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FLORENCE MARYATT

CHAPTER XIX.—(Continued.)

"But for a child like you, Rosie, to live alone and work for yourself! It is incomprehensible, and it is very dangerous."

believe that the fact of his not having seen Jane on the occasion of his first visit to Chelsea was merely attributable to accident. But when weeks elapsed without his encountering her—when he had paid three and four visits to the cottage and Jane had never once appeared in the sitting room, he could no longer lay that flattering unctious to his soul.

"Is it? I thought it happened every day in London. Some one put her over the garden wall, and we kept her. We couldn't have done anything else, could we?"

"A very pretty child!" repeated Sir Wilfrid, contemptuously. He was right. The little foundling had developed into a lovely specimen of infancy. She was now about two years, and had just learned to talk and run.

"I did not take them; they were sent me," she answered, and she folded Nellie's wrappings closer round her, and went on her homeward journey.

"I have not quite spoiled your life, have I?" he whispered. "It is not in the power of a mortal to spoil the life of another, Will," she said.

"That is just what I have been longing to hear you tell me," he exclaimed in a tone of satisfaction, "that you are happy and contented."

He felt it, but he did not remonstrate with her. He wanted to prove, if possible, on this first occasion of their reunion, how ready he was to give in to all her wishes.

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THE FARM AND HOME

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO FARMER AND HOUSEWIFE.

How to Properly Care for the Farm Team—Hedges Do Not Receive Sufficient Attention—Cob Coal for Hogs—Plants Need Lime.

Care of the Team.

A teamster, whose name is Rollie Smith, says that one of his employers kept three large teams, and gave orders to treat them whenever a level or the road permitted.

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Making Cob Coal for Hogs.

One who raises from 100 to 150 pigs should aim to save at least 200 bushels of corn for charcoal.

Orchards Kept in Grass.

It is possible by heavily mulching orchards, where grass is allowed to grow, to keep the surface moist and loose, so that the grass does no injury.

Co-Operative Hog Killing.

The farmers of Maine have circumvented the beef trust. They have organized 1,000 fresh pork and beef clubs in that State, each club composed of ten members.

Neats Foot Oil.

Many farmers when they butcher a cow throw away the hoofs as worthless. They ought always to be used to make neats foot oil.

Harvesting Clover Seed.

The best way to harvest clover seed is to allow the clover to get fully ripe; then cut it with a self-rake reaper and throw it into piles.

Experiment in Cow Feeding.

New facts about cow feeding have been learned by a remarkable experi-

ment conducted by Director Jordan at the New York station, the results of which, soon to be published, will make a sensation. Selecting a good Jersey cow and getting her in proper shape for the test, he fed her for sixty days with prepared foods that contained practically no fat.

When green material, such as unripe corn, is killed by frost the cells are ruptured and the aromatic oils escape very rapidly. The leaves become weak, dry quickly and drop off more easily than does corn cut at the same stage of ripeness before frost.

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Crooked Moldboards for Plows.

An Ohio farmer in a communication to National Stockman writes: "The other day I was watching the effect of a land roller in a field, part of which had been broken with a plow that had a crooked moldboard and part with a plow having a straight moldboard."

Lime on Acid Soil.

It appears to have been proved at the Rhode Island station that many plants need lime on acid soil. While a few are injured by it, particularly if they are grown the same season that the lime is applied, most of the plants usually grown in Rhode Island are either uninjured by liming or else benefited in a greater or less degree.

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HAYTI BOWS ITS KNEE

THE GERMAN FLAG SALUTED AT PORT AU PRINCE.

Trouble Between the Little Republic and the Kaiser's Empire Thought to Be Settled—Native Residents Bitterly Resent the Government's Back-Down

"Wacht Am Rhine" Tooted. The question of the indemnity demanded by Germany for the alleged illegal arrest and imprisonment of Herr Emil Lueders, a German subject, has been settled to the satisfaction of Germany and all the demands of that country have been agreed to by the Government of Hayti, in face of the display of force made by Germany and under the threat of a bombardment of the defensive works of the port unless these demands were agreed to within the eight hours following the time the German ultimatum was delivered, shortly after the arrival at Port au Prince of the two German cruisers sent to back up the demands of the German minister.

The Trouble with Hayti. The trouble between Hayti and Germany arose from the imprisonment of Emil Lueders, son of a German who married a Haytian woman. Up to a short time ago Lueders was a Haytian citizen, but, having been concerned in various little affairs, among which are



EMIL LUEDERS.

mentioned four duels, he seemingly deemed it wise to change his nationality, and registered his name at the German consulate. For an assault upon a Haytian officer—his second affair of the kind—Lueders was arrested, convicted and sentenced to a month's imprisonment. An appeal was pending when the German minister interfered, without invitation, and forced his way into the private apartment of Tiresias Simon Sam, the president of the Haytian Republic, and in a rude and peremptory manner, demanded the release of Lueders, with an apology to the German Government, an indemnity of \$1,000 a day for the time he had been in prison, the immediate trial of the police who arrested him, and the dismissal of the judges who sentenced him. If the prisoner was not released within twenty-four hours the indemnity was to be \$5,000 a day for every day afterward.

M'KINLEY ARRIVES IN TIME.

His Presence Renders Family Circle at Canton Complete.

President McKinley reached Canton in special train at 8:55 Tuesday morning. When the President entered the room, accompanied by his wife and his niece, Miss Mabel McKinley, the sister of the President, Miss Helen, said: "Mother, here are William and Ida." The President kneeled by his mother's bedside and kissed her tenderly. As he did so she put her arm about his neck and signified that she knew him. She also recognized the President's wife, and reached her hand toward her.

It seemed to friends that she had somehow or other been waiting for the arrival of her son. Soon after she lapsed into an unconscious state, and the strength that had been husbanded for the last meeting of son and mother seemed to leave her.

The scene was a pathetic one of all-glass description. In the midst of it all there was a joy unspeakable in the breast



"MOTHER" M'KINLEY.

of the President. He had again been permitted to see his mother alive. He had left her bedside to go to Washington in answer to the obligations of his country. He had witnessed the assembling of Congress and had now returned before the death angel made his visit and took with him the spirit of the aged mother. With the arrival of the President the children of Nancy Allison McKinley gathered about her couch, made sacred by her tenacious struggle against death. The reunion was complete.

While a recent performance of wild beasts and their tamer was in progress at a village near Kovno, Poland, the 15th tamer was killed by a lion and a tiger. A fearful panic ensued among the spectators, and eight persons were crushed to death, many others being seriously injured.

For the first time in six years the Mitchell & Trauter Rolling Mills in Corning, N.Y., are running a double force of over 400 men. The Overman & Schrader Concrete Works have put on a double force of 800 men.

The Next Thing to Is.
The coffee habit is not as bad as the liquor habit, but it is the next thing to it. Coffee and tea-drinkers are getting to be a noticeable type. These beverages injure both the nerves and the digestion. Nervous diseases are often produced, and always aggravated, by indulgence in coffee and tea. Yet people fancy they can't get along without these drinks. Perhaps you think so. Try Grain-O for a change. It tastes like coffee. It is a new food drink, made from pure grains. It is full of cheer, warmth and nourishment, without a particle of narcotic stimulant. The old, the middle-aged and the children can drink Grain-O freely, day or night. Use it while and you will want no more coffee. And it costs only a quarter as much. Ask your grocer for it. Sold in 15c. and 25c. packages.

New Meat Preserving Method.
Two Frenchmen, Revel and Campagne, have patented a novel process for preserving meat, doing entirely away with smoking and pickling. It consists in merely dipping the fresh meat into a strong solution of potassium iodide for ten minutes and then hanging up to dry. For a number of days the meat remains perfectly fresh and after that it begins to dry, forming a hard crust, while the inner portions remain fresh indefinitely, so it is claimed.

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Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

Should Have Spoken Sooner.
He—Miss Quickstep, they say you tabulate your admirers as "preferred," "eligible," "tolerable," "so-so," "emergency," "intolerable," "not to be thought of," and the like. Where do I come in?
She—I'm afraid, Mr. Rinkley, you are a little too late to classify.—Chicago Tribune.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla Gives Complete Relief, Also Cures Catarrh.
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I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* on every bear the fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought and has the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.
March 8, 1897.
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Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which even he does not know.
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She Might Have Known.
Mrs. Jaggs—Why is it that you are always coming home full?
Jaggs—My dear, I'd think you would know that without asking.
Mrs. Jaggs—Why should I?
Jaggs—You've been married just as long as I have.

Never Awake.
Some people will never wake up till the last horn blows, and then they'll ask if that's the horn for dinner. Delays are dangerous and ruinous. Thousands can say if they hadn't put off an opportunity, they would have been rich and happy. Some never know they have rheumatism until crippled by it, and all the while in P.M., thinking it will pass off. But St. Jacobs Oil never delays, and is always wide awake. It goes straight to its work of cure in a business way, and cures rheumatism in any form and at its worst stage. It's a live remedy.

Its Double Meaning.
"Yes," said the struggling young artist, "I liked the account you wrote of my marriage to the daughter of Horatio Billyuns very much—all but one thing."
"What was that?" asked his friend, the reporter.
"It seems to me you might have refrained from using 'the bonds of matrimony.' If her father sees it I'm afraid it'll cause trouble."

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be cured and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.
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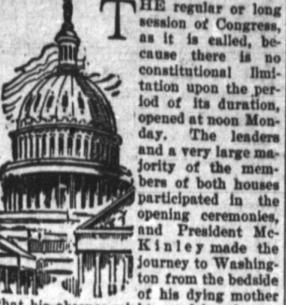
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Never wade in unknown waters; that is, always look before you leap.

CONGRESS AT WORK.

OPENING SCENES OF THE LONG SESSION.

Important Action May Be Taken Early in Both Houses—Hawaii Is Likely to Be Annexed—Friends of Cuba Are Hopeful.

Annual Grind Begins.
Washington correspondence:



THE regular of long session of Congress, as it is called, because there is no constitutional limitation upon the period of its duration, opened at noon Monday. The leaders and a very large majority of the members of both houses participated in the opening ceremonies, and President McKinley made the journey to Washington from the bedside of his dying mother that his absence might not delay the national legislature at its assembling. The extra session robbed the opening of the regular session of the excitement and interest which usually attach to it. As the House was completely organized at the extra session, and all the committee assignments were made then, beyond the natural stimulus produced by the returning statesmen and the outlining of schemes by members of the "third house" or lobby, Washington on the night preceding the opening was tranquil.

The ceremonies attending the opening of Congress, though comparatively of a routine character, make a spectacle which in some respects is regarded as the greatest official event of the year at the national capital. Monday the weather was propitious. The sun shone brilliantly from a cloudless sky, making a glorious, bright December day, with a tinge of frost in the air to invigorate the lungs and a breeze just strong enough to keep the stars and stripes snapping from the flag-staffs. At the capitol the crowd swarmed into the corridors at an early hour and choked the marble steps as they ascended to the galleries from which they were to view the show. As is usual on such occasions, the reserved galleries were carefully guarded on both the House and Senate sides, admission being only by card, and the public had great difficulty in wedging itself into the limited space set aside for it.

The program at the House Monday was very simple. The House was called to order by the Speaker, who, after the chaplain's invocation, directed the Clerk to call the roll. This having been accomplished, and the presence of a quorum demonstrated, the clerk was directed to notify the Senate that the House was ready for business, and a committee was appointed to wait on the President. After that there was a recess to await the arrival of the President's annual message, which was read upon its reception and was followed by an adjournment until Tuesday.

It is the intention of the House leaders to proceed with the business of the session as rapidly as possible. The committees will all begin their labors at once. The appropriations committee has been at work for ten days, and Chairman Cannon expects to pass two of the regular budgets before the holidays.
Among the early general measures to receive consideration will be the bankruptcy bill. Whether it will be the Nelson bill, which passed the Senate at the last session, or a modification of the Torrey bill depends on the temper of the Judiciary Committee, which will submit the measure to the House.
Beyond doubt there will be several resolutions of inquiry during the first week which may be more or less sensational, and some of the radical pro-Cuba members will attempt to get consideration for a Cuban resolution before the Foreign Affairs Committee can act, but owing to the nature of the House rules all these hasty efforts will prove abortive, and they probably will take their regular course.
Simultaneously with the fall of Speaker Reed's gavel in the House, Vice President Hobart called the Senate to order. Half an hour before the Senate convened the public and executive and reserved galleries were filled with spectators to witness the opening of the session. The handsome costumes of the ladies added much to the brightness of the scene. The Senate chamber at the opening was a veritable conservatory. The floral display was unusually rich and beautiful, and the odor of flowers was heavy in the hall. Seventy-seven Senators responded to their names on the roll call.
The Senate to start with had a calendar of about 300 bills reported from the committees during the special session. The indications on the opening day were for a little more activity than usual during the pre-holiday session. This is largely due to the fact that the supporters of the administration and advocates of annexation are very anxious to secure the earliest possible consideration of the treaty with Hawaii. Senator Davis, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, announced his purpose of pressing annexation at the earliest possible moment. One point which the committee will be called upon to decide is whether to proceed to ratify the treaty of annexation or to annex the islands by resolutions. The annexationists have lost some votes during the vacation, and there is now apprehension that the two-thirds vote necessary to assure the ratification cannot be secured. Some members of the Foreign Relations Committee who favor annexation advocate this course because they say they see no reason for traversing the same ground twice, as they would be compelled to do in case the matter should be first considered in executive session, fall there, and then be taken up in the form of a resolution in open Senate and House.
Despite all opposition, it is not doubted Hawaii will be brought under the stars and stripes. No act of the American Congress in many years past has attracted as much attention throughout the world as the annexation of a distant island is sure to attract.
What Congress will do concerning the President's presentation of the State of our relations to Spain and Cuba only the future can determine. Unless some turn of events rouses public opinion and finds response in Congress it may be regarded as fairly certain the peace policy of the President will be supported by both

houses of the national legislature. The President's message, read between the lines, does not indicate that he has abandoned Cuba, but rather that he hopes in the future to achieve the practical independence of that island should Spain's present efforts to restore peace prove fruitless, and by methods which will be the fruits of natural causes, and which will not necessarily bring on war between the United States and Spain.
Other topics which will be sure to cause much talk throughout the world, and some of which may be the subject of actual legislation, are revision of the immigration laws, bankruptcy, pooling by railroads, rehabilitation of the interstate commerce commission, prevention of scalping of railway tickets, the Central Pacific Railway's debt to the Government and the revenues of the Government under the Dingley law.)

ECKELS MAKES REPORT.

Reviews National Banks and Favors Amending Note-Issuing Law.
The annual report of James H. Eckels, Comptroller of the Currency, for the year ended Oct. 31, 1897, opens with a brief review of the history of the legislation which constitutes the present national bank act, and invites the attention of Congress to amendments to the law recommended in former reports without specifically repeating them.
On the subject of bank note circulation the Comptroller says:

It is noticeable that in all the changes which have been wrought in the national currency act from its inception to the present time the feature subject to criticism, but which was intended should constitute the principal benefit to be conferred, has remained comparatively unchanged—namely, the note-issuing function. Whatever justification there was in the first instance for restricting the issuing of notes against the bonds of the Government, deposited with the Treasurer of the United States, to 90 per cent of the par value thereof, has long since ceased. In the report of every Comptroller of the Currency during the last twenty years the wisdom of changing the existing law so that the banks and through them the communities in which they are located might have the additional benefit of an additional capital has been urged. Despite all this the law still remains without amendment. Not only should the bank act be amended in this particular, but Congress should seriously consider such a change in the method of bank note issues as will enable the banks of the country to more adequately meet the demands of trade and commerce in all sections of the country.

