office.

WANTED—A woman to do washings at house. Call at Record office.

WANTED—To rent one or two unfurnished rooms with city water. Inquire Record office.

WANTED—Children's plain and fancy sewing. Boy's waists a specialty. Mrs. Harry Wood. a 30 t.p.

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BURN A HOLE IN THE GROUND

Ground Live Wire on Chapin Line Caused Some Excitement.

The live wire of Chapin line, which was found broken at the Michigan Wood Pulp company's yard yesterday morning, burned a big hole in the ground, and the earth which was fairly incinerated by the heavy charge of electricity is said to look very much like an ordinary coal chinker. The break in the heavily charged wire occurred at a fortunate time, otherwise there might have been a heavy loss as the Pulp company has a good many thousand dollars' worth of pulp wood piled up in the yards, which would probably have been burned had it not been for the drenching rain that had soaked everything.

The break was observed by employees of the company, who says that it was accompanied by a phenomenon that resembled a big ball of fire dancing about. Of course no one dared to get near the thing and the only way to remove the danger was to have the current cut off. The power station was called up at Buchanan and they were informed of the break and of the menace to property. The current was cut off and a force of line repairers was sent over and the break was fixed.—Niles Sun.

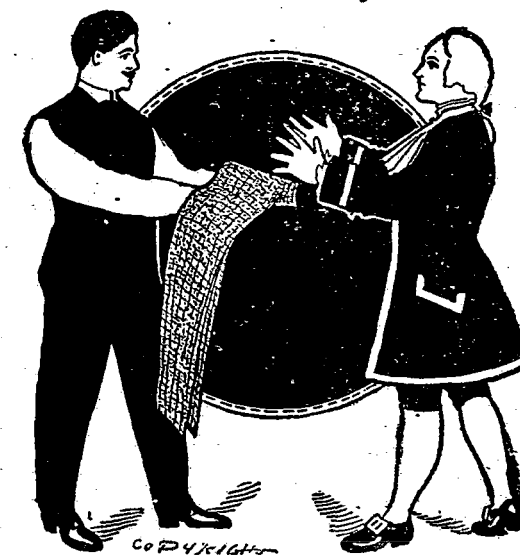
HERE AT HOME

Buchanan Citizens Gladly Testify

It is testimony like the following that has placed "the old Quaker Remedy" so far above competitors. When people right here at home raise their voice in praise there is no room left for doubt. Read the public statement of a Buchanan citizen:

B. S. Crawford, nurse, living on Clark street, says: "Some time ago I strained my back while lifting, waiting on a patient, and the injury had bothered me ever since. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills recommended so highly I thought I would test their merits and I procured a box at W. N. Brodick's drug store. I am more than pleased with the result obtained. They acted very quickly and promptly, relieving the dull aching pain that had annoyed me so long. I have no hesitation in recommending so valuable a remedy to others."

For sale by all dealers, price 50c. Foster Millburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute. 16



Washingtons Trousers were not the kind men wear now-a-days in every-day affairs. What they need are the longer garments which I make so perfectly.

JOHN HERSHENOW,
Merchant Tailor.

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Our meat case is a protection against disease carried by flies. No fly blown, fly specked Ham, Pork Loin, Bacon, etc.

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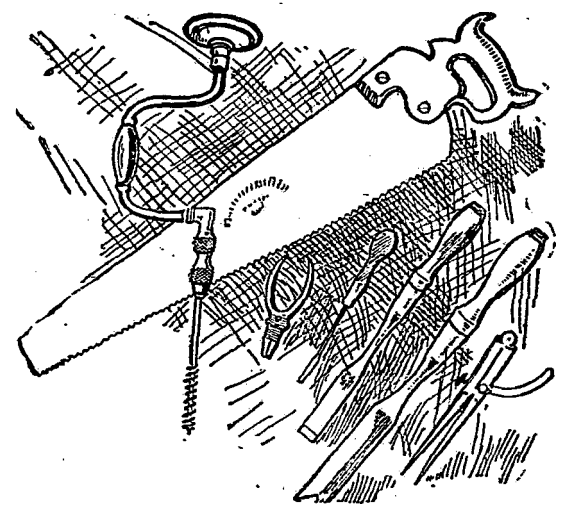
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We secure quick buyers—Customers you would never see or hear of except by adopting our plan of interesting them. It costs lots of money, say nothing of time, but then, what's the use doing business unless you do it to win?

