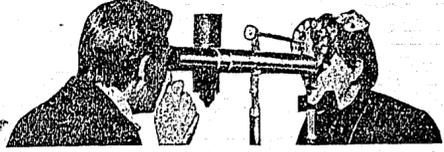




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The annual convention of the Ingham County Sunday School Association will be held in the Presbyterian church at Holt on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 10th and 11th.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Ernest Parker is clerking in Hamner's grocery. The Masonic Grand Lodge will meet in Lansing in 1904.

Good work horse for sale. Inquire of J. E. Taylor, Mason.

Two new candidates were initiated in the Royal Circle Monday night.

Poultry taken every day. Rowls & Co., chicks 9c. L. DEAN.

Pontiac has again been chosen as the place for holding the state fair.

Jane Menard of Onondaga has been granted a widow's pension of \$12 per month.

For rent—a good house in a good neighborhood in Mason. Inquire at Farmers' Bank. 6w3

All members are requested to attend the next meeting of the Tourist club which will be held Feb. 11th at the home of Miss Cora Neely.

Kimmel's Department Store will give you a feast of bargains for 20 days. Don't fail to read ad. on fifth page of this issue.

Webb & Lawrence, boot and shoe dealers, make a cash reduction sale on all winter goods next Saturday, Feb. 7th. Find out about it on the fifth page this week.

Dr. J. W. Gould, the eye specialist of Battle Creek, will be at the Donnelly House next Monday and Tuesday. You can't fail to see his ad. on the first page of this issue.

There will be a valentine social at Truman Bateman's Friday evening, Feb. 13th, for the benefit of the Royal Circle. Refreshments, fried cakes and coffee. Everybody invited.

Pimples, faded complexion, chapped skin, red rough hands, eczema, tetter, bad blood, cured in a short time, with Rocky Mountain Tea, the great complexion restorer. B. E. King.

The W. F. M. S. of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. A. G. Ball Friday afternoon at 2:30. Mrs. Gay Raymond will have charge of the program, the subject being "The Dim Centuries." Refreshments will be served.

Special meetings will begin at the Methodist church next Wednesday evening, Feb. 11, at 7:30. Rev. Erskine, evangelist, and W. A. Thrope, musical director and soloist, will assist. Bible readings every afternoon except Saturday and Monday. All are invited to the services.

R. Raymond says: "Great is advertising." For two weeks he had a notice in the Democrat announcing farm implements for sale. After the second week he stepped into the office with the above explanation and added that he hadn't a thing for sale. Advertising will do the same for others. Try it.

Clared Powell, a young man who for the past two years has run a laundry at Stockbridge, has been missing for over a week. The last seen of him was the evening of Jan. 23d when he boarded a west bound train. No one seems to know his whereabouts and his place of business remains closed.

The February meeting of the Farmers' club will be held with Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Crittenden of Vevay on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Senator A. B. Cook will be present and talk on "The Torrens Land System." R. J. Bullen will lead in the discussion on "The Best Time to Market Fat Cattle" and L. H. Ives will discuss the subject of "Government Ownership of Public Utilities."

The suit of Charles Lockwood vs. Byron Claffin was tried before Justice Bigelow at Williamston this week. Mr. Lockwood brought suit for \$20, the jury giving him a verdict of \$10. Claffin sold Lockwood some beans and received \$20 on them before they were drawn. After they were drawn, Mr. Lockwood claims he gave Claffin a check for the whole amount, thus overpaying him by \$20. Claffin claimed that Lockwood did not pay according to the agreement and that there was more than \$20 due him according to contract.—Lansing Journal, Jan. 26th.

Attention, Farmers!

Having rented the Seely elevator, I am prepared to furnish western corn, bran, middlings, ground feed, grass seed, flour, etc. Call and see me. 3Ur F. P. DEAN, Mason.

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star Friday evening.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Price of Wheatfield last Friday.

A. L. Critchett has moved into the Donnelly house on Mill street. He moved last Tuesday.

The L. A. S. of Eden will meet with Mrs. J. W. Chapin Feb. 11th. Dinner at 12 o'clock. Everybody invited.

F. C. Taylor remembered the Democrat force with some nice fish caught on his trip to Washtenaw county last week.

Aurelius garage Saturday evening, Feb. 14. Initiation. Program: Paper by Claud Edgar, recitation by Hazel Bokhart.

Lost—Lined stable blanket, nearly new, between Fuller farm and Mason yesterday about noon. Finder please leave at this office. 1p

Webb & Whitman's annual quarterly sale is now on. Read ad. on fourth page of this issue and see the bargains they offer for a starter.

Baby sleeps and grows while mamma rests if Rocky Mountain Tea is given. It's the greatest baby medicine ever offered loving mothers. 35 cents. B. E. King.

James R. Dart is moving into the new house on east Oak street recently built by R. C. Dart. It will make a very pleasant home, as it is modern and convenient in every respect.

There will be a tea at the Presbyterian church on Friday evening of this week. Menu: Hash, beans, brown and white bread, pickles, jelly, sauce, assorted cake, tea and coffee.

Rev. C. F. Kuhule, pastor of the German Methodist church at Lansing, has resigned owing to the ill health of his wife. About March 1st he leaves with his family for Los Angeles, Cal.

At a recent meeting of the W. C. T. U. the following members were elected delegates to the Anti-saloon Congress to be held in Lansing Feb. 9, 10 and 11, 1903: Mrs. G. Coman, Mrs. J. Fowler, Mrs. S. R. King.

Four stores at Lansing were entered by burglars last Sunday night and an attempt made on the fifth. But little was taken, as the thieves were after cash and the tills were empty. The police have no clues upon which to work.

Do not forget Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Hotel Donnelly the eminent specialist, Dr. Munch, can be consulted. No matter what your trouble, call and see him. Cures guaranteed, so you run no risk. See advertisement. Pay when cured.

At a recent automobile exhibition in New York City the Oldsmobile Company of Lansing took 200 orders in two hours. The exhibition lasted a week and during that time this company received sufficient orders to keep the local plant busy for several months.

Rev. Alfred Allen, one of the pioneers in the Methodist clergy of Michigan, died last week Wednesday morning at the home of his only daughter, Mrs. George Pennock of Williamston, aged 84 years. His funeral was held the following Friday afternoon from the M. E. church.

Albert Johnson, the Holt dairyman arrested for cruelty to his horses, was arraigned before Justice Marsh at Lansing last Thursday afternoon. He pleaded guilty to overdriving them, but gave as an excuse that his service to his customers and poor roads made it necessary. He was fined the costs, amounting to \$6.

Dansville is the "only postoffice in Ingham county that is not on a railroad, which will be continued after March 1st. The rural delivery will serve the people, and farmers will not have as an excuse for going to town, that it is "to get the mail." It's bound to be a long time between drinks for some of them. Rural delivery is going to make a big prohibition vote.—Advertiser.

Eddie Foster, a 14-year-old son of Charles Foster, was drowned in Pine lake last Sunday evening. With an older brother he was returning from church on skates and they skated into a hole where ice had been cut. Help soon arrived and the eldest boy was helped out, but the other boy sank; his body was recovered in about half an hour, but could not be restored to life. The hole into which they skated was marked by blocks of ice, but they had melted considerably.

Rep. Hemans sees no crying need for the establishment of the primary election system in Ingham county. He stated that he was not in favor of a law applying to one county only, but believes that system beneficial when established throughout the state. Reps. Nottingham and Hemans have conferred on the subject, which was suggested by Senator Cook's bill for Shiawassee county, but they will make no move toward having Ingham included, unless a demand for it is indicated.

The Alpena Evening Boho of Jan. 30th contains the announcement that Bert L. Green had sold his drug business and had given it in immediate possession. The article says: "Mr. Green will operate a large stock farm in Ingham county, near Lansing, and expects to leave the city in about two months. In the meantime he will remain in the store to assist the new proprietor. He has been in Alpena eight years, three years as pharmacist for E. C. Spens and five as proprietor of the store he has just sold."

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What dry hot air baths will do for all forms of rheumatism, specific diseases, diseases of the skin and blood, enlarged joints, acute colds, la grippe and conditions dependent on obesity (too much fat) and any other conditions caused by nonelimination of obnoxious and waste material from the system.

To those troubled with any of the above conditions I wish to say I have purchased a machine by which I can give the treatments that are now being adopted by a great many of the mineral bath establishments which are giving better results than the mineral baths have heretofore given. All medicine necessary for a case while under treatment furnished free. G. E. MANN, M. D., Mason, Mich.

The ground hog must have seen his shadow last Monday.

Masquerade at Armory hall this evening. Bill, 50 cents.

Tuesday night and yesterday all kinds of weather prevailed.

Hiram C. Beemer of Lansing has been granted an increase of pension to \$24 per month.

The K. O. T. M. will hold a special meeting for initiation next Thursday evening, Feb. 11th.

Mrs. C. P. Taylor entertained a company of lady friends last Friday evening in honor of Mrs. F. W. Casterlin.

Another change in the January weather last Thursday night. Grow colder, high wind, snow and wind Friday.

Lost—Long, black fur boa, between Mason and Lansing Thursday forenoon. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at this office. 1p

Emily L. Loree of Locke was granted a divorce from James A. Loree by Judge Wiest last Monday upon the grounds of extreme cruelty and non-support.

"What's the matter with you, old man? Been losing on wheat?" "No, not that, forgot to take Rocky Mountain Tea last night. Wife said I'd be sick today." 35 cents. B. E. King.

Calhoun, who played ball about here two years ago last summer, has gone into professional ball. He has signed to pitch for Rockford, Ill., in the "Three P" league. He will not play Sunday ball.

Marcus D. Outler, Claude H. Loomis and Miss Lois M. Cowles of Lansing and Floyd L. Corwin of Meridian have passed the civil service examination for positions of clerk and carrier in the postal department.

A small "run" was made on the Lansing banks last Thursday and Friday; precipitated, it is said, as the result of a joke. Both banks are said to be absolutely sound and remained open after hours to pay depositors as fast as they came.

The Eureka Mfg. Co. of East St. Louis, Ill., want a man with a rig to introduce Poultry Mixture in this county. They guarantee \$3.50 a day to a good worker and they furnish bank reference for their reliability. Send stamp for full particulars to Eureka Mfg. Co., box 99, East St. Louis, Ill.

Members of Co. B and invited friends indulged in an enjoyable smoker last Thursday evening. All kinds of card games and smokes were in order. C. S. Clark complimented the boys with a lunch, for which, through A. Bergman, the thanks were expressed and also a "tiger."

Mrs. L. C. Chase was happily surprised by her old friends and neighbors from Dansville on the 28th day of January that being her fifteenth milestone of life. Each one brought the necessary provision for a bountiful feast, also many useful presents. The day was spent in gossip and games and, of course, some had to be "in the hole." On departing for home they all wished they could meet again at the close of another half century.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Last Friday 22 members of Stockbridge Encampment, No. 142, drove to Mason and visited the lodge there in the evening. The boys cannot say enough in praise of the very hospitable treatment they received while there. They were given a fine supper at 6 o'clock after which the third degree was conferred. At 12 o'clock a banquet of oysters and chicken pie was spread before them. The Mason boys certainly know how to entertain company.—Stockbridge Brief.

The salary of Judge of Probate Nichols will be increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000, if the bill introduced in the house last Thursday by Rep. Wade becomes law. The bill is of general application, fixing the salaries of judges of probate of all counties on the basis of their population. For counties of between 35,000 and 40,000 inhabitants the salary would be \$2,000. Ingham county had 39,818 at the time of the last census. If the census had shown 182 more inhabitants, Judge Nichols would have received \$1,800, under the terms of the present law.

The state board of railway assessors has finished the rolls for the assessment of the railway and other corporations included in the new ad valorem taxation law, and Feb. 1 they were filed with Auditor General Powers for collection. The total assessed valuation of all classes of corporations is \$200,142,240 and the taxes they will pay, according to the average rate of taxation as determined by the board, will be \$2,739,757.70. The railroad companies alone have a total valuation of \$198,641,000, and their taxes amount to \$2,719,206.59. The assessed valuation of express companies is \$1,112,440, their taxes amounting to \$15,228.25. The valuations of corporations under the car loaning class is \$388,850, and the assessment is \$5,322.86.

WANTS MORE PUBLIC MONEY.

Alphonso Button was Injured in Mason Years Ago.

A bill has been introduced in the house providing for further compensation for Alphonso Button, who lost both hands, except the thumb and index finger of his right hand, by the premature explosion of a cannon at a celebration in Mason on July 3, 1888. Mr. Button was at that time a member of the Curtentus Guards, a military organization of the village, and he was detailed with others of the guard to fire off an old cannon in honor of the day. Accidentally he allowed air to enter the vent of the heated cannon, and in the explosion that followed he sustained the injuries that resulted in the loss of his hands.

Several attempts were made to secure an annuity from the state for him, but all were unsuccessful until 1887, when the legislature appropriated \$3,000 for his relief. In 1897 he was again allowed \$2,000, payable in monthly installments of \$25. This will be exhausted in December of this year, and through Rep. Powell of Ionia, in whose district he resides, Mr. Button, now an old man of 68 years of age, asks for further compensation from the state. He now resides in Saranac.—Lansing Journal, Jan. 30th.

For or Against.

What we may say regarding the much talked of new school building is intended more especially for the consideration of those who voted against the proposition to build before, and may possibly do so again.

Do we, or do we not need a new school building? Is the old one good enough, or is it not? These questions should be carefully analyzed and, if possible, a correct solution should be reached. We have failed to warm our present building in the coldest weather for years. The lighting and ventilating are sadly defective. We have never had anything like adequate conveniences for physics and chemistry. It does not provide room for pupils who are now looking to us for educational privileges. Various plans for enlarging it have been devised during recent years and relegated to the background because, when duly considered, they were not thought feasible.

In view of this statement of facts, who are we to turn for relief? There is but one answer to this question, and the new building should be a good one. Not extravagant in style or finish, but comparing favorably with the recent structures in our city and suited to our needs for years to come. Such a building cannot be built on our present site. The purchase of the property on the north side of the school grounds becomes a necessity, and from our view point, we are fortunate in being able to secure it at the price we have been informed it can be bought for. Is it best then to defer this question longer? We see nothing to be gained by it.

Obituary of Jacob C. Nichols.

Jacob Clark Nichols was born in Genesee county, N. Y., Jan. 28, 1825, and died of uremic poisoning at his home in Delhi Jan. 26, 1903, aged 77 years, 11 months and 28 days.

He was the youngest of eight children and losing his father at the age of six months was "bound out." This life proving too hard for him, when 14 years old he ran away to Michigan, locating at Springport, Jackson county. Here he worked steadily, remaining seven years in one place.

When 20 years of age he was married to Marietta Cassidy, which union was blessed with child, a daughter, Bournette.

In February, 1850, he bought the farm on which he has since lived, and two years later, on Jan. 8th, moved his little family into the log cabin then standing on it.

The neighbors were few and far between and the forest came up to the very door. The only roads were Indian trails through the thick woods, which abounded with deer, wild turkeys, etc., while occasionally a bear or wolf wandered by. Here all alone with her little daughter the brave wife carried on the household affairs while the husband worked 15 miles away, often walking to his labors on Monday morning and back again Saturday night.

After 22 years of wedded life his wife left him for a better home and the following year he was married to Mrs. Martha Hartwick. Three sons and a daughter blessed this union, two of which, Mary and Willie, and his daughter Bournette, have long since passed away. The two remaining sons, Jerried J. and Clarence W., four grandchildren, two stepdaughters and a widow sincerely mourn his loss.

For 27 years he had lived in the house in which he died and for 51 years his feet had trod the familiar lanes and fields of his farm and it will be long before his friends become accustomed to his absence from these haunts. He was always at home and none of the family ever returned without being sure of a welcome and many days will pass before they cease to look toward "dad's corner" for his familiar face or involuntarily listen for his cheerful greeting.

George Andrews of Ingham sold M. A. Bement six May pigs that brought him \$117.50. It pays to raise good stock.

A cock fight between Lansing and Mason birds was held in the township of Delhi last Saturday night. Local birds won five out of nine battles and \$70. Mason's handler lost four birds.

Arthur Ingles, the insurance man charged with bigamy, was arraigned before Justice Lyon last Friday and waived examination. He was bound over to the March term of the circuit court. Being unable to procure bail he is still Sheriff Hammond's guest.

GRANDSON OF INDIAN CHIEF.

Capt. Eli Loranger of Williamston Dead After Long Illness.

Capt. Eli P. Loranger, a grandson of the Indian chief, Datistee, whose tribe roamed over Michigan before LaSalle and the French thought of crossing the Detroit river, died this morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. Stephen Leighton in Williamston.

Captain Loranger was one of the noted characters in the village where his life had been spent. In the war of the rebellion he organized a company in the Twenty-sixth Michigan volunteer infantry and was at its head all during the struggle of those four years. On his return to civil life he established a large general store in the village, which he conducted until a few years ago, when compelled to retire by consumption, which finally caused his death.

