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CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Albion, Mich., Sept. 17—The Michigan annual conference of the M. E. church adjourned yesterday afternoon, after the reading of the appointments in the different districts.

By unanimous vote the conference accepted the invitation of the church at St. Joseph to hold its next annual session in that city of joyful marriages. The following are the new appointments in the Niles district: Niles district—Presiding elder, D. F. Barnes; Bangor, Frank Cookson; Benton Harbor, R. E. Meader; Berrien Springs, Edwin Tench; Breedsville, (to be supplied); Brodson, Jas. Allen; Buchanan, T. H. Leamon; Burr Oak, Whyrom Grier; Cassopolis, A. J. Wheeler; Centreville, C. S. Riley; Coldwater, Louis De Lamar; Coloma and Watervliet, J. S. Valentine; Colon, C. L. Beebe; Constantine, J. F. Bowerman; Decatur, G. A. Odium; Dowagiac, H. D. Skinner; Edwardsburg and Smith's Chapel, C. A. Anderson; Galien, M. A. Oldt; Gilead, B. Silkwood; Girard, Leroy L. Lewey; Hartford, Geo. Killen; Kinderhook, J. W. Rochelle; Keller and Silver Creek (to be supplied); Lawrence, Quinter Walker; Lawton, A. D. Newton; Marcellus, G. E. Wright; Mattawan, W. W. Hurd; Niles, E. H. Clapp; Paw Paw, G. Gilbert Stansell; Pipestone, J. G. Phillips; Pokagon, Alfred T. Gosling; Sherwood, J. A. Oakes; St. Joseph, W. R. Pierce; Stevensville, R. E. Showerman; Sturgis, L. H. Manning; Three Rivers, N. A. McCune; Three Oaks, J. V. Bennett; Union City, J. F. Peachment; Vandalia, A. S. Williams; White Pigeon, E. A. Baldwin.

OBITUARY

ROSAMOND MARIAN BURDICK

was born July 4th, 1830, in Linklean township, Orleans county, N. Y., and died in Buchanan, Mich., September 15th, 1907, aged 77 years, two months and 11 days. She was the second daughter of William and Susan Burdick. Her youth was spent in the village of Manlius, near Syracuse, N. Y. She gave her heart to God when in her thirteenth year, and united the Baptist church. In October 1849, she was married to Franklin L. Weston, a member of the same church, to which they both belonged for over 40 years.

Their home for many years was a farm in Niagara county, N. Y., where their six children were born. In 1864 they removed to Burr Oak, St. Joseph county, Michigan and three years later to Bridgman, Berrien county, Michigan. These faithful parents trained up their children in the fear of the Lord, their own faithful Christian lives being the best of all instruction. The parents were baptized into the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints at Galien, Michigan, July 4th, 1884, remaining members the rest of their lives. This faithful Christian mother was preceded to the Heavenly world by her husband, one son and one daughter.

She is survived by one brother, Wm. Burdick, of Santa Ana, California, and by four children, Mrs. Flora Morgan, of Buchanan; Mrs. Lucy Baldwin, of Bridgman; George Weston, of Independence, Mo., and Nathan Weston, of Coleman, Mich., who mourn the loss of a devoted, loving mother and thank God for her life of godliness. She also leaves twelve affectionate grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

NOTICE

Beginning October 1st, COAL will be SOLD and delivered ONLY on a CASH basis.

WM ROANTREE,
E. S. ROW,
H. R. ADAMS.

Buy your phonographs now before the price goes up after Sept. 28 there will be an advance. Frank Sander.

Market Reports

Week ending Sept. 20 Subject to change:
Butter.....20c
Lard.....11c
Eggs.....18c
Honey.....14c

Beef.....34c
Veal, dressed.....73c
Pork, dressed.....73c
Mutton dressed.....9c
Chicken live.....9c

Above quotations are on live weight only.

The Pears-East Grain Co., report the following prices on grain to-day:
No. 2 Red Wheat.....90c
No. 1 White Wheat.....90c
Rye.....80c
New Oats, 3 white.....47c
Yellow Corn.....60c

WILL MEAN LONG FIGHT

Attorneys for Flying Rollers Claim They Can Carry Fight to Victory

Benton Harbor, Sept. 19—Should the attorney general carry out his statements and open proceedings for ouster against the Israelite House of David, one of the greatest legal fights ever instituted in Michigan will immediately be taken up between the forces under command of the state and the attorneys employed by the big communistic colony.

Attorney Harvey, of the firm of Gore & Harvey, solicitors for the Israelites, stated this morning that such an action on the part of the attorney general and his aids would immediately invoke a legal fight which would be carried to the highest courts.

The attorney was confident that such a fight could only result in the ultimate victory of the Israelite interests and that eventually they would win the right to continue their present organization at the spot where it is now located.

Attorney Harvey waxed over the persecution of the Flying Rollers, and exhibited some force in his remarks concerning them. He declared that they were harmless and simple folk, that they caused no trouble to residents of the city or township, and that they were peaceable to the extreme. He pointed out that they paid their bills, that they owed no man and declared also that every member in the colony was perfectly satisfied with the manner in which affairs were being conducted.

Insurance News

The regard with which the department "With Insurance Men" in The Chicago Record-Herald has long been held by insurance and business men has been increased as a result of the San Francisco conflagration. The Record-Herald gave its readers the latest and most accurate information as to insurance losses there, and was the only paper to send a special representative to San Francisco to devote his attention to the insurance side of the disaster. The department has had exclusive information of nearly all of the reinsurance of companies and other important changes resulting from the conflagration. It constantly furnishes accurate and concise information on all important changes in the insurance world, fire, life and casualty. It has an exclusive exchange with the insurance department of the Journal of Commerce in New York, and though that covers the news at the home office of the companies and secures its cable service from abroad. All insurance men read this column, and business men who realize the growing importance of insurance are learning the value of keeping informed through it.

The RECORD wants your news. Please send it in.

BARBARIC CUSTOMS?