It is considered by every great commercial government, except the United States, to be the sole province of the banks to issue the paper which circulates as currency. The belief in a bank note currency as being better and safer than a government paper currency prevailed unquestioned in this country, until, under the apparent exigencies of the war, the Government undertook to issue paper currency. Even under such circumstances the promise was already given, however, that it should be retired at the earliest practical moment, and the admission freely made that it was never a wise measure nor a safe form of currency.
Between the competition of the Government note issues on the one hand and the restrictive restrictions imposed by law upon the other, together with the increasing price of bonds required to be deposited as security, the note issuing function of the banks has been permitted to become merely a part of the content of the national banking associations of the country. It has been seriously suggested more than once that the bank note issues be done away with, and replaced by a currency of the Government instead. The danger of such a course is not to be overestimated. The experience of every government has been that governmental currency paper is a source of weakness and danger. In the United States, where there has been the nearest approach to success, with the volume of the Federal paper currency limited in amount, the credit of the Government has been more than once put in jeopardy through it, and the business interests of the country subjected to unnecessary loss and confusion.
The argument that the Government better than the banks can provide for the redemption of paper note issues will not stand the test of a careful analysis. The Government has no means for caring for its demand liabilities, except through borrowing and the levying of taxes. Upon the other hand, the banks have assets which can be promptly converted into cash to meet their outstanding notes when presented.

The total number of national banks organized since the system was put into operation, in 1863, is shown to have been 5,095. On Oct. 31 last there were in active operation 3,617, having an authorized capital of \$630,230,295. The total outstanding circulation of the banks then in operation was \$229,190,880, of which \$202,994,555 was secured by bonds of the United States, and the balance by lawful money deposited with the Treasurer of the United States. The total circulation outstanding of all national banks on Oct. 31 last was \$230,131,005, of which amount \$1,558,800 was secured by bonds held for account of insolvent and liquidating banks, and \$26,205,325 by lawful money deposited for their account and by active banks reducing circulation. The net decrease in the amount of circulation secured by bonds during the year was \$12,584,334 and the gross decrease in the total circulation was \$4,851,292.
During the year forty-four banks were organized, with an aggregate capital stock of \$6,420,000. During the year seventy-one banks went into voluntary liquidation.
There was paid to creditors of insolvent banks during the year \$13,169,781 in dividends. The magnitude of this unrequited record, the report says, will be more forcibly illustrated if considered in the light of what has been accomplished heretofore in the way of dividend payments to the creditors of insolvent institutions. In 1893 there was paid in dividends \$3,433,046; in 1894, \$5,124,577; in 1895, \$3,380,552; in 1896, \$2,451,959, and in 1897, \$13,169,781, making a total of dividends paid within the five years from 1893 to 1897 of \$27,500,515, or 30 1/4 per cent of all the dividends that have ever been paid to creditors of insolvent banks. From 1863 to 1897 there has been paid in dividends \$75,935,925, and in the year embraced in this report \$13,169,781, or 17 1/3 per cent of all the dividends that have been paid during the period of thirty-four years of the existence of the system. Since Oct. 31, the end of the report year, seventeen additional dividends have been ordered, amounting in the aggregate to about \$625,000.

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A CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE.

An Incident in the Life of an Observing Traveler.
 Several winters ago I had arrived at Odessa from Asiatic Turkey. The unlovely yellow flag, hoisted by command of the visiting surgeon of the port, compelled the brig I was in to toss about in the roadstead for a week before it was admitted to the quarantine harbor. Then I was required to send my clothes for fumigation, and at the end of another week the authorities permitted me to land and take up my quarters in the lazaretto for 14 days more, "on suspicion of plague."

The Odessa lazaretto is built in the form of a quadrangle. Each room is separated from its neighbor by a double wall, between which a sentinel takes his station to see that neighbors hold no communication with each other. There is a small courtyard in front of each room, and a double iron grating—



GUARDED BY TWO SOLDIERS.
 one row of grating a few feet before the other—keeps the prisoners from any personal contact with the outer world, represented by the restaurateur and his aids, the surgeon and the chaplain. In the room adjoining mine were confined a Greek and a young woman, who passed a portion of their time in singing to the music of a guitar and occasionally a tambourine. Much of the rest was spent in eating, drinking and sleeping, to judge from the long intervals of silence. But there were noisy episodes which conveyed strong proofs that the lady could scold as well as sing, and sometimes the quarrels rose to a terrible pitch, a thump, followed by a scream, furnishing the climax. It was Christmas day. The snow fell heavily, deadening the sound of the church bells, which, through a broken pane, reminded me of the holy festival. I expected to hear my neighbors sing hymns. My own time was devoted to my books—the only relief to an enforced solitude.

Toward evening, while the guard slept, I distinctly heard the voice of the man Greek. He seemed to be growling rather than speaking, and in the intervals of his silence I heard the female sob. Not a very "merry Christmas," thought I. Sometimes one voice rose above the other. The one was shrill, the other loud and angry. Then there was a scuffle; then all was tranquil. Night had fallen, and I had hoped the parties had gone to sleep. But again the murmurs, the expostulations, the outbursts, disturbed my quiet. And now the woman became voluble, and spasmodic bursts of grief alone interrupted the torrent of her eloquence. Often the man called out what appeared to be "Silence!" adding a few words, none of which was distinct enough to be caught, in a minatory tone. Then came another struggle, words, bitter words, stifled cries, a heavy fall, a scream, silence again.

I could not sleep. What had been the issue of the last quarrel? Had the "peace and good will" taught by the Redeemer, whose natal day the outer Christian world was celebrating, ultimately prevailed, and were the recent antagonists illustrating the Horatian maxim that the falling out of lovers is the renewal of love? Or had the last fall so stunned the feebler of the two individuals as to render the revival of either love or anger temporarily impossible?

The night wore away. I could not sleep. I no longer heard the voice of the woman. Even the man's voice was hushed. But instead of the usual sounds my ear was assailed with knockings on the floor and a noise as of a saw or file at work. When the restaurateur came round in the morning to take orders for breakfast, I told him what I had heard and suggested that the lady might be ill and need medical aid. He went next door, but was sent away with the intimation that nothing was wanted. Two or three more days elapsed. The time had arrived for my release. On the very day indeed when I was to be emancipated my neighbors were also to be freed. I heard the officers arrive next door. Some words were uttered, followed by altercation. Then the man cried bitterly. What could be the matter? More officers came. The man was fettered and taken away. Where was the woman? He had stabbed her in his anger, and under some absurd notion that her existence would be forgotten by the authorities he had taken up two planks and deposited the dead body of the poor girl beneath them. This explained the operations which followed upon the silence. When I was released, I saw my quondam neighbor sitting in a veranda of the place where I went to reclaim my

fumigated apparel, guarded by two soldiers. He was a little old man of malignant aspect. I remembered having seen him at the harbor with a handsome young Greek whom I supposed to be his child. No one knew exactly what their relative position was. It was enough that he had shed her blood on Christmas night.

W. A. GILCHRIST.

The Feasting Habit.
 It was Pope Telesphorus, who died before the year 180 A. D., who instituted Christmas as a festival, though for some time it was irregularly held in December, April and May. But for centuries before there had been a feast of Yule among the northern nations whose great enjoyment was in drinking the wassail bowl or cup. Nothing gave them so much delight as indulgence in "carousing ale," especially at the season of short days when fighting was ended. It was likewise their custom at all their feasts "for the master of the house to fill a large bowl or pitcher, to drink out of it first himself, and then give to him that sat next, and so it went around." This may have been the origin of that popular American custom known as "treating." It is certain that upon our Christmas observance of this glorious day have been ingrafted habits taken from rude and barbarous people.

The Difference.



First Goose—What's the difference between a Christmas turkey and a Christmas girl?
 Second Goose—I dunno.
 First Goose—Why, one is dressed to kill, and the other is killed to dress.

Reminder of an Old Custom.

Hundreds of old country people, especially of Irish birth, will remember the Christmas candle which is lighted and placed in the window at midnight of Christmas eve and allowed to burn there on the successive nights until it is all consumed. It is one of the most interesting of all the customs associated with the religious celebration of the Christian festival. It is symbolic, of course, of the "Light of the World," but some hold that with the mistletoe, the holly and the festive practices of the season it goes back to Druid or pagan origin and is derived from some olden symbolism of the returning warmth of the sun. However this may be, it is not generally known that the custom has been preserved in Canada to this day by a few old country people, comparatively speaking, to whom Christmas would not bear its holy message without the tall wax candle shining in their window.

Christmas Song.

In the darkness of the morning
 Shepherds on the eastern plain
 Saw a glorious brightness dawning.
 Heard a joyful, sweet refrain:
 "Glorious in the highest!
 Peace on earth!"
 Then before them, wondering, listening,
 Came the beauteous angel train.
 Came in garments brightly glistening.
 Singing o'er and o'er again:
 "Glorious in the highest!
 Peace on earth!"
 Tell to all below the story
 Of the wondrous Saviour's birth,
 Tell of how he came from glory
 To be crowned the King of earth.
 Glory in the highest!
 Peace on earth!
 Sin no more shall close heaven's portals.
 Open far and wide they swing.
 For Messiah unto mortals
 Full of glory now doth bring.
 Glory in the highest!
 Peace on earth!
 —M. W. Falconer in Chicago Record.

COUNTY AND VICINITY.

Dan Q, the little Ypsilanti pacing wonder owned by George Hammond, was sold in Chicago Wednesday for \$3,400. His record is 2:08 1/2.

While splitting wood at his home, Charley Burtless was severely cut about the eye by the axe catching on a clothes line and rebounding. However the wound is not dangerous.—Manchester Enterprise.

Last Friday an Ypsilanti negro found his dog playing with something which proved to be a new born baby. It had evidently been thrown into the street. The coroner's jury adjourned and is now waiting for further evidence.

County School Commissioner Lister has just received 164 copies of the Michigan Manual. He will send one copy to each district school in the county. This will be the first time district schools have received a copy of the manual.

Robert Martin of Superior is quite elated at a gift he has received from a sister, who lives in county Monaghan, Ireland. It is a pair of genuine Irish corduroy trousers and as Bob says, "They will wear like iron and bleach out as clear as a cotton shirt" when washed.—Ann Arbor Argus.

Attorney G. R. Williams of Milan says he is surprised at himself. He has recently learned that he is physically divisible into two entities. His army record shows him present at Detroit, Michigan, and St. Louis, Missouri, for something over a month at the same time during the spring of 1862.

County Clerk Schuh issued 35 deer hunters' licenses during the past season.

A letter dropped into the post office last Thursday was addressed to Santa Claus. Postmaster Standard will do his best to see that it reaches its destination.—Dexter Leader.

Capt. E. P. Allen, of Ypsilanti, in coming out of the west entrance to the court house a day or so since, caught his heel on the second step from the top, fell on his side, and rolled gently down to the first landing. He got up uninjured, and laughed merrily over his escape from what might have been a very serious accident.—Ann Arbor Courier.

George Westfall, Sr., created no little excitement Monday afternoon by bringing to town an American eagle, which he shot near Nichols lake, one mile north east of this village. The bird measures 7 feet and 5 inches from tip to tip of wings, stands about 3 1/2 feet high and weighed 10 1/2 pounds. Frank Bailey sent the bird to John Bross, Dexter morning to be mounted. This is the first specimen of the kind ever killed in this section of the country, and is quite a curiosity.—Stockbridge Brief.

The Detroit Journal is authority for the statement that Walter Bilbie, a young farmer living on the Pontiac road in Ann Arbor town, declares himself to be a follower of Buddha. He is radical in his application of "justice" as the fundamental principle in religion as advocated by Norman Covert, the follower of Brahma. Mr. Bilbie has been a Buddhist for many years and he and Mr. Covert spend many hours discussing the points of difference in their religions. Mr. Bilbie's parents are Unitarians.

It is understood that the Michigan Central railroad company stands ready to sue the city for over \$1,400, the amount expended up to date in making repairs on the overhead bridge at the foot of Detroit street. If Judge Carpenter's decision holds good in the higher courts and the city remains bound to keep the bridge in repair a lively tilt is in prospect. The city will in that case probably tear down the bridge, open State street and make both crossings even with the tracks. "He who laughs last laughs best."—Washtenaw Times.

It there was less tongue-wagging in and around this village, society would be the better for it. Gossip usually comes from people of meager intelligence. Ignorant, mean, mischief-making, they talk about others simply because it is their mind's stock in trade. They have nothing else in their noddles. Such beings would look better, act better and be better if they would reform, get books and fill up their barren top pieces with useful information. If there is a nuisance on God's foot stool, it is the mischief-making gossip.—Grass Lake News.

The Ypsilantian is responsible for the following story: They are telling a funny story of a Normal occurrence Tuesday evening. The janitor was carrying the skeleton from the main building to the gymnasium, and was obliged to stop for the moter at Normal street crossing while a passenger alighted. The man coming off the well-lighted motor into the dusk saw in front of him the ghastly skeleton but not the small janitor behind it. Evidently he thought it was a summons from the spiritland, for he gave one dreadful groan, "Oh, mein Gott!" and fled.

A gentlemen living on West Franklin street is telling of a funny incident that occurred last week in his family. Some relatives, including a young woman, were visiting them from the west, and the young woman has the habit of many women everywhere of biting her finger nails. His six years old son stood watching her one morning as she was chewing them off, and when she had finished asked her abruptly, "How do you pare your toe nails?" When she had recovered herself she answered that she was obliged to use the scissors for those.—Jackson Star.

Don C. Phillips has returned from Howell. He says he had a very narrow escape from death on his recent shipwreck on Nantucket Shoals. His boat, which was manned by a crew of five, was a 45-tonner and they were intending to get into New York at daytime but miscalculated and could not reach there before nightfall. A heavy storm swept them up on the shoals. Waves rolled over the deck and smashed the cabin and the wind carried away three sails. Mr. Phillips came very nearly being washed overboard himself and was only saved by a rigging which happened to be so handy by that he could clutch it. He estimates his loss by the trip to be \$1,000 and counts the hardships and fun of the voyage about even.—Ypsilanti correspondent to Washtenaw Times.

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CHRISTMAS FEASTS.

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What They Used to Eat in the Days of King Arthur—Boar's Head Served With Ceremony—An Ancient Dinner to the Poor.

It is almost impossible to say when the custom began of celebrating Christmas with a sumptuous feast. It is certain, however, that the observance has never lapsed since English history began. Whistlercraft, a writer who delved deeply among the traditions and records of the reign of King Arthur of the Round Table, describes the Christmas dinner of that day in verse:

They served up salmon, venison and wild boars
By hundreds and by dozens and by scores,
Bogheads of honey, kidderkins of mustard,
Muttons and fatted heaves and bacon swins,
Herons and bitterns, peacocks, swans and bitterns.

Teal, mallard, pigeons, widgeons and, in fact, a Plum puddings, pancakes, apple pies and omelette.

And thereafter they drank good Gascon wine,
With mead and ale and cider of our own,
For porter, punch and negus were not known.

This bill of fare is doubtless more poetic than accurate, yet it is not far out of the way. One notable omission is that of the wassail bowl, for wassail, though it was a drink of the ancient Druids of the third century and probably earlier, was for many hundred years a favorite British drink and came to be a distinctive feature of Christmas feasts. It was first made of ale, or what was then considered ale, sweetened with something that did duty for the more modern sugar. Just what that was is today unknown, but it was sweet. Then there was toast, and there were roasted crabs, put hissing hot into the bowl—a queer drink, but such as it was it was liked.

As time went by the recipe was varied till, perhaps 1,000 years or so later, the wassail bowl was filled with wine, well warmed and spiced, with toasted bread and roasted apples. If wine were not obtainable, ale was used, but the apples were deemed indispensable and really seem to have been an improvement on crabs. Doubtless it was the white pulp of the apples that gave wassail its nickname of "lamb's wool," and it was therefore an anachronism that crept into the account of King Arthur's feast when the boy with the mantle cast a spell over the table, for it is told that on that occasion only one knight found his sword sharp enough to carve the boar's head or his hand steady enough to lift the lamb's wool without spilling it.

