

Grand April Sales

Silks! Silks! Geo. Wyman & Co., offer the crowning sale for the season in silks for April.

Embroidered Pongees for shirt waists, suits, all at one price, 59c per yard.

Carpets, Draperies, and Curtains Our carpet trade for March was way ahead of our expectations.

Domestics! Domestics! 500 pieces fine cotton volles, great variety. These goods were made to sell at 15c—our price is 10c per yard.

GEO. WYMAN & CO.

South Bend, Indiana.

PERE MARQUETTE

TIME TABLE—Dec. 4, 1904.

Trains leave Buchanan as follows: For Hartford, Holland, Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Bay City, and the north; also New Buffalo, Michigan City, Porter, Chicago and the south and west, at 8:35 A. M. and 5:00 P. M.

The Indiana, Illinois & Iowa Railroad

Table with columns for STATIONS, No. 9, No. 7, No. 6, No. 5, and times for arrivals and departures.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL

"The Niagara Falls Route." TRAINS EAST. LEAVE BUCHANAN. Detroit Night Express, No. 8, 12:42 A. M.

NEW LIVERY..

Having rented the Front Street Livery Barn and put in a full line of first class rigs, I am prepared to accommodate the public with the best Livery service at all times at reasonable prices.

Geo. Batchelor, Buchanan

THOS. S. SPRACUE & SON, PATENTS

LANSING LETTER

Many Primary Election Bills Have Been Introduced

SOME OF THE PROVISIONS

Doings At The Capitol as Seen By Our Correspondent

Lansing, April 10. Primary election bills are accumulating upon the files of the two houses and of their elections committees, and are fast assuming first place in the attention of the members and of outsiders as well.

The Double-Ivory bill, which most closely conforms to the platform propositions and is satisfactory to the administration, is now before the house and has been made a special order for Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Senator Baird's bill was introduced in the senate Wednesday, and is substantially the same as the Double Ivory bill. Senator Glasgow's bill has been also introduced, by Senator Cropsey in the absence of its author who was detained by illness but has since returned to his duties.

Another bill now before the house elections committee is Dickinson bill No. 2 distinct from Mr. Dickinson's earlier bill, which was the first one offered in this legislature.

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The house passed Mr. Ming's anti-cigarette bill with substantial unanimity, and also passed the Ming anti-hazing bill, which provides a fine of twenty-five dollars, or a possible five hundred dollars where the hazing results in disfigurement of the victim.

Senator Baird's Sunday closing bill for mercantile businesses, which was specially urged by the butchers, passed the senate after rejection of amendment to include cigar stores, pool rooms, ball grounds and theaters and the bills is now sent to the house.

The joint resolution for amendment to the constitution allowing an annual legislative salary of six hundred dollars, failed of the necessary two-thirds in the house, but was the following day amended to make the salary five hundred dollars, and passed with but one dissent, Mr. Canfield, of Alpena, who thought it useless to propose amendments that the people would not ratify.

Governor Warner took no action upon the case of Supervisor Kimmeler of Cassopolis, which was argued before the governor by the tax commission with demand for Kimmeler's removal on a charge of unfair assessments and resistance to the commission's supervision.

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Moved by East supported by French that the druggist bond of I. L. H. Dodd be accepted. Ayes, Ravin, Philips, Adams, French, Bishop and East. Motion carried.

Finance—East, Ravin and Adams. Street—Bishop, French and Philips. Cemetery—Geo. B. Richards was appointed to succeed himself.

It was moved and adopted that the salary of fire chief be increased to double the amount of previous years. It was suggested by President Pears that the council audit the amount of \$1,250 for the purpose of paying interest and the president and clerk be authorized to draw checks for the same, and be charged to the debt paying fund.

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Following is the report. The finance committee to whom was referred the following bills have examined same and would recommend their allowance as per statement below.

Table with columns for FUND, Description, and Amount. Includes Highway Fund, Cemetery Fund, and General Fund.