That of Exposing Faces of Dead at Church Funerals

The Edwardsburg Argus expresses itself vigorously on a custom observed to quite an extent in rural communities where public funerals are held, saying:

"We wish a law could be passed prohibiting the barbaric custom of opening caskets in public at church funerals. It has no place in a civilized community and undertakers ought to combine to put it to an end. In nine-tenths of the cases it is merely a pandering to a ghoulish curiosity. People who never spoke to the deceased in their life parade around the church, gaze at the form of our loved one, then go out of the presence of death, not to talk of the good deeds done in life, but to criticize the appearance of the poor clay that death has left for once at their mercy. Death is a solemn thing. If we are going on a long journey, we do not make our adieu before a gaping crowd, we ought not to be expected to bid our dead a last good bye while curious eyes fatten on our grief, and we out not to be expected to sit in the house of mourning while people we never associate with, who have no claim on us or our loved one, jostle each other in their desire to view the remains, and then get together and gossip over what they saw or failed to see. We believe that a majority of the people detest the painful funeral scenes as much as we do and would be more than glad to see them ended, but are afraid to break a custom. But it is a duty the minister and undertaker owe to themselves and the long suffering public to put a stop to the exhibition and they will find the public only too glad to uphold them with a hearty amen."

Springbrook is Closed.

Popular Park Attractions Shut Down for Season—Proposed Plans.

Springbrook park, South Bend, the popular summer resort of the Chicago, South Bend & Northern Indiana Railway company, closed its first season Sunday under the management of the Interurban Amusement company. Although late in the season when the contracts for the operation of the park were closed, the company made good progress on its plan to convert the place into a "white city" and furnished a class of attractions that gave general satisfaction.

The Casino was conducted along board lines and a number of big bills were given at the park, which, while not always a success financially, were appreciated by the amusement loving public. The management is already arranging to begin work on various improvements for the park's season next year. It expects to complete its plans in a marked degree in time for the opening and to give residents of this community a "white city" of which it may feel proud.

SHOOTS HIMSELF

Michigan Farmer Brooding Over Family Troubles Commits Suicide in Berrien; Shooting Manner.

Benton Harbor, Mich., Sept. 18—With the top of his head blown off, Harry Haskins, a Bainbridge township farmer, Sunday lived for three hours. Early in the morning he deliberately made all preparations for death. Taking a 12 gauge shotgun, he walked to his bedroom, placed the muzzle of the gun to his forehead and pulled the trigger. Brains and pieces of scalp were scattered over the walls of the room. Physicians say his case is the most remarkable known to medical science. Brooding over family trouble is said to have caused Haskins to take his life.

WANTED—Teams, carpenters and laborers at Berrien Springs. Apply to Berrien Springs Power & Electric Co.

BENTON HARBOR'S WATER POISONED

City Wells Infected by Bath House Refuse

Benton Harbor, Mich., Sept. 19—Special.—That the Benton Harbor water supply has been contaminated for months, was reported at the council meeting last night by a special committee appointed by the mayor. Investigation disclosed the fact that the drainage water from the Premier mineral bath house drained into the city wells. The municipal pumping station adjoins the bath house.

It was explained by the manager that patrons of the bathhouse, after taking baths, had thrown soiled towels into the pipes and the refuse water could not pass through them, and consequently overflowed into the ground. As the surface wells from which the city water comes are only 4 feet deep, the drainage from the bathhouse easily got into them.

It was also reported that the bath house does not connect with sewers, but that the dirty water runs into a cesspool and then drains into the ground. Efforts were made to keep knowledge of the facts from the people, but the council finally decided that the people should know what they are drinking. City officials are in a quandary, as it is impossible to shut off the water supply, no matter how badly it might be affected.

\$200,000: Big Leagues Pay Out Fancy Sum For Minors

Did you ever think how much money passes from the major leagues to the minors each year?

Did you ever stop to figure what it costs the big leagues to secure the 25 or 30 recruits who make good in fast company every spring?

President Pullam of the National League sheds some light on the purchase and drafting of players:

"There are 16 clubs in the two big leagues," said Mr. Pullam, "and these clubs have added in the neighborhood of 20 players to their reserve lists since they began purchasing men early in August. That means an average of more than a dozen to a team. Of these men it is not likely that more than 30 will make good—and the majority of them must be paid for just the same.

"While I haven't the exact figures at hand, I know that more than \$200,000 has been paid by the two big leagues for minor league players this fall. Those figures will be greatly increased in cases where second payments are required and the men so purchased make good.

"Just think what a help that is to the minor league clubs that fail to take in as much at the gate as they pay out for running expenses. Many a club has been saved from financial straits through developing a player or two who commanded a good price from some major league club. Baseball is getting bigger in a financial way every year—and this is banner year of all in the matter of money expended for players by big league clubs."

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollar for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by Druggist, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

All the news all the time in the Record.

McVICKER'S THEATER, CHICAGO

There is a scene in "The Straight Road", the new Clyde Fitch play which Blanch Walsh is presenting in McVicker's Theatre, Chicago, which makes the spectators sit up and "take notice." The heroine of the drama, Houston Street, Moll (played by Miss Walsh), has determined to sacrifice her happiness, her reputation and her sweetheart to save her benefactress, Miss Thompson, from an unhappy marriage. Moll has discovered that the man is false and a wicked man, but he manages to turn Miss Thompson against her and so save himself. Moll makes an appointment with him to visit her in her rooms and also begs Miss Thompson to come to see her, asking her to be at her rooms half an hour after the bad man has called. Both consent and the third act takes the audience to Moll's room, a bare enough place, but honest. One of the decorations is a large cromo of the Sistine Madonna, a present from Miss Thompson. The hour of the meeting arrives and with it the bad man. He makes violent love to Moll and when she hears what she believes to be Miss Thompson coming she allows him to take her in his arms. The door is thrown open and Moll's intended husband enters to find her clasped in Aines' arms. There is a fight between the men as Miss Thompson comes into the room. She believes Moll is wicked and refuses to hear her explanation of the situation. Bill, the sweetheart of Moll, lets Aines go with Miss Thompson and he chokes Moll and throws her off. Then the poor girl, bereft of friends and lover, swears she will drink and carouse and be as mean and ornery as they think her. She tears the curtains from off the windows, breaks up the furniture and generally upsets her room and as she is about to take a glass of whiskey she sees the Madonna and falls on her knees asks to be forgiven and to be saved. Miss Walsh's acting in this scene is wonderful—the best she has ever done in her life. The engagement at McVicker's will end Oct. 5.