It will be noticed that King Arthur had neither turkeys nor geese, though both of them are now distinctive features of the Christmas feast. The turkey was not taken to England from the east till the sixteenth century, and, though the goose was known before, his gastronomic value seems not to have been discovered.

But if Arthur's feast seems gargantuan it was a frugal repast compared with those that came later. Gervase Markham describes a "moderate dinner" of about A. D. 1600 that would answer for Christmas in the following amazing way:

"The first course should consist of 16 full dishes—that is, dishes of meat that are of substance and not empty or for show—as thus, for example: First, a shield of braun with mustard; secondly, a boyl'd capon; thirdly, a boyl'd piece of beef; fourthly, a chine of beef roasted; fifthly, a neat's tongue roasted; sixthly, a pig roasted; seventhly, chews-baked; eighthly, a goose roasted; ninthly, a swan roasted; tenthly, a turkey roasted; the eleventh, a haunch of venison roasted; the twelfth, a pasty of venison; the thirteenth, a kid with a pudding in the belly; the fourteenth, an olive-pye; the fifteenth, a couple of capons; the sixteenth, a custard or dowsetta. Now, to these full dishes may be added sallies, fricases, quelques choscs and devised paste, as many dishes more, which make the full service no less than two and thirty dishes, which is as much as can conveniently stand on one table and in one mess. And after this manner you may proportion both your second and third courses, holding fulness on one half of the dishes and show in the other, which will be both frugal in the splendour, contentment to the guest and much pleasure and delight to the beholder."

Surely a "moderate dinner" like that would make a lord mayor's banquet seem stingy, yet there is ample evidence that such feasts were not uncommon "in that elder day." Not every one, however, set such a table, even when he could afford it, for Pepys records a dinner given to the poor by Sir George Downing one Christmas at which nothing was served but beef, porridge, pudding and pork. It may have been better than the recipients usually had for everyday fare, but they voted it a mean entertainment for Christmas.

The boar's head, as is well known, was for hundreds of years the pice de resistance of every well regulated British Christmas feast, and it has been held by some writers that it became the favorite because of a general desire to protest against the Jewish prohibition of pork. A more probable reason is that the boar was the fiercest of all the wild beasts of the country, and killing him was the highest achievement of the huntsman. Then, again, his head is very good to eat.

Whatever the reason, the great dish was served with great pomp. It was served in style. A forgotten poet wrote: If you would end up the brownish head,
Sweet rosemary and bays around it spread,
His foaming tusks let some large pippin grace,
Or midst those thundering spears an orange place.
Sauce, like himself, offensive to his foes,
The roughish mustard dangerous to the nose,
Buck and the well spiced hippocras, the wine
Wassail, the bowl with ancient ribbands fine,
Porridge with plums and turkeys with the chine.

The mere dressing of the dish did not suffice, however. The ceremony of bringing it into the banquet hall of a

great house was most imposing, for it was not brought without a procession. First came a runner in a horseman's coat with a boar spear in his hand. Then a huntsman in green with a naked and bloody sword. Then two pages in saracens, each with a mess of mustard, and last the bearer himself, chosen for his size and strength, proudly holding the huge silver platter on which the boar's head lay.

Such was the plainest procession that entered, always with music, for a Christmas carol was always sung. What the magnificence of the wealthiest houses was may be imagined from the fact that King Henry II, having caused his son to be crowned during his own lifetime, himself served as bearer of the boar's head at his son's table and was preceded by the royal trumpeters as he entered.

The splendor of these ancient feasts would doubtless seem barbaric now, but the profusion of the viands seems wonderful. In comparison our modern spreads seem small, and one wonders if in the elder day all men were like the one who died only lately and who made a reputation by a single remark, "The turkey is an excellent bird with one serious fault—he is too big for one person to eat and not big enough for two."

DAVID A. CURTIS.



"Whew! What would the children say if they saw me in this rig?"

The Useful Holly.

If we believe Pliny, the Roman historian and naturalist, the holly is a potent tree, exclusive of its Christmas privileges. As far back as his time it was planted near dwelling houses to preserve them from lightning. The learned philosopher not only tells us this, but says that its flowers cause water to freeze, and that if a staff of its wood be thrown at any animal, even if it fall short of touching it, the animal will be so subdued by its influence as to return and lie down by it. As the American holly blooms in June it will be easy to try the effect on water.

Holly has also found a place in medicine, but it involves such heroic treatment that I fear the faculty will scarcely approve it. In many districts of England the country people advise you to thrash your chilblains with holly leaves and assure you that it is a perfect cure. It may be. There it has also been recommended in a decoction of the leaves for rheumatism and for intermittent fever. Lonicerus recommends it for a pain in the side commonly called "a stitch."

Sheep and deer will eat holly in hard winter, and branches are fed to cattle for fodder in France when other food is scarce.

The holly of Europe and the holly of the United States each will grow to be a tree of some 40 feet in height. The wood is even grained, white as ivory, except in the heart of old trunks, and takes an exquisite polish. It has been much used for "inlaying." Many articles said to be of ebony, such as the handles of teapots, etc., are holly stained.

Santa Claus.

Once upon a midnight drear, as I pondered weak and weary over all the Christmas presents that a boyish fancy draws, while with sleep I tried to tussle, tried with all my might and muscle, suddenly I heard a rustle, like the noise of Santa Claus. Though with fright I fairly shuddered, for fright I had no cause—it was only Santa Claus. Then I listened more intently to the sound that crept up gently to my chamber, where my wonder almost caused my heart to pause, and I heard the candy spilling, as the stocking he was filling, and I wished I'd left a shilling there for dear old Santa Claus. And the noise I heard so plainly in the room adjoining pa's was only Santa Claus. Anxious now to get a peep, down the stairway did I creep, all impatient for a glance, although against the laws, and it filled my heart with dread, as with sudden fear he fed and jumped into mamma's bed—naughty, naughty Santa Claus! And the stories that we hear each year are as thin as summer gauze. Fraud stupendous—Santa Claus!

A Christmas Gift.



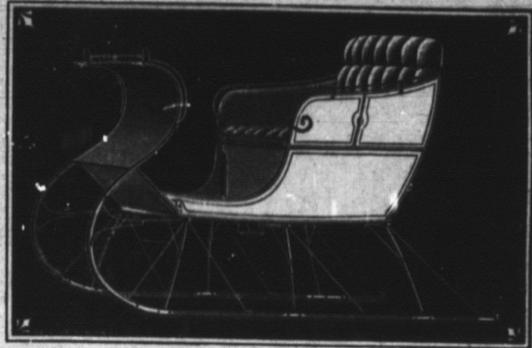
Startling appearance in church on the Sunday after Christmas of Uncle Hiram in the new overcoat his city cousins sent him.

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CHAS. STEINBACH.

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Mixed candy free from gum drops, 6c per lb. Broken taffy, stick candy, peanut crisp, chocolates, etc, etc.

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Clocks.

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HOLIDAY OPENING.

DRY GOODS.



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Christmas
Happy
New Year.

Because we do Not

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White Goods

Towels, in endless designs and varieties, do not fail to look this stock over, and we guarantee that you will be more than re-paid for your trouble.

Handkerchiefs

You will find that we have the largest line in town both in Silk and Linen, in many patterns and you will find here just the things for a Christmas present.

Stamped Linens

We have a very large line of imported and Domestic Stamped Linens, and in many designs.

Silk Department

Roman Stripes, Plaids, Parisian Effects, Changeable, and all of the fads in colorings, shades and patterns. In this department you will also find a full line of China Silks, Surah Silks, Satens and Satins.

Ribbons

When you go through this department you will really find that you are in Ribbonville, and of this counter we can not say too much, and invite your closest inspection.

Now for Winter Jackets and Capes

We will state as a fact that during the entire life

of this house, Jackets and Capes such as these have never been offered for so little money as now. They are all this seasons styles to select from, which must be sold during the next sixty days, as by that time the goods for spring will coming in and winter goods forced to the rear. Extra fine Jacket for \$10. Handsome Cape for \$7.50.



Fur and Feather Boas

Ladies do not fail to look at this extremely large line of goods, we are satisfied that you will be more than paid for your trouble.

Ladies and Childrens Underwear

Our stock is the largest carried by any house in Chelsea, and at prices which astonish our competitors. Ladies Underwear at 25, 35, 45, 65 and 90, and for Children you will be astonished to find how cheap and what good values we give for the money.

Ladies and Childrens Gloves

and Mittens, you will find this line replete with many new Novelties and colorings never shown in the town before this season.

Woolen Blankets

We have the largest and most complete stock in this vicinity both in single and double Woolen Bed Blankets.

Fur Robes and Horse Blankets

If you are in need of any Fur Robes or Horse Blankets you will find that we can furnish them from \$2 to \$15.

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We Sell High Art Clothing

The best clothing made, and the cheapest sold take quality, and make into consideration. We have more Clothing, "Good Clothing" than all other stores in Chelsea put together. We can save you time and money on a medium Suits or Overcoats. FINE ALL-WOOL SUIT \$7.50 and up. FINE ALL-WOOL OVERCOAT \$7.50. Childrens Suits and Overcoats proportionately as cheap, for good qualities give us a trial.

We Also Sell Hats and Caps

We sell more of them than all other dealers in town. We sell good Hats or Caps cheap. Because we buy them direct for spot cash from the factories. Where we save our customers save. We've the best Hats-made and can sell a good one for \$1, and a good Cap for 50 cents.

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Silk Mufflers in endless varieties and up-to-date in Plain, Figured, Plaids and Changeables and all the Shades and Designs. Just the thing for a good Christmas gift. Also, a very large stock of Four-in-hand, Neckties and Novelties. Collar, Cuffs and Shirts for all.

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We can fit the largest and the smallest hands, either man or boy, and at the lowest prices possible, at the same time giving you good value and quality of goods.

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Best to Fit

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First quality goods at popular prices and made of the right material for comfort ease and wear, both in Alaskas, Arctics and Rubber, for men, women and children.

Snag Proof Boots

Bear in mind that we are the exclusive agents for Chelsea and vicinity for The STOUT Snag Proof Rubbers and Boots, of which none are better known.

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The Best is None too Good

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CHRISTMAS GIVING.

A Custom That Comes From the Three Wise Men Who Followed the Star.

Of course you need not be told of the origin of presenting gifts at this season of the year. The three wise men who followed the star until it remained stationary over the stable in Bethlehem, and who, entering the hovel wherein were the cow and the ass, knelt down before the beautiful Babe in the manger, placed before him presents of myrrh, frankincense and gold. Their example is the example that you follow today, 1,895 years after the Magi made obeisance to the Child Jesus, and when you place presents before the little ones who are made in the image of the Divine Babe you are doing what was done by the eastern kings, but remember that to carry out their example to the full the babes in the mangers, the little ones in hovels, must not be forgotten.

Most of our Christmas customs come from the German. Kris Kringle is a legendary name whose origin is involved in much doubt. Formerly in the small villages of Germany the presents made by all the parents were sent to some one person, who, in high buskins, a white robe, a mask and an enormous wax wig, and known as Knecht Ruper went from house to house. He was received by the parents with great reverence, and, calling for the children, presented the gifts to them according to the accounts of their conduct received from the parents. It appears as highly probable that this custom gave rise to our present innumerable legends about Santa Claus.—Philadelphia Times.

Christmas Weather.

In a note following some quotations regarding Christmas and winter weather the author of an old London publication says, "These prognostics of weather, etc., I look upon as altogether uncertain, and were they narrowly observed would as often miss as hit." Besides being quoted as above the proverb is varied as follows: "A hot May makes a fat churchyard" and "A green winter makes a fat churchyard." To the latter proverb is added this note, "This proverb was sufficiently confuted in the year 1667, when the winter was very mild, and yet no mortality or epidemical disease ensued the summer or autumn following."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Christmas.

Keep on more wood.
The wind is chill,
But, let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our merry Christmas still.
—Walter Scott.

Lo! now is come our joyful feast!
Let every man be jolly.
Each room with ivy leaves is dressed
And every post with holly.
—Withers.

For little children everywhere
A joyous season still we make.
We bring our precious gifts to them,
Even for the dear child Jesus' sake.
—Fleming O'Leary.

CHRIST CHILD LEGENDS.

Beasts and Birds Have a Prominent Place in Christmas Lore.

The story of the hunting of the wren in the isle of Man every Christmas is well known. She is known as Our Lady's hen, God's chicken, Christ's bird, because she was present at Christ's birth, brought moss and feathers to cover the Holy Babe and made a nest in his cradle.

In France the cuckoo was believed to have flown from a Christmas log.

A Latin poem of the middle ages tells that the crossbill hatches her eggs at Christmas and her young birds fly off in their full plumage at Easter.

The Mohammedans have many legends of Isa, or Jesus. One tells that when he was 7 years old he and his companions made birds and beasts of clay, and Isa proved his superiority by making his fly and walk as he commanded.

In the Tyrol they say the ravens used to have snow white plumage, but one day Jesus wanted to drink at a stream, and they splashed and so befouled the water that he could not, so he said, "Ungrateful birds, you are proud of your snow white feathers, but they shall become black and remain so until the judgment day."

A Russian legend tells that the horse flesh is considered unclean because when Christ lay in his manger the horse ate the hay from under his bed, but the ox would not and brought back on his horns to replace what the horse ate.

The Britons believe that the ox and the ass talk together between 11 and 12 o'clock every Christmas eve.

In Germany the cattle kneel in their stalls at that hour. Another version says they stand up.

The ass and the cow are sacred because they breathed upon the Holy Babe in his stall.

The ass is the most sure footed of animals because he carried the holy family to Egypt by night. He has had a cross on his back ever since.

Old women used to sprinkle holy water on the ass and the cow to drive away disease.

Bees are said to buzz in their hives at the exact hour of our Saviour's birth.

In north Germany the version of the man in the moon is thus told: One Christmas eve a peasant greatly desired cabbage, but as he had none in his own garden he stole from his neighbor. Just as he filled his basket the Christ Child rode by on his white horse and said, "Because thou hast stolen on Christmas eve thou shalt sit in the moon with thy cabbage basket." And there he still sits.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Again at Christmas did we weave
The holly round the Christmas hearth.
The silent snow possessed the earth.
—Tennyson.

H. Y. P. M. F. C. P.

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INTERESTING FIGURES.

Some Figures Concerning Sylvan Farms and Farm Products.

We glean the figures concerning Sylvan township from the nineteenth annual report of the secretary of state relating to farms and farm products:

Land in farms, for the year 1897, 21,080 acres, improved 13,614, unimproved, 7,416; number of farms 195; average number of acres in each farm 107.85.

Wheat, corn and oats in 1896, and acres of wheat in 1897: Wheat raised in 1896, 2,268 acres, 28,891 bushels, average yield per acre 12.52 bushels; acres in May, 1897, 2,895. Corn 2,000 acres, 166,228 bushels. Oats, 694 acres, 25,644 bushels.

Beans, potatoes, rye, hay and clover seed in 1896: Beans, 1,288.25 acres, 16,219 bushels. Potatoes, 146.75 acres, 12,733 bushels. Rye 1,171 acres, 12,452 bushels. Hay, 2,265 acres, 2,152 tons. Clover seed 94 acres, 69 bushels.

Live stock in 1897, and sheep and wool in 1896: Horses, 581; milch cows 601; cattle other than milch cows, 819; hogs 508; sheep, 4,085. Sheep sheared in 1896, 4,900, 33,026 pounds of wool.

Apple and peach orchards in 1897, 305.75 acres apple orchard, 56 acres peach orchards.

A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

Washtenaw County Teachers' Association Met Here Saturday.