If you desire to sell a farm, house or other property come and see us and let us show you how we do it. If not convenient to call, write out your description, giving such information as you would ask were you the person desiring to buy, and mail it to us.

If you desire to buy property of any character, in this vicinity or ELSEWHERE, we have a large list of very attractive propositions to show you. Send for list of bargains.

The time to sell anything is when someone wishes to buy, and the time to buy is when someone wishes to sell. Remember, the earth is a GREAT BARGAIN COUNTER for buyers. Our counter will be kept loaded and all customers attracted by us to inspect offers will be shown only the bargains on our lists. Do you want a customer? Our terms are: "No sale no pay." Can you ask anything better?

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Mutchler's Market.

For Love of Country

By CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY,
Author of "The Grip of Honor," "The Southerners," "Sir Henry Morgan, Buccaneer," "A Doctor of Philosophy," Etc.

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Fired by the example set them by the Continentals, the Pennsylvania militia, under Cadwalader and Ewing and Miffin, had at last crossed the Delaware and joined Griffin's men. Washington had followed them, and the 23rd of December found him established in new headquarters at Trenton. A number of mounds in the fields covered with snow, some bitter recollections and sad stories of plunder, robbery, rapine and worse, told with gnashing teeth or breaking heart by the firesides, were all that remained of their strange antagonists in the town. But the little town and the little valley were to be once more the scene of war. The great game was to be played again, and the little creek of the Assunpink was to run red under its ice and between its banks.

On the 29th Washington's troops began to cross the river again. Two parties of light dragoons were sent on in advance, under Colonel Reed, assisted by parties of Pennsylvania riflemen dispatched by Cadwalader. They clung tenaciously to the flanks of Von Donop. That unfortunate commander had been led away from his camp at Burlington in pursuit of Griffin's gallant six hundred. When he returned unsuccessful, the news from Trenton had so alarmed him that he fled precipitately, abandoning his heavy baggage and some of his artillery. It was a work of joy for the pursued to pursue, a reversal of conditions which put the heavy German veterans at a strange disadvantage compared with their alert and active pursuers. They had marched through that country with a high hand, plundering and abusing its inhabitants in a frightful way, and they were now being made to experience the hatred they themselves had kindled. The country people rose against them and cut them off without mercy.

It took two days to get the troops across on account of the ice in the river. And now came another difficulty. The time of the major part of the Americans had expired on the last day of the year, but Washington had them paraded and had ridden up and addressed them in a brilliant, soldierlike fashion, and they had to a man volunteered to remain with him for six weeks longer, or as much more time as was necessary to enable him to complete his campaign before he went into winter quarters. He was at last able to pay them their long deferred salary out of the \$50,000 sent him by Robert Morris, which Seymour and Talbot that day had brought him, and for their future reward he cheerfully pledged his own vast estate, an example of self sacrifice which Greene, Stark, Talbot, Seymour and others of the officers who possessed property at once emulated. The men were put in good spirits by a promise of \$10 bounty also, and they were ready and eager for a fight.

Reed, attended by six young gentlemen of the Philadelphia troop, had been sent out to reconnoiter. Up toward Princeton they had surprised a British outpost composed of a sergeant and twelve dragoons. The sergeant escaped, but the twelve dragoons, panic-stricken, were captured after a short resistance, and Reed and his gallant young cavaliers returned in triumph to headquarters. Valuable information was gained from this party. Cornwallis had joined Grant at Princeton and, with seven or eight thousand men, was assembling wagons and transportation, preparing for a dash on Trenton. Confirmation of this not unexpected news came by a student from the college who had escaped to Cadwalader and been sent up to General Washington. The situation of Washington was now critical, but he took prompt measures to relieve it. Cadwalader from the Crosswicks and Miffin from Bordentown, with 3,600 men, were ordered forward at once. They promptly obeyed orders and by another desperate night march reached Trenton on the morning of the first day of the year.