BUSINESS CARDS

D. R. L. E. PECK, Homeopathic Physician, Surgeon, Office and Residence on Main St. Buchanan, Mich.

J. W. EMMONS M. D. PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON Diseases of Women a Specialty. Office over express office. Office hours 10 a. m. until 4 p. m.; in at all other times except when out in actual practice.

DR. JESSE FILMAR, DENTIST OFFICE—POST-OFFICE-BLOCK. Nitrous Oxide Gas Given in Extracting Teeth. BELL PHONE 95-2 rings.

DR. JOHN O. BUTLER, DENTIST. REDDEN BLOCK Phone 22.

Frank A. Stryker, Co. Drain Commissioner, office corner Front and Main Sts., Buchanan, Mich. Belle phone 29.

Perrott & Son Funeral Directors 108-110 Oak Street, Phone 113. BUCHANAN, MICHIGAN

RICHARDS & EMERSON UNDERTAKERS, FRONT ST., BUCHANAN, MICH.

Table listing various services and their costs, including salary fire chief, registration boards, and election booths.

DEBT PAYING FUND Chase National Bank New York int. on bonds \$1,250 00 P. A. GRAFFORT, W. W. EAST, Village Clerk. Chairman Com.

Monday Club The M. L. club met with Mrs. Alice Rose Monday, April 10. Mrs. Dodd conducted the opening exercises. Mrs. Phelps read minutes of previous meeting, which were accepted. The critic gave a very full and profitable report.

Mrs. Weaver had charge of the history lesson. Mrs. Rose furnished music on the gramophone which was very much enjoyed. After roll call Mrs. Crotser read an excellent article on Alexandria. After reading at 4 of Antony and Cleopatra the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Emery April 17, teams to leave House's Livery barn at 1 o'clock sharp.

A Daredevil Ride often ends in a sad accident. To heal accidental injuries, use Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "A deep wound in my foot, from an accident," writes Theodore Schuele, of Columbus, O., "caused me great pain. Physicians were helpless, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly healed it." Soothes and heals burns like magic. 25c at all druggists.

Boy's Spring Suits

The new styles for the Spring season are ready this week

We call particular attention to our new single breasted Norfolk "Sunny Jim" Suits with bloomer trousers. Also the double breasted Jacket Suits with straight or bloomer trousers.

For the coming season we have brought together the handsomest assortment of boy's suits, in chevots, grey and brown mixtures—checked and striped effects—that we have ever shown. The color combinations are the newest—very striking—just right for spring wear.

The New Single Breasted Yoke Norfolk Suits with bloomer trousers—jackets tailored with shoulders so as to give the broad manly effect. Very smart suits; sizes from 6 to 16 years—All wool suits at \$3.00, 3.50, 5.00, 6.50 and 7.50.

Double Breasted Jacket Stits, in grey and brown mixtures, neat, stylish designs, very dressy. Sizes 8 to 17 years, also special sizes for fat boys. Prices, \$3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 5.00, 6.50 and 7.50.

Also Spring Reefers and Spring Top Coats for boys as well as girls.

THE ONE-PRICE CLOTHIERS **SPIRO'S** The BIG STORE
119-121 South Mich. St., SOUTH BEND, Ind.

Geo. and family this week.

Mrs. Ida Strunk and family moved from Porter, Ind., here last week.

Dixie Reinke who has been quite ill for three weeks, is better.

BENTON HARBOR.

Creator, the famous bandmaster, will bring his orchestra here June 2. The St. Joseph Elks celebrated the opening of their new club rooms Wednesday night.

An evangelist is holding revival services this week at the colored Baptist church.

Jesse R. Johnson, the father of our chief of police Charlie Johnson, was buried Tuesday.

Rev. J. S. Deabler has been assigned by the conference to the Evangelical church in this city.

St. Joseph is to have a special election for the purpose of voting \$7,500 bonds to be used in extending their sewer system.