The Washtenaw County Teachers' Association convened in Chelsea High School room, Saturday morning, December 11th.

After a few appropriate remarks by

the state of Michigan. His objection to such a system was presented in a clear, logical manner which carried conviction to the minds of thoughtful teachers that the adoption of such a system would not tend to serve the best interests of our schools.

Supt. W. W. Gifford of Chelsea next presented a paper on "The Mind." It was a very fine production in every way, full of beautiful and expressive thoughts that could not but linger in the mind of the listener to edify and inspire.

The application to pedagogical truths were practical and carefully brought out. Miss Wise, a critic teacher in the State Normal College, in her very pleasing manner, gave a talk on Primary Reading. It was full of valuable and suggestive thoughts on this phase of primary work, and was listened to with marked attention. We hope we may have Miss Wise with us again at some of our future meetings. More of such talks would help, wonderfully, the work of primary teachers throughout the county.

After a piano duet by Misses Florence Martin and Clara Snyder, the Association adjourned.

It was pronounced by all an interesting session although the attendance of teachers was not as large as usual.

H. DORA HARRINGTON
Sec. Pro. Tem.

Retarding Peach Bud Opening.

The Missouri Experimental Station reports success in retarding the opening of fruit buds on peach trees by "whitening," the experiments extending over two years. It is done by spraying the trees with



PREPARING THE CHRISTMAS PUDDING.

our genial president, Supt. Dewitt Dexter, the Association was favored with a well rendered selection by the High School quartette, composed of Misses Lighthall, Nickerson, Bacon and Cole.

To the regret of the Association, County Commissioner Lister was unable to remain but a short time after the opening. He, however, made a few pleasing remarks stating in brief his plans for the advancement of the teachers of the county in the higher branches by a systematic course of study. A plan which seems well adapted to the needs of a majority of the county teachers.

Mrs. Belle Croakin of Dexter read a most interesting paper on the subject of Reading and English Grammar. One thought well touched upon was the home reading of the pupil. The author's own words will best present the idea. "If teachers could only gain the help of the parents in this one line of work, a vast amount of good could be done. Practice in reading aloud is what the young people need. And what a fine opportunity to-day is offered for that practice in the home. With the father or the mother as the kind and loving critic, surely the child would make rapid progress."

The Association was then favored with an interesting talk by Mrs. Rowe of Detroit who presented the plan of the Bay View Reading Circle as a means of systematic reading. The course of reading as comprised in the above is finding great favor wherever it is presented. Just before the noon recess Miss Mabel Bacon rendered a piano solo in a most creditable manner.

At 1:15 the Association was again called to order. Misses Lighthall, Nickerson, Bacon, Marguerite and Rose Conway favored the audience with music. Mr. Hammond, ex-member of the state board of education was present and was called upon for remarks. He dwelt at length upon the disadvantage of a uniform text book system which threaten

white wash, the first spraying being done about the last of December, with three subsequent sprayings to keep the trees thoroughly coated until spring. The whitewash was composed of four parts water, one part skimmed milk, and enough freshly slacked lime to make the mixture as thick as wash as could be pumped through a Bordeaux mixture spray nozzle without clogging. The cost is ten cents per tree. The whitened buds remain dormant until April, while unprotected buds swelled during warm days late in February and early in March. About 80 percent of the whitened buds passed through the winter safely, while only 20 percent of the unwhitened buds escaped winter killing.

Crop Report.

The average condition of wheat in the state, December 1, was 89 per cent of condition in average years. The figures for the southern counties are 84, central 91, and northern 101. The average condition in the state is three, in the southern counties five, and in the central counties two, per cent lower than on December 1, 1896.

These figures represent as accurately as it is possible for figures to represent, the judgment of correspondents as to the condition of the growing wheat crop. From the statements of correspondents in the southern counties, it is clear that the fields in that section are unusually spotted, the plant has made small growth, and does not cover the ground as in average years. Wheat sown early in thoroughly well cultivated ground is in nearly full average condition. This is particularly true of level fields or those moderately so. But a large percentage of Michigan wheat was sown late on ground that it was impossible to fit, owing to its extremely dry condition. No small amount of seed lay in the ground a long time before germinating, and some of it has never germinated.

The warm, wet weather that prevailed the early part of November was exceptionally favorable and of marked benefit, but it was then too late for wheat to make its usual fall growth.

The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers since the November report was published is 2,064,321, and in the four months, August, September, October and November, 7,662,316. This is 2,066,642 bushels more than reported marketed in the same months last year.

Fall pasture has been fairly good. The percentage for live stock are, horses and cattle 97, and sheep and swine 98.

In answer to the question "Are there any diseases prevalent among live stock?" 67 correspondents in the state answer "yes" and 502 "no." Of the 67 correspondents answering "yes" 51 name hog cholera as the disease, and of the 51 reporting hog cholera 43 are in the southern counties.

Mrs. Olive Parker.

Mrs. Olive Parker, wife of Austin Parker of Sylvan, and mother of Mrs. Geo. Beckwith and B. Parker of Chelsea died here last Friday, at the home of her daughter.

Mrs. Parker was born in Lockport, Niagara county, New York, July 1, 1830, and in 1850 was united in marriage to Austin Parker, who, with the above named children, together with one brother and two sisters, survive to mourn her departure.

During all the years the deceased lived in Sylvan she was an earnest and consistent christian. A member of the Methodist church during the early history of Sylvan, she later became a charter member of the Sylvan Christian Union, being a member of the official board from the organization of that Society until the day of her death.

Her christian character was an ideal example of faith, hope and charity, worked out in a life whose chief grace were peace, meekness, gentleness and an almost perfect spirit of loving kindness and forgiveness in her daily intercourse with all with whom she came in contact.

Beloved by all who knew her, and mourned by an entire community, she has gone from us to receive the eternal reward from Him in whom she so faithfully trusted.

Her funeral was held in the Sylvan Christian Union Church, Sunday afternoon, December 12th, Rev. C. G. Zeldier of Detroit officiating, and a host of relatives, friends and neighbors attending. "She is not dead, but sleepeth," and her influence will long be felt wherever she was known. May Divine comfort be the portion of all who so deeply feel her loss.

Delos B. Spencer.

Delos Burchard Spencer, only child of Abner and Adaline Spencer, was born in the town of Sylvan, November 20, 1877, and died at Chelsea, December 11, 1897, aged 20 years and 21 days.

This sad and unexpected event, by which a promising and hopeful young man has been cut down, not by the fatal scythe of Time, but as a lamp, still full of oil and brightly burning, dashed in pieces and its full bright flame extinguished, has thrown a pall of sadness and gloom over our community, especially over his companions, by whom he was greatly respected and beloved.

The funeral services, held in the Congregational church Tuesday morning, were very largely attended by a most solemn, attentive and sympathizing audience. The sermon by Rev. Dr. Holmes was addressed principally to the young, of whom a large number were present. The text was taken from the epistle of James, 4:14, "What is your life?"

The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

More to Hear From.

It may seem incredulous, but a certain Packard street lady, whose husband gave a party to a number of his gentlemen friends while she was away on a visit last week, was obliged to send out several dainty notes on her return which read something like this:

"Mr. ———, I understand that you were entertained at my residence during my absence. Will you please return that coffee pot and silver spoon?"

Mr. ———: That hand painted cup and saucer is a family relic that I prize very much. If you will return it you may keep the napkins.

And there are several yet to hear from. —Washtenaw Times.

Resolutions.

At the meeting of the Young Men's Parliamentary Club Sunday, the question debated was "Influences that keep men from becoming Christians" and the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the sense of the club is that all who call themselves Christians do not live up to their profession.

Resolved, That the young men of this vicinity are careless in considering Christianity and so are not meeting the responsibilities that they owe toward their associates.

The question for debate next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock will be, "In a business man can be successful as a working Christian?"

Mr. Wilkinson of Ann Arbor will assist in the singing. Every young man in Chelsea is invited to be present.

Our Advertisers.

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G. A. BeGole, insurance.
Chelsea Manufacturing Co.
Chelsea Savings Bank.
A. W. Wilkinson, insurance.
L. & A. E. Winans, jewelry.
G. J. Crowell, insurance.
R. Kempf & Bro., bankers.
TurnBull & Hatch, insurance.
Thorndike & Schatz, barbers.
F. Staffan & Son, ice.
H. Lighthall, windmills.
J. N. Merchant, flour and feed.
D. C. McLaren, produce.
Glazier Stove Company.

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E. E. Shaver, photographer.
Kempf & Co., lumber.
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J. Rommel, Waterloo Mill.
Henry Gorton & Son, general store.

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Glazier & Stimson, Christmas goods.

Election of I. O. F. Officers.

Court Chelsea, No. 1612, I. O. F., elected the following officers at the annual meeting, Monday evening:

C. D. H. C. R.—J. G. Webster.
C. R.—Guy Lighthall.
V. C. R.—G. P. Staffan.
Rec. Sec.—J. E. McKune.
Fin. Sec.—G. A. BeGole.
Treas.—S. S. Hathaway.
Chaplain—Oren Thatcher.
S. W.—W. H. Quinn.
J. W.—Earle Lowry.
S. B.—K. O. Steinbach.
J. B.—Henry Steinbach.
Trustees—Guy Lighthall, J. E. McKune, J. S. Hathaway, G. A. BeGole, J. D. Watson.

Fin. Com.—Chas. Miller, V. L. Staffan.
Delegate—G. A. BeGole.
Alternate—J. G. Webster.
Physician—G. W. Palmer.

Grange Meeting.

Lafayette Grange met at the home of Irving Storms, Thursday, December 9. There was a good attendance and after all had partaken of a good dinner, meeting was called to order by the worthy master. I. Storms read an excellent paper on Thanksgiving. F. H. Sweetland followed with a select reading on Thanksgiving in Colonial Days. The worthy master then gave a description of his trip to California which was quite lengthy. A solo was then sung by Mrs. Fanny Ward.

As it was getting late the program had to be shortened. Grange closed to meet with Mr. and Mrs. Guerin, Thursday, December 23, at 1 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. A literary program is also expected. All members should be present, if possible.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of the vital organs, if the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look if your stomach be disordered, you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys be affected you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. Electric Bitters is a good alterative and tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at Glazier & Stimson' drug store. 50c per bottle.

MEXICO A GOOD MART.

OUR SISTER REPUBLIC BUYS MOSTLY OF US.

The United States Monopolizes 75 Per Cent of Mexican Trade—Cotton Goods and Steel Rails—A Little Good Advice for Canadians.

Mexico Wants Our Goods.

From Washington comes the information that our trade relations with Mexico are reported by the bureau of American republics to have been better during the year 1896 than at any other time. The most notable feature is the fact that this country monopolizes Mexican trade to the extent of 75 per cent of all exports...

Glves Advice to Canadians.

Lord Aberdeen, Governor General of Canada, was banqueted at the National Club in Toronto by a representative company. The speech of the evening was delivered by Edward Blake, member of the British House of Commons.

New Grand Army Colony.

Gen. Paul Van der Voort, at one time Grand commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and one of the promoters of the Grand Army of the Republic colony in Texas, writes to Galveston from Demings Bridge, Tex., that he has closed a deal with John E. and Shanghai Pierce, the cattle kings, for land for a colony, and at least 1,000 colonists will move in soon after the beginning of the new year.

NEWS NUGGETS.

Mrs. Charles Woolver committed suicide at Willoughby, O. A rumor is current in Berlin that China has ceded Kiao-chow to Germany. W. D. Talle, secretary of the Belleville Investment Company of St. Louis, has disappeared. It is reported that Canada has proposed to the vatican the establishment of a nunciature at Ottawa.

EASTERN.

Charles Burgess was electrocuted at Auburn, N. Y., for the murder of Henry V. Whitlock at Sterling, N. Y., in August, 1895. The cruiser Brooklyn, although ready to leave the New York dry dock, may be detained until the new year by some slight changes which are contemplated.

Martin Thorn, or Torcosawick, convicted of the murder of William Guldensuep, was sentenced at New York to be electrocuted in the week beginning Jan. 10, 1898. By the explosion of a "dinker" engine on the m-r street car line of the Titusville Traction Company, near East Titusville, Pa., four men were seriously injured, two fatally.

Representative Beiden of New York, one of the veteran members of the House, was seriously injured Monday afternoon by falling down the marble stairleading from the floor of the House to the basement of the capitol at Washington. A gold trust is the latest novelty in Jersey City. The official name under which the concern is incorporated is the Menlo Trading Company.

WESTERN.

Mrs. Gertie Clark, a concert hall singer, better known as Gertie West, committed suicide at Cincinnati by taking carbolic acid. The American Torpedo Company's nitroglycerin magazine at Bowling Green, Ohio, exploded, and Dan Lean was blown to atoms.

The Union Pacific has again broken records for fast runs. The regular train ran 294 miles, from Galesburg to Council Bluffs, in 286 minutes. John Lucas, a wealthy stockman of St. Joseph, Mo., was fatally gored by a mad bull. Lucas wore a red bandanna handkerchief about his neck.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones, who is now in the West, says the reports that the Indians have invaded the Wichita mountains are untrue. The residence of State Senator Leesh, a few miles from North Yakima, Wash., was totally destroyed by fire.

At Exeter, N. H., Mrs. Annie Fitzsimmons, Edwin W. Quinby and his wife were poisoned by drinking wood alcohol. Mrs. Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Quinby are dead.

Dallas Neally, the 16-year-old son of a farmer living four miles north of Hardin, Mo., died from a gunshot wound received at the hands of Henry Evans, a boy friend and playmate of about the same age.

Fire broke out in the Lake House, a four-story structure at Milwaukee, the other morning. Sixty people were asleep in the hostelry at that time. One life was lost and five persons were injured in jumping from the building.

The motion for new trial in the case of Frank A. Novak, convicted at Vinton, Iowa, of murder in the second degree, was overruled and the court passed sentence that he be confined to hard labor in the penitentiary at Anamosa for the period of his natural life.

In the Federal court at Seattle, Wash., Judge Hanford awarded Caston Jacobi and Charles Buff, passengers who started to Alaska last September on the steamer Eugene, \$800 damages each against the owners of the steamer for their failure to land them at Dawson.

Adam Uber, who killed Hans Anderson at Gardnerville last week, was taken from the Genoa, Nev., jail at 2 o'clock in the morning, stripped of his clothing and hanged. His body was riddled with bullets by a mob of twenty-five men, supposed to be from Gardnerville.

Joe Johnson, the mulatto accused of enticing Kate Neill, a white girl, from her home in Sweet Springs, Mo., has been captured in Missoula, Mont. He admits having taken the girl away from home, but declares he left her in Butte, having persuaded her to go back to her home.

In the United States Court for the northern district of the Indian Territory at Muskogee, I. T., Judge William M. Springer rendered his decision in the matter of the applications of certain persons to be enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee nation, and held that bona fide residence is essential.

The United States steamship Alert at San Francisco is being prepared for a trip to the Pacific terminus of the Nicaragua Canal, where she will be at the disposal of the United States commission now investigating the proposed route of the interoceanic canal, and look into its feasibility and probable cost of construction.

A Kansas City telegram says: The company digging for the old steamer Arabia, which sank with a cargo of whisky in the Missouri thirty-five years ago, has struck the place. It is now digging for the submerged stuff, which it believes is still in fine condition, and expects to clear \$100,000. The cargo consisted of 185 barrels.

Two masked robbers entered the home of John Harzog, a farmer 80 years old, near Akron, O. They tortured and threatened the old man into insensibility, but he refused to give up his money. When he was unconscious they searched the

house and found in a belt the farmer wore night and day \$500. Harzog lives alone and is wealthy.