He also possessed in a marked degree an aptitude for music and organized one of the first orchestras in the county. It bore his name and many residents of the rural parts of the county treasure among their pleasant memories the nights spent in dancing in barns and rural halls to the music furnished by the organization.

In public life Captain Loranger was honored frequently by offices of public trust. For a number of terms he had held the office of justice and preceding this served as town treasurer and town clerk. He was also prominent in G. A. R. circles.

The deceased is survived by three brothers and three sisters, a daughter residing in California and a son who lives at Mt. Clemens. The funeral will be held Monday morning under the auspices of the Grand Army.—State Republican, Jan. 31st.

Round-Up Farmers' Institute.

The State Round-up Farmers' Institute will be held at Owosso, February 24-27, 1903. The program will be of general interest as, in addition to topics relating to "Farm Crops," "Dairy," "Stock Feeding," "Fruit Growing" and "Sugar Beets," attention will be paid to "Good Roads," "Farm Law," "Agricultural Science," "Forestry," "The Centralized School" and other educational topics. "Political and Social Science," "Domestic Economy" and "The Embellishment of Public and Private Grounds." Among the special features of the Institute will be sections at which technical instruction in "Sugar Beet Culture," "The Care of Highways" and "Cooking" will be given by experts. Several well-known speakers from other states have been secured.

The railroads offer a rate of one fare for the round trip from all points in Michigan. Tickets will be on sale February 23 and 24, and will be good to return on or before February 28. Reduced rates have been secured in all the hotels in Owosso.

Tuesday evening while helping unload hay at Michelson's barn Nicholas Templar was caught in the rope that trips the fork. He was dragged about eight feet and broke the little finger on his left hand. Dr. Freeland dressed the finger.

Ex-County Clerk Woodworth was not present at the meeting of the committee of supervisors held at Lansing last Friday and the committee adjourned without setting any date for a future meeting. The committee still holds that its report was correct and that the ex-clerk still owes the county \$1,160, and that if he desires to make a proposition to the members it will receive consideration. The members of the committee say the matter is settled so far as they are concerned and now it is up to the suit.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the many friends and neighbors who extended sympathy and kindness to us in the loss of our mother, Sarah A. Winchester.

A. H. MAY AND FAMILY, D. H. BANE AND FAMILY.

We wish to express our thanks to our neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us in the time of sorrow and suffering and death of our dear mother.

MR. AND MRS. D. STANBISH, MR. AND MRS. GILSON STANBISH, MR. AND MRS. NEWTON RAMSDELL, MR. AND MRS. DANIEL RAMSDELL, MR. AND MRS. WEBLEY STANBISH, MISS MARIE STANBISH.

Through the columns of this paper we desire to extend our heartfelt and sincere thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors who aided and sympathized with us in our recent sad bereavement in the loss of our husband, father and son.

Mrs. D. DAVIS AND FAMILY, Mrs. D. W. FOLD.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Old Iron Wanted. Good mixed iron \$10 per ton. Four cents per pound for old rubbers. Bags 20 cents per 100. These prices are good only until March 1st, as I am going away. Weigh and pay at A. Butler's barn. 6w1p A. BRADY, Mason.

Northern Grown Seed Potatoes. We are prepared to furnish pure northern grown potatoes of the following varieties: Rural, Empire States, Russets, Garnet, American Wonder, Sir Walter Raleigh, Early Glimmer, Green Mountain, Early Bliss, Triumph, Early Queen, Otego Rose and Beauty of Hebron. The above stock is grown in Otego county, Mich., and are of the finest quality and true to name. It will pay you to change your seed. A trial order will convince you that it pays to get northern grown seed direct from the growers. Send for descriptive catalogue and prices. 6w1p BUICK & BOLTON, Gaylord, Mich.

Farm for Sale. Three hundred and seven acres, or in part six miles southeast of Mason, on W. HANNA.

Farm to Rent. One hundred and fifty-six acres or more. Inquire of A. D. Aldrich, Holt, Mich. 217

The L. Pierce farm in Vevay for sale by O. W. Railroad of Mason. 4w1p

For Sale. House and barn, with nearly five acres of land on north Main street, Mason. Da. CHAS. G. JENKINS, Lansing. 1917

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Calendar table for February 1903 with columns for days of the week and numbers 1-28.

CIRCLING THE GLOBE

CONCISE HISTORY OF SEVEN DAYS' DOINGS.

Intelligence by Electric Wire from Every Quarter of the Civilized World, Embracing Foreign Affairs and Home Happenings.

Compromise With Powers. Washington special: A compromise has been offered by Minister Bowen to Germany, Great Britain and Italy.

Terrible Explosion at Fort Wayne. An explosion of natural gas in the basement of the Fred Eckart Packing House, at Fort Wayne, Ind., resulted in the death of five employees and the injury of a dozen more.

HEAVY PREFERENCES. James H. Foltz, Oliver Matthews, Conrad Miller, John Yost. The property loss will amount to \$50,000.

A Dastardly Crime. While four newboys were sleeping in a warm spot in the arch way of the Second National bank building at Pittsburg, Pa., some one dashed two buckets of scalding water over the quartet.

Fatality on Northwestern. Three persons were killed, four seriously injured and eight slightly injured in a rear-end collision between stock trains on the Chicago and Northwestern Railway near La Fox, Ill.

Wreck at Williamsport. The Erie express on the Pennsylvania Railroad crashed into a light passenger engine near Williamsport, Pa. The engine of the express and the baggage cars were wrecked.

Captain Cushing Guilty. The Secretary of the Treasury has made public the result of the court-martial that tried William A. Cushing of the revenue cutter service, for negligently and unskillfully conducting the cutter, the board found Captain Cushing guilty of the charges in part and recommended that he be placed on leave of absence at half pay for six months.

Archbishop is Killed. Rome special: Monsignor Necker, archbishop of Melitine and secretary to St. Peter's, was instantly killed by falling down stairs in his home. He was aged 74 years.

Germany Wants Warships. A dispatch from Santiago, Chile, says: Private agents of Germany have proposed to the government the immediate purchase of the Chilean battleship, Canintuan, and the armored cruiser, Esmeralda, and have offered to take over the warships now being built in Europe for Chile.

Prisoners are Asphyxiated. The city building at Berlin, N. Y., was damaged by fire to the extent of \$1,500 and two prisoners in the lockup were asphyxiated. The dead men are John Lagney, of Groveton, and Roland Harriman, of Lost Nation. They were arrested for drunkenness.

King Edward Sick. King Edward is ill with a feverish cold and has postponed his visit to the Duke of Devonshire's place at Chatsworth. Sir Francis Laking, the king's physician, has been to see the king. He found that his highness has a touch of influenza.

Accepted a Judgeship. Albany (N. Y.) special: Hon. John T. McDonough, ex-secretary of state has announced his acceptance of the offer by President Roosevelt of associate judge of the supreme court in the Philippines. The salary is \$7,500.

Volcano in Eruption. San Francisco special: Eruption of the volcano Isletto in Salvador is feared, according to advices brought here by passengers on the steamer Panama. It is belching fire and smoke and rumbling heavily.

CREMATES A SCORE.

Fire in a Southern Pacific Wreck Kills Many.

Twenty dead, with perhaps a dozen others cremated in the fierce fire that followed a collision between two fast trains on the Southern Pacific Railroad, and at least sixteen persons seriously hurt, is the shocking report that comes from the scene of the disaster near Yuba, Ariz. The train gained its first impetus of the disaster when a tourist coach, torn away from the other cars, thundered with terrific speed down the grade upon which the road is built between that city and Yuba, and the frantic passengers shrieked the dread intelligence to the men at work in the railroad yards. A dispatcher stationed at Esmond, midway between Tucson and Yuba, is responsible for the accident. He made a blunder in carrying out his orders regarding the trains, and instead of sidetracking one of them he caused the two to dash together in a head-on collision at a point where each engineer considered that he had a clear track ahead. Oil from the locomotive reservoirs caught fire and was scattered over the wrecked coaches, destroying eleven of them and burning to death the passengers who were pinned down in the wreckage.

NEBRASKA BANK LOOTED.

Desperate Safe-Blowers Give Balance to Citizens and Get \$3,500. Four men robbed the Citizens' Bank of Waterloo, Neb., and escaped with \$3,500 in cash, after exchanging shots with a squad of citizens attracted to the scene by the explosion of the safe, which was wrecked. While two of the robbers worked inside the bank the other two stood guard. A dozen citizens appeared on the scene soon after the explosion, gathered at the bank, and opened fire on the robbers. The fire was returned, one of the robbers on guard shouting to the citizens that they had come there to rob the bank and intended to do it. Their work finished, the robbers made a dash into the darkness. Another fusillade of bullets was exchanged, but nobody was hurt, the robbers finally getting away in a stolen rig.

SOUTH CHINA REBELS BUSY.

Two Hundred Imperial Troops Are Killed in One Battle. The steamer Shimo Maru, from the Orient, brought news of the spread of the revolution in South China, which, after being dormant for months, broke out recently worse than before. A battle was fought in which 200 imperial troops were killed by the rebels. The rebels sustained small losses. An order has been received at the arsenal at Canton to have in readiness as many rifles as possible and the manufacture of ammunition has increased. More than 30,000 men are under arms. They are divided into four sections, each under an able commander, and the whole army is under one Tang, a military graduate of Tientsin University, who saw active service in the China-Japan war.

TAKE BULLION WORTH \$40,000.

Robbers Steal Eighty Bars of Silver on the Way to Chicago. Somewhere between Alamogordo, N. M., and El Paso, Texas, a United States bonded car, in transit from the El Paso smelter to Chicago, loaded with 800 bars of silver bullion, was entered by robbers and eighty of the bars were stolen. At Jarilla Junction the broken seal was discovered and three Mexicans were found in the car. When an attempt was made to eject them they drew knives and a fight took place in which the crew was victorious and drove away the robbers. The value of the missing bullion is estimated at \$40,000.

Big Fire at De Witt, Mo.

Five business houses were destroyed by fire at De Witt, Mo., causing an aggregate loss of \$50,000, distributed among the following firms: Wellberg Bros., dry goods; Knappenberg, druggist; Barrett, groceries; the postoffice and a barber shop.

Woman Suffrage Deferred.

The Kansas Senate voted today the woman suffrage bill. It was proposed to grant women the privilege of voting for presidential electors, which would not require an amendment to the constitution. The House and Governor Hillyer favored the measure.

Bad Fire in Boston.

For five hours more than half the Boston fire department faced a fierce fire other night, the six-story business building of the Bigelow-Dowse Company, hardware dealers, and contents being destroyed. The loss is \$250,000.

Kills Herself in Grief.

Mrs. Mary S. Jones, of Chicago, secretary of the Monitor Building and Loan Association, committed suicide at the grave of her two daughters in Forest Home Cemetery by drinking acid. Grief over their death is blamed.

Weekly Trade Review.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review reported business in spring merchandise deliveries heavy, with liberal fall contracts also being placed. January railroad earnings gained 5.7 per cent over 1902. The fuel situation is less serious.

Doctor Kills 'Blind Pigger.'

A man named Hantley, keeper of a "blind pig" at McHenry, N. D., was shot and killed by Dr. A. MacLachlan, and Ellis Willoughby, a machinery dealer, who was an innocent bystander, was probably fatally wounded.

Blow Up Iowa Postoffice.

Two cracksmen blew open the safe in the Dayton, Iowa, postoffice, exchanged shots with the marshal and escaped. The interior of the office was wrecked. Most of the money or stamps had been placed in the bank the night before.

San Domingo Must Settle.

United States Minister Powell has demanded of the Dominican government a reply to his demand for immediate payment of the \$350,000 alleged to be due to the Clyde line of steamers.

Increases for Railroad Men.

The Big Four Railroad has granted machinists an increase of 5 per cent in wages, and the Wheeling and Lake Erie road has given all employes an advance of 10 per cent.

Freight Blockade Closes Flour Mill.

The big "A" mill of the Washburn-Crosby company in Minneapolis has been closed owing to the inability of the railroads to remove the flour promptly because of lack of cars.

MUTINY ON HIGH SEA.

MURDER AND BURNING OF SHIP ALSO CHARGED.

One Member of Boatload of Castaways Tells Horrible Story to British Officers—Lightning Wrecks Great Yawc in Niagara Falls Power Plant.

The British steamer Brunswick, Captain Brown, from Maranhao, Brazil, via Funchal, Island of Madeira, arrived at Liverpool and landed five survivors of the British bark Veronica, Captain Shaw, from Ship Island, Miss., Oct. 6, for Montevideo, who were picked up at sea by the Brunswick before arriving at Funchal. The men reported that the Veronica was burned at sea Dec. 20. The police have detained four of them on suspicion of having murdered and murdered Captain Shaw and seven of the crew of the Veronica, after which they are alleged to have set fire to the ship. The cook of the Veronica, a colored man, who was among those who were rescued by the Brunswick, made a statement to Captain Brown. The cook asserts that the men, led by the boatswain, a German, murdered and murdered the captain, chief officer and others and threatened to kill him if he betrayed them. After an investigation the four men of the Veronica were formally charged with murdering seven of their shipmates. Three of the men in custody are Germans. The fourth is an American, William Smith, who shipped at a Mississippi port.

MANY PLANTS CRIPPLED.

Lightning Causes Explosion in Large Niagara Falls Power-House. Fire which was started by the explosion of one of the large transformers in the power house of the Niagara Falls Power and Conduit Company destroyed thousands of dollars' worth of valuable machinery and doubtless will mean a great loss to most of the Niagara Falls, N. Y., factories, some of which, it is said, must remain idle for weeks. Officers of the company were not prepared to give an estimate of the damage, but admitted that the situation was serious and would cripple the plants depending upon Niagara Falls power, not only in that city, but at Buffalo, Lockport and Tonawanda. The fire is said to have been caused by lightning.

CHILD IS EATEN BY BEARS.

Virginia Mountaineer Warned Too Late to Save His Offspring. Three black bears attacked the children of a mountaineer named Parker, living on the road from Mone to Aracalia, Va., on the James river, and killed and ate his 2-year-old baby. Parker's three children were playing in the edge of the woods only a few hundred yards from the house. The two older children called their parents, but they came too late to save the infant.

Warning Cards a Fraud.

Postal inspectors have discovered the person who sent the letters to Colonel Taylor of East Liverpool, Governor Bush and other notables warning them that the Grand Opera House, at Canton, Ohio, where the McKinley birthday banquet was held, would be blown up by anarchists.

Farmers to Handle Own Grain.

A Kansas branch of the Farmers' Cooperative Grain and Live Stock Association has been organized in Topeka. It will build or buy elevators, buy grain directly from the farmers, and sell it in the best markets, dividing the profits among the stockholders.

Paper Companies Combine.

Details of the formation of the Cleveland-Akron Paper Company, comprising the Akron Paper Company, the Standard Bag and Paper Company, the Cleveland Paper Company and the Cleveland Bag factory of Cleveland have been given out. It is understood that this is but the beginning of a movement to combine all the paper bag companies of the West.

Stolen Securities Recovered.

It is reported from Stanton, Mo., that securities to the amount of \$90,000 were recovered from the house of Frank Rudolph by a party of detectives. These securities were part of the loot of the Bank of Union, Mo., which was robbed two days after Christmas, when money and valuable paper amounting to nearly \$110,000 were taken.

Three Die in an Avalanche.

A snowslide occurred at Park City, Utah, killing three miners outright and injuring several others. The avalanche swept down from the high mountain that overlooks the Quince shaft-house, carrying the structure down the valley below.

Robbers Fight Off Posse.

The Wheeling police have received word that three men, supposed to be the robbers of the Sonerton (Ohio) bank, are entrenched in a log hut near Moundsville, W. Va., and that they had driven away a posse of farmers. The robbers secured \$6,000 from the bank.

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Thousands participated in the founders' day celebration of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and witnessed the opening of new professional schools. President Hadley, of Yale, delivered the principal address.

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William McKinley's birthday anniversary was celebrated at Canton, Ohio, with a banquet, at which President Roosevelt was chief guest and speaker. The latter and his party first visited Mrs. McKinley and Westlawn Cemetery.

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More Wages on the Erie.

An increase of wages of Erie switchmen has gone into effect. All along the Erie system day men who received \$2.10 have been raised to \$2.30 a day and the night men from \$2.20 to \$2.40.

German Envoy Comes.

Baron von Sternberg, special envoy of Germany, has reached New York and declares the Kaiser is a friend of America.

LOVE POTION KILLS A GIRL.

Miss Edith Napp Carries Secret to Grave—Her Suiitor Arrested.