There was heavy skirmishing all day on the 2d. Cornwallis, advancing in hot haste from Princeton with 8,000 men, was checked, and lost precious time by a hot rifle fire from the wood on the banks of the Shabakong creek, near the road he followed in his advance. The skirmishers under Greene, seconded by Hand, after doing gallant service and covering themselves with glory by delaying the advance for several hours, giving Washington ample time to withdraw his army across the Assunpink and post it in a strong defensive position, had retired in good order beyond the American line. In the skirmish Lieutenant Von Grothausen, he who had galloped away with the dragoons at Trenton and had been under suspicion of cowardice ever since, had somewhat redeemed his reputation in that he had boldly ridden down upon the riflemen and had been killed. It was late in the evening when the advance parties crossed the bridge over the creek and sought safety behind the lines. Indefatigable General Knox had concentrated thirty pieces of cannon at the bridge—"A very pretty battery," he called it.

It was dusk when the eager Americans saw the head of the British army coming through the streets. They remained silent while the enemy formed

and advanced to attack the bridge and the fords in heavy columns at the same time. The men came on in a solid mass for the bridge head, cheering gallantly. They were met by Knox's artillery and a steady fire from the riflemen. Three times they crashed on that bridge like a mighty wave, and three times like a wave broken they fell back before an awful storm of fire. General Washington himself, sitting on his white horse, gave the orders at the bridge, and the brave enemy were repulsed. The position was too strong to be taken by direct assault without great loss; besides, it was not vital after all—so reasoned Cornwallis. The British soldiery were weary, they had marched all day at a hot pace and were exhausted. They had not lived in a chronic state of exhaustion for so long that they never gave it a thought; they were not used to it as were the Continentals, and when the British were tired they had to rest. They would be in better spirit on the morrow.

The creek was fordable in a dozen places, but Cornwallis resisted the importunities of some of his officers, who wished to ford it and attack at once. He sent urgent messengers off to Princeton to bring up the 2,000 men left there with Von Donop and to hurry up Leslie with the rear guard, six miles away. When they arrived they could turn the right flank of the Americans, and it would be all up with them then. He thought he had Washington at such a disadvantage that he could not escape, though the small advantage of position might enable him to make a desperate resistance even with his inferior forces.

"We will wait," he said to Erskine, "until Von Donop comes up, and Leslie, and then we'll bag the 'old fox' in the morning!"

So, after brisk firing on both sides until night closed down, the campfires were lighted on both sides of the creek, and the British officer went to sleep, calmly confident that he had held the winning cards and all that was necessary was that the hand should be played out in the morning to enable him to take the game again. He did indeed hold the higher cards, but the "old fox" showed himself the better player.

On the other side of the creek, in the house of good Mistress Dagworthy, anxious hearts were debating. General Washington had summoned a council of war, which expressed the usual diversity of opinion on all subjects except an unwillingness to fight, upon which, like every other council of war, it was agreed. Indeed the odds were fearful—10,000 seasoned, well equipped, well trained veteran troops, ably led and smarting with the late defeat and the check of the day against 5,000 or 6,000 wretchedly provided soldiers, three-fifths of whom were raw militiamen who had never heard a shot fired in anger!

Not even a leader like Washington, and officers to second him like Greene, Sullivan, Knox, St. Clair, Stephen, Stirling, Cadwalader, Sargeant, Mercer, Miffin, Reed, Stark, Hand, Glover and others, could overcome such a disparity and inequality.

Cornwallis had only to outflank them, crumple them up, roll them back on the impassable Delaware and then—God help them all!