Health in the Canal Zone

The high wages paid make it a mighty temptation to our young artisans to join the force of skilled workmen needed to construct the Panama Canal. Many are restrained however by the fear of fevers and malaria. It is the knowing ones—those who have used Electric Bitters, who go there without this fear, well knowing they are safe from malarious influence with Electric Bitters on hand. Cures blood poison too, biliousness, weakness and all stomach, liver and kid-

CHICAGO GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

The second month of the extraordinary engagement of Montgomery and Stone in Charles Dillingham's production of "The Red Mill" at the Grand Opera house, Chicago, has started in with a rush. In its first four weeks this attraction has played to nearly \$80,000. This is said by theatrical authorities to be the biggest business ever known in Chicago at standard prices and is probably the largest ever recorded in the United States. It puts in the shade the oft quoted figures of Richard Mansfield and David Warfield and beats the best business done during the same period of time by Montgomery and Stone themselves in their run in New York City. The original booking of "The Red Mill" in Chicago, after a re-adjustment by Manager Charles Dillingham of contracts with other cities, has been extended for another month. This will be the absolute limit of the Chicago engagement as managers of theatres in Boston and Philadelphia, where the piece has never been seen, are strenuously demanding the attraction and it cannot be withheld from those cities any longer. Out-of-town people visiting Chicago should avail themselves of the only opportunity they will have to see Montgomery and Stone in "The Red Mill." The attraction will positively not be played in any city west of the Alleghenies except Chicago.

PLEAD FOR LITTLE DOLLS

Leading Woman's Magazine Comes Out in Defence of the Doll

A powerful force has joined Father M. G. Esper, of St. Joseph's Catholic church, in his fight against the Teddy bear. "The Delinquent," a leading woman's magazine, in its current issue comes forth with a strong editorial against the fad, declaring that the race suicide danger by reason of supplanting the doll by the bear is a real one. It closes with this plea:

"Bring your babies back to dollies or you will have weaned the grown-ups of the future from the babies that will never be."

The editorial in part follows: "Empty is the cradle—dolly's gone, the Teddy bear has come instead."

"Whatever the subtle, esoteric, psychological cause that may explain it, there is an amazing phenomenon before the American people at present.

"What much more concerns the community is the Teddy bear craze in its relation to children—the children who wouldn't have turned that way if they hadn't been encouraged. When your little girl asked for a doll and you gave her a Teddy bear, your action was fraught with a consequence that is only excusable on the ground of your ignorance. You thought that you were only supplanting one toy with another—a more fashionable one. You really were supplanting one ideal with another, which by strange coincidence is also a more fashionable one. You away a little girl's doll and have interfered with the natural expression of motherhood. By persistently putting something else into her arms, you may suppress altogether her desire for her dear imitation baby. And by and by when her desire for the imitation baby is altogether atrophied she is going to grow up without a desire for a real one. Do you see what you have done? You have implanted the race suicide idea where it will work the worst harm—in the very hearts of the babies themselves.

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EDITORIAL

Same Old Gang at Work

A claim of \$93.00 for damages for the "lamentable and irreparable" loss of what is known as the oldest sorrel horse in Berrien county was presented to the council at a recent meeting. The unfortunate animal broke its FORE leg by getting tangled up in its complicated labyrinth of harness.

It is very ridiculous and preposterous to think of a pitiable horse breaking its front leg and then becoming a source for certain designing persons to wring some money from the city on a manufactured excuse that the "broken leg" was due to a defective sidewalk. The matter was referred to the village attorney, A. C. Roe, for investigation. After carefully dissecting and analyzing the "problem" it was discovered that the horse not only was purchased for \$5.00 several years ago but was not the property of the parties concerned in trying to bleed the city for an outrageous claim of \$93—nearly nineteen times its original value. This brazen scheme of trying to influence the council to collect damages under false pretenses is the limit and it is high time to call a halt.

It is a disgrace to permit money leeches to play a bold-hold up game right at home and among your neighbors. The pirates in ancient times used to work under a black flag and in the dead darkness of night which ought not to be imitated in this little burg.

The vote for the constitutional convention delegates last Tuesday was very light, showing a marked indifference to the important constitutional convention election. However, the republican candidates, advocated by the Record: Messrs. Fyfe, Jones and Gore, were elected. The total number of votes cast in Buchanan township was 83, divided as follows: 1st precinct 46; 2nd precinct, 37.

The votes for the different candidates stood:
Jones, 66.
Fyfe, 71.
Gore, 67.

O'Hara, 13.
Kimmeral, 12.
Groat, 15.

Plint, 1
Strickland, 2
McMaster, 1.

The Blended flour, Gerbelle, manufactured by the Goshen Milling Company, Goshen, Indiana is the best in the world.

I want an Orest John.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

A regular meeting of the Village Council was held at the council rooms Tuesday evening, Sept. 3, 1907.

The members present were: President Peck, Trustees Hanlin, Richards, Chamberlin and East.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Finance committee was made by Chairman East and upon motion of Trustee Chamberlin, seconded by Trustee Richards, the report was accepted and orders authorized to be drawn upon the treasurer for the various amounts.

Ayes, Trustees Chamberlin, Richards, Hanlin and East. Nays, none.