Judge Horace R. Buck, associate justice of the Supreme Court of Montana, shot himself through the right eye at his home in Leno, a suburb of Helena, Mont. He had spent the evening with a party of friends at a neighbor's house, seeming very cheerful. After chatting for a while with his family he went to his room and soon afterward the shot that ended his life was fired.

SOUTHERN.

John S. Morgan, under sentence of death at Ripley, W. Va., has escaped from jail. Murderer Virgil Staley escaped from jail at Huntington, W. Va., after a desperate battle with the jailer.

Hoke Smith, of Atlanta, Ga., ex-Secretary of the Interior, denies the report that he will spring to New York. At Hot Springs, Ark., Henry Wise and Frank Harvey, two tinners, engaged in a fight. Wise drew a knife, cutting Harvey's throat. Harvey died a few minutes later.

In the Federal Court at Chattanooga, Tenn., before Judge Clark, the case of the railroads operating in Tennessee, against the State Railroad Commission, has been begun, the railroads attacking the validity of the commissioner in the tax assessments, and asking for perpetual injunction restraining the commission from collecting the taxes assessed.

WASHINGTON.

Secretary Gage has decided that the Netherlands Government pays a bounty on all raw and refined sugar exported from that country, and hence, under the new tariff act, all sugar from the Netherlands entering the United States is subject to a discriminating duty equal to the export bounty paid.

Admiral Seward, commanding the North Atlantic Squadron, has arrived at Washington to receive instructions as to the policy to be pursued while the battleships are maneuvering in the vicinity of Havana. The President's order sending the bulk of our navy toward Cuba is believed to have special significance. Coming as it does at the opening of Congress, it is understood to be a move to forestall the demand from Cuban sympathizers that adequate protection be accorded to American interests at Havana.

Secretary Alger has made public the order reprimanding Capt. Lovering of the Fourth infantry at Fort Sheridan, who was recently court-martialed for his alleged ill-treatment of Private Hammond. It reads as follows: "By order of the President the proceedings, findings and sentence in the case of Capt. Leonard A. Lovering, Fourth infantry, are approved. It is, however, disappointing that an offense so grave and as an example so far-reaching as this should have been visited with so light a penalty. There is no question but that Private Hammond deserved punishment for his conduct, but he should have received it in a lawful way. The military laws governing the army are explicit. They prescribe the duties of officers and enlisted men, with the penalties for their violation. Under them both have rights and obligations. When, therefore, an officer, with the intelligence and experience with which Capt. Lovering is credited not only violates these laws, but exhibits such a lack of humanity as is shown in this case, he should receive a more severe sentence than a mere reprimand. Committing such acts degrades the officer more than the soldier he punishes and shows unworthiness for the care and command of men. Under excitement men frequently do things which in cooler moments they recall with sorrow and regret, but this case is aggravated by the fact that after weeks of deliberation this officer evinces no regret for his wrongful acts."

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FOREIGN.

Japan, according to the Mikado's Minister to the United States, is strongly opposed to Hawaii's annexation to the United States, and in any event will insist that Japan's claim must first be paid.

The Italian chamber of deputies has appointed a commission of five to inquire into the charges against Sig. Francesco Crispi, former premier, in connection with the Bank of Naples scandals and the alleged illegal traffic in decorations.

An American syndicate, in which Andrew Carnegie is interested, has applied to the Korean Government for three important railroad concessions, which the syndicate proposes to develop in connection with the Seoul-Chomulpe line.

M. N. Millard, senator for the department of Eure, has been appointed French minister of justice in succession to M. Dorian, who resigned owing to the state's rejection of his motion to shelve the decision of the removal of a magistrate, which had been denounced as illegal.

A party of Englishmen, including Robert Barr, the novelist, while touring the Mediterranean, was seized by Turkish soldiers at Suediah, a port of Asiatic Turkey, Nov. 23. They were detained twenty-six hours in prison and experienced much ill-treatment before they were liberated.

Advices received at Kingston, Jamaica, from Port au Prince show that serious trouble is imminent in Hayti. The streets of the capital are placarded with "Down with the Government" and the troops have been ordered into the barracks. A dispatch from Washington says the Republic of Hayti is ready to pay Germany the indemnity demanded for the alleged arrest and imprisonment of Herr Emil Lueders, a German subject, who was subsequently released and enabled to return to Germany by the intercession of the United States Minister at Port au Prince, William F. Powell, who secured Lueders' release from prison in order to avoid trouble of a more serious nature which appeared to be arising on account of the alleged arbitrary behavior of the German Minister to Hayti, Count Schwerin.

Consul General Guider at Panama has made a report to the State Department at Washington on the condition of the

Panama canal. He says it is whispered that England is doing all in her power to obtain control of the canal. France may not push the work forward, but some other nation or some other company will surely do so if those in charge forfeit their rights. The canal when completed will extend from Colon on the Atlantic to Panama on the Pacific, fifty-four miles. All along the route are sheds full of new and costly machinery. It is estimated that the canal will cost \$100,000,000, and that there has been expended on the canal a total of \$275,000,000. A conservative estimate is that a force adequate to finish the project in from seven to ten years will be put to work. During the next sixty days a committee is to investigate the progress of affairs and an effort will be made to get more money to continue operations. The canal is practically completed from Colon to Bajoc, four ten miles, but this is the least expensive part. The great difficulty is in passing the Calabria ridge. The width of the canal will be 100 feet at the top and 72 feet at the bottom, except through the ridge, where it will be 78 feet wide at the top and 20 feet at the bottom.

IN GENERAL.

Frank Ives has challenged George Sloan to play 18-inch balk-line billiards for the championship at 3,000 points.

The Nicaragua Canal Commission has sailed from Brooklyn navy yard on the gunboat Newport, direct for Greytown.

The Yukon-Cariboo British Columbia Gold Mining and Developing Company, of which J. Edward Addicks is president, has closed its offices in New York City and subscribers to the stock are believed to be holding the bag.

The Government has decided to qualify as a bidder at the sale of the Kansas Pacific Railroad Dec. 16, in case the reorganization committee fails to guarantee the Government what is regarded as a fair and just figure for its interest.

The postmaster general of Ontario has decided to permit pictures, views, designs or other advertising matter to be printed on the face of postal cards, so long as sufficient space is left to allow the address being written or printed so that it can be easily deciphered.

Miss Butler has written Frances E. Willard resigning the superintendency of the purity branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union unless the latter unequivocally pronounces against the six propositions of the vice-president, Lady Henry Somerset, relative to the Indian army, which Miss Butler describes as being an "extreme form of the regulation of vice."

The managers of the Joint Traffic Association have disapproved the recommendation of the Central Passenger Association, looking toward the issuance by conductors of mileage exchange tickets on a "count of the Central Passenger Association's interchangeable 1,000-mile tickets for sleeping car passengers passing westwardly through trunk line western territory.

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MARKET REPORTS.

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HAVE BOGUS PAPERS.

FRAUDULENT NATURALIZATION PAPERS IN ITALY.

Object Is to Effect Entry of Aliens Who Would Otherwise Be Excluded—Extra Precautions to Be Taken—The War in China Is Commenced.

Dodge Exclusion Act.

Commissioner of Immigration Fitch at New York has been notified by Commissioner General Powderly that the State Department at Washington has been informed by the United States ambassador at Rome that a wholesale traffic in fraudulent naturalization papers is being carried on in Italy. The object of these fraudulent methods, Mr. Powderly said, is to effect the entry into the United States, under cloak of American citizenship, of aliens who otherwise would be subject to exclusion. In view of these facts Commissioner Fitch is ordered to particularly investigate all naturalization papers of immigrants, and especially those from Italy. Commissioner Fitch said the task was an extremely difficult one. From the large number of immigrants recently landed he believed there were agents in Europe who, in furtherance of this fraudulent scheme, had secured steering passengers under the threat that unless they came at once they would not be admitted at all, as Congress was about to pass a restricting law.

German Guns Roar in China.

A special dispatch to London from Shanghai says: "On Friday last Capt. Becker, with 310 German marines, left Kiao-Chou bay to occupy the surrounding villages, whence they proceeded to capture the city. The Chinese forts opened fire and the Germans replied, killing three of the garrison, which thereupon fled in disorder. The Chinese general in command was captured, but afterward liberated. Several German sailors were injured by stones flung by the inhabitants of the villages. In return for this the head men of these villages were beaten with bamboo sticks by order of the German commander. It is reported in London that China is willing to pay an indemnity of 1,000,000 taels (about \$785,250) and to grant all the German demands, including the temporary cession of Kiao-Chou bay and adjoining territory." According to a special dispatch just received from Paris, the French cruisers Jean Bart, Isely, Alger, have been ordered to be prepared for immediate dispatch to China.

BREVITIES.

English holders of Union Pacific reorganization certificates want to annul the sale of the road. The block occupied by C. B. Pease at Nashua, N. H., was damaged by fire. Loss estimated at \$35,000. Gov. Gen. Blanco has released forty-one persons imprisoned on charge of complicity in Cuban insurrection. Paul Alexander Johnston, the mind reader, says he is going to take a trip around the world blindfolded. According to an alleged secret report to President McKinley, 600,000 persons have died in Cuba since Jan. 1, 1897. At St. Joseph, Mo., Fred Banker, aged 73, while stopping a runaway team, was knocked down and his skull crushed. He will die. The Interstate Commerce Commission has decided to give railroads two more years in which to equip their cars with safety appliances. The United States steamer Algonquin, which was built for the revenue cutter service on the lakes, was successfully launched at Cleveland, O. Gov. Atkinson of Georgia has vetoed the anti-football bill passed by the Legislature, holding that the question should be left to the faculties of the various schools. Seventeen States are represented by their adjutant generals and other military officers at a meeting at St. Louis, Mo., for the purpose of advancing military interests. The Supreme Court dispelled the last hope of W. H. T. Durrant, the murderer of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, by disposing in a summary manner of his two appeals. Two hundred German marines and sailors, with two machine guns, entered the city of Kiao-Chou, China, eighteen miles from the bay, and took possession of the city walls and gates. Paul Alexander Johnston, the mind reader, now at Kansas City, says he is going to take a trip around the world blindfolded and at the same time try and beat the record for globe trotters. Justice Shepard of the District of Columbia Court of Claims has decided that "trading stamps" are illegal within the meaning of the act of Congress prohibiting lotteries and gift enterprises. Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs was seriously injured while superintending the hanging of tapestries in her New York residence. A tack flew into her eye, lacerating the cornea, and she may lose the sight of it. The Hon. Theodore Davis, as chief justice of British Columbia, has refused to confirm a divorce granted to Mrs. Matthews by the high court some six months ago. The chief justice holds, contrary to the views of several of his colleagues, that the British Columbia courts have no power to grant divorces under the English divorce act, but that applications for divorce in British Columbia, like those in other provinces in Canada, must come before the dominion senate. Albert Giles, who piloted a party of revenue officers against moonshiners, has been murdered by them at Little Rock, Ark. A placard was pinned to his body warning others to beware. News has been received at Empire City, Ore., of the wreck of the gas line boat Moro, bound from San Francisco to Alza. All lives were saved. The American schooner Abbie F. Morris, from Boston, bound to the Klondike with a party of seventeen prospectors, has put into Bermuda in distress, having encountered stormy weather and suffered much damage. A delegation from the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian nations in Indian territory is in Washington to look after legislation in the interests of those tribes. Christine Bradley, daughter of Kentucky's Governor, has accepted Secretary Long's invitation to christen the battleship Kentucky.

GAGE ON CURRENCY.

Secretary of the Treasury Presents His Annual Report.

The Secretary of the Treasury in his annual report sent to Congress says that the Dingley act "has not been in force but it is confidently believed that when in full operation it will afford ample relief for the ordinary needs of the Government."

He, however, in his estimates for the fiscal year 1898, places the total revenue at \$441,000,000; expenditures at \$400,000,000, or a deficit of \$28,000,000. For 1899 the revenues are estimated at \$482,000,000 and appropriations \$504,000,000, a deficit of \$22,000,000. For the fiscal year ended June 30 last, the receipts were \$480,000,000; expenses, \$448,000,000, a deficit of \$18,000,000.

The Secretary says the enormous depreciation in the commercial value of silver, as compared with gold, has greatly increased the financial responsibilities of the Government in its demand liabilities, and the logical consequences of the fact should be boldly faced. "The Treasury Department in all its operations has treated gold and silver coins, and the paper representatives of each, as of equal dignity as to value," he says. "It has operated to keep in concurrent circulation on terms of equality the two kinds of metallic money, notwithstanding the never ceasing disparity between the natural or commercial value of one as compared with the other. Nevertheless it must be recognized that this undertaking involves a large financial responsibility and requires proper and adequate legislative provisions for its continued execution.

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ODD WAY TO PREACH.

Object Sermons Now a Fad with Some Gotham Preachers. Religion and religious methods seem to be taking on a new form with the approaching birth of Greater New York. Doctrines of heresy, political discussions and other matters far from the old-fashioned path of pastors, seem to be the only questions now discussed in the house of worship. And the break-away from the orthodox has affected churches of every denomination. The excitement caused by the reported possibility of Father Ducey being disciplined for expressing his approval of socialist principles has given way to talk aroused by the action of Rev. Dr. Demisson of the Church of the Sea and Land, who, following the example of the late Dr. Spurgeon of London, who frequently pounded a bible to pieces in emphasizing his remarks on some illustrated sermon, has introduced balloons into the church. The balloons were used by the pastor to make clear the meaning of his object lesson sermon. "The causes that keep men down," Mr. Demisson demonstrated that many men rose to certain heights in the world, but never got any higher. The weight that kept them down, he explained, was a pair of handcuffs. Then the pastor released a toy balloon with a pair of handcuffs attached to it by string. Of course the balloon had not sufficient capacity to hold the gas necessary to raise the weight, and so the illustration was applauded. His second example showed the balloon on the end of a whisky bottle—another cause that kept men down. To illustrate that filth prevented man's ascension balloon No. 3 was attached to a tin can filled with dirt. A pair of scissors fastened to a balloon represented sharp-tongued persons who are continually cutting into persons' feelings. The congregation is now divided. One portion thinks that pastor's idea an excellent one, while others declare that his action was an insult to their intelligence. But the idea has "caught on" and several "example sermons" are promised in many of the churches.

GAGE'S ESTIMATES.

Appropriations for the Service of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, '99. Secretary Gage has transmitted to Congress the estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, as furnished by the several executive departments. The total amount called for by the estimates is \$462,047,885, which is about \$2,000,000 in excess of the appropriations for 1898, including deficiencies and miscellaneous, and about \$41,000,000 more than the estimates for 1898. The recapitulation of estimates by titles is as follows, cents omitted:

Table with 2 columns: Title and Amount. Includes Executive establishment, Judicial establishment, Foreign intercourse, Military establishment, Naval establishment, Indian affairs, Penitentiaries, Public work, Postal service, Miscellaneous, Permanent annual appropriations, Grand total.

These amounts include estimates for rivers and harbors, \$48,728,100, and for fortifications and other works of defense, \$13,378,871, the details of which already have been published.

The total postal service deficiency is estimated at \$6,048,112. The Secretary of the Interior asks for \$110,000 to aid in the protection of timber on public lands, and \$75,000 for the care, etc., of forest reserves.

Gen. Nelson G. Williams died at his home in Brooklyn. He was a classmate of U. S. Grant at West Point. At the battle of Shiloh he had a horse shot under him and the explosion of a shell rendered him totally deaf. For thirty years he had been in charge of the public stores in New York City.

An attempt was made at Montevideo to stab Senor Jose Guestar, president of the interim of Uruguay. It was unsuccessful, the bystanders warding off the would-be assassin. The man was formerly a member of the Montevideo police force.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MICHIGANDERS.

Opium Administered to a Farmer's Wife—Finance of the State Fair—Horrible Trolley Car Accident Near Detroit.

Met Death by Poison.

