

There's talking now of making Maine a winter resort. For Esquimaux?

It is only after a millionaire dies that one learns how many and what relations he had.

A sign a thin woman is popular: If her friends call her "fragile" instead of "skinny."

Whenever we see a man who says he is henpecked, we rather suspect that it's coming to him.

When two young people embark on the sea of matrimony one of them is pretty sure to rock the boat.

There are people in Russia whose sole object in life is to think up new kinds of trouble for the czar.

The name of the new chief of the Oseaga is Skink-kah-ha-he. And you can hardly say it for laughing.

No sooner is one report denied that King Leopold is losing his mind than it is announced that he has got married.

A California woman has adopted a district messenger boy, who will, no doubt, remind her of time—he's so different.

If the czar succeeds in raising that \$500,000,000 his next great problem will be to hide it where the grand dukes cannot get at it.

Gen. Ramon Caceres will now provide for Santo Domingo a permanent and stable government, lasting for at least several weeks.

It is unnecessary to add that the Chicago attorney who wants to regulate marriage has no intention of getting married himself.

In London society they are discussing the question: "What is propriety?" What does London society know about propriety?

In France the assembly elects the president. This saves the necessity of candidates buying cigars for the common, everyday voters.

Chicago announces that she is going to have the biggest hotel in the world. There are people who are compelled to stay in Chicago over night.

It is a mistake to give your wife a million dollars to be good to you. When she has got the million she doesn't have to be good to you.

Secretary Taft has succeeded in reducing his weight twenty-nine pounds by vigorous horseback riding. The condition of the horse is not reported.

President Hadley of Yale says that there are too many teachers in this country, and that they get too little pay. It's the same with newspaper men.

Pittsburg millionaires are now charged with bribery and corruption. Evidently the chorus girls haven't kept them so busy as has been supposed.

Somebody has asked for a receiver for the Interstate Telephone company of New Jersey. Sometimes it must be a good deal of fun to be a telephone receiver.

A Pittsburg doctor has fasted for thirty-seven days. If the air of Pittsburg were as full of nourishment as it is of soot, he could live forever without eating.

The bridegroom is usually the most depressing feature of the modern wedding," according to a woman's magazine. Also, he is generally the most depressed.

Lincoln Steffens says New York has "one of the best municipal regimes in the United States." This may be true, but it is severe on the other cities of the country.

Mark Twain thinks that chauffeurs should be called "mahouts." Pedestrians who are run down by scorching automobiles can think of much harder names than that to call them.

The big diamond found last year has now been appraised at \$45,000,000. Somebody will have to build a larger caravansary than any in existence for the hotel clerk who will wear that gem.

Was there no public-spirited millionaire novelist to save the sacred home of Mrs. Wiggs from the possession of a saloonkeeper? Where were Mr. Ade, Mr. George McCutcheon, Mr. Churchill?

Mr. Chambers, the American cornetist, is to be paid \$1,500 a week, without board, for tooting in Paris. We would like to start a subscription—to scare up any old sum that would buy off a few other cornetists from tooting.

What's the use being a victorious hero, anyway? Field Marshal Oyama's name isn't appearing in the headlines any oftener than Gen. Stoessel's, and we have forgotten for the moment who the Jap fellow was that Port Arthur was surrendered to.

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS

THE FIENDISH PLAN OF A RECLUSE TO DESTROY NEIGHBORS.

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SUICIDES WITH SPECTACULAR EFFECTS, LEAVING FORTUNE TO WOMAN NURSE.

Hermit Suicides.

Thwarted in his fiendish plan to blow to eternity those who undertook to learn the cause of his mysterious disappearance, old Jim Thompson, the rich hermit, who has lived the life of a recluse for the past twenty years in the sand hills, near Lake station, Indiana City, stole into his deserted barn, set fire to the building and then committed suicide by shooting himself.

Three months ago Thompson, who for years had terrified the vicinity about his home by acts of devilry, prepared a plan to blow to atoms some of his inquisitive neighbors. Securing several hundred pounds of dynamite, he placed the same in his house and barn and by means of wires, strings and weights, constructed a machine which would explode the dynamite when the doors or windows were opened. He then disappeared from his home to await the result of his plan.

Falling to appear in Lake station for a week the officers of that place went to the hermit's home to make an investigation, it being feared that the old man was ill or dead. Precaution was used in approaching the cabin and, before trying the door, the officers thought best to view the interior through the windows. The sight that met their eyes made their blood run cold, for in the center of the room was the machine which was to deal destruction to the inquisitive. Further investigation revealed a similar machine in the barn.