GENERAL FUND

Floyd Gardner, lighting lamps \$ 2 00
W. E. Pennell, sundries 2 14
Chas. A. Chapin, lights 163 41
F. W. Eldredge, marshal sal. 20 00
F. P. Barnes, night watch sal. 10 00
Indt. Mich. Elc. Co., extra lighting 1320 00
P. A. Graftort, printing 1 00
Chas. Ingles, burying carcass 5 00

GENERAL FUND W W

Wm. Roantree, supplies \$ 32 44
Zack Kain, labor water mains 5 23
C. McGowan, " " " 3 50
Eli L. Duc, " " " 2 62
Elmer Lough, " " " 88
Fred Sanford, " " " 2 62
Arthur Babcock, " " " 3 50
Adolph Anderson, " " " 7 00
D. McGowan, " " " 6 12
Henry Clark, " " " 6 12
Gene Miller, " " " 6 04
Oliver Camp, " " " 7 00
John Brant, " " " 1 88
W. Wade, " " " 88
Bert Baldwin, " " " 2 62
Wm. Lough, " " " 11 20
John Haskins, " " " 11 00
Chas. A. Chapin, lights 2 03
Walter W. French, car coal 41 33
J. K. Clow & Son, supplies 9 78
South Bend Supply Co., " 11 21
A. B. Clark, salary 45 00
J. N. Smith, labor 21 00
Walter French, salary 45 00
Robert A. Austin, supplies 10 00
The Mogg Coal Co., car (12703) coal 52 72
M.C.R.R., freight on car No. 12703 85 16
Total \$438 80

HIGHWAY FUND

Thos. Lord, labor \$ 22 00
Carmi Smith, supplies 9 00
E. S. Roe, " 14 93
W. J. Miller, labor and supplies 215 80
Jay Glover, team labor 29 40
Geo. Mitchell, " 29 25
C. E. Sessions, labor 7 30
Chas. Turner, " 25 50
F. W. Eldredge, St. Com. 20 06
Simon Swartz, load gravel 50
Henry Clark, labor 19 20
J. P. Beistle, supply 12 40
C. B. White, repairing well \$ 1 30
Sam Swartz, labor 3 00
Joseph Shook, " 23 37
Total \$27 67

Total expenditures \$2402 10.

Moved by Trustee Chamberlin, seconded by Trustee Hanlin, that the resolution adopted by the Common Council in their regular meeting of Aug. 6, 1907, accepting a bid of the Platt Iron Works company covering the installation of one Smith-Vaile triplex pump and one ten and one fifteen H. P. motor with necessary transformers and switches amounting to \$1,169 00, be made to read, one 7x8 triplex pump and one 10 H. P. and one 30 H. P. motors with necessary transformers and switches at an added sum of \$580.00, or a total sum of \$1,755 00 with a credit of \$200.00 for the Worthington pump now at the water works. Ayes, 4. Nays none. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Richards, seconded by Trustee East, that C. D. Kent be given permission to build a cross walk, under the direction of the street commissioner, across Oak street. Ayes 4. Nays none. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Hanlin, seconded by Trustee Chamberlin, that the claim of John Camp for loss of sorrel horse be referred to acting attorney, A. C. Roe, for investigation and advice. Ayes 4. Nays none. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Chamberlin, seconded by Trustee Richards, that the bond of Chas. Kruka with E. S. Roe and Chas. Pears as sureties, be accepted. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Hanlin, seconded by Trustee Richards, that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

W. E. PENNELL,
Village Clerk.

Don't think that piles can't be cured. Thousands of obstinate cases have been cured by Doan's Ointment. 50 cents at any drug store.

PERSONAL

BOOST BUCHANAN

Mrs. E. B. Smith went to Chicago yesterday.

Harrison Merrill went to Detroit today on business.

J. C. Rehm spent a number of days, this week, in Chicago on business.

Mrs. Eli Metz, was called to South Bend on account of the illness of Mrs. Walter Metz.

Mrs. Frank Martin and daughter, Gerald, of South Bend, are guests of Miss Mary E. Ham.

Fred Bunts, of Chicago, was a guest over Sunday of his aunt, Mrs. P. W. Weaver and other relatives.

Messrs Guy Bruce and Robert Davis attended the county fair at Cassopolis yesterday.

Mrs. J. L. Knight returned Wednesday from an extended visit at Courtland, New York.

Miss Winifred Morley of Elkhart, is spending a few days with Miss Ethel Stryker.

Mrs. E. C. McComber, of Galien, was a guest of Mrs. Chas. Simpson yesterday.

Misses Winifred Morley, Ethel Stryker and Alta McGeer were in South Bend yesterday.

Mrs. Lee Jones, of South Bend, spent yesterday with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Parkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Poyser are attending the Cassopolis fair this week.

Wm Van Meter returned yesterday from a three days' business trip in Chicago, where he purchased a large line of fall goods.

Geo. Wells and Mr. Davis, of Toledo, O., who have been guests of Mrs. W. S. Wells the past few days, left yesterday for Diamond lake.

Miss Bessie Graftort returned to her home in South Bend yesterday, after several weeks' stay in Buchanan.

Mrs. James Brandow, of Grand Rapids, who was called here by the illness of her father, Luther Hamilton, returned home yesterday.

Ex-Prosecuting Attorney Riford, of St. Joseph, was in town yesterday

in the interest of the Fred Briney drunken debauch and robbery case.

Misses Bessie Davis and Louise Arney went to Cassopolis last night for a few days' visit with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Julia A. Snow, of Evansville, Wis., has returned to her home, after an extended visit with her niece, Mrs. C. S. Preston. While Mrs. Snow was very ill.

Mrs. George R. Jenkins and daughter, Mrs. Frank Olman, who have the guests of Mrs. C. S. Preston several days, returned to their home in Rockford, Ill., last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sabin and daughter, Miss Clara, returned from LaPorte, Ind., today where they attended the reunion of the 29th Indiana Regiment. Mr. Sabin served in this regiment during the Civil war.

The Record's Regular Correspondent

WEST, BERTRAND
Ross Dalrymple went to South Bend Saturday, where he expects to find employment.

Ralph Baker returned to his home in Jackson Wednesday, last week.

Mrs. George Baker, of Chicago, was a guest of Mrs. V. M. Baker Tuesday, and her mother, Mrs. Bartlett near Dayton, the latter part of the week.

Allen Frame is attending his regimental reunion at Westville, Ind., this week.

Charles Lightfoot started for Iron Mountain, Upper Peninsula, Wednesday, where he will be employed in putting up a creamery.