"Ten cents' worth" of love drops administered by Chaud Sunderberg to his sweetheart, Edith S. Napp, caused her death at Huntington, N. Y. The only side of the story known is that told by Sunderberg, for the girl refused to open her lips regarding the cause of her sudden illness, and died with her secret firmly locked within her breast. She was 20 years old and a prominent resident of Union, a social leader and general favorite. Miss Napp had been keeping company with Sunderberg, but of late they had drifted apart. He asked her to marry him and she refused. Then he prepared the love "potion" and made a call on her. At 11 o'clock a neighbor saw the girl in convulsions on the street in front of her residence and summoned her mother. The girl died and her lover attempted to escape by boarding a passenger train. There was a thrilling battle with the police on the car platform, but he got away, only to be captured at Oswego. At the jail he said he did not know the love drops were poison and had not the slightest intention of killing the girl.

ROBBERS RAID BANK.

Safe Blown at Steelville and \$3,000 in Cash is Taken. At Steelville, Ill., robbers held open the safe of the bank, stole \$3,000, and escaped in a carriage which they obtained by breaking open a barn near the bank. Nitroglycerin was used to open the vault and four explosions were necessary before the robbers could gain entrance. One man did the work inside the building, while another stood guard on the sidewalk outside. Paul Zimmer, an engineer in Elster's mills, was awakened by the report of the first explosion. Mr. Zimmer, who lives next door, glanced out of his front window toward the bank and saw a man standing on the sidewalk. He went through the alley in the rear of his house to the mill and informed the mill employes. Zimmer and the men then armed themselves and started back toward the bank. Three other explosions were heard in the bank building in quick succession. The last explosion was followed by a crashing of glass and sheets of flame poured from the bank windows. The mill employes, headed by Zimmer, hurried to the bank, but before they reached there the robbers had looted the safe and fled.

GERMANS TEST CUBAN WATERS.

Report that Naval Officers Photographed Havana's Fortifications. It is reported that several German army and naval officers, passengers on the steamer Moltke, on a cruise through the West Indies, made extensive soundings in Havana harbor near Santa Clara battery, garrisoned by American troops, says a Havana correspondent. It is said they also took photographs of the fortifications. In view of the attitude of Germany in Venezuela this is regarded as significant. A report that Minister Squiers had informed President Palma of the actions of the Germans was denied by the minister, who says he has heard only rumors.

SAYS HOWARD KILLED GOEBEL.

Confession Made by Youtsey Regarding Kentucky Tragedy. "James B. Howard, of Clay County, fired the shot that killed William Goebel," said Henry E. Youtsey in his confession as to his part in and knowledge of the assassination of the Democratic claimant to the governorship of Kentucky. He said that the shot was fired from the front window in the private office of Secretary of State Cahoon Powers, and that his and "Jim" Howard were the only persons inside of the room.

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CONGRESS

The House of Representatives on Sunday inaugurated the experiment of holding memorial services for deceased members upon the Sabbath. It will be followed hereafter during this session.

Mr. Quay, in charge of the omnibus statehood bill, insisted on its consideration to the exclusion of other business in the Senate Monday. Which Senator Platt, of New York, attempted to call a committee report providing for the printing of a document, Mr. Quay objected. Mr. Hale thereupon declared that Mr. Quay was confiscating the time of the Senate. The latter replied calmly that this could be obviated by allowing a vote on the statehood bill. A resolution offered by Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, questioning the credentials of Dr. Heran, the Colombian charge d'affaires, who signed with Secretary Hay the canal treaty, caused the Senate to go into a long executive session. At its conclusion the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was passed. The House made a new record in the matter of appropriation bills. The military academy bill was passed without a single word of debate. The Indian bill, which followed, was not completed, as Mr. Burton (Rep., Ohio) made a long speech on it in general criticism of the policy of the government toward Indians.

Senator Quay made an effort Tuesday to hold the Senate in continuous session to consider the statehood bill, but failed to hold a quorum and was compelled on that account to allow the Senate to adjourn at 6:20 p. m. He secured another ballot, however, to test the sentiment of the Senate, the vote standing 17 to 23 in his favor. The day was spent in consideration of the statehood bill, with the exception of an hour devoted to a speech by Mr. Scott, of West Virginia, on the pension laws. The House devoted the day to bills reported from the Judiciary Committee, passing about twenty. Most of them were of a minor character relating to the times of holding court, etc., but two were of general importance. One was to meet the original package decision of the Supreme Court by making intoxicating liquors imported into States subject to the jurisdiction of such States. The bill is designed to prevent evasion under the original package decision of liquor laws in prohibition States. The other bill is the Senate bill to increase the salaries of Federal judges.

In the Senate Wednesday Mr. Rawlins called up his resolution directing the Secretary of War to furnish the Senate the proceedings of a number of court-martials in the Philippines. A sharp debate ensued, in which Messrs. Lodge, Beveridge, Corman, Proctor and Tillman participated, alleged abuses in the army being the subject. Mr. Quay stopped the debate by demanding the regular order. Discussion of the statehood bill (Burrows) was resumed, and Mr. Lodge addressed the Senate in opposition to the omnibus measure, speaking for two hours and a half. An attempt by Mr. Aldrich to divide the time of the Senate between the statehood bill and other business failed. Mr. Quay objected. The House made slow progress with the Indian appropriation bill, covering only about eight pages in over four hours. Amendments were agreed to appropriating \$2,100 for a survey of the big lake reservation, South Dakota, and striking out the appropriation of \$10,000 for a warehouse at St. Louis. The Senate amendments to the bill to amend the bankruptcy act were agreed to.

In the Senate Thursday Mr. Lodge concluded his remarks in opposition to the omnibus statehood bill, and Mr. Bard, of California, also spoke in opposition to it. Just before the Senate adjourned Mr. Foraker, of Ohio, took occasion to say that the proposition of Senator Quay to tack the statehood bill on an appropriation bill was not extraordinary. Legislation had been placed on appropriation bills before by the will of the Senate. Mr. Clay, of Georgia, expressed the same view in a few remarks. A message from the President was read, in which he asked for the necessary power to co-operate with Mexico and China regarding the restoration of the parity of silver and gold. It was referred to the Committee on Finance. A Senate bill was passed authorizing the building of dams and other improvements on the Columbia River in Washington. The House passed the Indian appropriation bill and began consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill. Mr. Burton (Rep., Ohio) continued his criticism of the extravagance of the items of the Indian bill to the end, but his three days' attack on the bill was not productive of many reductions.

The day in the Senate Friday was set apart to pay tribute to the memory of Mr. McMillan. At the conclusion of the routine business Mr. Burrows (Mich.) called up the resolutions relative to his late colleague and paid an earnest tribute to his memory. Then the following Senators spoke: Allison (Iowa), Cockrell (Mo.), Morgan (Ala.), Platt (Conn.), Hale (Maine), Foster (La.), Aldrich (I. I.), Warren (Wyo.), Gallinger (N. H.), Lodge (Mass.), Perkins (Cal.), Tillman (S. C.), Bacon (Ga.), Patbanks (Ind.), Depew (N. Y.), and Alger (Mich.). In the absence of Speaker Henderson Mr. Dalzell (Pa.) presided in the House. The report of the memorial of the national Red Cross Society, sent to Congress Thursday, was ordered printed as an executive document. The House then proceeded to the consideration of private claims bills. A large number were passed in committee of the whole.

In the National Capital. William E. Curtis says New York Democrats are united on Alton B. Parker as presidential candidate and are actively booming him. Agricultural Department experiments with adulterated foods may be abandoned by Dr. Wiley because people hail him on streets as "borax" and regard his tests as joke. Commander Thomas B. Howard, now at the naval academy, has been selected as the first commanding officer of the monitor Nevada, which will be placed in commission during February.

Both houses resumed work at 9 o'clock Monday night, but remained in session only long enough to allow members to introduce a few bills. Gardner Powell, Democratic Representative from Constantine, introduced a primary bill whose provisions are much the same as those of the bill prepared for the municipal league of Detroit, the electors in registering when they vote at the primaries. A blanket ballot with a separate ticket for each party is to be used. Party machinery is to be chosen every four years, when presidential electors are chosen. Representative Gallup's bill would amend the general village incorporation act so that the poll tax for improving roads, etc., would be abolished and such work done by property taxation. Gallup introduced a similar bill for townships a few days ago. As the law stands each eligible citizen must work a day on the roads or pay a tax sufficient to pay for the work and it has been found a nuisance. Representative Deily will introduce the bill raising the limit of capitalizations, so that big concerns like the Edison Light and Power Co. of Detroit will not find it necessary to go to other States to incorporate, because the Michigan maximum is \$5,000,000. Deily's bill will also entail other changes in the law.

In the House Tuesday a resolution by Representative Wade was adopted providing that the daily sessions of the House shall hereafter begin at 2 o'clock. The lower branch made a brave attempt to get down to business. There were three bills on the general order, and the House went into committee of the whole to consider them. Representative Galbraith, father of one of the measures, however, was absent, and that left only two to be taken, both being agreed to without discussion. One provides that notaries public must place on all public documents signed by them the date which their commissions expire. The other provides that the supervisors of Iowa County may fix pay for members of the finance committee, the rate not to exceed \$3 a day for actual service. A measure intended as a reform move was introduced by Representative Gallup of Escambia. Mr. Gallup proposes to submit to the people an amendment to the constitution instituting the Switzerland plan of legislation, known as the initiative and referendum, which would give the people a direct voice in the passing or vetoing of legislation. The St. Joseph marriage industry will make sadly if a bill introduced by Representative Van Zoeren of Grand Rapids becomes a law. Mr. Van Zoeren's bill is intended to amend the law as to marriage licenses, and provides that non-residents of Michigan contemplating the marriage relation must get their licenses from the clerk of the county where they intend to have the marriage, and they must get the license five days before the ceremony is to be performed.

Senator Simons on Wednesday called up the joint resolution relieving County Treasurer Hulmer of Wayne County of responsibility for the \$15,000 of State money deposited in the wrecked City Savings Bank of Detroit. Senators Rogers and Glasgow opposed the resolution on the ground the county of Wayne ought to pay the money. Senators Goodell, Scullin, Scripps, Kelly and Smith defended the measure, which was adopted. Senator Goodell introduced a bill to put bucket shops out of business. Representative Anderson of Grand Rapids has advanced an important amendment to the constitution, which is that no amendment to the charter of a city or village shall become operative until it has been submitted to the people of the community affected. Representative Anderson of Grand Rapids has introduced a bill calculated to make people more careful about acknowledging charges set up in divorce cases. It provides that where the grounds for divorce constitute offenses against the criminal laws, and where such charges are proven, criminal actions are at once to be begun against the guilty persons. Both houses have passed the joint resolution for the appointment of a commission of three to conduct the State's part of the semi-centennial celebration of the opening of the ship canal at the Soo, which ends with it an appropriation of \$15,000.

Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars are asked for in the bill decided upon Thursday morning in the conference of the House and Senate committees for the proposed addition to the State capitol. It is proposed to extend the middle wing of the present building to the west about 150 feet. Representative Hatchelder proposes that the building be arched over the driveway and walk which now run along the capital on the west side, the arrangement being such that while the addition will have a detached appearance, it will not be necessary to go out of doors to enter it from the main building. In the new building it is proposed to locate a room for each of the justices of the Supreme Court, the State Library and the Attorney General, and in the rooms now occupied by these departments it is proposed to put the labor, dairy and food and tax departments, which are now located in different places. Representative Wade has introduced a bill intended to establish a definite scale for pay for judges of probate all over the State, according to the population of their counties. In counties of less than 5,000 inhabitants the rate is twelve cents for each inhabitant. In counties of from 7,000 to 10,000 it is \$750, and from that point the scale grades up at the rate of \$200 for each additional 5,000 inhabitants, the rate for counties of from 60,000 to 70,000 being \$3,000, and for counties over 70,000, \$3,500.

Bills Signed by the Governor.

An act to change the name of Fred C. LeBonny of the township of Blissfield, Lenawee County, to Fred C. Payne. An act to change the name of William Harvey of the city of Pontiac to William Harvey Lehman. An act to authorize the board of supervisors of Bay County to issue bonds to the amount of \$135,000 for the purpose of refunding \$60,000 of state road bonds, due July 1, 1902; \$30,000 third street bridge bonds, due Oct. 1, 1902, and \$15,000 of Twenty-third street bridge bonds, due March 10, 1903.

An act to authorize the district board of school district No. 1, of the township of Grose Pointe, to issue the bonds of said school district to the amount of \$5,000, for the purpose of completing a new school building and paying outstanding orders.

THE LITTLE STRANGER

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CHAPTER VIII.—(Continued.)

Ned looked bewildered. "Explain what?" he said. "Well, I mean," said his brother, "the general explanation of the affairs." "Surely," said Mrs. Burton, impatiently, "you must see that it will be more satisfactory to all parties that everything is done regularly. My brother Ralph is to be our agent, and he must see how your accounts stand."

"My father has no accounts," said Tom, "to render to any one. He was not here as agent, or anything of the kind. My uncle was generous enough to let us have the place, and lay out his rents to the best advantage on it."

"Oh, of course," she said with a frown, "we understand all that. The books must be shown; there is a way of doing all this, and Ralph must go into it regularly."

"I have fortunately kept the letters from uncle," said Tom, coolly, "which will show that what I say is correct."

"Well, we shall go into all that," said Ralph, smiling; "the court will receive such documentary evidence."

"I don't understand you, sir," said Ned, excitedly, "and I do not intend going before you as court, or in any way of the kind."

"And further," added Tom, "so far from being accountable, my father has lived in the style in which you, sir—forgive me saying so—encouraged him to do, taking your place here, and his incidental serious debts, both for me and others."

"This is only natural, in the situation. We are all rejoiced, of course, that you have been made so happy; but it seriously alters our situation, and we shall suffer greatly by this change. That is enough, without talking of bringing us to account. We have no money, and owe a good deal, fairly spent in keeping up the position of the family."

"This is quite a new tone," said Mrs. John Burton, "perhaps you will be bringing us to account, and making out that we owe you money for your services. We can't admit your views at all. Everything must be explained, and accounted for."

"Pooted up, as the Americans say," added Ralph, smiling. "Well, I do think," said Mr. Burton, "what Ned says as to the debts—"

"Ned—oh, your brother."

"You should remember my name, madam," said Ned, bitterly. "I have not forgotten it. I assure you, only we hear so many Toms and Neds and other names, that it is confusing. You had better adjourn to the study, as Ralph says, and get the papers and figures."

"As soon as she was gone, her brother said in a serious tone, 'Lydia is right, we must go into the thing regularly. Just give me a general sketch of what has been laid out, and then we can see how we stand.'"

He led the way into the study, seated himself at the table, opened a dispatch box, from which he took small ledgers, rentals, etc., and said: "I thought it would save time if we went over all these matters first, so I have a pretty general idea of how things stand."

Ned seemed awestricken by the coolness of this young man of business. Ned's candid and honest nature came to his aid, and he said, "My dear brother, I speak to you, and I presume that you would not wish any one to come between—"

"No, no, God forbid!"

"Well, the truth, and the whole truth, is this. I counted on all this continuing, as you bade me, and I have got largely into debt. I feel no shyness or shame in telling you, for it is no fault of mine if they have not been paid. But I think we have a sort of claim on you, brother, and you said you would take care of us, and—"

"Of course, of course, my dear Ned. Don't say a word. I would do anything for you that I could do; and don't let the debts disturb you."

"He's always generous," said Mr. Ralph; "too much so sometimes. I think all this is very proper between two brothers, but I frankly remind you, John, that there's a difficulty—Mrs. John—"

"I thought so," said Ned, bitterly. "I said so. To think, after so many years—"

"You see, at this time she has a notion that every shilling unaccounted for is taken away from the child. It has really become a morbid feeling. Then again, you know, I tell you frankly, her feelings are not of the warmest towards you."

"Oh, that's all past and gone," said Mr. Ralph. "No, don't distress yourself, Ned, we'll settle it all straight off. Come out now, and let us have a walk together, and talk over old times."

But when they came in from a stroll that was delightful for both, where Ned had opened his heart, they found Mrs. Burton in the drawing room.

"I have heard," she said in her coldest way, "of what passed this morning. Not much business, it seems, was got through. Tomorrow it must be different. Look here, Major Burton; I have always been candid, whatever my enemies may choose to say of me. I tell you plainly, you shall have no complaint from us, and I am surprised that you should expect it."

Ned looked at this deadly woman with anger in his eye. "You are unchanged, I see; well, I can tell you this, that I am not one bit sorry, and your dislike, which you have kept up for so many years, only proves that I was right in my judgment of you."

She turned to her husband. "Do you allow your brother to address me in this strain?"

"Don't be afraid; I shall not forget myself; only take care, I warn you. A downfall often comes as great as the rise, and where there is pride it comes very soon."

"Now, Ned, stop this, I must beg," said his brother; "really, it is not becoming." "Do hear your wife threatened, certainly not becoming. Major Burton has forgotten himself, in speaking to me in this

style; you should not stand by and allow it."

"Ned meant nothing, I know. But it had better stop there. It is so worrying, all this family dissension. You know, Ned, it is your interest to be on terms with us, and really, considering Lydia's state of health, it's not fair."