After posting warning signs about the premises, the officers began the search for the old man, but he was not to be found.

Last Thursday night the barn on the hermit's farm burned to the ground. While the building was burning, several loud reports were heard from the center of it, which at that time was thought to be caused by exploding dynamite, but which later proved to be the explosion of cartridges in the revolver used by the old man in taking his life.

On the day of the fire search of the smoldering ruins revealed the charred remains of the hermit. Through the trunk of the body was a bullet hole and it is believed that the old man took his own life after firing his barn.

The entire fortune of the hermit was bequeathed to Mrs. Charles Thorn, an aged woman who had nursed Thompson through a serious illness several years ago.

The Alpena Murder.

"Peter J. Wood" is on trial in the circuit court, Alpena, for shooting his father-in-law, Peabody, and Chief of Police Jacob C. Fooker, who tried to arrest him the night of December 7. Wood married Miss Ada Peabody a year and a half ago after a week's acquaintance. The couple lived unhappily, their troubles culminating in the attempt of Wood to commit murder.

"Wood's" identity is a mystery. He drifted in from nobody knows where. It is known that his right name is not Peter J. Wood, but he steadfastly refuses to disclose his identity. On one arm is tattooed "J. J. J.", and he formerly possessed a discharge from the regular army bearing the name of James Julius Johnson, but he burned it just before the officers arrested him.

He claims to have a brother on a farm near Adrian. Wood is 25 years of age, and two fingers are missing from his right hand. He claims they were blown off by a rifle discharge in the Philippines.

"Wood's" plea will be insanity.

Oren's Task.

The employment of Horace M. Oren to defend the Galbraith law under which the tax commission recently reduced railroad taxes is considered a good stroke on the part of the commission, as the ex-attorney-general has always favored the law providing for equalizing between the general properties and the railroads. Also, he defended the state tax commission in the Detroit board of education case which resulted in setting aside the first assessment of railroad taxes because the board had attempted to equalize valuations. He is therefore well informed on the constitutional questions involved.

Rev. G. D. Smith, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church (colored), at Lansing, says his flock owe him \$100 on a salary of \$33 a month, and he's going to resign.

J. W. McGraw has purchased 3,000 acres of timber land, mostly from the state, in the southeastern part of Oscoda county and will cut the timber, estimated at between 6,000,000 and 8,000,000 feet. The land was bought principally for a sheep ranch and as soon as the timber is removed Mr. McGraw will begin stocking.

Floyd Unruh, of St. Joseph, who disappeared from his home last September and was mourned by his parents as dead, has been heard from in Panama, where he is working on a coast steamer.

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MICHIGAN ITEMS.

Berrien county will give the new primary law a test this year.

The River Rouge Savings bank has been authorized by Banking Commissioner Moore to transact business. It has \$25,000 capital.

Ira Delaney's 1-year-old daughter, of Romulus, found some medicine intended for her 9-year-old brother, and died after eating several pills.

William Leek, aged 62, of Alpena, a prosperous farmer, father of fourteen children, dropped dead as he was about to take a drink of milk.

Secret societies and unions were denounced by Fr. O'Brien, of Kalamazoo, who also said books used in the public schools are unfair to Catholics.

Camille Leonard, a popular Monroe teacher, was married to Frank Ver Straten, of Port Huron. The groom is well known in marine circles, and the money drawer.

Among the bequests in the will of Marshall Field was one for \$20,000 to a cousin, Miss Denice Field of Jackson, a sister of the well known dry goods merchant of Jackson.

The reports of nearly all the smaller life insurance companies for 1905 show increased premium receipts in Michigan, despite the life insurance scandals in New York.

Robert Decker, of Pontiac, who upon his release on probation after a conviction of stealing his mother's jewelry, was arrested on a charge of burglary, has been sentenced to Ionla for two and to five years.

During the past year Sheriff Albert A. Carroll, of Kent county, with 25 per cent more prisoners than during the previous year, has decreased the jail expenses \$6,000. "Just by watching the little things," he says.

Five houses were burglarized in Lansing Monday night by tramps, it is thought. At the home of Samuel Jarvis, Mrs. Jarvis rushed down stairs and had a tussle with one of the burglars. He broke away and escaped.