J. B. Currier and daughter, Dorothea, visited Mr. and Mrs. Philip Smith near Bristol, Ind., the first of this week.

John Donley and family visited his daughter, Mrs. Frank Wright, in Warren township, Ind., Sunday.

S. A. Ferguson and Geo. Dressler attended the Republican banquet at St. Joseph, Monday.

Geo. Heltzel was shocked by lightning.

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Would you rather risk the old trunk in the corner for your valuable papers than a steel safety deposit box in our vault at a cost of only \$2 per year?

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Gleaming New Velvets are Beckoning

The silk section gives much thought and attention to its Velvets and this showing is absolute in its correctness. It means widest choice for you in the choicest of the season's styles.

Rich Shades, New and Exquisite Colorings

Among those most in favor are the pansy purples, mulberry shades American Beauty effects, the dahlia shades, army, navy and Copenhagen blues, emerald, empire, and bronze greens, from the lighter Java and leather shades to the deep tobacco browns and moleskin and metallic grays. All these shades may be secured at \$1.00 the yard. Observe the window display of these beautiful velvets.

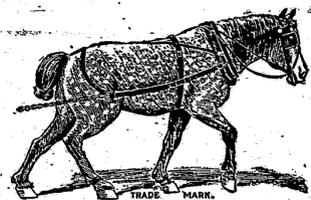
We are also showing A. W. B. Boulevard Chiffon finish velours and chiffon velvets in all staple colors and many of the newer shades. See Window Display.

The New Trimmings

We dare say women are interested as much in the coming styles of Laces and Trimmings as anything of feminine bedecking. We have lots of new trimmings on exhibition such as the following:

All-over Laces in white, cream and ecru, in the Venise and small figured nets for Waists and cream, white bands from one to five inches in width in the Filet net. New Colored Appliques in all the new shades, also pretty gold effects. We have a complete line of all the popular braids in the new shades also a line of novelty braids and soutache braids in all the new shades. Bands, Laces and all overs to match in white and cream. New black trimmings, Filet Net Bands and applique ranging from 25c to \$6.00 a yard.

Special narrow Persian Bands in colors ranging from 20c to 50c a yard. See Window Display.



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It's death to the pesky flies.

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First publication Sept. 20, 1907.
Estate of Samuel Rollings, Deceased
 STATE OF MICHIGAN, the Probate Court for the County of Berrien.
 At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of St. Joseph in said County, on the 16th day of Sept. A. D., 1907.
 Present: Hon. Frank H. Ellsworth, Judge of Probate.
 In the matter of the estate of Samuel Rollings, deceased.
 Maury Koons, having filed in said court a petition praying that the administration de bonis non with the will annexed of said estate be granted to Lydia Dressler, or to some other suitable person.
 It is ordered, that the 14th day of October, A. D., 1907, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for 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
 Register of Probate
 Last Publication Oct. 11, 1907.

LOCAL NEWS

The Michigan conference of the M. E. church will be held in St. Joseph next year.
 Luther Hamilton, who suffered two strokes of paralysis last week is some better.
 H. B. Ketchum, who was recently taken to Chicago seriously ill with typhoid fever, is reported to be slowly recovering.
 The Ladies of the M. E. church are arranging for a banquet to be given in the new basement Oct. 9, it will be the grand opening.

The Celfor Tool Company have just completed a large drill measuring 1 inch in diameter by 5 feet and 9 inches in length.

A farmer was found town the other day selling peaches in small baskets at 45c per. He claimed he had to get rid of them, before they became rotten.

Peaches, the pride of the fruit belt, was absent from the menu of the recent Republican banquet at St. Joseph, whereas the tables a year ago were fairly loaded with the rosy-checked fruit.

W. D. Bremer and son are now buying and shipping stock in this city. They recently moved to Buchanan from Three Oaks. They have put the stock yards along the M. C. Rv. in first class shape for their own use.

A St. Joseph paper reported that 30,000 packages of fruit, chiefly melons, were shipped out of that city last Sunday night on the Chicago boat. There were very little peaches in the shipment.

Prof. Videto from the college at Berrien Springs will speak at the Gospel Tent, Sunday evening, Sept. 22. The subject of discourse will be: "Why I Keep the Seventh Day." The interest has been continually growing and a large audience is expected Sunday night.

Among the list of M. E. ministers assigned by the recent conference at Albion to different districts of Michigan, appeared that of Rev. F. C. Watters, who has been placed in the Houghton district, upper Michigan. His pastorage includes National Mine and Palmer. The new Buchanan \$9,000 M. E. church was erected through his untiring and unselfish efforts, and will ever remain a pleasant monument to a young man who knew and valued that new twentieth century word, "stick-a-tive-ness".

The trust-raising-prices seem to have struck this town. Milk has now advanced to 6 cents a quart. No reason has been given for the raise.

The Michigan Central have been busy the past few days installing the two arm telegraph system at the depot here, which went into effect at noon today.

As tonight is the regular lodge night for the M. W. A.; a large attendance is desired to be present, owing to there being about six candidates to take the work and to make arrangements to attend the Woodman Day picnic at Berrien Springs which is to be held there on Tuesday, Oct. 1 to take in a county class of about three hundred.

The "30 Club" began their club year Wednesday afternoon at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. H. F. Kingery. It being a committee day, no regular program was carried out. Roll call was responded to recite "Objections to the Program" and after a business meeting and discussion of the program for the ensuing year the committee served musk and water melons. Club adjourned to meet Sept. 25 with Miss Artie Logun.

Toge Burt, a well known member of the local "can gang", so-called, was given 60 days in the county jail Monday by Justice Babcock on a charge which was preferred by T. J. Tormey, a local newspaper reporter. While the charge was assault it does not appear that Toge actually assaulted, that is, laid hands violently on the newspaper man. Toge didn't get a chance, the reporter being too fleet of foot for the "can gang" herd who is a little unsteady on his pins from frequent over-indulgences. Just what the fuss was about is not known but Toge is said to have opened upon Tormey with a torrent of vile language coupled with dire threats as to what he would do to the reporter. Then the sprinting match followed in which Toge was clearly distanced. Justice Babcock says he could just as well have given Burt ninety days but as a jail sentence has no terrors for him anyway, sixty was just as good as ninety. Constable Redican took him up.—Niles Sun.