"You must make allowance," said Tom to her, gravely. "At my father's age, with an appointment over his head, and having to begin the world again, is a serious matter. As for the money, you will see, I am sure, on reflection, it is not to be thought of. I will show Mr. Irving in a few minutes that the matter cannot be seriously entertained."

The two passed again into the study. Tom bluntly explained that the affair should be either a legal one or a friendly one. If the former, there was the discredit and scandal of going to law with a brother. If friendly, everything might be settled in some fashion. He would, at all events, stand between his father and anything like resentment. Whatever it was that he said, there was a decided effect produced on Mr. Irving, the new agent, who smiled, and said: "I think you are indiscreet to mix yourself up in this matter. Mr. Burton likes you, and this is all between my lady and your father."

"I shall stand by my father in any case. He requires some one to aid him, especially when he is unjustly treated."

"All right," said the other; "just as you please."

The news of the arrival of the family had soon spread. The first to come and pay homage were the Charles Hunters. The "strange device" on their banner might be "Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest." Mr. and Mrs. Hunter sat for half an hour, and made a delightful impression on the new Mr. and Mrs. Burton. The "outgoing family," as they seemed to his mind, experienced no neglect. Mr. Hunter was kindly, and maintained in fact the old demagogue; but there was an indelible tinge about him which conveyed that the superior Hunter manner and bearing was at the service of the superior people. The lady of the house was so pleased, that orders were sent to bring down "Master Algy" for exhibition.

It was not so fine a child as it seemed to the fond imagination of its parents; but it cried, and got into a rage, and tossed its little arms. Mr. Charles Hunter, however, won fresh golden opinions by his behavior, soothing and petting with great success. What could be done to propitiate it? What spell could charm? Why, Mrs. Charles Hunter should sing for it. "Yes, dear, do go to the piano, Mrs. Burton will excuse me. It will give our little stranger." Accordingly, out came the "hoody," ready once more to plead for kisses, provided they were duly performed, when "coming through the rye." Only the little stranger was held by Mr. Hunter over the piano like a tray, while the singer, turning her face three-quarters round, nodded and glanced archly; and made a droll and piquant face as she said slowly, "need a hoody—cry?"

The incantation, it must be said, had no effect; rather the young heir, when the question as to the propriety of tears was put, answered it by a burst of squalls and beating of his tiny hands, and had to be taken away. But Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Hunter lost nothing by the affair, and were at once placed, as it were, "at the head of the poll."

They must stay for lunch, when Mr. Ralph presented himself. He had been out over the place. Mr. Hunter "took to him" very much, and thought him a most intelligent, agreeable, well-informed person. Mr. Ralph, by a similar instinct, took to him, and began to tell a little adventure he had met with.

"What do you say to youth and beauty wandering in the groves? I assure you we shall find this place very tolerable. A charming little bit of Chelsea. A shipboard, in a Dolly Varden hat, straying by herself and pulling butternuts."

"I'm glad you did not," said Mr. Hunter, "this won't do. It's not fair, men of the world coming down to distract our rustic beauties. Who was she?"

"Well, I couldn't make out. I thought she had lost her way, and offered to show her, of course introducing myself as in office at Abbeylands. A fair, piquant little thing in a blue cloak, and oh, so pensive! She couldn't be the parson's daughter. I had a mind to track her."

"I am glad you did not," said Tom, fiercely. "You showed your good sense. That music-hall style of address would not have at all recommended you. Miss Forager is not the sort of person."

"Oh, it was Miss Forager, was it? My dear sir, if I had known that I would have followed. How stupid of me!"

"No doubt," said Tom, "it was stupid, and I think you see now that your description was slightly stupid also."

Mr. Ralph did not relish being "put down."

"It doesn't follow at all—oh, dear, no. It seems our good friend here would constitute himself the local policeman."

"No matter about that," said Tom, "I don't like the subject. Please let us hear no more of it."

"Don't like the subject," laughed Mr. Ralph. "Oh, I see. But I really beg pardon. Something wrong there. Well, you can't expect me to be posted up in all the ups and downs of these local matters."

Mr. Hunter here struck in, with his usual "net" to change the subject. He said Mrs. John Burton looked at Tom with a darkling glance of hostility. Soon after, the guests rose and departed, having spent a most "delightful morning," and promising to come again.

CHAPTER IX.

A short time afterwards arrived another visitor—Mrs. Forager—who, as we have seen, was gifted with a happy indifference to delicacy or sensitiveness in situations that would have been awkward for other persons. She introduced herself with a sort of motherly friendliness which dispensed with ceremony. In

Ancestral Whales in Armor.

In Austria-Hungary a most interesting study has been going on for two years in the fossil fields. Beside the remains of a great prehistoric dolphin found in Croatia there have been discovered the fossil skeletons of ancient whales of enormous size which once swam there when Europe was an ocean full of immense and fantastic monsters.

The strange discovery about these extinct whales, however, is the fact that they were armored. The skeletons show that the huge back fin had a sort of skin armor over it, presumably like that carried by the armadillos of to-day. Certain portions of the back were covered with it also. Now scientists are trying to find out if the armor was a survival of a still older type, in which the whales were completely covered with mail, says the Los Angeles Times. If this is so, they must have been tremendous creatures, and our ironclad ships of to-day are not the first things of their kind to swim the sea.

Students of natural history have another problem in this. If there were ancestral whales with armor, they want to know if they were descended from mailed land animals, or if they gradually developed the armor after they changed from amphibians into ocean dwellers. About the time that they must have done this the huge sixty-foot sharks and other hungry giants roamed the sea, and the whales needed all the armor and other protection that they could get.

On Our Back Fence. "If you were a cat in the days of the Egyptians," said the bob-tailed fellow that had been delving in ancient history, "everything would come your way."

"Everything comes my way now," spoke up yellow Tom, as he dodged a shower of brick-a-brac.

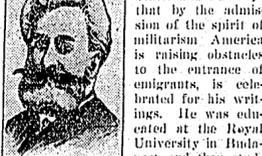
Had Not Decided. Theatrical Manager—Here's a letter from the lithographer, and he wants to know what will be the color of your hair this season.

Actress—Tell him I'll wire him next week.

Superiority to circumstances is one of the most prominent characteristics of great men.—Horace Mann.



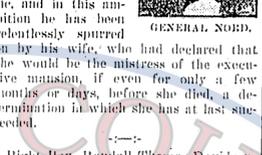
Max Nordau, who in a history of the world contributed to the Neue Presse deploras what he calls the growth of military imperialism in the United States and who says that by the admission of the spirit of militarism America is raising obstacles to the entrance of emigrants, is celebrated for his writings. He was educated at the Royal University in Budapest and then studied medicine in Paris. For a year and a half he practiced medicine in Budapest and then went to Paris, where he has since resided. He wrote very early for the newspapers and spent several years in European travel.



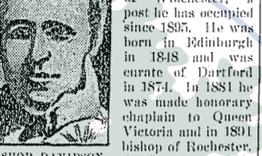
Gen. Nord, who has taken the oath of office as the president of the Haytian republic, has been a prominent figure in the movement of the Haytian politics for several years. He comes from the northern part of the country, near Cape Haytien, and is about 55 years old. The dream of this old negro's life has been to be president of the black republic, and in this ambition he has been relentlessly spurred on by his wife, who had declared that she would be the mistress of the executive mansion, if even for only a few months or days, before she died, a determination in which she has at last succeeded.



Right Rev. Randall Thomas Davidson, who is mentioned as the most probable candidate for the archbishopric of Canterbury, the primacy of all England, is at present bishop of Winchester, a post he has occupied since 1895. He was born in Edinburgh in 1818 and was curate of Darford in 1874. In 1881 he was made honorary chaplain to Queen Victoria and in 1891 bishop of Rochester.



BISHOP DAVIDSON. Dr. Davidson's wife is the second daughter of the late Archbishop Taft of Canterbury.



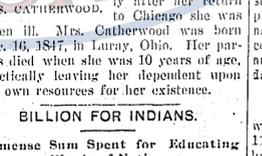
The recent election of Prof. Henry Churchill King, D. D., as president of Oberlin College, Ohio, was very gratifying to his numerous friends throughout the country. He succeeded the late Rev. J. H. Barrows, D. D., who was dean of the college. President King was born in Hillsboro, Mich., in 1858, and was graduated from Oberlin Theological Seminary. Later he took post-graduate courses at Harvard University and at Berlin (Germany) University. In 1897 he became professor of theology in the Oberlin Seminary, which position he held up to the present.



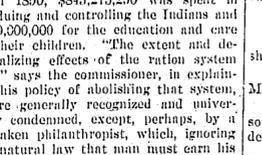
Mary Harwell Catherwood, the novelist, died at her home in Chicago, after an illness of three months' duration. Mrs. Catherwood attended the presentations of the play from her most successful novel, "Lazarus," the only one of her books dramatized, at Green Bay, Mich., in September, 1900. By her return to Chicago she was taken ill. Mrs. Catherwood was born Dec. 16, 1847, in Luray, Ohio. Her parents died when she was 10 years of age, practically leaving her dependent upon her own resources for her existence.



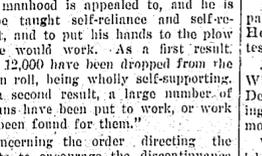
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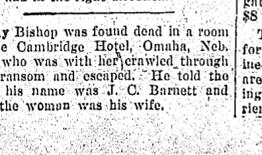
A deal has been consummated by the town of Jeffries, Wis., with 11,000 acres of surrounding timber land has been purchased. The purchase was made by the Worlen Lumber Company, which was organized in Grand Rapids with a capitalized stock of \$100,000. The deal includes all the houses and stores in Jeffries, several mills and nine miles of railroad fully equipped for business.



A Menominee mill will cut 40,000,000 shingles this winter.



A factory is to be built at Saint Ste. Marie for the manufacture of locks.



A felon on the finger of William Johnson, aged 28, of Pinconning, caused his death.



Miss Josephine Ford, aged 18, attempted suicide at the Twin City Hotel in St. Joseph by taking cocaine.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OCCURRENCES DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Error Invalidates Village Charters—St. Joseph Citizens Protest Against Municipal Action—Student Killed by Overstudy—Railway Valuations Reduced.

An error in one word made seven years ago, and just discovered by Representative Gailbraith, of Calumet, invalidates the incorporation of all villages created in the State during that period. The legislative mistake, caused by the carelessness of a legislator or clerk, has been part of the laws of Michigan since the Legislature of 1835. The blunder was of the simplest sort, but had far-reaching effect. The word in the statute read "less" when it should have been "more" and was intended to be "more." In 1835 the several laws on the statute books relating to the incorporation of villages were codified by the Legislature. One section specified the extent and population of a district entitled to incorporation. The former maximum was one square mile, or 640 acres, and when the laws were codified, it was supposed this provision was incorporated also. Recently Representative Gailbraith had occasion to look up the method of procedure for the incorporation of villages. He was astonished to discover that the statute demanded that the villages must have "not less than" a square mile of territory. He consulted an older legislator for an explanation, and not until the statute was shown the latter would believe that the law did not read "not more than a mile," as the Legislature had intended to enact. A bill rectifying the error will now be introduced.

Values Reduced \$9,522,000. Announcement has been made by the State tax commission that the first assessment of Michigan railroads under the new law, which provides for an ad valorem tax on this property, instead of the old specific tax on gross earnings, and which was announced recently as reaching an aggregate valuation of \$208,212,500, has been reduced \$9,522,000 by the commission. The Michigan Central was reduced from \$47,000,000 to \$45,000,000; Pere Marquette from \$27,000,000 to \$26,000,000; Grand Rapids and Indiana reduced \$1,000,000; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul reduced \$900,000. The valuation of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern was increased \$1,000,000, and that of the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic \$1,250,000.

Mass Meeting Calls for Grand Jury. A crowd of 700 citizens met at the Burkhard Hall in St. Joseph to condemn Prosecuting Attorney L. W. Riford and Justice St. Clair for dismissing without punishment William A. O'Rourke, representing the Hammond Packing Company, and George Watkins, representing an Indianapolis packing company. The two men had taken two daughters of H. Loeschner for a sleigh ride, and it is claimed one of the girls was maltreated. The meeting passed resolutions calling for a grand jury to investigate not only this case but other alleged misconduct in municipal affairs. The Rev. W. P. French, H. S. Roblee and Eustice Esper addressed the meeting.

Overstudy Kills a Student. Charles H. Orr, a newly engineering student, dropped dead in 2000 Arbor street yesterday. Orr was working his way through college. His widowed mother lives in Hillsdale, Ill. As he got out of bed the other morning Orr exclaimed to his roommate: "Something's wrong in the back of my head." He fell over, unconscious, and died in fifteen minutes. Dr. Cyrus Darling pronounced death due to the bursting of a blood vessel in the brain. Orr had learned the trade of barber in Chicago and worked in a barber shop several hours each week. He washed dishes to pay board. He studied until 12 o'clock every night and arose at 5 o'clock in the morning.

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A very pretty calendar has been issued by the Michigan Agricultural College, giving half tones of all the buildings.

Representatives of gas and oil companies are looking over the ground at Esperanza with a view of putting down test wells for oil or gas.

John Hayden, a former resident of Willis, was turned over to an officer from Delray after having confessed to stealing a watch while living in Delray two months ago.

West Branch citizens will ask the Legislature to perform a pre-cholesteract which will make their village into a full-fledged city.

To the citizens of Cheboygan the coal famine has no terrors whatever. A cargo of hard coal came in just before navigation closed, and is now being sold at \$8 a ton.

There is still a great scarcity of men for the lumber woods along the Menominee river and its tributaries. Wages are higher than usual, \$30 per month being offered for green hands, while experienced men are getting as high as \$45.

Williamston wants a public library.

A new M. E. Church at Romulus will be started as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

C. Briggs has been appointed postmaster at Maple Ridge, vice Zeno Whitling, dead.

The street lights at Quincy have been discontinued until the coal supply becomes normal.

Victor S. Rolfe has been appointed postmaster at Dighton, vice Chas. McCreery, removed.

The farmers of Millington township hold their annual institute at Millington, with a large attendance.

The Iron Mountain tent of the Mars cabins intend to erect a temple to cost \$10,000. Stock will be sold to members at \$25 a share.

Holton is to have a creamery if the farmers of the vicinity will pledge themselves to furnish milk from a sufficient number of cows.

The city of St. Ignace now owns the plant which furnishes the street lights, and it is proposed to install an incandescent light plant also.

Fowlerville will be the central point for the new lines of rural telephone now in course of construction in the western part of Livingston County.

Curtis E. Humphrey, one of Holly's most popular young men, took his own life in his room at the Hirst Hotel. Deceased was a prominent druggist.

If it becomes necessary to resort to peat for fuel, it is said that there is enough in Kent County to keep the people there warm for an indefinite period.

The car barn of the Bay City Consolidated Street Railway Company burned, with summer cars and other contents, causing a loss of \$35,000, partly insured.

The Pittsburg and Lake Superior Company's large general store and warehouse at Palmer was burned to the ground. The loss is about \$15,000, covered by insurance.

Lawrence McCormick, an employe of the Grand Trunk Western at the west end of its terminal yards in Port Huron, was struck by an outgoing passenger train and instantly killed.

Andrew Carnegie has offered Grand Haven a \$15,000 library on his usual conditions, which are that the city shall provide not less than \$1,500 annually for the library's maintenance.

After ten years of idleness the old blast furnace at St. Ignace has again gone into commission. The plant gives employment to about 100 men. The ore treated is brought by rail from the Marquette range.

Articles of incorporation for the Otsego Power Co., Ltd., have been filed. The company is capitalized at \$200,000 and will build a dam across the Kalamazoo river at Otsego and furnish water and electrical power for customers in southwestern Michigan.

Principal W. B. Nebaugh of the Ypsilanti high school has been appointed acting superintendent of the schools of that city and fill the vacancy caused by the death of Superintendent Austin George, and Dr. Forrest Ross, a science teacher in the high school, has been advanced to the position of acting principal.

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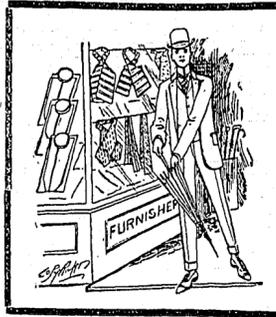
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45 Children's Two-Piece Suits, at 1.00
42 Large Square Blankets, at .75
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1903

Where will the price of oil go to if Rockefeller succeeds in finding his million-dollar stomach and his seven-million-dollar consumption cure?

RESOLUTIONS have been introduced in the house and senate appropriating \$250,000 for an annex to the state capital building.

AT a meeting of the democratic state central committee at Detroit last Tuesday night Hon. Thomas E. Barkworth of Jackson was elected chairman to succeed the late Hon. Justin R. Whiting.

A REPRESENTATIVE from Grand Rapids has introduced a bill to do away with the Gretna Green business at Benton Harbor and St. Joe.