Fruit growers say the frost of Tuesday night did not harm the peach buds, but cherries and strawberries are somewhat affected.

Mr. and Mrs. John Needham and little son, Franklin, are expected to return soon from California to St. Joseph.

Rev. Daniel Robinson and little son of Ligonier, Ind., visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson, last week.

Nelson C. Rice, four times mayor of St. Joseph, was presented, on his retirement, with a beautiful silver loving cup by the old council.

Fred Geshing, 65 years old, took carbolic acid by mistake last Monday and died as a result. He leaves a wife and six children.

A house on East Washington St., was burned last Saturday and one on Colfax Ave., was partly destroyed by fire early this morning.

Henry M. Null, for 34 years a carpenter in this city, left Wednesday for Jackson prison. He has been appointed mechanical superintendent.

Hannon & Son, liverymen, have purchased an electrical groomer, which will clean and clip horses thoroughly in short order. It is the first one in southwestern Michigan.

The Kaffir Boys' Choir, who should have furnished the third number on the Union lecture course, will be here May 8. Both lecture courses will then be finished.

Mrs. C. R. Nash went to Buchanan last Thursday, where she will visit friends till Saturday, when she will go to Elkhart to spend two or three weeks with relatives there.

Edmund T. Bard the railroad promoter, offers to build a \$40,000 bridge across the canal if the city will let him put it at Eight street, place his tracks across it and if they will grant him the use of that street for four blocks.

IN MEMORIAM

Podso has come and gone. His career though short was somewhat checkered. His appearance was hearded like a newly discovered star upon the horizon. Like the moon when it has reached the highth of its orbit, he was full; and again like the moon, he passed away with a last quarter, which he finally borrowed after several unsuccessful attempts. His shortcomings, and still shorter going remain with us as but a memory of what might have been. May his ashes rest in peace.

Builds up the system, puts pure, rich blood in the veins; makes men and women strong and healthy—Byrdock Blood Bitters. At any drug store.

Eighteen Bridges Between St. Joseph and Niles

Niles, April 18.—The interurban line between this city and St. Joseph will be a "road of bridges." Contractor George Townsend said this morning that it would require the construction of eighteen bridges and trestle works to follow the route that has been surveyed. At Berrien Springs a bridge 1,600 feet long will span the St. Joseph river. The structure will be supported by 16 concrete piers 30 feet high.

The contract for the concrete work and bridges has been awarded to R. J. Campbell, and this morning he commenced work with a large gang of men about a mile and a half out from this city. He expects to employ 300 men on the contract until com-

pletion. All concrete work must be completed before December 1.

In constructing the railway 1,000 men will be employed for the next eight months, the largest gang ever put to work on a road in Berrien county. Contractor Townsend announces that he will pay \$4 per day for men and teams.

It will be necessary to throw up 800,000 yards of embankment. In many places the poles and wires of the Michigan telephone company are in the way, and for nearly two miles they will be taken up and reset farther-back in the road.

Civil Engineer Weber arrived this morning from Detroit and he will be in charge of the engineering department.

It is announced that the central power system of the Indiana & Southern Michigan system will be located between Niles and St. Joseph and will cost over \$100,000.

FOR EASTER



New Hats
New Shirts
New Shoes
New Ties

My Stock is filled with all the latest showings in this line.

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Gents Furnisher

Buchanan



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O. P. WOODWORTH
EDITOR.

Entered at the Post-office at Buchanan, Mich. as second-class matter.

TERMS
\$1.00 PER YEAR.

APRIL 14, 1905.

According to the report of the experts, Russia's new navy can be completed in ten years. Of course Japan would be doing nothing in the mean time.

President Roosevelt will probably come back from his southern trip with the Lone Star championship as a marksman. Not even the most audacious wing and buck shooter in Texas will have the temerity to beat the president's score.

The women of Virginia want to bring the bones of Pocahontas back from England for permanent interment near Jamestown. In saving the life of one of the Smiths, the dusky Indian maiden did a heap for the perpetuity of the American republic.