A megaphone has been placed in the pulpit of the First M. E. church, of Saginaw, and several Detroit friends of Rev. Gwyllim Griffith, the Welsh evangelist, hear his sermons each evening over the long distance telephone.

Ray Rendel, a young man employed at the Detroit Sulphite Fibre Co., Delray, and whose home is at Cohen, Mich., walked into the Detroit Sanitarium on Saturday, claiming of pain in the chest and head. He died Sunday morning.

A "horse-buyer" spent the day with Farmer Ray, near Vassar, and after having dinner and supper with the family said he guessed he'd stay all night. He then revealed the fact that he was John Ray, a son who had been away 13 years.

Walter A. Seiner became lost in a fog on Muskegon lake, and as he wandered over the ice he heard cries for help. He located their direction and found Chester Nicholson had fallen through and was drowning when he jumped in and rescued him.

Register of Deeds F. W. Wilson slipped on the courthouse steps at Traverse City and striking his head on a hip, lay unconscious for half an hour before being discovered. Only the day before County Clerk Robert Walker was taken with appendicitis.

Murderer Jim Hathaway, who escaped from Jackson prison and was captured in Detroit a few hours later, has been put at work in the trip-hammer shop of Withington & Cooley, the hardest work in the prison, and in sharp contrast to his easy work as a "trusty."

Five men of Battle Creek were bitten by a bulldog before the animal was killed. Dr. Vary has identified the animal, and on order of the state board of health, will send the brain and spinal cord to the laboratory at the U. of M. to determine if the dog had hydrophobia.

Wooden molds, apparently intended for making counterfeit money, have been placed in the prison "museum" at Jackson. It is said that they were found during the building of the new cell block, prisoners evidently having tried to turn out lead dollars. The effort was rather crude.

Burrell Tripp, of Allegan, was awarded \$169 against the Standard Oil Co. He brought suit in Justice Zick's court, alleging that that amount was due him as a rebate, oil being sold to the Grange store at 9 1/2 cents while he paid 10 cents a gallon. The trust representative will appeal the case.

The Durable Cement Butt Co., of Battle Creek, has been reorganized, with \$200,000 capital, with Cortland D. Camp, of the Great Lakes Shipbuilding firm, as president. Capitalists of New York and Pittsburg are back of the enterprise, and plants will be established throughout the United States.

Boston has come to Michigan for a large quantity of its favorite food—beans. From 20 to 25 carloads of beans are shipped from this state to Boston every week. Secretary F. E. Kelsey, of the Michigan Bean Jobbers' association, which held its midwinter meeting in Detroit, proudly told of Michigan's connection with hub culture.

Andrew Patterson, alleged wife deserter, who has been missing since November 27, apparently escapes punishment through novel technicalities. He was a former United States soldier in the Philippines, and in 1892 married Miss Dora Bradt in Port Huron. They recently moved to Sarnia, and there, it is alleged, the wife was deserted.

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WASHINGTON REPORTS

PUBLIC BUILDING BILLS WHICH RUN UP TO MILLIONS.

MICHIGAN COMES RIGHT UP TO THE FRONT FOR A LITTLE OVER TWO MILLIONS.

THE DIVISION MAY MAKE SMALL SHOW FOR THE STATE WHEN AMOUNT IS FIXED.

Public Buildings.

Now that the fight over the statehood bill is finished and the administration forces have won a decided victory it is being acknowledged that there will be a public building bill put through this session. It will be known as a modest bill, that is somewhere between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000, so the close friends of the speaker say. The chairman of the committee on public buildings puts it at about \$15,000,000.

So far there have been introduced 415 public building bills carrying the total appropriation of \$41,362,000. A bill appropriating \$15,000,000 would therefore take care of a little more than one-third of all that is asked for. Michigan members have up to date introduced 14 bills carrying an aggregate of \$2,435,439. If the state gets its proportion of the whole it would therefore carry off about \$900,000.

Michigan bills are as follows: Deby, addition to Detroit postoffice, \$350,000.

Townsend, enlargement Jackson postoffice, \$25,000.

For relief of D. M. Baker, F. W. C. Caly and H. V. C. Hart, committee, and to reimburse those who subscribed and paid for site for postoffice building at Adrian, \$10,439.

Ann Arbor postoffice, \$100,000. Hamilton, Niles postoffice, \$50,000. Gardner, Coldwater postoffice, \$50,000.

William Alden Smith, addition to Grand Rapids postoffice, \$750,000. S. W. Smith, Pontiac postoffice, \$100,000.