The Ladies of the M. E. church Aid Society will have baked goods sale at Mr. Runner's Drug store, Saturday, Sept. 21.

"Generally debilitated for years. Had sick headaches, lacked ambition, was worn-out and all run-down. Bu dock Blood Bitters made me a well woman.—Mrs. Chas. Freitoy, Moosup, Conn.

Correspondence

DAYTON
 Miss Crissy Schmidt, of East Saginaw, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Goggle, of this place.

Adolf Meyers, of Chicago, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Arthur Whitley. Miss Pearl Redding visited relatives in Dowagiac last week.

Mrs. A. Kern, of Buchanan, visited friends in town last Friday. Jesse Leggit went to Chicago last Monday where he has a position.

William Ranke visited his parents here last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Vanlew visited their daughter, Mrs. Frank Mann, in South Bend last Monday.

Miss Bernice Weaver, of Buchanan, visited relatives in town last Saturday.

Miss June Bronley was a business caller in Buchanan last Saturday.

Mrs. Ester Leggit has gone to Ann Arbor for an indefinite visit with relatives.

There is some talk of a creamery being started at this place.

Mrs. Frank Redding and little daughter, Ester, of Buchanan, visited relatives here in town Friday.

Mrs. Nelly Barnes and children, of New Carlisle, visited her sister, Mrs. Edna Weaver, last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. A. W. Paul is visiting her son, James, of Glendora.

Mrs. S. P. Martin returned from a week's visit in Buchanan.

Mrs. Meda Salisbury and son, Darcy, visited relatives in Dowagiac last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. A. C. Weaver, of Indiana Harbor, visited his son, Floyd, and family last Saturday.

The Dayton ball team defeated the Sweet Home boys in a game of ball last Sunday at Sweet Home with a score of 6 to 4 in favor of Dayton. They will play here next Sunday.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

[The Record welcomes communications to this department from its readers, but will not be responsible for any utterances made or opinions expressed.]

INCREASED PRICE OF MILK - NOT BAD IF QUALITY IS O. K.

While the country is all upset over the great trusts and combines, are we forgetting the evils at home? True, the mammoth combinations are a detriment, but the local trusts are even worse because we feel their effects daily.

We note the ice combination right here in Berrien county; it is not to be effectively denied that coal men are in full accord regarding prices; the lumbermen know what each other dealer charges and the grocers and butchers, with other retail men, seem to be working pretty well in harmony for some reason or another.

"Charity begins at home" and hence we need not cry out in appalling terms our contempt for the giant trusts. Smaller ones are right here with us. Just recently the price of milk was raised to six cents per quart, whereas for scores of years the lactic fluid could be sold and "peddled" at five cents. Nor can it be said with truth that food for cattle has advanced to any marked degree. Pasture, perhaps, has been reduced in its acreage because the hungry land owner can no longer see any benefits from untilled ground which affords grazing place for cows. He must have it all "cleared," plowed up, planted. Then, too, it must be drained and ditched, so that if it should fail to rain for a

few days in the summer months there is no reserve moisture and the farm tract becomes parched and crops being to droop. Not so several years ago.

I have lived in this territory for many years and have never yet seen a dairyman go into bankruptcy, but have seen them prosper at five cents per quart, no matter whether the "morning's" milk turned sour by noon or not and no assurance was given that the milk had not been skimmed by the farmer or cow raiser who seems to always have some cream to take to the butter factory.

Perhaps the raise of milk to six cents is justified during these "days of prosperity" and no doubt the factory employes will not be given an advance of five cents a day in wages to meet the additional cost of living and help the starving farmer fatten his cows so he can sell more cream to the butter maker and realize the fancy prices which are being paid for good stock by the meat dealers. Of course, it is not presumed the farmer who condemn the binding twine trust, the agricultural machine trust, the wire nail and the other trusts so they can buy from the mail order houses will have the brazen nerve to do any such thing as to "combine!" 'Twould be horribly inconsistent.

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 Bilious, Feel heavy after dinner? Tongue coated? Bitter taste? Complexion? Liver needs waking up. Doan's Regulets cure bilious attacks. 25 cents at any drug store.

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5 Cents per Line
 Phone your wants to 9-2 rings.

Piano Instruction

Miss Beulah M. Jenks is prepared to meet and make arrangements with pupils for the ensuing year. Piano Studio at home on corner of Fourth and Moccasin ave.

Lost and Found

FOUND—A Catholic Lodge pin. Owner may get same by calling at this office and proving property and paying for this ad.

FOUND—A package containing some curtains. Owner may get same by calling on Aaron Starrett at Clear Lake and proving property.

Bargains

Try a sack of our buckwheat flour. Only 25c a sack at Buchanan Cash Grocery.

Try wiggle stick triplets. Makes washing easy. Spoon free in every package. Buchanan Cash Grocery.

For Sale

FOR SALE at a bargain, 1 handmade surry, 1 sulky and a cider press. Mrs. Carrie Hurdle, Phone 13.

FOR SALE—A good work horse at a bargain. Inquire of Alfred Jummie, mare owner. Phone call 90, 2 R. Elmer Butts' residence; weight about 1,500.

Touring Car for Sale

FOR SALE—30 H. P. five passenger touring car, equipped with three extra tires, full leather top, gas lamps, Prest-O-Lite gas tank, baggage carrier, full set of curtains, complete set of tools, chains, etc. Car has never been used by any one but the owner; has been kept in first class condition by experienced chauffeur from the factory. For sale at very reasonable rate, owner desiring larger machine. Will pay railroad fare of buyer. Address Motor X.Y.Z., Saginaw, Mich.

Berrien county Read It

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Piano Instruction
 In removing to Buchanan from Indiana, Miss McCann was obliged to sacrifice a large class of piano students. She will organize a class in Buchanan and those desiring to receive the benefit of her extensive and matured experience are invited to inquire for particulars at her residence on Front street.