House cleaning. Yes its here, and the average man is mighty thankful if he can get a cold bite and a place to sleep on the back porch. The sensation is something delightful, but the effect on the digestive apparatus is not just what the doctor ordered.

CORRESPONDENCE

BERRIEN SPRINGS.

Rev. Milo Smith is building a tenant house on his farm.

The West Michigan Nursery Co., are now at work with a full force. They have about fifty acres of nursery stock on the Shaker farm and have now rented forty acres of Geo. Graham; part of this is now being planted with peaches.

The new building which is now being built will soon be completed.

PORTAGE PRAIRIE

A candy social was given at the school house of district No. 4 on last Friday night. The proceeds were \$7.55.

Mrs. Susan Arney visited in Niles over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rough and Mr. and Mrs. John Swartz were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Percival Rough, Sunday.

Miss Blanche Arney, who spent a week among relatives at this place has returned to her home in South Bend.

Mr. G. W. Rough and Elmer Rough visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rhoades in Niles, Sunday.

Miss Glyde Brown who visited her aunt, Mrs. Emory Rough, for the past week, has returned to her home in St. Joseph.

WEST BERTRAND.

Last week Mr. Bowering, with Frank Hamilton's engine, moved the little house from the Joseph Wells place to the Matthews farm, recently purchased by Mr. Gilman.

Mr. Gilman moved his household dsgoo from Indiana Tuesday, and will soon be settled in his new home.

Chas. Tiedge moved his family to the Burbank farm, Jacob Cripe has sold his farm to Lester Lauver.

Walter Frame returned to his home in Iowa, Monday.

Maud Moyer has accepted a position in South Bend and went to work Monday.

Chas. Sheldon has commenced work for S. A. Ferguson for the summer.

A petition addressed to the rail road officials, asking them to continue the station at Dayton, was circulated by Leo Richter and John McDonald, Tuesday.

Mrs. H. I. Cauffman was called to Jackson, Sunday.

Mrs. Libbie Dempsey visited friends in this vicinity last week.

GLENDORA

Spring work is fairly begun throughout the country.

Mrs. Gregory was called to Rochester, Ind., last week, by the sudden and severe illness of her daughter.

Mrs. Belden Haines, spent Sunday in South Bend, being called there by the illness of her son's wife.

Mrs. Earl Hemminway, of Laporte, Ind., spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Austin Adams.

Mrs. Joseph Smith is expected home soon from the South Bend hospital, where she has been for nearly a month.

On account of sickness Mr. Wm. DaVoe was compelled to resign his position as teacher of the school, and Miss Mattie DaVoe has been employed to complete the two months remaining.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Chas. Wolkins is doing well at the Grand Rapids hospital, where she occupies the L. O. T. M. bed. She is being treated for appendicitis.

Mrs. Alvin Morley spent last week in New Buffalo with her parents.

Lee Stearns returned from his winter's stay in South Bend, on Monday.

DAYTON

Mrs. B. L. Denny and son was in Galien Tuesday.

Quite a number attended the sewing bee at Mrs. F. M. Hamilton's, Wednesday.

The young ladies of the deserted village will give a dance in the DeArmond store building Friday evening. Dayton is just about the same, some people moving out and some moving in.

The train still makes the regular stops, it isn't entirely deserted yet.

The agent A. C. Weaver who has been here the past 15 years is here yet.

Mrs. S. P. Phillips returned from Michigan City Tuesday.

Mrs. S. Mead has gone to visit her daughter near St. Joseph, Mich.

Jessie Legget, of Jackson, visited his mother here last Sunday.

Miss Cora Pangborn, of Chicago, visited Blanche Sheldon over Sunday.

Ed Pangborn, of Chicago visited E. Allen and family last Sunday.

Mrs. S. Martin is visiting her son

EASTER SALE

OF
SILK SHIRT WAIST SUITS, TAILORED SUITS
AND SHIRT WAIST SILK.