Five weeks ago John Hartman, an aged farmer living north of Laingsburg, died suddenly, and the cause of death was given as uraemic poison.

State Fair Statement.

Following is the official statement of the last State fair: Total receipts, \$19,175.29; total expenses, \$19,108.30; net profit, \$66.99.

Earnings of Michigan Roads.

The railroad earnings in Michigan for September, as reported by Commissioner Wessellus, were \$2,050,448, or \$248,213 more than for the same month last year.

Fatal Trolley-Car Wreck.

Two suburban cars carrying twenty passengers and both running at a speed of twenty-five miles an hour collided on the Detroit and Oakland electric railroad near Detroit.

Insurance Companies Barred Out.

State Insurance Commissioner Campbell issued a circular containing the names of thirty-five fire insurance companies which, he asserts, are unauthorized to do business in Michigan.

New President for Albion.

The Board of Trustees of Albion College has elected John P. Ashley, Ph. D., of Lima, N. Y., as president to succeed Dr. Lewis R. Fliske.

State News in Brief.

William Richter, aged 63, a farmer living near Seneca, dropped dead of heart disease. George Spencer of Chelshire township pulled a gun out of a wagon by the muzzle. He is dead.

Adrian people would like to have a Government building.

A Miss Weller of Romeo was badly injured in a runaway accident.

A Detroit company has been organized to put in a lighting plant at Brighton.

Two children of Valentine Karber of Ovid township have died of diphtheria.

Della Murphy, aged 7, fell into a 20-foot well at Berrien Springs and was rescued uninjured.

Many fish are being speared daily in direct violation of the law in Maple river, near Bannister.

Reuben Fuller, a Grand Rapids painter, fell while decorating Lockerby Hall and was fatally injured.

Ida Bowdish, who was shot by her father, Scott Bowdish, before he committed suicide, died at Mason.

The body of J. D. Cook, who committed suicide at Escanaba two weeks ago, has been taken to San Francisco for burial.

Four of Pontiac's saloonkeepers have been complained of because they did not expose their bars on Thanksgiving Day.

Curtis L. Wench, a Grand Rapids livery man, quarreled with L. B. Strong over a woman. The former was stabbed in the side.

While hunting near Sparta, John Corey, a farmer, aged 35, accidentally shot himself in the side. Searchers found his body.

James Quigley was sentenced at Corunna to two years on Ionia on a charge of helping to burglarize a store at Morrice in June, 1896.

The State Dairy and Food Commission has begun the prosecution of Bay C y grocers who are charged with violating the oleomargarine law.

At Grand Rapids, the Souvenir Wheel Company, manufacturing bicycles, filed a chattel mortgage for \$10,044 to George Clapperton, trustee.

The Fletcher mill at Alpena has shut down. It was the last of the mills there to close. The mills cut 120,000,000 feet of lumber the past season.

Chapter Kappa of Delta Tau Delta fraternity of Hillsdale College took a special train to Angola, Ind., and celebrated Thanksgiving with a banquet.

The trunk law is being enforced at Traverse City for the first time. Wm. Mathewson, aged 15, was arrested and may be sent to the reform school.

Fire destroyed the agricultural implement warehouse of James and Michael Rork at North Lansing and Frosel's feed store. Loss, \$3,750; insurance, \$600.

A. J. Quigley of Mt. Clemens has fallen heir to a coffee plantation, valued at \$25,000, in Hawaii. Quigley befriended the testator at the World's Fair in 1893.

Mrs. Minnie Favor of Detroit, who has been at the Salvation army rescue home at Grand Rapids for the past three months, has been missing since Thursday last.

Cheboygan's street railway has gone hibernating. As usual, the cars will be lifted from the wheels and placed on sleighs—a winter railway that is unique in Michigan.

Gaylord taxpayers will be given a chance to vote on the question of bonding the village for the extension of the water works system and the paving of Main street.

Gypsum has been discovered near St. Ignace. It is of fine quality and has been found in so many places as to lead to the belief that a wide section is underlaid with it.

The Ann Arbor Railroad Co. expects to buy this winter 100,000 ties between Owosso and Toledo. Last year the road purchased 170,000 ties on its northern division.

A tract of 100 acres of pure marl in Climax township, Kalamazoo County, has been purchased by New York capitalists, who will engage in the manufacture of cement.

Charles S. Hovey of Centerville and Lon Valentine, Jr., of Atlanta had an exciting time with a 225-pound bear. Hovey got a severe hugging before brain was killed.

Sanilac County brickmakers say that they have sold more brick the past season for homes than ever before. Brick buildings are in course of construction all over the county.

Poormaster Thayer at Muskegon will insist on all able-bodied poor persons in that city applying for relief in person. Heretofore it has been the custom to send young children to the poor office for supplies for the family.

The Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway bought a tract of seven acres of land along their tracks at Indian lake, three miles east of Vicksburg, and will move their ice harvesting plant to their new location this fall.

Leslie Jockett, aged 15, son of J. L. Jockett, station agent for the Emck Shore at Albion, has run away again. This time he persuaded Glenn Passmore, Henry Haight and Edward Smith, all about the same age, to go with him.

Clark R. Chamberlin has begun suit in the Circuit Court at Ann Arbor for \$2,000 damages against John H. Miller of Ypsilanti. A year ago Chamberlin was arrested on a charge of breaking into Miller's store and stealing goods. He was acquitted on trial.

Col. C. V. R. Pond, adjutant general of the Michigan department G. A. R., has by request furnished Labor Commissioner Cox with some interesting figures regarding the number of veterans now residing in Michigan, which he places at 37,500. The average membership of the G. A. R. for the six years from 1888 to 1893, inclusive, was 29,638, and the average year's death loss 218. Col. Pond estimates that there are 34,000 pensioners in the State and that they receive \$5,248,000 annually. The average age of the survivors of the war is 60 years. Physically, Col. Pond says, only a few are able to perform manual labor, but in mental condition very many are quite competent to perform the duties of any of the political offices in the gift of the State and should be remembered.

Maurice Quirk, a well-known citizen of Flint, was instantly killed at Otterburn. He attempted to drive across the tracks in front of an approaching Grand Trunk train.

The people in the vicinity of Bloomingdale are agitated over the sudden appearance of a strange woman and her equally sudden disappearance. Nobody knows who she is or where she came from. At one place she demanded a night's lodging. She was so emphatic and threatening that the people dared not refuse. She wears a long dark cloak and a heavy veil, which she never removes.

A QUARTET OF BOYS.

YOUNG MEN WHO EARLY BECAME GENERALS.

Generals Merritt, Custer, MacKenzie and Upton Won Promotion by Conspicuous Gallantry in the Service of Their Country—Their After Life.

Brave Cavalry Officers.

HE transfer and promotion of Maj. Gen. Wesley Merritt to the command of the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governor's Island, vividly recalls that historical quartet of brilliant young cavalry officers, Merritt, Custer, MacKenzie and Upton, which became famous the last two years of the war.

It was a group that found its analogue in the same number of equally gallant young generals, West Pointers all, in many instances classmates of their antagonists—Stuart, Fitz Lee, Rosser and Young, in the army of Northern Virginia. It is the Union quartet that will be considered here, because their careers were similar, as they were promoted together, and the history of one is a part of the history of them all.

Merritt was the senior of the "quadri-lateral" of young Union generals in graduation. He was a member of the first and only "five years' class" that ever left West Point. While Mr. Davis was Secretary of War he caused the course at the United States Military Academy to be increased to five years. In the class of '60 graduated Joseph Wheeler, a member of Congress for



A QUARTETTE OF BOY BRIGADIERS.

several terms, and a Confederate general officer; Gen. Wilson, chief of engineers, and Col. Whittemore of the Ordnance Department.

After serving as adjutant of the Second Dragoons under Col. Philip St. George Cooke, Merritt became aide-de-camp to that gallant Virginian, when he was made brigadier general in 1861, then major general and given command of all the cavalry of McClellan's army. Two days before Gettysburg, Capt. Merritt, who had attracted the attention of his superiors of the highest rank by reason of his quick military perceptions and thorough knowledge of the availabilities of the cavalry arm, was nominated brigadier general and forwarded his acceptance, and mounted the star on the very day, July 1, 1863, when Buford's columns, suddenly pushing out westward from Gettysburg, unexpectedly ran up against the advance brigades of Gen. A. P. Hill. Merritt was given the reserve cavalry command. From that day his fortune was assured. He fought a division under the eye and command of Gen. Sheridan, the cavalry officer of the Union army, a Winchester and Fisher's Hill. Sheridan showed what he thought of his young subordinate's ability and conduct when he named Merritt for the brevet of major general, which was given him. Gen. Merritt has six brevets, all for "gallant and meritorious service." From Fisher's Hill to the close of the war Gen. Merritt commanded a division of Sheridan's cavalry corps.

Second of the gallant four comes Custer. He was old for a cadet when he entered the United States Military Academy. Two classes were graduated in 1861; the first was that which would have been the second five years' class; the other, June 24. The latter was Custer's. After serving as cavalry aide-de-camp to General McClellan, June 29 he was made Brigadier General. His name and Merritt's went to the Senate together. Custer's vim and dash at Brandy Station and Aldie, while aide-de-camp to General Pleasanton, had been so conspicuous as to attract general attention, and won for him his Brigadier General's commission. From Gettysburg, in 1863, to the end, Custer was the typical hard rider, the ideal light-horseman and dashing fighter of the cavalry corps of the Army of the Potomac. At Fisher's Hill Custer won his brevet of Major General, the same day Merritt gained his and in the same battles. Sheridan gave Custer, the second of his "boy generals," a division of his superb cavalry, which he commanded until hostilities ceased.

Third in the list of this group of young heroes comes Upton. He was a '61 man, of the almost five years' class, that received its diplomas May 6. Like

most of those high up in class standing, Upton was commissioned in the artillery. But he wanted a regiment, and that fortune which ever favors the brave stood Upton's friend. By a lucky chance he was commissioned colonel of the One Hundred and Twenty-first New York Volunteers, and made a Brigadier General for distinguished gallantry in an attack that will be famous through all history. Upton was a brigade commander in that crack corps of Hancock's veterans which on the morning of May 12, 1864, advanced electly upon that faulty "horseshoe" in Lee's line of works at Spottsylvania, walked over the gray skirmishers, not firing a shot at them for fear of giving the alarm, and just at dawn drove the Federal wedge with terrible, decisive effect full into the horseshoe. History calls it the "bloody angle." There it was that "Hancock the superb" noted the gallant young Colonel Upton's bravery and the skill he showed in handling his command, and said to General Morgan of his staff: "By this and by that, Upton has won a star, and he shall have it." Again that 19th of October, 1864, that had been so lucky for Merritt and Custer, brought good fortune to Upton, for then he received the brevet of Major General. When General James H. Wilson went to the Western army to command all General Sherman's cavalry, he took Upton with him, and gave him the fourth division of the cavalry corps, which he commanded until his volunteers were mustered out and the war ended.

Last, and in many respects the ablest, of this quartet whose names will live as long as the history of our war survives was MacKenzie. He was the youngest in years and service of them all, as he did not graduate until 1862. But though he came a year later than any of the others, in two years and a little more than six months of active service MacKenzie had won an honor and achieved a distinction never before or since attained by any officer

of our always gallant army. He had won seven brevets, everything from First Lieutenant to Major General, each "for gallant and meritorious services"—not in skirmishes, either, if you please, but such battles as Second Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Petersburg, Winchester, Cedar Creek. That 10th of October, 1864, so often mentioned, must be noted again, for it was as fortunate for MacKenzie as it had been for the other three. For the most brilliant, soldierly courage and daring General Sheridan recommended MacKenzie's promotion to the rank of Brigadier General, and his commission was given him "for specific distinguished services" at the battle of Opequon, Fisher's Hill and Middle-town, and the recipient of these honors, unequalled in American history, was then but a little over 23 years old.

And how fared they after the war ended—this gallant four? Custer died with the Indian war whoop as his death-knell, in a battle that will live in history as the last stand made by the great united tribes of the Northwest against the overwhelming white man. Upton, a full Colonel of artillery—alas, that it should have to be written—died with clouded mind by his own hand, MacKenzie lived for years dead to the world, and to the grief and sorrow of those who knew and loved him best. But the star Merritt wore for years so worthily—before he won those he wears to-day—gleamed on the gallant MacKenzie's shoulder before the light of reason went out for him forevermore. And thus it is that Merritt is the only one left of the four gallant young souls whose courage and soldierly deeds won the chivalric appreciation of their own comrades and the admiration and respect of those who had witnessed and felt the might of their valor on twenty-stricken fields. And as he who is left recalls the past there must come from his own knightly heart a sigh for their memory and a prayer for the souls of the gallant brave, who have gone across the River of Death—Globe-Democrat.

The Cormorant.

The cormorant is largely employed in China for catching fish. The birds are reared and trained with great care and are taken out upon the lakes and rivers in a small boat, one man to every ten or twelve cormorants. The birds stand perched on the sides of the boat, and at a word from the man they scatter on the water and begin to look for fish. They dive for fish, and then rise to the surface with the fish in their bills, when they are called back to the boat by the fishermen. As docile as dogs, they swim to their master and are taken into the boat, when they lay down their prey and again resume their labor.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THOUGHTS WORTHY OF CALM REFLECTION.

A Pleasant, Interesting, and Instructive Lesson, and Where It May Be Found—A Learned and Concise Review of the Same.

Lesson for December 19.

Golden Text.—"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."—1 John 1: 9.

The subject for study this week is "John's Message About Sin and Salvation," found in 1 John 1: 5; 2: 6.

Introductory.

These are the last times of the apostles, their last words, the final echo of that great generation which had witnessed the Lord's coming and departure. Paul's spirit had ascended to his Master in the fierce storm of Nero's closing days, and Peter had also borne a good interest in death as in life. Many years after those mighty voices were stilled, John lingered on, an ancient and pathetic figure, but clothed in gentle dignity quite inimitable and beautiful. As the years wore on, Jerusalem lay in ruins, the other apostles dropped from the paths of the living, the voices grew fewer of those who had known the Lord.

John, living as tradition says, in Ephesus, though traveling at times through the East, began to wonder "How will it be when no one saith, I saw?"

He had already written a Revelation of Christ, but something more was needed. The gospel of Mark, Matthew and Luke were by this time (80 or 85 A. D.) in circulation, and had been for some years; but there were inner mysteries of the truth which John had perceived during those three wonderful years of his youth, which I do not yet tell. So he wrote his gospel and sent it forth to all who could read its simple and sublime truths. Still the years hurried on, sin and error fought desperately against the truth, but the old man stood apart like one whose life was already in the heavenly city, looking on without fear or anxiety, warning his "little children" against the dangers, not of persecution, but of self-deceit and sin.

In these three epistles we have his last words to the world (some suppose that his gospel was written after instead of before them, however). They show a strong resemblance in style to the gospel. John's favorite words, "light," "love," "truth," "life," "darkness," being freely used.

Explanatory.

"The message which we have heard from him": there is something intensely personal in John's announcement of his message. He feels with increasing conviction in his latest years the supreme value of personal testimony.

To walk in darkness, in John's sense, is not to have the soul clouded temporarily by doubt or discouragement. So to interpret the verse takes all the meaning from it. John is not speaking of what we call "Christian assurance." He is speaking of conduct. We walk in darkness when we turn wilfully away from the light.

"But if we walk in the light": if, that is, we share his love for things good and hatred for things evil, striving towards the one and against the other.

How is this to be reconciled with 3: 6, "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not; whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither knoweth him." There is certainly a verbal contradiction here. But if we take each verse in its context, and remember that John's mind was of that type which saw complementary truths as a paradox, most of the difficulty will disappear.

In our lesson, John is warning against self-deceit. We all sin, and we should recognize that fact, that we may be always watchful. But in the third chapter he is speaking of the future time when the sons of God shall become entirely like him, and of the need that the self-prophetic begin now and here.