Clean Towels
 For everyone at **Sunday's Barber Shop and Bath Room**
 Our printing will please you.

We are the leaders in high Grade Tea and Coffee Try a pound and if you are not pleased we will refund your money.

No more Coffee Substitutes
 The few unfortunates with whom coffee disagrees are at last emancipated. No more need to look for a coffee substitute. Everyone can now drink real coffee without any bad after-effects if it is

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The bitter-tasting cellulose tissue containing about 9 per cent tannic acid, which is the part of the coffee that does the harm, has been removed, the healthfully stimulating, digestion-promoting properties remain intact, and all the time you are drinking real coffee prepared in the usual way.

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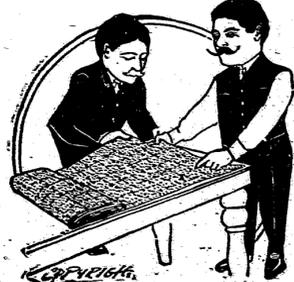
1 Sack Best patent	72c	1 Sack Golden Wedden	67c
1 " Lucky Hit	65c	1 " Daisy	62c
1 " Graham flour	20c	1 lb fresh Corn Meal	15c

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Special Cut Prices for September
 On First Class Tailor Made Suits or Pants

\$22.00 SUIT for **\$18.00**
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 Prepared at the south-east corner of Canal and Bridge Streets, Grand Rapids, Mich. Prompt attention given to all orders addressed to **M. B. GARDNER Soldiers Home RENT CO., MICH.**

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Give us a Trial Order.
ROANTREE Lumber and Coal

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Fancy Decorated Cups
 Bread Plates, unusually nice lot for choice at these low prices, 15c, 20c and 25c.
 Sauce Dishes beautifully decorated 10c.
 Creamers very pretty shapes 10c, 15c and 20c.
 Salad Dishes, finely decorated 20c, 25c and 35c.
 Sugar Bowls covered and Creamers decorated with stamped gold treatment. Set 25c.
 Cups and Saucers, Bavarian German China 10, 15c, 20c.

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We May Need Two New Political Parties.



THE most interesting subjects in Europe to thoughtful people are not the great buildings, valuable paintings and other evidences of material prosperity. These things in themselves are of importance, but they are dwarfed by the social and political tendencies of government and people. On every hand one finds the principles of democracy—that great SOCIAL LEVELER which in its last analysis means equality of conditions regardless of distinctions except such as are made by individual character and ability. THESE PRINCIPLES ARE AS ACTIVE THROUGHOUT EUROPE AS IN AMERICA. It is but the awakening of humanity after ages of slumber to a realization that governments are made for the people, not the people for governments.

We find social and political questions in Europe discussed intelligently and disposed of deliberately. In one form or another the VOICE OF THE PEOPLE is heard, and it is controlling.

It may be thought by many that in some countries, as in France and Germany, the machinery employed is more direct and the result obtained more definite and certain. Thus on all vital issues that divide the people into RADICAL, CONSERVATIVE OR LIBERAL PARTIES they are not always designated by the same names, but they represent THREE DISTINCT CLASSES—those in favor of radical social and political changes, those who favor ultra conservative measures, and the third party holding the middle ground and who, although favoring reforms, approach them in a conciliatory and conservative way.

MUCH MIGHT BE SAID IN FAVOR OF THE CONTENTION, SO FREQUENTLY MADE, THAT IF IN AMERICA PARTIES WERE THUS DIVIDED THERE WOULD BE THE MEANS PROVIDED THAT WOULD DEFINITELY DISPOSE OF LIVE AND PRESSING ISSUES, DISSOCIATED FROM PRESENT PARTY TIES WHICH, BECAUSE OF THEIR HOLD ON PEOPLE, MAY FREQUENTLY LEAVE UNCERTAIN WHAT THE GREAT MAJORITY THINK ARE BEST MEASURES AND POLICIES FOR BUILDING UP OUR COUNTRY AND ELIMINATING THE EVILS WHICH ARE OBSTACLES TO OUR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WHICH FOR THE MOMENT ARE IMPEDING THE COUNTRY'S PROGRESS.

Whether the division of our people into camps of radicals and conservatives would be better than the present division into Democrats and Republicans is A QUESTION WHICH ONLY THE FUTURE CAN ANSWER.

Party Government Is a Humbug

By HENRY WATTERSON, Editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal.
DO NOT SAY THAT PARTY GOVERNMENT IS A FAILURE, BUT I DO SAY THAT PARTY GOVERNMENT, CLAIMING TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF PUBLIC OPINION, IS A HUMBUG.

It is a mischievous humbug. Already it has cost us a gigantic war which public opinion might have averted and would have averted if it could have overleaped party lines and sectional lines, for in 1861 an OVERWHELMING MAJORITY of the people north and south were opposed to war. They did not believe war possible until it was upon them.

We pride ourselves upon living under a GOVERNMENT OF PUBLIC OPINION. Would it not be truer to say that we live under a government of PARTY organism? Is it not also true that this party organism takes small account of public opinion where it feels itself strong enough to defy it?

The corruption of parties—the revelations of this corruption which have reached the common knowledge the last few years—have confounded the Democrats and brought the Republicans to their knees. The politicians of BOTH parties are appealing as never before to the people.

Warm Weather is Needed
Grape Crop is Held Back by Cold Spell
St. Joseph, Sept. 18—Warm weather is needed for the grape crop. Early Concord began to turn nearly a week ago, but the cool weather has retarded the ripening process. Two or three days of sunshine with some warmth will bring thousands of baskets of grapes to the market. Some early Moores have been shipped during the last week but the buyers are waiting for Concord.

Farmers, mechanics, railroaders, laborers rely on Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Takes the sting out of cuts, burns or bruises at once. Pain cannot stay where it is used.
The family paper—the RECORD—all the home news.

The Touch That Heals
Is the touch of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the happiest combination of Arnica flowers and healing balsams ever compounded. No matter how old the sore or ulcer is, this Salve will cure it. For burns, scalds cuts, wounds or piles, it has no equal. Guaranteed by W. N. Brodriek, druggist, 25c.