Instead of following an old-time custom of offering seasonable goods at a reduction after the season is over, we are offering until Easter Sunday, a most desirable line of SILKS, SHIRT WAIST SUITS, Rain coats, Tailored Suits and Shirt Waist Silks, at extremely low prices, some of which we quote below:



\$12.50 Surplice Suit
changeable silk \$10.25
and pongee

\$20.00 full dress Silk Suits, shirred skirts, \$14.75
lace front and colors, velvet trimmed. Price

\$20.00 black Chiffon Taffeta Suit, low \$14.75
shirred shoulder, tucked and shirred skirt

\$18.00 Changeable Silk Suit, full pleated \$13.50
skirt and waist, Plastron effect. Price



Changeable Silk \$9.25
Suit, correct style



Tailored Suits to Close

\$25.00 Suit, vest front, fancy reverse and \$12.50
peppolum. Easter price

A full line of correct Jackets, \$4.00 up
the season's most fashionable wrap,

Raincoats \$12.50, \$10, \$9, \$7

In silks we are making the same liberal reduction. 75c silks in fancy, all colors 49 cents

\$18.00 Coat suit \$9.00
Easter price

A lot of Plaids in shirt waist 50c
sizes all put in one lot and go at

65c quality black taffeta 47c
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50c black Chiffon Taffeta for 35c
this sale only

Sale Continues Until Easter

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205-207 SO. MICHIGAN ST.
SOUTH BEND INDIANA.

New Spring Goods

You will want a new Spring suit, hat or top overcoat, perhaps all of them, within the next few weeks and we want to show you through our mammoth stock and convince you how far a little money will go in our store. We have but one price and that's the right price. Finest Line of Neckware and Gents. Furnishings in the City.

FOR EASTER FINE PREMIUM HAMS
AT
Mutchler's Meat Market

Stone Ware Sale

We offer 5000 gallons Stone ware in lots of 1 dozen or more at

5 Cents Per Gallon

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Buy
MORLEY'S
New Troy Mills
CHOICE BUCKWHEAT
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Guaranteed Pure.

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thank the people of
Buchanan and vicinity
for their patronage and
ask for its continuance

We are Agents
For

Fleck's Stock Food,
Poultry Powder and
Lice Killer.

-We have all the PATENT MEDICINES called for in this market. We sell PER-FUMERY, TOILET SOAP, besides always

Dodd's Cough Balsam
Dodd's Liver Pills
Dodd's Sarsaparilla
75c per bottle.

Gerbelle Flour

When in doubt order "Gerbelle" the flour that satisfies. Accept no substitute for there is none "just as good."

No brain food equals bread made from the famous blended flour "Gerbelle."

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At this appeal the innkeeper, who had been an interested spectator, now became a not unwilling witness.

"It is true he seemed hurried," he answered. "When he first came down he ordered breakfast. I happened to mention the duke was at the chateau, whereupon he lost his appetite with suspicious suddenness, called for his horses and was for riding off with all haste."

From the commandant's expression this testimony apparently removed any doubts he may have entertained. Above the heads of the troopers massed in the doorway the duke's plaisant saw Jacqueline standing on the stairs, with wide open dark eyes fastened upon him. Involuntarily he lifted his hand to his heart. Across the brief space glanced into his eyes.

Persecuted Calvin maid—had not her fate been untoward enough without this new disaster? Had not the king wrought sufficient ill to her and hers in the past? Would she be sent back to the court, the monarch? For himself, he had no thought but for her, who was nobler even than her birthright. He had been thrice a fool who had not heeded portentous warnings—the sight of Triboulet, the clamor of the troopers—and had failed to flee during the night. As he realized the penalty of his negligence would fall so heavily upon her, a cry of rage burst from the fool's lips and he sprang toward his aggressors. The young girl became yet whiter. A moment she clung to the baluster, then started to descend the stairs. A dozen swords flashed before her eyes.