There was no disguising the critical nature of their situation, and the army had never before been in so desperate a position. It needed no great skill to see the danger now to be faced, but the mistake of Cornwallis gave them a brief respite, of which they promptly availed themselves. Washington was not a man before whom it was ever safe to indulge in mistakes, and the more difficult his position the more dangerous he became. Trial, danger, hazard, seemed to bring out all of the most remarkable qualities of the man in the highest degree. Nothing alarmed him, nothing dismayed him, nothing daunted him; the hotter the conflict, the more pressing the danger, the cooler he became. No man on earth was ever more ready and quick to avail himself of time and opportunity once he had determined upon a course of action. This campaign was the most signal illustration, among many others, which his wonderful career affords. Action, prompt, bold, decisive, was as the breath of life to him, but before coming to a decision, contrary to the custom of great commanders generally, he usually called a council of war, which on account of his excessive modesty he sometimes allowed to overrule his own better judgment, to the great detriment of the cause. Alone he was superb. Given equal resources, the world has not seen a general with whom he could not successfully be matched. In this particular juncture, fortunately for the country, he insisted upon having his own way.

There were apparently but three alternatives before the council. The first was a retreat with all speed down the river, leaving the heavy baggage and artillery, and then crossing at Philadelphia, if they could get there in time. But this would be to abandon the whole colony of New Jersey, to lose the results of the whole campaign and leave the enemy in fine position to begin again in the spring, and if this were the end they might better have stayed on the west side of the river. Besides, successes were vital and must be had. Another retreat meant disintegration and ruin in spite of the lucky stroke at Trenton.

The second alternative was a battle where they stood, and that meant total defeat—a thing not to be considered a moment. The army must win or die; and as dying could do no good, it had to win. A brilliant idea, however, had occurred to the commander in chief, the man of brilliant ideas. He communicated it to the council, where it instantly found adherents and objectors too. It was the third alternative. A circuitous road called the

Quaker road, recently surveyed and just made, led in a roundabout way from the rear of the camp toward the Princeton road, which it entered two miles from that town. Washington's plan was to steal silently away in the night by this road, leaving bright fires burning to deceive the confident enemy, and press with all speed toward Princeton, strike Cornwallis' rear guard there at daybreak with overwhelming force, crush it before that general could retrace his steps, and then make a dash for the British supplies at New Brunswick. If it were not practicable to reach that point, Washington could take a position on the hills above Morristown, on the



"The army will move in two hours."

flank of the British, and, by threatening their communications, force the superior army to retreat and abandon the field or else attack the Americans in their intrenchments in the hills, with a probable result even more disastrous to the attacking party than at Bunker Hill. It was a conception as simple and beautiful as it was bold, brilliant and practicable.

But now the objectors began. It had been snowing, sleeting and raining for several days; the roads were impassable, they had no bottom. Objections were made on all sides—the artillery could not possibly be moved, no horses could pull the wagons through the mud, the troops could not march in it. But Washington, with true instincts, held to his carefully devised plan with an unusual resolution. Arguing, explaining, suggesting, convincing, persuading, the hours slipped away until at 10 o'clock at night there came a sudden change in the weather, perceptible even to those in the house. Washington ran eagerly to the door and opened it. Followed by the general officers, he stepped out into the night. It was dark and cloudy, no moon or stars even, and growing colder every moment under the rising northeast wind.

"Gentlemen," he cried gayly, "Providence has decided for us. The wind has shifted. The army will move in two hours."

At the time specified by the commander the muddy roads were frozen hard. The heavy baggage was sent down to Burlington, and a strong party of active men was left to keep bright fires burning and charged to show themselves as much as possible and make a great commotion by throwing up fortifications and loud talking, with instructions to slip away and join the main body early next day as best they could. At 1 o'clock in the morning the astonished army started out upon their adventurous journey—another long, cold night march. The untraveled roads were as smooth and hard as iron. With muffled wheels they succeeded in stealing away undetected.

CHAPTER XXVII.

THE Quaker road led southeast from Trenton until it reached the village of Sandtown, where it turned to the northwest again, and it was not until that point was reached that the surprised soldiers realized the daring nature of the maneuver and the character of that night march, which they had at first considered another hopeless retreat. It was astonishing, then, with what spirit and zeal the soldiers tramped silently over the frozen roads; the raw, green militia vied with the veterans in the fortitude with which they sustained the dreadful fatigue of the severe march. The long distance to be traversed on account of the detour to be made rendered it necessary that the men be moved at the highest possible speed. The road itself being a new one, lately cleared, the stumps and roots of trees not yet grubbed up, made it difficult to transport the artillery and the wagons; but the tired men cheerfully assisted the tired horses and the little army made great progress. The morning of Friday, Jan. 5, dawned clear and cold, with the ground covered with hoar frost. About sunrise the army, with Washington again in the lead, reached the bridge over Stony brook about three miles from the village of Princeton. Leading the main body across the bridge they struck off from the main highway through a byroad which was concealed by a grove of trees in the

lower ground and afforded a short cut to the town.