HON. JUSTIN R. WHITTING, chairman of the democratic state central committee, died at his home in St. Clair last Saturday forenoon after a week's illness of bile poisoning.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. The following licenses have been granted since our last report:

EDITOR DEMOCRAT—I took no notice of a purported interview in the Detroit Tribune of some days ago, but inasmuch as it seems to give some comfort to my republican newspaper friends, allow me to say that I was in no manner responsible for the same.

Real Estate Transfers. The Ingham Abstract Company reports the following transfers for the week ending Jan. 31, 1903, where the consideration is \$300 or over:

KLINK. Mrs. T. H. Lyon is no better at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. M. Thompson and Mrs. James VanNorsdal are convalescing.

NORTHEAST ONONDAGA. A. B. Porter has a very sick horse. Social visiting seems to be the order of the day in this vicinity at present.

CENTER VALLEY. A company of neighbors were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren West last Tuesday evening.

ALAIEDON CENTER. The library society at Cynthia Wilkins' last Thursday was well attended. The next one will be held at the home of Mrs. M. Olds the last Thursday of this month.

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Common Council Proceedings. MASON, MICH., Feb. 2, 1903. Mayor met and was called to order by Council Whitman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES. The finance committee report the following claims and recommend their allowance:

Probate Order. Green—Feb. 2. State of Michigan, county of Ingham, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office, in the city of Mason, on the 10th day of January, 1903.

Probate Order. Gorton—Feb. 27. State of Michigan, county of Ingham, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office, in the city of Mason, on the 4th day of February, 1903.

Probate Order. Emory—Feb. 6. State of Michigan, county of Ingham, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office, in the city of Mason, on the 12th day of January, 1903.

Probate Order. Warren—Feb. 6. State of Michigan, county of Ingham, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office, in the city of Mason, on the 14th day of January, 1903.

Probate Order. Bulletin—Feb. 13. State of Michigan, county of Ingham, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office, in the city of Mason, on the 23rd day of January, 1903.

Probate Order. Chase—Feb. 20. State of Michigan, county of Ingham, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office, in the city of Mason, on the 23rd day of January, 1903.

Commissioners' Notice. The undersigned, having been appointed by the probate court for the county of Ingham, commissioners on the estate of Anna E. Densen, deceased, to settle and adjust all claims against said estate, to hereby give notice that they will meet for that purpose at the late residence of said deceased on Saturday, February 14, 1903, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

Probate Order. Hester—Feb. 13. State of Michigan, county of Ingham, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office, in the city of Mason, on the 20th day of January, 1903.

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MASON MARKETS.

Table with columns for various market items like Wheat, Corn, Potatoes, etc., and their prices.

Chancery Sale.

State of Michigan, Circuit Court for the County of Ingham, in Chancery. William A. Havens vs. Mary Vincent, Helen C. Bowers, Mattie M. Ford, Edna Stowell, Ursula Havens, Mary Havens, John Havens, Jennie Havens, Lulu Havens, Frank O'Dell, Ira O'Dell, Irene Caldwell, Kate Clough, Lucy Hoodless, Edith Havens, Katharine Bradley, Stephen O'Dell, Kate Smalley, Jennie Votaw, Elizabeth Phillips, Margaret Havens Scribner, Ralph Havens.

Probate Order. Davis—February 20. State of Michigan, county of Ingham, ss. At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office, in the city of Mason, on the 24th day of January, 1903.

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INGHAM COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

SUPPLEMENT

MASON, MICHIGAN, FEBRUARY 5, 1903.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

OFFICIAL.

JANUARY SESSION.

MONDAY, Jan. 5, 1903.

The board met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by Chairman Barber. The roll was called and the following named members answered to their names: Supts. Austin, Bullen, Collins, Coy, Cameron, Croly, Englehart, Frost, Gunn, Hinman, Hasbrouck, Lathrop, Willmore, Steele, Taylor, Winters, John, Winters, John, and Chairman Barber. The chair then announced the appointment of a committee on revision of rules to consist of Supts. Steele and Hinman. Ald. Ferguson of the 5th ward of the city of Lansing was substituted to act as the member from that ward in the place of Ald. Moran. Upon motion of Supt. Steele the board adjourned until one o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The board met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by Chairman Barber. The roll was called and a quorum found present.

The Journal of the last day's proceedings was then read and approved.

The committee on revision of rules then made their report as follows:

The select committee on revision of rules beg leave to report and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, that rule No. two be and the same be hereby amended to read as follows:

Rule 2. The following standing committees to consist of three members each, except the committee on organization, which shall consist of seven members, and on appointment of taxes and assessment rolls and of county officers' accounts, which shall consist of five members each, shall be appointed at the commencement of the annual session, unless otherwise ordered.

1. Ways and means. 2. Equalization. 3. Justice, coroner and witness claims. 4. Constable claims. 5. County, township and ward poor and insane accounts. 6. County farm and buildings. 7. Sheriff's accounts. 8. Appointment of taxes and assessment rolls. 9. Public buildings (except county farm buildings). 10. Drains. 11. Printing. 12. Salaries. 13. General. 14. County officers' accounts. 15. County superintendents of poor accounts. 16. Supplies. 17. Justice dockets. 18. County officers' bonds.

W. A. STEELE, Chairman.

W. M. C. HINMAN, A. I. BARBER, Clerk.

Upon motion of Supt. Lathrop, the report of the committee on revision of rules was accepted and adopted.

Supt. Cameron moved that the chair appoint a committee of three on county officers' bonds and contracts, which motion prevailed. The chair then appointed the following members to act as such committee: Supts. Cameron, Willmore and Ferguson.

Upon motion of Supt. Cameron, the bond of the sheriff was referred to the committee on county officers' bonds and contracts.

Upon motion of Supt. Gunn, the chair appointed Supt. Hasbrouck to act as a member of the general claims committee in the place of Supt. Price, during the latter's absence.

Upon motion of Supt. Loomis, the board adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved, after making corrections.

The report of the judge of probate in regard to proceedings had before him concerning insane patients for the year 1902, was then read by the clerk, and upon motion, was received and placed on file.

A communication from John R. Blackie, justice of the peace, in regard to a bill of E. D. Pheobe A. Hunt, which had been presented and allowed at a previous session, was then received and placed on file.

The matters of providing a closet for the accommodation of the county officers, and of bookkeeping for the county officers, were then presented by the county clerk, having been presented by the county clerk, the sheriff was instructed to have the work done, and the county clerk was hereby authorized to draw orders in payment of the same.

The committee appointed at the last October session of this board to devise a system of bookkeeping for the county officers, then reported as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Ingham County:

THE CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN:—Your committee was that appointed at the October session to devise a system of bookkeeping for the county officers of Ingham county beg leave to submit the following resolution as their report:

Resolved, by the board of supervisors of Ingham county that the county clerk and treasurer be and are hereby appointed a committee to compile the rules of this board as revised at this session and cause a suitable number of copies of same to be printed for the use of this board.

Which resolution, upon motion of Supt. Steele, was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion of Supt. Cameron the committee of three be appointed to look into the matter of extra compensation for the prosecuting attorney and also extra compensation of previous prosecuting attorneys of this county, which motion prevailed by a unanimous vote.

The chair then appointed as such committee Supts. Cameron, Loomis and Cattin.

Upon motion of Supt. Cameron the board took a recess until one o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The board met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by Chairman Barber. The roll was called and a quorum found present.

Upon motion of Supt. Lathrop, Supt. Hasbrouck was instructed to act on the general claims committee for the present in the place of Supervisor Price.

ALFRED ALLEN, Chairman.

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CONSTABLE BILLS.

Claimant.	Claimed.	Allowed.
Shubael Hammond.....	\$256 76	\$256 76
Edward Perkins.....	119 18	129 18
W. W. Merrill.....	19 44	10 61
Roy C. Vandercreek.....	48 82	8 82
Edward Perkins.....	48 65	31 24

Upon motion of the bill of G. H. Brett for \$25.76 for services in typhoid fever case, was disallowed upon recommendation of the committee on constable bills.

Upon motion of Supt. Price, the bill of Ella Keller for \$30.00, which had been recommended for allowance by the committee on constable bills, was referred back to that committee.

Upon motion of Supt. Cattin, the bill of Elmer Vore for \$2.25, which had been passed by the committee on constable bills, was referred back to that committee.

Supt. Steele moved that the vote by which the claim of G. H. Brett was disallowed be reconsidered and the claim referred back to the committee on constable bills, which motion prevailed.

Upon motion of Supt. Ferguson, the board adjourned until one o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The board met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by Chairman Barber. The roll was called and a quorum found present.

Upon motion of Supervisor Cattin, the two bills of George H. Alchin, amounting to \$40.00 and \$7.77, which had been recommended by the committee on justice claims, were referred back to the committee for correction.

Upon motion of Supt. Cattin, the bill of Elmer Vore, which had been referred back to the committee on constable bills, having again been recommended for allowance, was allowed at its footing.

The following claims were reported back for allowance by the committee on constable bills and allowed as follows:

Claimant.	Claimed.	Allowed.
Harry E. Wilson.....	\$33 70	\$33 70
N. N. Roberts.....	35 47	35 47
C. J. Stevedore.....	1 81	1 81
Edwin Link.....	2 71	2 71
E. D. Diekmann.....	12 85	12 85
Floy C. Vandercreek.....	25 14	25 14

The chair then announced the following claims for the year 1902, was then read by the clerk, and upon motion, was received and placed on file.

Upon motion of Supt. Cattin, the clerk was instructed to settle with the county treasurer's accounts, which shall consist of five members each, shall be appointed at the commencement of the annual session, unless otherwise ordered.

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GENERAL CLAIMS.

Claimant.	Claimed.	Allowed.
G. W. Jewett.....	\$19 60	\$19 60
Rudolph Loomis.....	31 00	31 00
Corra P. Gannick.....	5 00	5 00
M. E. Gardner.....	12 75	12 75
A. L. Ross.....	11 25	11 25
Charles Whiting.....	7 50	7 50
J. G. Bartow.....	5 00	5 00
Sarah E. Lanzler.....	40 00	40 00
D. W. Roberts.....	11 92	11 92
Geo. A. Parlo.....	11 92	11 92
Daisy L. Godfrey.....	15 30	15 30
A. V. Peck.....	6 00	6 00
The Lansing Journal Co.....	20 78	20 78
George Horan.....	1 10	1 10
A. F. Mehan.....	9 60	9 60
Rudolph Loomis.....	73 06	73 06
W. W. Root.....	6 25	6 25
H. B. Maynard.....	26 00	26 00
Homer Peck.....	41 00	41 00
J. A. Sherwood.....	37 00	37 00
Geo. L. Garner.....	13 50	13 50
W. W. Root.....	5 00	5 00
Wm. C. Hinman.....	2 00	2 00
Wm. C. Hinman.....	3 40	3 40
Wm. C. Hinman.....	31 00	31 00
Geo. A. Parlo.....	80 00	80 00
Wm. H. Gilchrist.....	4 67	4 67
Wm. H. Gilchrist.....	3 57	3 57
Wm. H. Gilchrist.....	12 00	12 00
Wm. H. Gilchrist.....	12 00	12 00
J. P. Bullen.....	1 40	1 40
Thos. & Son.....	17 40	17 40
L. L. Hilde.....	5 77	5 77
Wm. W. Root.....	25 00	25 00
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Aurelius township.....	17 25	16 50

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Vanostand & Elmer.....	\$41 00	\$11 00
G. Frankin Bucher.....	20 50	20 50
W. H. Stinson Enterprises.....	11 30	11 30
Croly Bros.....	8 40	8 40
C. D. Haack.....	12 00	12 00
Mary Brown.....	46 05	46 05
M. J. & B. M. Buck.....	40 00	40 00
Rudolph Loomis.....	206 86	206 86
G. Frankin Bucher.....	31 00	28 00
Wesley Turner.....	6 00	6 00
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L. R. White.....	2 30	2 30
W. A. Swezey.....	3 50	3 50
J. H. Harned & Son.....	10 05	10 05
J. R. Dart & Son.....	2 25	2 25
W. A. Steele.....	9 16	9 16
G. Frankin Bucher.....	10 50	10 50
G. N. Stinson.....	3 55	3 55
Wesley Turner.....	6 00	6 00
M. J. & B. M. Buck.....	20 00	20 00
M. J. & B. M. Buck.....	24 00	16 00
P. A. Tyler.....	4 50	4 50
Alford & Son.....	1 50	1 50
Lausine Artificial Stone Co.....	2 80	2 80
H. P. Williams.....	3 25	3 25
Wesley Turner.....	8 91	8 91
Reck Bros.....	8 91	8 91
Croly Bros.....	48 62	48 62
M. J. & B. M. Buck.....	10 70	7 00
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By cash from tax of 1901.....	Cr.	\$5,964 18
By amount transferred from delinquent tax fund.....	Dr.	330 37
By amount drain tax returned.....	Dr.	431 12
By balance overdrawn.....	Dr.	2,600 92
	Cr.	\$11,780 19
DELINQUENT TAX FUND.		
To cash paid towns and cities.....	Dr.	\$12,454 86
To state tax and expense of sale collected at county treasurer's office, credited state.....	Dr.	426 02
To state's portion of tax sale.....	Dr.	564 83
To county drain tax and interest transferred to county drain fund.....	Dr.	380 97
To county tax and interest transferred to contingent fund.....	Dr.	3,418 06
To balance in fund.....	Dr.	1,945 91
	Cr.	\$19,191 28
By balance in fund.....	Dr.	\$22 21
By cash from delinquent tax of 1901.....	Dr.	1 13
By cash from delinquent tax of 1902.....	Dr.	21 11
By cash from delinquent tax of 1903.....	Dr.	386 81
By cash from delinquent tax of 1904.....	Dr.	547 08
By cash from delinquent tax of 1905.....	Dr.	1,186 17
By cash from delinquent tax of 1906.....	Dr.	61 05
By tax and interest collected at the auditor general's office up to Sept. 30, 1902.....	Dr.	11,149 00
By sales and redemptions at auditor general's office.....	Dr.	671 78
By cash from tax sale.....	Dr.	4,275 82
	Cr.	\$19,191 28
LIQUOR TAX FUND.		
To cash paid corporations.....	Dr.	\$12,572 14
To cash paid county treasurer's fees.....	Dr.	21 48
To county portion transferred to contingent fund.....	Dr.	12,448 40
To balance in fund.....	Dr.	241 35
	Cr.	\$25,063 43
By amount in fund.....	Dr.	\$358 09
By cash from dealers.....	Dr.	25,148 24
	Cr.	\$25,746 43
TEACHERS' INSTITUTE FUND.		
To cash paid institute.....	Dr.	\$295 01
To balance in fund.....	Dr.	60 92
	Cr.	\$355 93
By amount in fund.....	Dr.	\$111 51
By cash from fees.....	Dr.	304 42
	Cr.	\$415 93
LIBRARY FUND.		
To cash paid towns and cities.....	Dr.	\$591 44
To balance in fund.....	Dr.	10,271 77
	Cr.	\$10,863 21
By amount in fund.....	Dr.	\$384 56
By cash from circuit court fines.....	Dr.	9,895 00
By cash from justice court fines.....	Dr.	584 65
	Cr.	\$10,863 21
PRIMARY SCHOOL FUND.		
To cash paid towns and cities.....	Dr.	\$20,530 88
To balance in fund.....	Dr.	304 92
	Cr.	\$20,835 80
By amount in fund.....	Dr.	\$799 10
By cash from state of Mich.....	Dr.	27,846 78
	Cr.	\$28,645 88
STATE OF MICHIGAN.		
To amount overdrawn.....	Dr.	\$2,915 95
To cash paid state of Mich, tax of 1901.....	Dr.	65,769 69
To cash paid state of Mich, gen. deft. tax.....	Dr.	302 16
To cash paid state of Mich, delinquent tax and interest collected at auditor general's office up to Sept. 30, 1902.....	Dr.	1,573 73
To sales and redemptions at auditor general's office.....	Dr.	11,149 00
To amt' delinquent state tax ret'd.....	Dr.	1,116 61
	Cr.	\$83,732 95
By cash from delinquent tax and redemptions.....	Dr.	10,550 96
By cash from expense of sale.....	Dr.	40 00
By state tax interest and expense of sale collected at county treasurer's office up to Sept. 30, 1902.....	Dr.	426 02
By state's portion of tax sale.....	Dr.	564 83
By state's portion of charged back taxes.....	Dr.	101 00
By amount credited contingent fund for school for blind.....	Dr.	28 08
By redemptions at county treasurer's office.....	Dr.	51 42
By amt' appropriated by board of supervisors.....	Dr.	60,818 57
By balance overdrawn.....	Dr.	5,120 98
	Cr.	\$83,732 95
TEMPORARY LOAN FUND.		
To cash paid for loans and discount.....	Dr.	\$72,660 69
To balance in fund.....	Dr.	10,151 62
	Cr.	\$82,812 31
By amount in fund.....	Dr.	\$17,421 18
By cash from loans.....	Dr.	41,400 00
	Cr.	\$58,821 18
INDIGENT SOLDIERS' FUND.		
To cash paid for orders.....	Dr.	\$1,238 29
To balance in fund.....	Dr.	359 49
	Cr.	\$1,597 78
By amount in fund.....	Dr.	\$97 73
By amt' appropriated by board of supervisors.....	Dr.	1,500 00
	Cr.	\$1,597 73
DEER LICENSE FUND.		
To cash paid state of Mich.....	Dr.	\$12 25
To balance in fund.....	Dr.	25 50
	Cr.	\$37 75
By amount in fund.....	Dr.	\$25 75
By cash from fees.....	Dr.	12 00
	Cr.	\$37 75
STATE AND COUNTY TAX FUND.		
To amount overdrawn.....	Dr.	\$9,957 25
To amount appropriated for state tax, 1901.....	Dr.	60,818 57
To amount appropriated for county tax.....	Dr.	45,000 00
To amount appropriated for county poor tax.....	Dr.	2,500 00
To amount appropriated for indigent soldiers.....	Dr.	1,500 00
To county poor tax raised by towns and cities.....	Dr.	2,435 17
To charged back state tax.....	Dr.	101 09
To charged back county tax.....	Dr.	95 89
	Cr.	\$128,432 97
By cash from tax of 1901.....	Dr.	\$10,282 52
By amount of delinquent tax ret'd.....	Dr.	1,013 20
By amount of overdraft.....	Dr.	10,207 25
	Cr.	\$128,432 97
TAXABLE INHERITANCE FUND.		
To cash paid refunded tax.....	Dr.	\$7 39
To cash paid state of Mich.....	Dr.	1,781 19
	Cr.	\$1,788 58

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Upon motion of Supervisor Steele, the bill of Thomas Jones for \$31.00, which was passed by the committee without recommendation, was taken up and allowed at its footing by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Steele moved that the bill of Hilling Bros. & Everard for \$493.31 be allowed at its footing. Supervisor Cameron moved as a substitute to the motion of Supervisor Steele that said bill be referred to a special committee composed of Supervisors Ferguson, Crotty and Winters, John, which substitute was carried.