Confession, forgiveness, cleansing. How plainly the promise comes to those of Christ's own disciples who find themselves constantly falling into sin.

"An advocate with the Father": if John were giving us dogmatic theology, we should charge him with confusing the persons of the Trinity; for the word translated "advocate" is the regular term for the "Holy Spirit," or "Comforter." Here it is applied to Christ in heaven.

"The propitiation for our sins": The scriptural conception is not that of appeasing one who is angry, with a personal feeling against the offender; but of altering the character of that which, from without, occasions a necessary alienation, and interposes an inevitable obstacle to fellowship. Such phrases as "propitiating God" and "God being reconciled" are foreign to the language of the New Testament.

Teaching Hints.

The childlike simplicity of John's epistles, like the crystal purity of a deep spring, makes truth itself seem the most natural and easy thing in the world. His words are appropriate to every age. They are loved by little children, they are read with eagerness by old men. It should be the most helpful lesson of the whole year's lessons, which it closes. How natural is the association with the Christmas season—childhood and age coming together here, in the words of John to young men, as they did when the child Jesus was adored by the wise men and presented in the temple. The four great facts of human life are here brought together—God, the human will, goodness, sin. Here are the elements of all gospel teaching. How they shall be clothed in order to frame the crowning lesson of the year for waiting minds and hearts the teacher alone can decide.

Next Lesson—Review.

Walking Towards Heaven.

There is nothing which can so assist you to walk toward heaven with good speed as wearing the Image of Jesus on your heart to rule all its motions.—Episcopal Recorder.

One Effective Way.

There is but one effective way to deepen calumny. Mere muzzling the calumniator will be useless, because he speaks and writes behind a mask. Wait till the carnival draws to the end, then the slanderer will have to remove his false face and show his true inwardness. Meanwhile let the dance merrily go on!—The Jewish Messenger.

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DECEMBER WHEAT \$1.09.

This is the Highest Notch Reached Since the 1891 Harvest.

Amid the wildest excitement seen on the Chicago Board of Trade within the memory of the oldest trader, December wheat sold for \$1.09 Thursday. This is the highest mark which the cereal has reached since the historic combine of 1891. During the four hours of session a rise of 7/8 cents over the opening price was recorded. The Chicago price was 18 cents over Minneapolis and Duluth, 10 cents over New York and 7 cents over St. Louis.

At this price the wheat of an eighty-acre Kansas farm, land value \$15 per acre, was worth more than the land itself, the farm equipment and the house and barn. Not a farmer in Minnesota or the Dakotas with 2,400 bushels of wheat, the product of eighty acres last harvest, but what could have sold his grain in Chicago Thursday for more than his land would bring, and have a few hundred dollars to the good.

If the pace of the first few minutes had been maintained during the rest of the session it is probable that kernels of wheat would have sold as high as diamonds at the close. The cereal shot up to \$1.05 1/2 at a bound and the holders of big wheat contracts could have disposed of them at this stage without any trouble. When \$1.05 was bid for December wheat some of the bulls thought the temperature was getting rather high and dumped a lot of their claims. This action had the effect of easing the market and checking temporarily the efforts of the more aggressive. Ten minutes of comparative quiet reigned in the stormy session, and then the bulls by a coup started the figures their own way again. So complete was the surprise that many of the doers declared that they expected to see the price sail up to \$1.50 before the end of the session.

At \$1.06 the explosion of a Krupp gun could not have been heard above the pandemonium. The bulls forced the cereal by fractions of a cent up to \$1.07. Here their foemen made a temporary rally and brought another elevator full of grain into their midst. A half hour of deadlock resulted, but the dealers with the bulls, metaphorically speaking, concentrated their forces on a weak point in the other ranks and shot the price to \$1.09, the high water mark of the day and of six years. Then succeeded the usual slump as the time for the clang of the gong approached and December closed at \$1.07.

THE SKAGUAY PASS.

It is a Trail of Horror and Death Leading to the Klondike.

The Skaguay Pass, en route to the Klondike region, is thus described by an American miner who has just returned: The Skaguay Pass is a rank fake, advertised by a lot of Shylocks and mountebanks at the town of Skaguay for the purpose of making money out of the deluded people who are persuaded to go that route. What is called the "Skaguay Pass" is no pass at all—it is simply forty-eight miles of mire. I never saw such human suffering in my life as I witnessed



THE SUMMIT OF WHITE PASS.

among the 1,200 people who are now camped in Skaguay Pass. Not five per cent of them will get over and the others are coming back. I found men only twenty miles away from the town, and it had taken them forty days to get that far. Horses got down in the snow and mire and hundreds of animals have their legs broken and must be shot. The bottoms of the canyons are covered with the carcasses of dead animals that have been rolled over the cliffs. There will be much suffering and starving this winter among the people camping in Skaguay Pass. I saw one poor man, who had mortgaged his home in Seattle for \$500, gave his wife and children \$150 to keep them this winter, and spent \$300 for his outfit. He could not get across the fake pass and returned to the town of Skaguay to sell his outfit. The eight or ten outfitters of that town all stand together, and he could get no more than \$40 for his outfit. The



MAIN STREET OF SKAGUAY.

poor man saw that he had lost his home, and he was broken hearted. I felt sorry for him and gave him \$100, and his eloquent thanks were the tears that streamed down his cheeks. This is only one of a hundred like cases, and, for humanity's sake, the Skaguay Pass should be denounced as a fake of unscrupulous swindlers. The town of Skaguay is full of dissolute characters.

Sparks from the Wires.

Spain will send no further reinforcements to Cuba.

All the members of the Board of Health appointed by the Governor at New Orleans, La., have resigned.

Secretary Loig has addressed a letter to Miss Christine Bradley asking her to christen the battleship Kentucky.

Nearagua passed a law Oct. 9 last, absolutely prohibiting the immigration of Chinese. The officer who infringes on the law is subjected to a fine of from \$25 to \$500.

THE CHELSEA STANDARD

An independent local newspaper published every Thursday afternoon from its office in the basement of the Turnbull & Wilkinson block, Chelsea, Mich.
BY O. T. ROOVER.
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Suburban Rumors

UNADILLA.

Herbert Lane spent Sunday with his parents.
 Saturday evening the Lyceum will discuss the question: Resolved, That morality increases with civilization.

The Unadilla debating society will give an oyster supper at the hall New Years eve. A literary program is being prepared. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerick, the evangelists who have been here for some time conducting a series of meetings, will hold their last meeting Thursday evening.

WATERLOO.

Clyde Quigley has returned home for the winter.

Archie Gorton called on friends in town last week.

George Beeman is in Ann Arbor serving as juror.

Thomas Wilkinson of Chelsea was in town Monday.

Mrs. John Hubbard is spending the week in Stockbridge.

Born, December 14, 1897, to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Moeckel, a daughter.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Jane Cooper Thursday of this week.

The burial of Mrs. Anson Croman took place at the village cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Homer Miers celebrated his twelfth birthday with a party of boys and girls, Friday. All had a merry time.

Our new school house is now completed and school commenced Monday with DeWitt Squires of Rem as teacher.

The Lutheran Sunday-school will have a Christmas tree and an entertainment in the church Christmas eve. A good time is expected.

SYLVAN.

Miss Olive Conklin is suffering from la grippe.

Mrs. Delia Fisk is spending the winter at Three Rivers.

It is rumored that wedding bells will soon be heard here.

E. J. Beckwith and family spent Sunday with his parents.

News comes from Muncie, Ind., that Mrs. Clara Geiger is seriously ill.

Mrs. William Dancer of Lima is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Dancer.

Burleigh Whitaker is spending a few days at Leslie visiting his mother, Mrs. W. W. Yerby.

Mrs. Fred Gilbert and daughter Ada are spending a few days at Lima, with Mrs. Jas. Brown.

The social at the home of C. T. Conklin last Thursday night, was well attended. The receipts were over \$5.00.

Rev. Carl G. Zeidler gave a gospel sermon on "Come and See" at the Sylvan Union church last Sunday evening.

The stereopticon entertainment December 28, will be the best entertainment ever seen at this place. You will miss the chance of a life time if you fail to come.

FRANCISCO.

La grippe is making its yearly visit in this community.

Alonzo McCarter of Barry county is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Chas. Miller, a young man from this vicinity, is now quite ill in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. August Mensing of Chelsea, spent Sunday with friends in the western part of the township.

The young lovers of out door sports who bought skates recently, are now complaining of the elements that destroyed skating.

Arrangements are now being made for a Christmas entertainment which will be held in the German M. E. church on Christmas eve.

A little innocent was complaining the other day that if it did not snow pretty soon, Santa Claus would have to hitch his rein-deers to a road wagon this year, and she was afraid that the reindeers might balk if hitched to a wagon.

Neither rain nor lack of moonshine will keep the enthusiastic members of the K. L. M. away from their meetings. Last Friday evening without regard to the above reverses, they gathered at the home of Miss Dorritt Hoppe. They finished reading Longfellow's "Courtship of Miles Standish." They will now take up Scott's "Lady of the Lake."

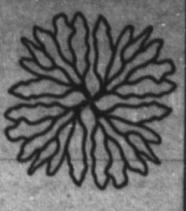
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Mrs. Martin Lynch of Grand Forks, N. D., and Mrs. E. M. King of Jackson are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Foeter.

Meadames J. C. Winans and A. Van Tyne spent several days of the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Youcum at Manchester.

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GEO. M. FULLER.

Quarterly meeting was held in the German M. E. church Sunday, December 12th. In the afternoon before Love Feast, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wuerfel was baptized by the presiding elder, Rev. Kern.

LIMA.

Remember your taxes are now due. G. Perry made a business trip to Ann Arbor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Boynton called at I. Storms' Sunday.

James Tallman was an Ypsilanti visitor last Thursday.

Misses Libbie and Adena Strieter called at home Sunday.

Mrs. Hiram Page is spending this week at Henry Wilson's.

Alvin Selleck took a "blue line sleeper" to Ann Arbor Saturday.

George and Fred Bareis and sister Carrie spent Sunday with their parents here.

Will Stocking, jr., of Ann Arbor, is making a two weeks' visit with his grandfather, Lewis Freer.

Our Epworth League is holding some very interesting meetings now, and its membership is steadily increasing. We were pleased to see a goodly number of Chelsea Epworthians at our last meeting, and will be glad to welcome them any time in the future.

One would think after attending church here that this community had contributed a large per cent of the 1,400 divorces granted in this state last year by the way the sexes divide and occupy opposite sides of the house. Whether through this cause or whether through custom or habit that this condition exists, it should certainly be discontinued.

Opening services were held at the church last Sunday, Rev. J. I. Nickerson officiating. The church was well filled and a very interesting and appropriate sermon was delivered. In its new attire, the interior of the house looks very neat and tidy, and is a credit to our community. It also shows that our people are desirous of religious services being held here. The society wish to express their heartfelt thanks to Mr. Nickerson for his service in helping them in making the improvements and for the interest he is taking in building up the kingdom of God in their midst.

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Christmas Greeting.

It may seem a little early to many of our readers to have The Standard extend the Christmas salutation this week, but as we wanted you to know that that event was coming, and in order to have you prepared, we have taken time by the forelock and announce it this week.

In pink coat and an enlarged interior, The Standard conveys to its readers this week the compliments of the season, and wishes them many happy returns of the same.

One of the ways in which the human family contributes to the holiday cheer is in the presentation of mementos to their friends. As it is impossible for all of the gifts to be fashioned at home our merchants have invested large sums in the purchase of goods of this character, and in this issue of The Standard they have taken increased space in which to tell you of the many beautiful holiday offerings that they have for sale. Our merchants are never behind at this season of the year, and you can cheer them by giving their proclamations due consideration, and we think that you will find the home stores a good place for investment.

Personal Mention

R. A. Snyder spent Tuesday at Grass Lake.

Rev. J. I. Nickerson spent Friday in Ypsilanti.

Dr. Chas. Rielly called on friends here this week.

Archie Clark of Ypsilanti spent Sunday at this place.

Miss Agnes Pratt of Dexter spent Saturday at this place.

Misses Eva and Ella Montague spent Sunday at Unadilla.

Miss Millicent Avery of Stockbridge spent Sunday here.

Miss Ella Purchase is visiting Ann Arbor friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Glazier are spending a week in Chicago.

Miss Ida A. Keusch was the guest of Ypsilanti friends last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Parker are spending a short time at Gregory.

Miss May Congdon of Dexter is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. G. E. Hathaway is entertaining Mrs. F. H. Davidson of Saline.

S. A. Mapes entertained his brother, S. C. Mapes of Plainfield Saturday.

Miss Blanche Cushman of Dexter was the guest of relatives here last week.

Mrs. Wm. Martin of Webster is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wurster.

Archie Miles and Harry Whitaker of Dexter were Chelsea visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Clark are spending several days of this week at Ann Arbor.

L. A. McDiarmid of Ann Arbor will spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Schenk.

Mrs. J. A. Cadwell of Pinckney was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Schenk, Sunday.

Charles Tarbell of Jackson was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Lehman Sunday.

V. G. Stover who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Irwin, has returned to Chicago.

Lewis Watkins of Grass Lake spent the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sweet of Stockbridge have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mapes.

Z. Spencer and two daughters of Fowlerville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Cummings Saturday.

H. M. Twamley was called to Ann Arbor this week by the dangerous illness of his sister, Mrs. Parshall.

Dixon Burchard of Milan was called here the first of the week by the death of his nephew, Delos Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Snyder and Miss Margaret Nickerson attended the Choral Union concert at Ann Arbor Friday.

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ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

BY R. E. YOUNG.

When the gate creaked that October night, Marion Hartley, wife of the unsuccessful author-playwright, was torturing her wits afresh for a way to secretly induce some theatrical manager to recognize her husband's genius. Her flush faded as she heard admitted a man with a slow voice and a deliberate step. Both were unpleasantly familiar.

"Good evening," he said, bowing studiously. Tall, broad and perfectly dressed, he possessed a face only spoiled by its expression. "Is he accessible? Ah, yes, I see his light in there. Afraid I must disturb his inspiration, then."

"Indeed? He is very busy," she simply said.

"Of course." He sat down. "Er—may I ask how the great play progresses?"

No answer. It had come back that morning for the fourth time—declined. She pretended to sew until the position grew unbearable and then rose



"Oh? There!" and tapped at the door of that inner room in which her husband spent more hours than she liked to total. No reply.

"Gilbert, dear, don't start," was whispered fearfully. "He is here again—that Mr. Mainwaring. What shall I—"

Why, he was not scribbling away feverishly. His head had fallen forward—

—asleep? When she touched him, he slowly roused to stare past her with eyes so dilated that she almost shrank.

"Gilbert, don't!" She was unconsciously on her knees now. "Oh, give it up, if it's killing you! I'll work, husband!"

"Oh? There! I was dreaming—my plot was just coming to me, and you— you disturb me so!" he said, putting her arms away. "If I lose grip of it this time, it—it—may mean madness! Marion, it was sublime! Only go away—do!"

He found his pen and started. A wed, apprehensive, too, she hung there as though hesitating whether to obey or snatch his precious manuscript away. Finally she stole out and stood guard at his door.

"My husband cannot see you to-night."

"Oh, very good, madam! Half this house was furnished with the £100 he coolly borrowed through me—before I knew, of course. Sympathy means forbearance. As you don't want it, I'll sell him up now!"

"You—you will not!" She ran and caught his arm. "I did not know it. I simply say—if you but knew how he has slaved and tried! Let me tell you something. Wait—and his play will be accepted. Yes! Tonight he has found his plot—the great idea he has missed for months. There!"

"Found his plot?" He stared incredulously, appearing to weigh the chances. "Bah! That was to have thrilled creation long ago. I will call once again next week, and then"— He went out without finishing it.