General Mercer was an old friend and comrade of the commander in

chief; he had been a companion of Prince Charles Edward in his romantic invasion of England in '45, a member of Braddock's unfortunate expedition, and wounded when that general's army was annihilated, and some time commander of Fort Duquesne after its capture by General Forbes. He was detailed, with a small advance party comprising the remnants of Smallwood's Marylanders, Haslet's Delawareans and Fleming's Virginians and a small body of young men from the first families of Philadelphia, to the total number of 300, to continue up the road along the brook until he reached the main road, where he was to try and hold the bridge in order to intercept fugitives from Princeton, or check any retrograde movements of the troops which might have advanced toward Trenton. The little band had proceeded but a short distance on their way when they unexpectedly came in sight of a column of the enemy.

It was the advance of the British, a part of Von Donop's leading brigade, en route for Trenton to assist Cornwallis in bagging the "old fox" according to orders—the Seventeenth regiment, under Colonel Mawhood. Mercer's troops being screened by the wood, their character was not visible to Mawhood, who conjectured that they must be a body of fugitives from the front. Under this impression, and never dreaming of the true situation, Mawhood promptly deployed his regiment and moved off to the left to intercept Mercer, at the same time dispatching messengers to bring up the other two regiments, the Fortieth and Fifty-fifth, which had not yet left Princeton. Both parties rushed for a little rising ground on the edge of a cleared field, near the house of a peaceful Quaker named Clark. The Americans were nearer the goal than their opponents and reached it first. Hastily deploying his column, Mercer sought shelter behind a hedge fence which crowned the eminence and immediately opened up a destructive fire from his riflemen, which temporarily checked the advancing enemy. The British, excellently led, returned the fire with great spirit, and with such good effect that, after a few volleys, Mercer's horse was wounded in the leg and his rider thrown violently to the ground, Talbot's was killed under him and several of the officers and men fell—among them the brave Colonel Haslet, who was mortally wounded.

In the confusion thus unfortunately caused the Americans could hear sharp commands of the English officers, then the rattling of steel on the gun barrels, and the next moment the red coated men broke out of the smoke, and, unchecked by a scattering fire from the Americans, gallantly rushed up at them with fixed bayonets. There were unfortunately no bayonets in this small brigade of the Continental army. A few of the men clubbed their muskets resolutely as the two lines met and made a stout resistance, but the oncoming British would not be denied, and as the charge was pressed home the Americans wavered, broke and fell back in some disorder before the vigorous onslaught of the veteran troops. Mercer, filled with shame, strove in vain to rally his men. Disdaining himself to retreat, and gallantly calling upon them to advance, he threw himself upon the advancing British line, sword in hand, followed by his officers, and for a brief space there was an exciting melee on the hill. A blow from the butt end of a musket felled the general to the ground. Talbot sprang to his side and swept the bayonet away from his heart by a blow of his sword delivered with a quick movement of his powerful arm. Mercer profited by the moment's respite to leap to his feet.

"Thank you, my lad!" he said. "Do you get to the rear and rally the men, general!" cried Talbot, firing a pistol at short range into the midst of the crowding enemy. "I'll hold these men in play." But the fighting blood of the old Scotchman was up, and for answer he struck boldly at the man opposite him.

"Surrender, you cursed rebels!" cried an officer near them. "Never!" replied Mercer, cutting down the man with whom he was engaged, while Talbot did the like to the one next him. With a roar of rage the British sprang on the two men. In a trice one of the bayonets got past Mercer's guard and grazed his arm; another buried itself in his bosom; a third struck him in the breast. The old man struck out weakly, dropped his sword and fell, pierced by a dozen wounds, but still breathing. Talbot, who was as yet unharmed, though covered with blood and dust, his hat gone, stepped across his body.

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