Upon motion of Supervisor Ferguson, Supervisor Cameron was substituted to act in his place on said special committee.

Upon motion of Supervisor Loomis, the bill of Horace Kedge for \$145.59, was taken from the table.

Supervisor Loomis then moved that said bill be allowed at its footing. Supervisor Price moved as a substitute that said bill be put to a vote for the purpose of determining the services rendered, which substitute prevailed. The bill then passed as reduced.

Upon motion of Supervisor Ferguson, the bill of Doubleday Bros. & Co. was referred to the same committee to which was referred the bill of Hilling Bros. & Everard.

The bill of Horace Kedge for \$22.50 was then taken up and passed at its footing.

Upon motion of Supervisor Ferguson, the bill of the Citizens' Telephone Co. for \$2.00 was allowed at its footing.

Upon motion of Sup. Cameron, the bill of P. D. Woodworth for \$2.00 for sending out copies of a resolution passed by the board at a previous session in regard to typhoid fever cases, which was recommended for allowance by the committee on general claims, was allowed.

The claim of F. D. Woodworth for \$4.00, which was reported back by the committee on general claims, was taken up and upon motion of Sup. Cameron, was allowed at its footing and the clerk instructed to draw no order therefor, but credit to be given to said Woodworth for the amount claimed to be due the county from him.

On motion of Sup. Cameron, the bill of P. D. Woodworth for \$203.30, was referred to the committee having in charge the investigation of the accounts of said Woodworth, said committee to report after the noon recess.

Upon motion of Sup. Ferguson, the board took a recess until one o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The board was called to order by Chairman Barber.

Sup. Steele offered the following resolution: Resolved, by the board of supervisors of Ingham county that the prosecuting attorney be authorized to accept of P. D. Woodworth the sum of \$529.99 less such amounts as have or shall be allowed at this session in full settlement of the account of said Woodworth with the county, provided said amount is paid before suit is begun, and be it further Resolved, that in the event of such settlement, the prosecuting attorney cause proper to be taken to enforce the amount to be executed as evidence of the settlement in all matters covered by the settlement committee in relation to said account. And be it further Resolved, that such suit be brought on for trial at the March, 1903, term of the circuit court, and it is further Resolved, that nothing herein shall be construed as fixing or determining the amount of the indebtedness from Woodworth to the county or to prohibit the county from recovering any sum or sums which may be due the county to due the county in such suit, this proposition being made merely as a compromise and to avert the expense of litigation.

Sup. Ferguson moved to lay the resolution of Sup. Steele on the table, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas, Cameron, Crotty, Englehart, Ferguson, Hinman, Price, Winters, John, and Winters, Charles.

Sup. Steele's resolution was then taken up and passed by the following vote:

Yeas, Collins, Lathrop, Willmore, Steele, Sibley and Stroud.

Nays, Austin, Bullen, Coy, Catlin, Cameron, Crotty, Englehart, Frost, Gunn, Ferguson, Hinman, Hasbrouck, Loomis, Price, Taylor, Winters, John, Winters, Chas., and Chairman Barber.

A communication from F. A. Lester, ex-registrar of deeds, in regard to re-indexing certain records in the register of deeds' office, was then read by the clerk, and, upon motion of Sup. Ferguson, was received and placed on file.

The committee on mileage and per diem then made the following report, which report, upon motion of Sup. Lathrop, was unanimously adopted:

Honorable Board of Supervisors of Ingham County, Mich.: GENTLEMEN—Your committee on mileage and per diem report the following supervisors per diem their mileage to be as follows:

TOWNSHIP OR WARD.	NAME.	TRAVEL.		ATTENDANCE.		Total.
		Miles.	Am't.	Days.	Amount.	
Alaledon.....	H. It. Taylor.....	8	\$ 48	6	\$18 00	\$18 48
Aurelius.....	J. T. Bullen.....	8	48	6	18 00	18 48
Bell.....	John F. Winters.....	24	144	6	18 00	18 44
Dellhi.....	H. E. Gunn.....	14	84	6	18 00	18 84
Ingham.....	B. J. Austin.....	12	72	6	18 00	18 72
Lansing Township.....	E. J. Collins.....	20	120	6	18 00	18 20
Lansing, 1st ward.....	John F. Englehart.....	30	180	6	18 00	18 80
Lansing, 2d ward.....	J. F. Crotty.....	30	180	6	18 00	18 80
Lansing, 3d ward.....	H. C. Cameron.....	30	180	6	18 00	18 80
Lansing, 4th ward.....	Lawrence Price.....	30	180	6	18 00	18 80
Lansing, 5th ward.....	A. F. Ferguson.....	30	180	6	18 00	18 80
Lansing, 6th ward.....	Rudolph Loomis.....	30	180	6	18 00	18 80
Lansing, 7th ward.....	Wm. C. Hinman.....	30	180	6	18 00	18 80
Leslie.....	C. R. Hasbrouck.....	14	84	6	18 00	18 84
Leroy.....	A. E. Catlin.....	68	408	6	18 00	22 20
Locks.....	Archie Clark.....	70	420	6	18 00	22 20
Mason, 1st ward.....	F. L. Stroud.....	2	12	6	18 00	18 12
" 2d ward.....	A. J. Barber.....	2	12	6	18 00	18 12
Meridian.....	Chas. Winters.....	18	108	6	18 00	18 08
Onondaga.....	C. H. Sibley.....	40	240	6	18 00	17 28
Stockbridge.....	J. C. Willmore.....	40	240	6	18 00	20 40
Vevay.....	John S. Coy.....	6	36	6	18 00	18 36
Wheatfield.....	J. E. Frost.....	20	120	6	18 00	18 20
White Oak.....	O. J. Lathrop.....	24	144	6	18 00	18 44
Williamston.....	W. A. Steele.....	68	408	6	18 00	21 48

Respectfully submitted, WM. C. HINMAN, A. H. CATLIN, A. F. FERGUSON, Committee.

The committee having in charge the investigation of the bills of Inling Bros. & Everard and Doubleday Bros. & Co. then reported and recommended the allowance of said bills at \$493.31 and \$17.92 respectively, which recommendation was adopted and said bills were allowed as stated.

The board of Harry A. Slabe, circuit court commissioner, having been recommended for approval by the committee on county officers' bonds and contracts, upon motion of Sup. Ferguson, was approved.

The committee having in charge the consideration of extra compensation for the prosecuting attorney, then reported as follows:

MASON, MICH., Jan. 10, 1903.

To the Board of Supervisors:
GENTLEMEN—Your committee appointed to make recommendations in regard to the amount of the prosecuting attorney would respectfully recommend that the prosecuting attorney be allowed (\$10.00) ten dollars per month for office rent in Mason, and (\$5.00) five dollars per month for office rent in Lansing. The office rent in Mason to cease when the prosecutor moves into the new office in the new Ingham county court house.

R. G. CAMERON,
A. H. CATLIN,
RUDOLPH LOOMIS.

Supervisor Ferguson moved that said report be amended so as to include payment for one telephone at each office, which amendment was adopted. The question then being upon the main resolution, said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Austin, Bullen, Collins, Coy, Englehart, Frost, Ferguson, Hasbrouck, Loomis, Price, Steele, Sibley, Stroud, Taylor, Winters, John, Winters, Chas., and Chairman Barber.

Nays—Catlin, Cameron, Crotty, Hinman, and Willmore.

The bill of F. D. Woodworth for \$203.30, having been investigated by the committee having said bill in charge, and certain reductions having been made, was, upon motion of Supervisor Hinman, allowed at its footing, \$150.05, as corrected by the special committee, and the clerk instructed to draw no order therefor, but credit to be given to said Woodworth to apply on amount claimed to be due the county from him.

Upon motion of Supervisor Crotty, the County Clerk and County Treasurer were authorized to make a trip to any county in the state for the purpose of determining a system of book-keeping for the use of the county officers, at the expense of the county.

The claim of C. J. Kouser for \$35.40 was then taken up and allowed at its footing.

The claim of C. M. Watson for \$18.00 for services in scientific fever cases was, upon motion, referred back to claimant.

Upon motion of Supervisor Taylor, the clerk was instructed to draw an order for \$17.00 in favor of H. Acker for rent of the t. A. R. hall and for janitor services.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gunn, the sheriff was instructed to procure suitable quarters for the accommodation of the jury for the January term of the circuit and the bill for same to be presented at the next session of this board.

Supervisor Loomis presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: Resolved, by the Board of Supervisors of Ingham County, that the County Clerk be and he is hereby directed and authorized to draw an order in favor of himself for the sum of \$25 for his services as clerk of the board during present session.

The following resolution was presented by Supervisor Bullen and unanimously adopted: Resolved, that the thanks of this board be due and are hereby tendered to Chairman A. I. Barber for the very able and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this board.

Upon motion of Supervisor Price, the original committee appointed to investigate the accounts of F. D. Woodworth, ex-county clerk, and to effect a settlement with him, was authorized to retain all its powers pending the disposition of the case.

Supervisor Loomis moved that the vote by which the bill of Horace Kedge for \$22.50 was allowed at a reduction of \$1.00 per day for the services rendered, be reconsidered, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—Austin, Bullen, Collins, Coy, Hasbrouck, Lathrop, Loomis, Willmore, Steele, Sibley, Winters, John, and Chairman Barber, Ferguson, Price, Stroud, Taylor, and Winters, Charles.

Upon motion of Supervisor Loomis, said bill was allowed at its original footing, \$48.59, by the following vote:

Yeas—Austin, Bullen, Collins, Coy, Frost, Hinman, Hasbrouck, Lathrop, Loomis, Willmore, Steele, Sibley, Winters, John, and Chairman Barber.

Nays—Catlin, Cameron, Crotty, Englehart, Gunn, Ferguson, Price, Stroud, Taylor, and Winters, Charles.

The following resolution was presented by Sup. Price and unanimously adopted: Resolved, by the board of supervisors of Ingham county that the county treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow money in behalf of the county for the transaction of its business should such action become necessary.

The following claims were reported back for allowance by the respective committees and allowed as follows:

GENERAL CLAIMS.

Chairman, Claimed. Allowed	
O. J. Lathrop.....	\$ 21 25
L. Anna Ballard.....	5 00
	\$ 26 25

CONSTABLE CLAIMS.

A. B. Heathman.....	\$ 8 50
A. B. Heathman.....	5 30
	\$ 13 80

CORONER BILLS.

Geo. Darby.....	\$ 1 58
	\$1 58

The following resolution was presented by Sup. Hinman and adopted:

Resolved, that the members of the several special committees appointed by this board during the year 1902 be allowed the same per day and mileage paid members during the sessions of the board.

The following members were chosen to represent the board at the meeting of the State Association of Supervisors: Chairman Barber, upon motion of Supervisor Steele, upon motion of Supervisor Hinman.

Supervisor Price, upon motion of Supervisor Crotty.

Upon motion of Sup. Englehart, the board adjourned sine die.

A. I. BARBER, Chairman.
ALFRED ALLEN, Clerk.

BETWEEN TWO FIRES.

WAR ROMANCE OF AN IOWA DESERTER.

Love Enticed Him from Duty Beside His Comrades and Made Him the Prey of Endless Self-Reproach—A Fatal Surprise.

MABEL shaded her eyes with her hand and looked toward the hills. The sun was half way down toward the western horizon, shining from an unclouded sky, and everything was brought into full relief.

"Look, mother!" she cried, with outstretched hand.

"What is it?"

"A man. He is coming this way."

The widow presently saw him. He came rapidly over the crest of the hill, looked back, ran a little way down the slope, and then at a more deliberate pace descended to the level meadow.

This he crossed without stopping, climbed the fence, came across the road, and made for the house, where he saw the women in the doorway.

He took off his cap and spoke.

"May I come in? I am tired and thirsty."

"Yes," said Mrs. Gorton. "Come in."

He followed them into the trim and tidy sitting-room. He hesitated at the door.

"I am dirty and dusty," he said, "I am not fit for so nice a room."

Mabel eyed him furtively from the kitchen doorway. Her mother went straight up to him.

"You are a soldier of the Union," she said; "I see that by your dress. You have been fighting today in the battle over yonder. My husband was killed at Ft. Donelson. You are welcome to all I can give you."

He looked his thanks; but under those powder-stained lips and dust and sweat-begrimed features it was impossible to tell what kind of a face was hidden. Yet Mabel observed that his eyes were blue and bright, and that his hair, where not matted with sweat and dust, was brown and curly.

The widow noted with swift compassion the ragged sleeve in his blue blouse.

"Are you wounded?" she asked.

"O, no; but 'twas a narrow escape. A hot piece of shell tore blouse and shirt-sleeve, and killed the man next to me; but I'm not hurt."

"Come up stairs," said Mrs. Gorton, "I'll lay out a suit of Abner's summer clothes. You shall take off this hot, dirty flannel, wash yourself clean, and put on a cool suit. Come, my boy; I'll see to you."

In a few moments the widow came down again. Sudden shocks still agitated the air, but they came from points more and more remote, and near sunset all sounds of firing had died in the distance. It seemed quite plain, the widow observed, that the Union army had the better of it.

The table had been set for tea, when the soldier again made his appearance. Neither of the women would have known him had he entered the room from any other quarter than the stairway. He had a slight, boyish figure, a still more boyish face, ruddy cheeks, laughing eyes and mouth, and brown hair that ran in curls all over his head. Not even the raffish of the late Abner, decidedly large for him, could detract a particle from the manly beauty of this Union straggler.

He sat at the table with them, and as he ate and drank they heard his story of the battle. A flush covered his face as he eagerly sought to disclaim the character which he feared they would regard him.

"I am not a deserter—not I!—and hardly a straggler, or, if I am a straggler, there were hundreds more like me, and I couldn't help it any more than they could. I belong to the 1st Iowa Regiment; I have been in the service more than a year, and this isn't my first battle, nor my second. My regiment was one of the flanks over there, and was harder pressed than it could stand. We fought for more than an hour, and broke when we couldn't help it. When a regiment breaks in battle, it's mighty hard to get the pieces together, now, I tell you! I wandered off this way, wanting to take a breath and get a drink of water, and I got here before I knew where I was. I shouldn't have thrown away my gun—but, and he laughed, "the best of soldiers get demoralized sometimes. A good night's rest will do everything for me, if you'll be so kind as to give me a bed; and then I'll brush up my soldier clothes, and, perhaps, you'll mend my ragged sleeve, ma'am—and I'll hurry along after our army, and take one from the report of 'missing.'"

He sat up late with the widow and her daughter that warm summer night, talking with them about the war, about the dead soldier of this little lonely family, about his own home and mother and sisters near Burlington, in distant Iowa. He talked well and pleasantly; he did most of the talking; and after he had retired, it was Mrs. Gorton who said, with a sigh:

"It seems too bad for that dear boy to go back to the army to-morrow. How beautifully he talked about your poor father!"

Mabel was silent.

"But I suppose he must."