In a sort of stupor Marion sat down and waited—waited hour after hour. Then at last Gilbert came groping out, one hand pressed to his head, his face haggard, but ecstatic. Not even her white and hopeless face struck his attention.

"Done it!" he gasped. "I was coming to wake you. They—they say that every man is capable of one stroke of genius. Listen to this—but the room seems—why, Marion, I—I—"

The manuscript fell. She realized something and sprang forward. He had swayed and then toppled down.

Twelve hours later found him in the heat of unmistakable delirium. And the play! It was lying neglected upon his study desk. Weeks would pass, the bluff old doctor said, before his sanity could return. It meant that the home must vanish bit by bit—but what of that? Night and day she hovered over him. He had tried and failed. Only to save his reason! Then she would try herself.

In the first excitement she quite forgot Mainwaring, and his last veiled threat, until, precisely seven days after his previous visit, the girl informed her that that gentleman and a "friend" were waiting in the sitting room. Both frightened and desperate, she went down as far as the doorway.

"He is ill," she said, her face a study in supplication. "He knows nothing—perhaps never will again."

"There!" Mainwaring's teeth snapped. "What did I say? A planned affair! My friend here wants his money—or some equivalent. There is the agreement. I stay until I see your husband."

Marion managed to get "Then you must stay" past the lump in her throat. Then she ran back and locked the bedroom door.

"They've gone, ma'am," came through the keyhole at last. "They mumbled away for a time, and then they were suddenly quiet. I think they were frightened. They almost crept out."

Marion, sitting back from Gilbert's study, found temporary relief in a stream of tears.

The first gleam of sunshine came at the end of three awful weeks. Hartley, physically safe, could cross his bedroom. Only it terrified her to realize that he was but a living automaton. Six weeks,

and the mysterious stupor showed no signs of lifting. And when he crept down stairs again it was only to sit staring vacantly through the hours. And Christmas was close at hand—dear, joyous Christmas!

"It's most strange," said the doctor one day. "I've been thinking—what mild excitement would be likely to rouse him?"

"Oh, the theater—the play," she answered mechanically.

"Then take him. Here. There's a matinee advertised for tomorrow at the Jollity—some new and wonderful drama to be tried. The very thing!"

Gilbert, never seeming to wonder where the money came from, assented, and accordingly that next day, Christmas eve, found them both seated in the Jollity. If this failed—

The play commenced, but Marion herself had not come to be thrilled. Holding her husband's hand tightly, she sat stealthily watching for a sign of dawning comprehension. In vain. During the first and second acts his expression remained all but lifeless. Suddenly, however, Marion almost cried out. His thin fingers had been quivering. Now, half way through the last act, they closed upon her own cravily. The lights were low, but she could see his eyes dilating. Only too thankful that every one appeared engrossed by the play, she whisperingly implored:

"Try, try and keep calm dear! It's nearly over."

"My plot—my play!" he said. "You—you have let them steal my brains!"

For the moment she was stupefied. Then, "Nonsense, dear," she whispered back. "It is safe."

"My very words," he gasped, not heeding. "Let me go. I've been robbed, robbed! I'll shout it all over the city!"

Then, indeed, she stared and tried to realize the play, but he was struggling past. There would be a scene. So, holding his hand still, she followed him out into the corridor. Before she could prevent it he had gripped an attendant's shoulder.

"Your manager—at once!" he breathed. "Your manager!" he repeated, as a swell of applause drowned the man's reply.

"The manager? In that box over there. What name shall I say?"

"Gilbert Hartley—the author of this play!"

They followed him round winding corridors and up to the door of a box. Two gentlemen were just emerging laughingly when the white faced man and whiter faced woman barred their way.

"Not yet! I demand," said Gilbert, pointing, "the identity of the man who writes himself the author of that play."

"Why," said one coolly, "I happen to be the author. Anything amiss?"

"You!" Hartley, looking like one just risen from the grave, put out two working hands. "Come here! Look me in the face. I wrote it—almost as it stands. If my manuscript is gone, you—have stolen it."

The finale was at hand. The audience, little dreaming of that side drama, sat spellbound. Then—then a crazy, unmistakable cheering rose to the roof.

"Author! Author!" went up. The situation was critical, the manager stupefied.

The "author," with Marion's wife, pleading eyes upon him, hesitated. Then he blurted out:

"No fraud at all! I bought that manuscript in a crude state from a man who claimed to have produced it. There is nothing discreditable!"

"His name?"

"I—I cannot give it. He was here just now. Prove that he stole it, and I am willing to divide all!"

The cries for "Author" were growing deafening, when Marion gave that little scream of realization and said:

"He was here—Gilbert, look—Mainwaring! He came for his money that day! He stole the papers for spite, thinking you might never know! Deny that name if you can!" she finished breathlessly, staring into the other man's eyes.

"Madam, I can't." Swallowing a lump, he gripped Hartley's hand. "Sir, my reputation is at stake. I must appear with you as joint author, but I promise you two-thirds of all royalties."

The audience was upon its feet, staring about in wonderment when the curtain waved. Two men stood bowing in the footlight glow, and the foremost was Gilbert Hartley. Neither ventured a speech, and not a few people were puzzled afresh when next day a joint authorship was publicly announced, but the play itself was unanimously voted a thrilling success, and that was enough.

Enough—yes! Later that day, when the bells were pealing, Marion crept up behind her husband and placed a twisted sprig of holly upon his tired head.

"Laureled!" she whispered. "A little alliteration, dear—my king, my king, crowned on Christmas eve!"

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Assorted Crystallized Fruits 45c lb.

Lowney's New England Chocolate.

Choice Malaga Grapes 10c lb.

California Redland Navel Oranges at 30c and 40c per dozen.

1 lb boxes Fancy Bon Bons and Crystallized Fruits at 35c each.

1 lb box Choice Cream Bon Bons 20c.

PEANUT CRISP,

COCOANUT WAFERS,

WALNUT DATES,

VENETIAN CREAMS.

A fine line of Funkes celebrated Chocolate Candies. None are better. We put them up in assorted boxes. Ask to sample them.

Choice Chocolate Drops at 15c pound.

Fancy Late Home Cranberries

Valencia Shelled Almonds.

Large Ripe Juicy Apples at 35c peck.

Hothouse Lettuce

Jersey Sweet Potatoes.

Hubbard Squash.

Large Ripe Yellow Bananas.

Mixed Candies 6c pound.

Finest Canned Oysters in Town.

Try our **JAMORI COFFEE** for your Christmas Dinner. It will please your palate and help to cheer and make you merry.

Holly at 10c per pound.

Holly Wreathes at 20c each.

Pine Wreathing at 4c yard.

FREEMAN'S TABLE SUPPLY HOUSE.

'TIS STRANGE

BUT IT'S TRUE.

Commencing Friday morning, December 17 and continuing until Saturday night, December 31, we offer our entire stock of

FANCY CHINA,

LAMPS AND GLASSWARE

AT A

STRAIGHT 1-4 OFF

the regular plainly marked selling price. This sale will enable buyers to purchase Holiday presents at January prices; quick selling and small profits will be the results to us; make your selections early while the stock is complete and avoid the rush latter on.

SEE OUR WINDOWS.

Local Brevities

There are sixty-eight lawyers who belong to Washtenaw bar.

Ralph Freeman is back at work again after a severe siege of illness.

Rev. F. E. Arnold of Ypsanti will preach at the Baptist church Friday evening of this week.

The date of the farmers' institute has been changed to Monday and Tuesday, January 10 and 11.

Married on Tuesday, December 14, 1897, Mr. Anthony Neckel and Miss Fannie Hammond.

Mrs. T. W. Baldwin had the misfortune to slip and fall on Monday in such a manner as to break her collar bone.

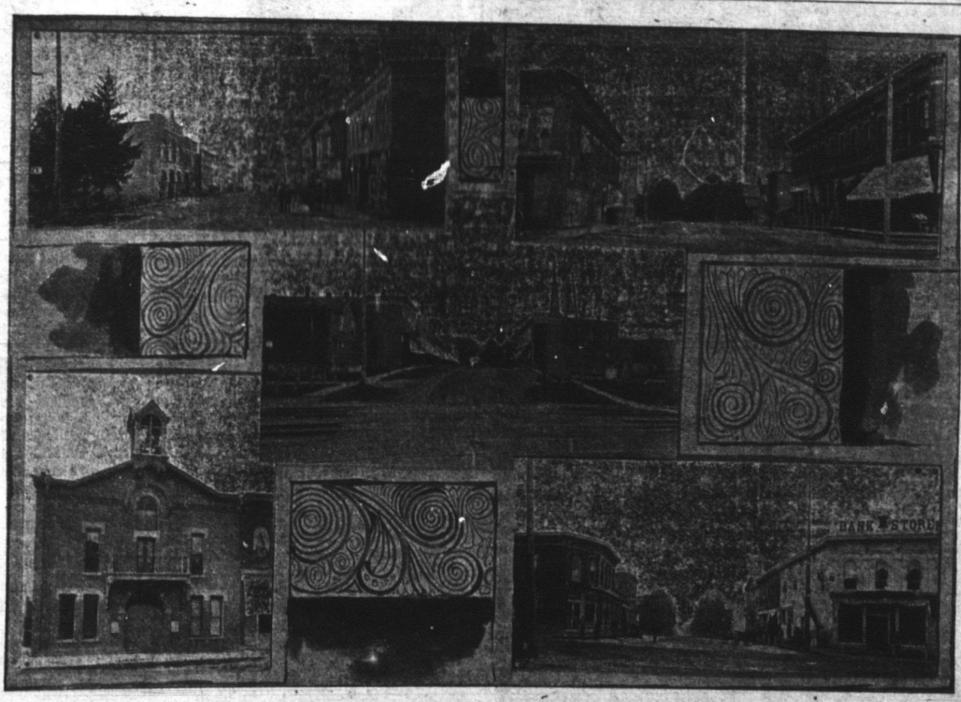
Miss Feldkamp and Miss Esther Kuhl of Freedom now occupy the Kaercher property on East Middle street.

Died on Saturday, December 11, 1897, at his home in Lima, Orrin Parker. Funeral services were held Tuesday.

Our merchants have trimmed up their windows with things suggestive of Christmas time and they present a very pretty appearance.

The sweetest Lemmon in town, according to the story that Lynn Lemmon tells, is at his home. It is a girl and was born Saturday, December 11, 1897.

We are pleased to learn that the Chelsea Gold Mining Company are meeting with great success in securing the number desired to go to the gold field in the spring. We understand they have secured nine of the fifteen wanted with \$1,000 each besides several applications for stock from small investors who can not go. With a boat equipped with all the necessary machinery, tools, clothing and provisions, together with the steam pumps, 2,000 feet of fire hose, two sand pumps for prospecting and working the beds of the streams, and the portable sawing rigging which the company propose taking, we can not see much chance for a failure and we think those who are fortunate enough to be able to join this company, are right in it.



MAIN STREET, LOOKING NORTH. TOWN HALL.

MAIN STREET, LOOKING SOUTH.

MIDDLE STREET, LOOKING EAST. MIDDLE STREET, LOOKING WEST.

A large number of extra copies of this issue of The Standard are being sent out this week to people, who are not regular subscribers, and we hope that they will find it such a good paper that they will come in at once and lay down a dollar for a year's subscription.

By special request of the ladies of Chelsea, Mrs. N. M. Moors will give another lecture at the Congregational church parlors, Monday, December 20th, at 2:30 p. m. Subject: The New Woman. Admission free.

D. H. Wurster is now able to be out after an illness of over a month's duration. He does not cast as large a shadow as he did some time ago.

Remember the Christmas cantata at the town hall, Christmas night.

The number of deaths in Michigan in November, according to returns made to the secretary of state, was 1,985, or 361 less than during the month of October. Consumption caused 198 deaths, typhoid fever 65, diphtheria and croup 75, pneumonia 176, diarrheal diseases of children 61.

The Elks' Minstrels from Ann Arbor will give an entertainment at the Chelsea opera house, Thursday evening (to-night). The members of the company are not all strangers to Chelsea audiences, and we predict a fine evening's entertainment for those who attend.

Miss Emma Schallemler, who was so seriously burned by gasoline two months ago, is slowly recovering, and is now able to go about her room.

Born on Friday, December 10, 1897, to Mr. and Mrs. Owen Murphy, a son.

The following are the officers of the Y. P. S. C. E. elected at the annual meeting held last week. Honorary president, Rev. J. S. Edmunds; president, Miss Kate Haarer; vice president, Miss Minnie Schumacher; secretary, Miss Mamie Drislane; assistant secretary, Miss Flossie Martin; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. J. Chandler; treasurer, Ralph Holmes.

The holiday buyers this season are spending more money than for several years past. This is gratifying to the merchants. On the other hand the merchants are offering goods at greatly reduced rates, some of the special sales being wonders in the way of knock-down prices. The merchants are determined that quick sales and small profits shall mark the return of prosperity. Both the people and the merchants are to be congratulated.—Washtenaw Times.

Adrian contains at least one young man who is dissatisfied with life. He hired a livery rig and drove to this place one day last week, intending to take back home with him a Chelsea girl for his bride. But, alas! how often are human calculations set aside as naught, and in the words of the poet, "things are not what they seem." The young woman had changed her mind. She said she loved another, and that life without him would be as dry as the desert of Sahara. The Adrian man did not spend much time in shaking the mud of Chelsea off his feet, and the last seen of him he was going south on Main street as fast as his team could carry him.

The new horns for the Glazier Stove Co. Band came last Saturday and the boys are much pleased with their tone and appearance. The band is now organized consists of eighteen pieces with Fred Fuller as leader, Claude Flagler, manager, Chas. Kaiser secretary, Fred Clark treasurer and Louis Burg, James Clark and Fred Fuller trustees. The boys wish to inform all the church societies that they will be glad to play at any social or entertainment given at any time. An invitation to the manager, Claude Flagler, is all that will be necessary to secure their attendance and music. The band expects to give out-door concerts once a week when the weather will permit, so the lovers of band music will have a chance to hear plenty of it, through Mr. Glazier's generosity.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Miss Helen Hepfer is quite ill.

Miss Lena Miller was missed from school Tuesday.

Miss McClaskie was absent from school Tuesday on account of illness.

One of the members of the senior English class was so interested in her lesson that she fell asleep.

The members of the Geometry class enjoyed a written test lesson for the month, Tuesday morning.

The pupils of the fourth grade have a fine collection of wood and stone in one of the windows of their room.

The oyster supper given by the seniors at the town hall last Friday evening, was very well attended, considering the disagreeable weather. It was fine weather for live oysters.

The meeting of the Teachers' Association which was held at the Chelsea High School Saturday last, was a grand success. The seniors gave a fine dinner at the opera house for the teachers from out of town.

Considerable reading matter that we had prepared for this issue was crowded out.

Chas. Paul has opened a blacksmith shop at Jerusalem, and is prepared to do horseshoeing and general blacksmithing in a first-class manner.

Great Music Offer.

Send us the names and addresses of three or more performers on the piano or organ together with ten cents in silver or postage and we will mail you sixteen pages full sheet music, consisting of popular songs, waltzes, marches, etc., arranged for the piano and organ. Address, Popular Music Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

Notice to Executors and Administrators.

As much trouble is caused in the settlement of estates, by executors and administrators forgetting or neglecting to pay the newspaper advertising before any final account can be heard in the probate court, a receipt in full of all advertising must be filed, and I ask the newspapers of the country to see that all advertising is paid for, before the affidavit or final account leaves the office.

Also in the future, all administrators and executors, before their final account is allowed, must file receipts in full from every heir and legatee, for their distributive shares of the estate. The statement in the final account that all heirs have been paid, will not be sufficient. H. WIRT NEWKIRK, Probate Judge.