Loses \$200 on Ball Game
Dowagiac, Mich., Sept. 18—Dowagiac defeated the Pokagon baseball team at Dowagiac Sunday afternoon by score of 5 to 1. There was a big attendance at the game and wagers aggregating about \$1,000 were made on the result. One Pokagon man lost \$200 on the game.
The family paper of Berrien county—the RECORD—Best service to advertisers.

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His Magnum Opus.

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Poindexter pulled the sheet of paper from the typewriter carriage and added it to the pile in the wire basket beside him. He caught up the last few pages and reread them, with a glow of pride, for he knew that at last he had written a story of flash and blood instead of the mildly innocuous romances that had added to his bank account, but not to his fame.



AT LAST ONLY THE BLACKENED SHEETS REMAINED.

Ever since that night six months before, when he had come back to his darkened home to find the note on the dresser of his room notifying him that Agnes had gone away with the man he had considered his best friend, he had worked with feverish energy upon the novel.

He had taken little Elsie and had crossed the continent with her that she should be far removed from all who might allude to her mother.

As they sat in the car, the child lost in wonder at the constantly shifting scene, he had planned the story, and once he had made his new home he had set to work.

All the bitterness of his heart he had written into the book. It was the plain tale of his own experience, told with the simple directness of one who feels deeply, except that into the last chapter he had written an ending such as he wished that she might suffer. Almost gloatingly he drew the picture of remorse and shame that followed the desertion, and now reading it over he shuddered at the evil picture his own fierce desire had conjured up.

For years he had sought a theme that should lead him to his great accomplishment. Agnes, too, had sought to help him, but their lines had fallen in the pleasant places, and he wrote things that were salable, but not great.

Then she had left him for Tredgar, a man who had done things, and his inspiration had come. He knew that he had done well, that this book would bring him fame and opportunity, and he smiled as he gathered the sheets together and prepared them for mailing.

He had kept in touch with his eastern connections, and Blauvelt, the publisher, had asked for the first reading.

He was bent over the desk writing the address when there came the patter of bare feet across the uncarpeted floor, and he looked up from his work.

"What is it, daughter?" he asked as he took the little nightgowned figure in his lap.

"I was lonesome," explained Elsie. "You didn't come to kiss me good night like you said you would, daddy. I waited and waited and waited. Then I just had to come. Is you most done, daddy?"

"All done, dear," he said, with an affectionate pat on the package at his elbow. "I was so interested that I even forgot my little Elsie."

"And it's going to make you a great big man?" she demanded. "It's going to make you famous and happy, daddy?"

"Famous and happy," he repeated. "It's my great work, dear."

"I'm so glad," she whispered contentedly, patting the pale cheek, wasted to thinness by his sorrow and absorption in his work. "Some day when I get a big girl, a great big girl, I'll read it and tell all the other girls that my daddy wrote that great book, and they'll all be mad because their papas can't write books like my papa can."

Poindexter shivered and drew the little form closer to him. Not once in all these months had he thought of that result. He had worked steadily with one purpose—of holding this woman who had been his wife up to shame. He had given no thought to the child. Not once had he realized that there would come a day when she would read with understanding the story of her mother's disgrace.

He had let her think that Agnes was dead. Simple statement sufficed the childish mind, but the day would come when perhaps the curtain might be drawn aside. Some old friend from the east might seek him out and unwittingly betray his secret to the girl, and she would read with horror the story

of her mother's fall painted in words of bitterness such as only wounded pride and dead love can conjure. She would see her mother's soul in all its nakedness, and his would be the hand that had thrown aside the garments of time and charity.

"Are you sleepy, daddy?" Poindexter roused himself.

"Not a bit," he declared. "What makes you think that, daughter?"

"You are so still," she explained, "and you don't talk."

"Daddy's a little tired," he explained.

"Shall I tell you a good night story?" The child nodded her head contentedly, and Poindexter began a fantastic tale. He had a fertile fancy, and these good night stories were glorious moments in the child's life. There were times when she stole softly about the house lest she interrupt his writing, but when bedtime came and she lay curled up in his lap while his rich voice recited weird tales of giants and fairies and dragons she had him for her very own and was content with the sacrifice.

As they neared the climax his voice grew soft, and when at last the end came he waited for the usual applause of "That was lovely, daddy." Instead, soft lips brushed his cheek and the tired child sank off to sleep.

Tenderly he bore her to her bed and tucked her in as gently as a woman might have done. Reverently he pressed his lips against the rosy mouth and tipped from the room.

The library seemed cold and cheerless when he returned. The child's visit had but emphasized his loneliness, and he sat blankly at the table on which lay the package with its address but half completed.

He swung his chair about that he might not see it; but though he had turned his back upon it, the script still danced before his mental vision. He could still see the uncompleted tail of the "y" he had been writing when Elsie had come in and the ink blotch in the corner where the pen had rolled against it. A dozen times he half turned to complete the address, and as often there came to his memory the words of his daughter.

Some day she would read the book with a clear vision, and perhaps she would understand. There is always some one to disillusion with awkward speech. Perhaps she might never know how true to life the story was. Then again some chance remark might bear in upon her the truth.

Agnes by her action had forfeited all right to his forbearance, but there was still his duty toward his child. It seemed like murder to destroy this masterpiece, and yet—

He went over every incident of his life since his marriage. She had married him, ambitious for his future, and he, utterly content, had been happy in his moderate success save for those moments when her urgings spurred his ambition. One purpose in writing this very book was to show her when it was too late, that he could accomplish those successes for which she had longed; that he could write as brilliantly as the man for whom she had left him.

The east glowed with the first blush of the dawn when at last he rose from the chair and threw aside the curtains to let in the morning light and the fresh air.

Slowly he crossed the room to the empty fireplace and laid the package in the grate. A tiny tongue of flame crept along the wrapper, biting deeper as it grew. At last only the blackened sheets remained, and he turned away.

"For Elsie's sake," he whispered and added, with a sigh, "and for Agnes' too. God pity her." His magnum opus was found not in accomplishment, but in renunciation.

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