The widow thought it hard; yet she slept with her accustomed serenity. But Mabel's thoughts kept her awake till well toward midnight.

The morning came; breakfast passed, the soldier dusted his uniform, the widow insisted upon washing it out, and, when it was dried, carefully

mended it. Dinner time was then at hand, and the guest remained. Mrs. Gorton's face was serious. Mabel's was more than serious as they thought of the parting at hand; but the guest lingered. He talked to them of his duty, of how glad and surprised "the boys" would be when they saw him come back unharmed; but he made no motion to go. The hearts of the two women were gladdened as he stayed.

This branch of his story need not be prolonged. For a week he fought out love and duty—and then he yielded. Mabel burned up his uniform in the kitchen stove; the widow, with her own hands, altered over the dead husband's clothes for him; to the few and scattered neighbors of that section who remarked his presence it was given out that he was the son of a Kentucky cousin, and in a fortnight from the day when he entered this house as a fugitive from the battle the soldier and Mabel were united in marriage.

For the next year unceasing torments of soul were his.

Dear as he loved his young wife, the reproaches of duty were ever in his ears. He heard them, waking and sleeping. He worked the little patch of ground about the house, and marketed its produce with a mite and cart in the city; the theater of war in this State was now far removed from this vicinity; there was nothing but conscience and memory, and the frequent Nashville papers that he read, to remind him of the war and of the part that he ought to be playing in it. In silence he suffered, ever maintaining to Mabel and her mother a cheerful, satisfied demeanor. They never knew, never suspected the stings of disregarded duty born in silence by the ardent Northern volunteer; and when Mabel gave him an infant sense she and her mother deemed that his allegiance to his humble home was fixed beyond change.

And so it might have been, but for one of those incidents, suddenly occurring, with which the war was filled.

One of General Morgan's Confederate cavalry raids was threatening the railroads in this part of the State; and an infantry brigade from the Union front was hurried back to the exposed point. It so happened that it embraced the regiment of the fugitive soldier. Disembarking from the cars at a point several miles down the road on which Mrs. Gorton's house was situated, the brigade marched past it on its way to the threatened point.

In the back yard, so close to the house that he had seen nothing of this, our fugitive heard the crash of brass music. His wife, pale and agitated, beckoned him in.

"They are Federal soldiers," she said. "Don't let them see you."

He went into the front room and peered through the blinds. With wildly throbbing heart he recognized his lost comrades. He saw the dusty ranks marching by with company front, each stalwart soldier whom he had known and loved with a musket on his shoulder. His face was white.

"Mabel, it's my brigade, my regiment!" he cried. "Let me go. I must join them."

For answer, she placed his baby in his arms. The chubby hands patted his cheeks and played with his hair. The soldier's head drooped on the window sill.

"Fetch some water, Mabel," said Mrs. Gorton. "He is faint."

He was dead!—American Tribune.

An Unsolved Mystery.

"I have just returned from a visit to the battle-fields of Cedar Mountain and the second Manassas after an absence of forty years," said Daniel L. Reynolds, of Canandaigua, N. Y. "It was while the last named battle was in progress that something happened to a member of my company, and with whom I had been raised, that has always been to me an unsolved mystery. His name was William Brown and his age at the date I speak of was 24 years. He had always plied for a life of adventure, and when Pope called for volunteer scouts he offered his services and was accepted. This was just prior to the Cedar Mountain affair. Prior to the second Manassas Brown had frequently disappeared for several days, but in due time returned all right, and at night time about the campfire would fire our imaginations and excite our envy over his marvelous hairbreadth escapes from capture and death. He was missing for good after the second day's fight at Bull Run, and the rest has always been conjecture as to his fate. The story told by a captured Confederate soldier is that he was caught red-handed and was hanged as a spy.

"It appears, according to the narrative related by the soldier mentioned, that during the battle of the first day a man, resembling Brown, dressed in Confederate gray, rode up to the commander of a division with written orders from Jackson to move his troops to a certain portion of the field where they could not possibly be of use and suddenly disappeared. The next forenoon Longstreet appeared on the scene; and the same young man in gray again rode up to a division commander and attempted to duplicate the trick, when he was recognized by an officer present, handed over to a drumhead court-martial, and hanged on the spot. The most disquieting thing about the whole matter is that rumors have reached our post from time to time that Brown was not the martyr we pictured him, but a deserter to the enemy."—Washington Star.

Men, going down in the new submarines for the first two or three times, became almost stupefied by the strong fumes of the gasoline used in propelling the vessels.

POLITICS OF THE DAY

The Anti-Trust Program.

Anti-trust legislation is still in a chaotic state. The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives has reported a bill which will probably pass the lower house. It was collaborated by the Littlefield subcommittee and Attorney General Knox, and the latter is said to be fairly satisfied with it, which is an indication that the trusts do not fear it. It is mainly intended for spectacular purposes, for it is well known that the Judiciary Committee of the Senate will not report it; as Chairman Hoar favors his own bill, and the other Republicans members are nearly all favorable to the corporations. The Senate leaders have their own trust program to overcome the obstacle of the statehood bill, which has the right of way and cannot be displaced, having a majority in its favor. The oligarchy that rules the Senate found themselves helpless to prevent Senator Quay from passing the statehood bill, unless they resorted to a long filibuster, which is now in progress. But the adroit politicians who always control legislation in the Senate have evolved a plan of strategy that they hope will show that they are still omnipotent. President Roosevelt has informed Senators Aldrich and Spooner that some sort of anti-trust legislation is undoubtedly necessary to save the Republican party from ruin and they have agreed to put some kind of a bill through the Senate, if Speaker Hender-

son will force it through the House. The fact that the President sent for Henderson and converted him to the mild form of anti-trust legislation that was considered necessary is now a matter of history. Henderson's reward is to come later. The plan of the Senators is to do by indirection what is impossible in a direct way. The way being blocked for the passage of an anti-trust bill through the Senate, it is intended to have the conference on the Department of Commerce bill, which has passed both houses, insert in the measure, through an amplification of its provisions regarding the Bureau of Corporations, all that part of the anti-trust program relating to publicity. The rest of the program relates to rebates and discriminations and is covered by a bill introduced by Senator Elkins, and by him reported favorably from the Committee on Interstate Commerce. As Senator Elkins is an out and out friend of the railroads, and is known to be interested in corporations, the measure is hardly likely to be inimical to trust interests.

The importance of this program, says the Boston Transcript, lies in its relation to Senate strategy. "It eliminates the Judiciary Committees in both House and Senate, making the Committees on Commerce and on Interstate Commerce the real vehicles of decreed Republican policy. This had long been desired by the leaders. Its next advantage comes in getting the essence of the anti-trust program before both houses as a privileged matter, through the medium of a conference report. This gives it precedence over even Statehood."

All that is not of much consequence to the people. It is intended to again fool them by making them believe that their servants in Congress, and especially their President, are trust-busters. The result of the legislation will show that the bills are entirely inoffensive to the trusts, and this is foreshadowed by the Senators and Representatives, who are trusts agents, being favorable to the bills.

The Democrats will probably vote for the measures, for not to do so would lay them open to the charge that they are opposed to anti-trust legislation.

Taxes Unreasonably Made Too High. The Republican leaders in Congress seem determined not to reduce the

HAVE A PLAGUE OF BEARS.

Why didn't the President Go to Yellowstone Park to Hunt Them?

When President Roosevelt appreciates the real significance of the annual report of Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock—that part of it relating to the plague of bears in Yellowstone Park—it is possible that there will be some between the cabinet officer and his chief. It is considered downright queer in official circles that the Secretary of the Interior should allow the President to go bear hunting away down in Mississippi, where the bears run from strangers, when right out in the Government's own domain the bears are so tame they will take pie out of the hand.

If Mr. Hitchcock is seen looking pale and distraught within the next few days it will be known that the President's eye has lighted on those fetching paragraphs in which the facts about the Yellowstone Park bears are told, says the New York World.

"The bears have increased in numbers and continue to be a great source of interest to tourists, as they can be seen at any time during the season around the garbage piles at the various hotels and camps. They are perfectly harmless as long as they are left alone, but if fed and petted they lose all fear of human beings and are liable to do considerable damage to property at the hotels and camp kitchens, and are also liable to frighten tourists by following them with the expectation of being fed. The black and brown bears are the most friendly and consequently give the most trouble. Three of them became such a nuisance during the past summer that it became necessary to have them killed."

"It is difficult to make some of the tourists in the park realize that the bears are wild and that it is dangerous to trifle with them. The possibility of injury to some one was anticipated, and on Aug. 8, 1902, a circular was issued by the acting superintendent of the park and posted at all the hotels and permanent camps absolutely prohibiting the interference with or molestation of bears or any other wild animals in the park, and also forbidding any one to feed them except at the regular garbage piles."

"A violation of the instructions contained in this circular resulted in the serious injury of a tourist from Hart, Mich. Since this accident barriers have been put up at all of the garbage piles, and signs indicating the danger of approaching too near the bears have been posted."

Had Strange Delusion. Inflation pranks of a secret society almost caused the death of William Dorkin of 131 South Twenty-Fourth street, who had a most thrilling experience early yesterday morning after being made a member of one of these organizations.

Being a newly elected member, Dorkin was put through the ordeal. According to him, a large balloon was attached to his shoulders and he was put in a room with a high ceiling. The rope attached to the balloon was cut loose, and Dorkin was carried to the ceiling time and again.

Dorkin afterward left the hall, which is situated near Thirty-ninth and Market streets, and started alone for home. After walking some distance he was seized with the idea that the balloon was still attached to him and was carrying him high into the air. He started on a run across Walnut street bridge, and when he reached the center he jumped upon the railing and fell overboard.

The crew of the police tug King, which was anchored a few yards away, heard the splash and saw Dorkin struggling in the water. Deck Hand Dorkin set out in a boat and rescued Dorkin, who was removed to the Polyclinic Hospital.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Doing a Little Himself. "My word, Fitzoodle," said a war office clerk to a colleague who sat at the next desk, "just look at that workman on the roof of that building over the way."

"What's the matter with him?" inquired Fitz, glancing through the window at the individual indicated.

"Matter," retorted the other, "why, I've been watching that lazy beggar for the last twenty-five minutes and he hasn't done a stroke of work all the time."

At the precise moment at which the above conversation occurred a British workman was addressing his "mum."

"Sy, Bill," he remarked in a tone of deep disgust. "d'ye see that 'ere loafin' war office clerk in that room down there? S'help me, if Ah ain't bin a-watchin' 'im fur nigh on an' a bower, an' the bloomer's done nothin' but stare bout 'o' the winder the 'ole blessed kyme. That's the sort o' chap as we p'ys faxes ter keep!"—London Express.

Fined for Laughing. One of the leaders in the movement for the amelioration of the conditions of working women tells a rather interesting story of North country factories. In one factory a bed was always kept ready in case of accident; another was known to the medical students by the name of "the slaughter house"; and in another was found a standing rule of a fine for every employe who presumed to laugh in work hours. Under the conditions which prevailed in the factory, the investigator was not surprised to find that the penalty was seldom imposed.

Where She Failed. "I don't think much of Venus, anyway."

"Too immodest?"

"Oh, it isn't that; but she didn't bring up Cupid to have a proper respect for parental authority."

The Mad Mullah's Victory.

A good story is told of how the Mad Mullah of Somaliland worked one of those miracles which drew many wayfarers to his banner. An English man-of-war had been sent to demonstrate of the coast, and at night threw a searchlight onto the jungle-covered mountains. The mullah was in hiding there, and knowing from his visits to Aden what it was that his followers hailed as a new star told them that the light was seeking him.

When the electric rays actually flooded his encampment he cried in triumph: "Will you deny now that I am under the eye of God?"

"The Somali fell on their knees, bent the earth with their foreheads and replied: "Thou art truly the elect, the chosen, the mullah, the master. Our goods, our existence, our souls belong to thee. We place ourselves entirely at the disposition of thy will."

A few weeks later came the news of the rising of 4,000 of these Somalis.

Few Old Men Can Say This. Lakefield, Minn., Feb. 2.—Wm. E. Gentry of this place makes the following statement:

"For over forty years I suffered with misery in my back and at times I could not pass water without great pain and a burning sensation. I have had to make water as often as sixteen times during one night—just a little at a time. I tried many kinds of kidney medicines, but all without any good result till at last I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills and my pains are all gone."

"I took six boxes and I am cured completely. I am 77 years of age and I feel better now than I have for over fifty years and I attribute it all to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Dodd's Kidney Pills have made some remarkable cures in this part of the State, and many old men and women are praising them highly as a cure for lame back, kidney and bladder troubles.

Five different systems of wireless telegraphy are being tested by the United States government, so as to determine which to adopt for constant use.

The Chicago and Northwestern is the only double track railway between Chicago and the Missouri river.

The Chinese wear cotton garments at the year round. For warmth the rich wear silk, never wool.

THERE ARE OTHERS.



—Minneapolis Journal.

Advertisement for Kemp's Balsam for the throat, coughs, and colds.

Advertisement for W.L. Douglas shoes, highlighting quality and price.

Advertisement for Paxtine Toilet Antiseptic, emphasizing its effectiveness for hygiene.

Advertisement for Western Canada, offering free homesteads and employment opportunities.

Advertisement for Ely's Cream Balm, used for treating catarrh and other ailments.

A Lesson in Yankeeism.

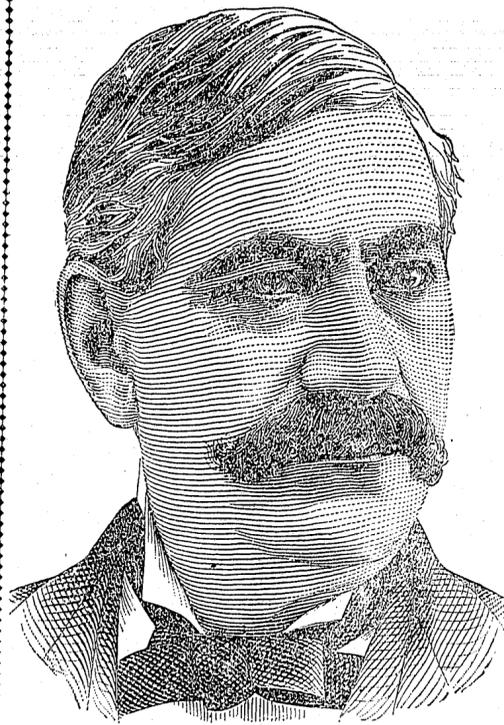
Of all sections New England is faring worst in regard to the cost of fuel. It is in New England that the socialists have polled their biggest vote and shown most growth. The next elections in that part of the country may furnish some striking object lessons for men who are radical in the use and abuse of the power of corporations, but are very conservative in other things.—Cleveland Leader.



The tariff ties the consumer's hands while the trusts pick his pockets.

Senator Burton, of Kansas, is an enthusiastic hunter, and has many trophies to prove his skill.

CATARRH THIRTY YEARS.



CONGRESSMAN MEEKISON OF OHIO.

Hon. David Meekison is well known, not only in his own State, but throughout America. He began his political career by serving four consecutive terms as Mayor of the town in which he lives, during which time he became widely known as the founder of the Meekison Bank of Napoleon, Ohio. He was elected to the Fifty-fifth Congress by a very large majority, and is the acknowledged leader of his party in his section of the State.

Only one flaw marred the otherwise complete success of this rising statesman. Catarrh with its insidious approach and cautious grasp, was his only un conquered foe. For thirty years he waged unsuccessful warfare against this personal enemy. At last Peruna came to the rescue, and he dictated the following letter to Dr. Hartman as the result:

"I have used several bottles of Peruna and I feel greatly benefited thereby from my catarrh of the head. I feel encouraged to believe that if I use it a short time longer I will be fully able to eradicate the disease of thirty years' standing."—David Meekison, Member of Congress.

The season of catching cold is upon us. The cough and the sneeze and the nasal twang are to be heard on every hand. The origin of chronic catarrh, the most common and dreadful of diseases, is a cold.

This is the way the chronic catarrh generally begins. A person catches cold, which hangs on longer than usual. The cold generally starts in the head and throat. Then follows sensitiveness of the air passages which incline one to catch cold very easily. At last the person has a cold all the while seemingly more or less discharge from the nose, hawking, spitting, frequent clearing of the throat, nostrils stopped up, full feeling in the head, and sore, inflamed throat.

The best time to treat catarrh is at the very beginning. A bottle of Peruna properly used, never fails to cure a common cold, thus preventing chronic catarrh.

Ask your Druggist for a free Per-na Almanac.

Back up

to the fire to-night and have some one rub your LAME BACK with Mexican Mustang Liniment

You'll sleep like a top and have a good, sound back free from pain in the morning.