She drew in her breath sharply, when, as if by some magic, the anger faded from the face of the duke's fool, the hand he had raised to his breast fell to his side, his blade remained sheathed.

"Your pardon, my lord," he said to the commandant. "I have no intention of resisting the authority of the law, but if you will grant me a few moments' private audience in this room I promise to convince you the Duke of Friedwald never signed that writ."

"Let him convince the council that examines heretics," laughed Triboulet. "I will give you my sword, sir," went on the jester. "Afterward, if you are satisfied, you shall return it to me. If you are not, on my word as a man of honor I will go with you without more ado."

"A Calvinist, a jester, a man of honor!" cried the dwarf.

But narrowly the vicomte regarded the speaker. "Fardieu!" he exclaimed gruffly. "Keep your sword! I promise you I can look to my own safety." And in spite of Triboulet's remonstrance he waved back the troopers and closed the door upon the plaisant and himself.

Outside the dwarf stormed and stamped. "The jester is desperate. It is the noble count who is a nonny. Open, fool soldiers!"

This command not being obeyed by the men who guarded the entrance, the dwarf began to abuse them. A considerable interval elapsed. The hunchback, who dared not go into the room himself, compromised by kneeling before the keyhole. At the foot of the stairs stood the girl, her strained gaze fastened upon the door.

"They must be near the window," muttered Triboulet in a disappointed tone, rising. "What can they be about? Surely will he try to kill the commandant!"

But even as he spoke the door was suddenly thrown open and the vicomte appeared upon the threshold.

"Clear the hall!" he commanded sharply to the surprised soldiers. "If I mistake not," he went on, addressing the duke's jester, "your horses are at the door."

"You are going to let them go?" burst forth Triboulet.

"I trust you and this fair lady"—turning to the wondering girl, who now stood expectantly at the side of the foreign fool—"will not harbor this incident against our hospitality," went on the vicomte, without heeding the dwarf.

"The king will hang you!" exclaimed Triboulet, his face black with disappointment and rage, as he witnessed the plaisant and the jester leave the tavern together. "Let them go and you must answer to the king. One is a heretic who threw down a cross; the other I charge with being a sorceress." A terrible arraignment in those days, yet the vicomte was apparently deaf. Hat in hand, he waved them adieu.

The steeds sprang forward, past the soldiers and down the street.

"After them!" cried the dwarf to the troopers. "Dolts! Joltheads!"

Whereupon one of the men, angered at this bawling, reaching out with his iron boot, caught the dwarf such a sharp blow he staggered and fell, striking his head so violently he lay motionless on the walk. At the same time, far above, a body of troopers might have been seen issuing from the gates of the chateau and leisurely wending their way downward.

CHAPTER XXIV.

SOME part of the interview with the commandant which had resulted in their release the jester told his companion as they sped down the sloping plain in the early silvery light which transformed the dewdrops and grassy moisture into veils of mist. Behind them the chateau was slowly fading from view; the town had already disappeared.

"Upon the strength of the letter from the emperor the vicomte took the responsibility of allowing us to depart," explained the fool. "In it his majesty referred to his message to the king, to the part played by him who took the place of the duke, and what he was pleased to term my services to Francis and himself."

So much the plaisant related, but he did not add that the commandant, with Triboulet's words in mind, had at first demurred about permitting the jester to go. "Vrai Dieu!" that person had exclaimed. "If what the dwarf said be true? To cross the king! And yet," he had added cynically, "it sounds most unlike. Did Aladdin flee from the genii of the lamp? Such a magician is Francis. Chateau, gardens—'tis clearly an invention of Triboulet's!" And the fallacy of this conclusion the duke's plaisant had not sought to demonstrate.

Without question the young girl listened, but when he had finished her features hardened. Intuitively she divined a gap in the narrative—herself! From the dwarf's slur to Callette's gentle look of surprise constituted a natural span for reflection. And the duke's fool, seeing her face turn cold, attributed it perhaps to another reason. Her story recurred to him; she was no longer a nameless jesteress; an immeasurable distance separated a mere plaisant from the survivor of one of the noblest, if most unfortunate, families of France. She had not answered the night before when he had addressed her as the daughter of the constable; motionless as a statue had she gazed after him, and, remembering the manner of their parting, he now looked at her curiously.

"All's well that ends well," he said, "but I must crave indulgence, Lady Jacqueline, for having brought you into such peril."

She flushed. "Do you persist in that foolishness?" she returned quickly.

"Do you deny the right to be so called?"

"Did I not tell you the constable's daughter is dead?"

"To the world! But to the fool—may he not serve her?"

"Poor service!" she retorted. "A discredited mistress!"

"One I am minded for," he replied, a sudden flash in his eyes.

She looked away. Her lips curved.

"For how long?" she said, half mockingly, and touched her horse before he could reply.

What words had her action checked on his lips?

To serve her seemed a happiness that drowned all other ills; a selfish bond of subordination. Her misfortunes dignified her. Her worn gown was dearer in his eyes than courtly splendor, the disorder of her hair more becoming than nets of gold and coils of jewels. He forgot their danger. The broad plain lay like a pleasure garden before them.

At the sight of a bush, white with flowers, she uttered an exclamation of pleasure and broke off a branch covered with fragrant blossoms as they rode by. Out of the depths of this storehouse of sweets a plundering humming bird flashed and vanished, a jewel from nature's crown! She held the branch to her face, and he glanced at her covertly. She was all jesteress again. The cadence of that measured motion shaped itself to an ancient lyric in keeping with the song of birds, the blue sky and the wild roses.

"Hark, hark! Pretty lark! Little heedest thou my pain."

He bent his head, listening. He could scarcely hear the words. Was it a sense of new security that moved her, the reaction of their narrow escape, the knowledge they were leaving the chateau and all danger behind them?

"Hark, hark! Pretty lark!"

Boom! Far in the distance sounded the discharge of a cannon, its iron voice the antithesis to the poet's dainty pastoral. As the report reverberated over the valley, from the grass innumerable insects arose; the din died away, the disturbed earth dwellers sank back to earth again. The song ceased from the young girl's lips, and, gazing quickly back, she could just distinguish above one of the parapets of the chateau a wreath, already nearly dissolved in the blue of the sky. The jester, who had also turned in his saddle, met her look of inquiry.

"It sounds like a signal of some kind, a salute, perhaps," he said.

"Or a call to arms?" she suggested. And he made no answer. "It means—pursuit!"

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At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of St. Joseph in said County, on the 3rd day of April, A. D., 1905.

Present: Hon. Frank H. Ellsworth, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Charles A. Butler deceased.

John O. Butler having filed in said court his petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Anna J. Butler, or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the 1st day of May A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Buchanan Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

(A true copy) FRANK H. ELLSWORTH, Judge of Probate.

ROLAND B. BAKER, Register of Probate.

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State of Michigan, Second Judicial Circuit.

Martin Susan, Complainant, vs. Joseph Cook, Defendant.

In this cause it appearing by affidavit that the defendant, Joseph Cook, is not a resident of this State, but is a resident of the City of Denver, State of Colorado: On motion of Allison C. Roe, complainant's solicitor, it is ordered that the defendant enter his 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 Record, a newspaper, printed, published and circulating in said County, and that said publication be continued therein, once in each week for six weeks in succession.

ALLISON C. ROE, Solicitor for the Complainant, Circuit Judge. Business address—Buchanan, Mich.

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Estate of David E. Hinman, Deceased. STATE OF MICHIGAN, the Probate Court for the County of Berrien.

In the matter of the estate of David E. Hinman 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 4th day of April, A. D., 1904 were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and we will meet at the office of William A. Palmer, village of Buchanan, in said county, on the 2nd day of June A. D. 1905, and on the 5th day of August A. D. 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims.

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