BEST FOR THE BOWELS

If you haven't a regular, healthy movement of the bowels every day, you're ill or will be. Keep your bowels open, and all will be well. Peruna, in the shape of violent physic or pill, is dangerous. The most important, most certain, most effective of keeping the bowels clear and clean is to take



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COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL

New York. "Heavy transactions in merchandise are reported, but there is much complaint regarding the slow movement of freight. The situation as to general lines is aggravated by the precedence given fuel over all other freight except live stock and perishable goods. Notwithstanding the extensive increase in transporting facilities during the last year, some roads have been compelled to decline consignments, and in many cases where a large number of cars were desired only one was provided. Business thus far available for January surpasses last year's by 5 per cent. It is conspicuous that practically every section of the country that, despite high prices, buying is liberal and of the better qualities of goods, while dealings as a rule are on more of a cash basis." The foregoing is from the Weekly Trade Review of R. G. Dun & Co. It continues:

Demand for building materials is unusually brisk for the season, and prices of lumber at the South have advanced. Although fortunate sections are receiving a better supply of fuel, the situation is still serious, and many pig iron furnaces have been added to the idle list. As road-builders have sold their capacity for some time there is little new business and no effort on the part of sellers to secure contracts. Hence prices of pig iron are steady and new transactions light.

New England producers of boots and shoes are actively engaged on seasonable lines, and there is enough business on hand to keep most plants in operation for two months at least. New business comes forward rather slowly, and there are few supplementary orders for spring shoes.

As to cotton goods, the situation grows steadily stronger, demands for immediate needs preventing accumulation of supplies and leaving an increasing number of orders unfilled. A few open advances in quotations are recorded, while a quiet curtailment of discounts is reported in progress.

Broadstreet's says: Wheat, including flour, exports for the week aggregate 3,538,757 bushels, against 4,573,624 last week, 3,439,679 in this week a year ago and 4,838,678 in 1901. Wheat exports since July 1 aggregate 144,170,557 bushels, against 161,638,518 last season and 112,049,640 in 1900.

Corn exports aggregate 2,376,063 bushels, against 2,394,612 last week, 179,520 a year ago and 3,972,152 in 1901. For the fiscal year exports are 18,354,701 bushels, against 21,434,967 last season, and 112,907,647 in 1901.

Chicago. Much interest is already being shown in the matter of the probable course of the money market during the spring and summer. It is thought that land speculation in the West will be an important factor. Much western money has been tied up in lands. Heavy investments have been made and many payments on contracts will be due March 1. Renewals of loans and financing of new western land deals may keep some money in the West that would otherwise drift into eastern financial centers for employment.

It is a long look ahead to next fall, and opinions at this time are not worth much, yet it is interesting to note that there are many who look for a repetition then in an aggravated form, of the money stringency of last fall, unless Congress gives us a new currency law. With this there is the possibility of an extra session of Congress as a disturbing factor. The business world having taken a passive interest in the workings of Congress for several years, finds it advisable to watch proceedings closer now that anti-trust legislation is afoot, and tariff revision sentiment is gaining.

The demand for merchandise in general is reported heavy and fully up to expectations. The securities markets have been without special new feature. The Northwest had a good week.

THE MARKETS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, shipping grades, \$4.25 to \$7.10; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.00 to \$4.10; wheat, No. 2 red, 73c to 74c; corn, No. 2, 44c to 45c; oats, No. 2, 32c to 33c; rye, No. 2, 40c to 50c; hay, timothy, \$8.50 to \$15.50; prairie, \$6.00 to \$12.00; butter, choice creamery, 24c to 25c; eggs, fresh, 20c to 21c; potatoes, 40c to 47c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.25; hogs, choice light, \$4.00 to \$6.55; sheep, common to prime, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 77c to 78c; corn, No. 2 white, 44c to 45c; oats, No. 2 white, 34c to 36c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.50 to \$5.30; hogs, \$3.50 to \$6.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 70c to 71c; corn, No. 2, 40c to 41c; oats, No. 2, 34c to 35c; rye, No. 2, 48c to 49c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.50 to \$4.75; hogs, \$4.00 to \$6.85; sheep, \$3.50 to \$4.20; wheat, No. 2, 70c to 80c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 47c to 48c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 38c to 39c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 57c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$6.55; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 70c to 80c; corn, No. 3 yellow, 47c to 48c; oats, No. 3 white, 35c to 38c; rye, No. 2, 51c to 53c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 70c to 77c; corn, No. 3, 43c to 44c; oats, No. 2 white, 35c to 36c; rye, No. 1, 50c to 52c; barley, No. 2, 64c to 65c; pork, mess, \$19.85.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 70c to 77c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 45c to 46c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 35c to 37c; rye, No. 2, 52c to 54c; clover seed, prime, \$7.15.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$4.50 to \$5.40; hogs, fair to prime, \$4.00 to \$6.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.25 to \$4.50; lambs, common to choice, \$4.00 to \$6.25.

New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.40; hogs, \$3.00 to \$6.35; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2 red, 80c to 81c; corn, No. 2, 37c to 38c; oats, No. 2 white, 42c to 44c; butter, creamery, 24c to 25c; eggs, western, 21c to 23c.

Was Used to It.

The fame of the stock yards at Chicago is world-wide. No visit to that city is considered complete without a trip to the great abattoirs and cattle pens. A certain representative of royalty, on his way across the country, was invited to inspect the stock yards. He received every possible attention, and was much interested in the magnitude of the business and the various processes of disposing of the thousands of cattle and hogs slaughtered there every day.

Just before he left he turned to the intelligent young man who had acted as his guide, and said:

"Do you never suffer any inconvenience from the odor here?"

"What odor, your highness?" asked the young man, in surprise.

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Hard to attend to daily duties with a back that aches like the toothaches. A woman's kidneys give her constant trouble. Backache is the first warning of sick kidneys and should never be neglected.

Urinary disorders annoy, embarrass and worry woman-kind. Dangerous headaches, dizziness and Bright's disease are sure to follow if the kidneys are neglected.

Read how to cure the kidneys and keep them well.

Mrs. James Beck of 314 West Whitestown street, Rome, N. Y., says: "I was troubled with my kidneys for eight or nine years; had much pain in my back; as time went on I could hardly endure it; I could not stand except for a few moments at a time; I grew weak and exhausted; I could not even do light housework; let alone washing and ironing; I could not stoop or bend; my head ached severely; I was in pain from my head down to my heels; counting in the kidneys it was a heavy, steady, sickening ache; I could not rest nights, and got up mornings weak and tired. I thought I was about done for, when I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised for kidney complaints, and got them at Broughton & Graves' drug store. Within a week after commencing their use I began to improve, and from that time on rapidly grew better; I used five boxes in all and was cured. I have recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to many others, and my ease ought to convince the most skeptical sufferer to give them a fair trial."

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Friend—Don't send him any more. He might get mad.

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Don't wait until your sufferings have driven you to despair, with your nerves all shattered and your courage gone.

Help and happiness surely awaits you if you accept Mrs. Pinkham's advice. Disease makes women nervous, irritable, and easily annoyed by children and household duties; such women need the counsel and help of a woman who understands the peculiar troubles of her sex; that woman is Mrs. Pinkham, who with her famous medicine, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, have restored many sick and discouraged women to health and happiness than any other one person. Her address is Lynn, Mass., and her advice is free. Write today, do not wait.

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Mrs. Emilie Seering, 174 St. Ann's Ave., New York City, writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—If women who are always blue and depressed and nervous would take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound they would find it the medicine they need to bring them to a more cheerful frame of mind. I was terribly worried and downcast, and was thin and bloodless. My back ached all the time, no matter how hard I tried to forget it or change my position to ease it, and the pain at the base of my brain was so bad that I sometimes thought that I would grow crazy; I had the blues so much and was always so depressed I could not seem to shake them off; half of the time I did not seem to have the courage to do my work; everything seemed to go wrong with me, and I was always worrying and fearing the worst. I began to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. After the first few doses a load seemed lifted from my shoulders. I felt better in every way. The blues left me and my heart stopped aching; before long my back was better too, and I looked younger and stronger. I took six bottles in all, and it is with thankfulness that I acknowledge that my present good health is due to the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

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MEADVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Lathrop were in Stockbridge last Sunday. Mrs. P. E. Pulling and Ella Butler were called to St. Johns last week on account of the illness of their mother, Mrs. Blackney.

LEROTY ITEMS.

Second of Feb. was candlemas day. It was very foggy and surely the old bear could not see his shadow. Note the result. Earnest Sillsby, who has been very ill with typhoid fever and spinal meningitis, is somewhat better at present writing. His brother Harry is quite sick with tonsillitis and therefore he has had to leave his school at the Nelson in care of his brother Hugh for a few days.

LANSING ROAD.

Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Bromeling took dinner at C. H. Arnold's Sunday. Mrs. Rose of Harbor Springs was the guest of Mrs. Emma Hoyt last week. Mrs. Wallace Fisher attended the funeral of Mrs. Nichols of Aurelius last week Wednesday.

BETTER THAN GOLD.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles, that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Longyear Bros., druggists, Mason, and Field & North, Dansville.

WEST COUNTY LINE.

Jake Nichols, a resident of this place for the past 51 years, died last Tuesday. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his death. Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Pratt and Mrs. John McCue were in Ann Arbor a couple of days last week. The L. A. S. will meet with Mrs. H. Leonard this week Thursday. Mrs. Tom Morris of Windsor died Friday. She leaves two daughters. Claude Ellis of Indiana will preach at the Grovesbury church this week and Mr. Foster of Hillsdale will lead the singing. John Buck is preparing to put up a new barn in the spring. Albert Hollock has returned home after a few weeks' absence.

EATON RAPIDS.

Several loads of Macebaebs drove out to Wesley Newcomb's Tuesday evening. A very pleasant time is reported. Albert Battley has resigned as city nightwatchman and Michael Cronan was appointed in his place. Charles Cane and Sadie D. Austin were married by Justice Weatherwax Jan. 28th. Guy Lightlath, Julius Smith and Roy Corbin pleaded guilty in the incendiary fire cases at Charlotte last Monday. Sentence was deferred by Judge Smith until the close of the term. A little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Miller of Washington, D. C., on the 14th of January. John M. Corbin of Detroit was in town Tuesday. The special meetings at the Baptist church are exceedingly interesting and the audience increases from night to night. Rev. Stueker, the evangelist in charge, is a fluent and forceful speaker. Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Molly Strong to Ed. Shumway. Bert Hall, who was injured at the woolen mills, is improving rapidly and is able to be on the street with the aid of crutches. Dr. A. E. West entertained the whist club Wednesday evening. Miss Mabel Hoyt and Frank Holmes were married at the M. E. parsonage Wednesday evening. I. F. Roberts went to the Kalamazoo asylum for treatment last Wednesday. He was accompanied by D. Blake and W. J. Huntington. Dr. F. C. Arnold and Clark Belnap went to Detroit last Tuesday to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M.

NORTHWEST INGHAM.

Mrs. George Andrews is entertaining a sister from Jackson. Mrs. Milner is able to ride out. Mr. Robinson has a new phone in his house. Cordie Francisco and wife and mother visited at Rob. Swan's recently. Mrs. Gen. Andrews visited in Jackson a few days last week. Mrs. J. Davidson, Mrs. Wm. Gutches and C. E. Frederick will have phones connected with the Vantown line. Jim Hayhoe of Grand Rapids visited his mother, Mrs. Brown, last week. She is very poorly. Mrs. Andrews of Dansville visited her son George a few days last week. Gilbert Rosseter and family visited at Myron Robinson's in Mason recently. Lester Wauve and wife of Lainesburg visited his cousin, J. A. Wauve, part of last week.

VANTOWN.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Starkweather of Millville and Ray Marsh of Webberville visited at Henry Lantis' last Sunday. F. E. Liverance, Jr., of the M. A. C. 1907, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents. B. J. Wolverson has engaged to work for Wolcott Haviland of Iosco for the winter. Archie Smith will work for F. E. Liverance this next year, commencing April 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hayhoe of Grand Rapids, formerly of this place, are visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity. Howard Beeman of the M. A. C. visited his uncle, C. N. Beeman, at this place last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Will. Steel visited Mrs. Steel's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lockwood, of Williamson Center over Sunday. Garrison Starkweather was called to Williamson last Monday on account of the illness of his sister, Mrs. Chas. Goyt.

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by Longyear Bros., druggists, Mason, and Field & North, Dansville.

MILLVILLE.

Neva Cooper is on the sick list. Mrs. Bravender is having an attack of grip. A pound party was held at the hall Friday night. Mr. Reed of the Lansing Journal saw a live snake in the road west of the grange hall last Thursday. Early for snakes. Mr. and Mrs. Bartell are working for Joe. Dunn. John Anderson and family visited his brother Orin Saturday. Mel. Seigfried was in Munith last week visiting nursery stock. Frank Amstall has hired out to work for A. Patrick for the coming year. Bessie Hayner is sick with scarlet fever. The old store on Wilson's Corners burned down last Monday afternoon. The contents belonging to Claud West were all saved. Methinks we hear the chimes of wedding bells. Mrs. W. Siegfried is visiting her brother, Chas. Kitchen, of Alameda this week. The last remnant of the troupe left for parts unknown last Monday. Belle Siegfried is keeping house for W. Siegfried. L. A. S. met with Maggie Burden last Wednesday. E. Gilliam sent O. H. Carpenter some very fine fish last Monday.

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for burns, bruises, skin eruptions and piles. 25c at Longyear Bros.' drug store, Mason, and Field & North, Dansville.

BUNKERHILL CENTER.

Thunder and lightning, wind and rain on Jan. 29th. Colder the next day. All kinds of weather. A couple of bill posters for cheroots from a city undertook to paste some bills on the brick store of this place, but the proprietor said nay, very loudly. Chief Hanna and Vice Chief Bates of Etchell Arbor of Gleaners visited this arbor Saturday night. Come again boys. Lewis Oik and wife are happy over the arrival of a son. He will be a legal voter Jan. 25, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Waterhouse have entertained a daughter since Jan. 24. Mrs. Fanny Bishop of Indiana is visiting Mrs. G. P. Bailey. It has been reported that the thunder of last week was thought to be the dying groans of the protective tariff on a coal knight. The lightning was the flashes of electricity off the wires as retracts from the g. o. p. were being sent to coal kings. The rain was the tears of corporations because a foolish people could not see prosperity in paying \$10.00 a ton for coal to keep their families from freezing. The wind was the echoes from congressional and legislative halls as these bodies try to save the poor men and bring them relief from the coal, cold wintry blasts. James Knaut and Mrs. Christ Clinton are no better. Andrew, the two-year-old son of L. Nye, is very ill. Gen. Graham of Leslie has rented the E. H. Angell farm. E. E. Wood is fishing at Portage lake. Henry James will soon move into the Orrin Fogg house. The remains of Wm. Whallon were transferred from Fitchburg to the Leslie cemetery last week. Roy Townsend sold 24 acres of the east side of the Fogg farm to Nelson DeCamp and 24 to his wife last week. Geo. and Newton Simpson are working for Malcom Angell at Stockbridge. Abe Bates is still quite sick.

SOUTHEAST VEYAY AND LESLIE.

A prediction that will often come true is that "half of your corn and half of your hay must always last until Candlemas day." Miss Mary Sherman expects to have about 80 tons of hay baled on her farm this week. A good many logs have been drawn to the mill and if more snow comes a good many more will be drawn. Mrs. Annie Hedden and Frank and James McVey recently received the sad news that their father in Ireland was dead. There is much talk of a telephone line in this direction. All seem to want it, but are not all ready to act at once. Mrs. Brownlee was surprised one evening last week by her neighbors reminding her of her birthday. Several nice presents were presented and a pleasant evening enjoyed. Miss Althea Blood, who has been very sick for some time, is reported to be getting better. I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family. I have no words to express my confidence in this remedy.—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by Longyear Bros.

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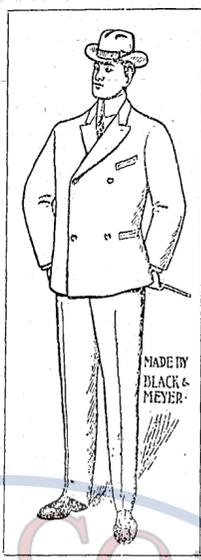
Mrs. Reuben Cook is ill at this writing. Margaret Huff entertained the young people last Saturday evening. All report a merry time. Cassius Smith and his mother spent Saturday in Williamson. Mrs. Costin visited her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Starrels, Sunday. Miss Fielder spent Saturday with her sister in Lansing. Home talent entertainment has been postponed until Feb. 15th. Bertina Potts of the M. A. C. visited her mother Sunday. Mr. Saltmarsh and wife were in Powlerville visiting friends the first of the week. Herbert Hutchison has purchased Mrs. John Shriver's farm. Through the carelessness of an ice-cutting in not marking where he had cut the ice, Eddie Foster, aged 14, son of Chas. Foster, lost his life. He and his brother had attended church at Haleslet, being a shorter route they skated across the lake on their return and both fell into the death trap. Had it not been for timely aid both would have lost their lives. His funeral was held Thursday at the church with interment in the Okemos cemetery. The bereaved family has the sympathy of all.

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