Addition to Flint postoffice, \$25,000. Fordney, Owosso postoffice, \$75,000. Loud, Alpena postoffice, \$100,000. Young, Ishpeming postoffice, \$100,000.

Two postoffice, \$100,000. Escanaba postoffice, \$100,000, also a bill to retain part of the site of old Fort Brady for a site for the postoffice at the Soo, but carrying no appropriation.

The committee on public buildings has not yet begun the consideration of these bills, but expects to get at them in about a week or 10 days and then it will be up to the members to put in their work pulling wires for a position on the omnibus bill the committee will bring in. Whatever the committee incorporates in the omnibus bill will go, and all the rest will remain out in the cold.

Stickney's Ridicule.

At the banquet of the Chicago real estate board, President A. B. Stickney of the Chicago & Great Western railroad ridiculed the proposed rate legislation by congress, as in no degree affecting rebates.

"When we reflect," he said, "that it requires over 2,000,000,000 of separate rates to make a schedule upon one commodity between all the railway stations of the United States, and as many more separate commodities, requiring, say, 24,000,000,000 rates to make a complete tariff, and that under the proposed law the commission can consider only one at a time, it is easy to see that it will take the commission a great many years."

He believed that the only way to do this was to discover the general principles of reasonable rates by providing a commission to investigate actual facts. After that a reasonable and just law might be passed.

"Learn To Shoot Well."

Encouragement of rifle practice among the men of the National Guard was the burden of an address by President Roosevelt to the delegates represented at the annual meeting of the Interstate Guard association.

"I want to see the average national guardsman know how to shoot well," he said. "I want to see that the young fellow who has been through the National Guard has received a training which will make him able to do his work in time of war if the need comes."

In a great industrial civilization such as ours we may just as well face the fact that there is a constant tendency to do away with, to eliminate those qualities which make a man a good soldier. It should be the steady object of every legislator, of every executive officer, and above all, of you gentlemen who have to do with the National Guard, to try to encourage those qualities, to try to counteract the tendency toward their elimination.

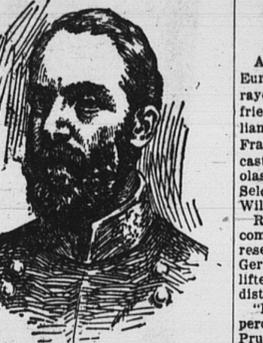
Justice John M. Tierney, of New York municipal court, has abolished the use of the Bible in his court. Explaining his action he said it was a desecration to use the Bible in the court, as the "lying words from the mouths of witnesses made its use a mockery."

A Spanish aeronaut named Duro has crossed the Pyrenees in a balloon. He ascended at Pau and descended at Gaudic, in Granada, covering about 500 miles in fourteen hours.

Rear Admiral Dunlap, commandant of the naval station at San Juan, P. R., under date of Monday, sent the following cablegram to the navy department regarding the drydock Dewey: Marshall Field, Ill., grandson, \$90,000,000; Henry Field, grandson, \$60,000,000; and Field Columbian museum, \$30,000,000, are the principal bequests in the will of the late Marshall Field just filed.

GENERAL WHEELER.

Gen. Joseph Wheeler, the famous confederate cavalry leader, and a brigadier-general of the United States army since the war with Spain, died Thursday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sterling Smith, in Brooklyn, N. Y. The veteran of two wars was 69 years old, but in spite of his age there was hope until yesterday of his recovery from the attack of pneumonia, which caused his death. Gen. Wheeler was taken ill six days previous at his sister's home, where he has been living recently. He contracted a severe cold, which developed into pleurisy and pneumonia. From the first his age told against him, but the family did not give up hope until last night, when the disease was found to have affected both lungs.



Major-General Joseph Wheeler. Gen. Wheeler's immediate relatives were all with him. His daughters, Mrs. W. J. Harris and the Misses Anne, Lucille and Carrie Wheeler, had been summoned from the south and arrived early in the week. His son, Maj. Joseph Wheeler, Jr., U. S. A., now stationed at West Point, was also present, as well as Gen. Wheeler's sister, Mrs. Sterling-Smith, and her son.

The Valencia Wreck.

Of the 154 persons on board the steamer Valencia when it was wrecked near Klanaway rock, five miles from Cape Beale, B. C., Monday night, only thirty-five have been saved. The dead number 120, the greatest loss of life in the north Pacific since the "Pacific" was lost in 1875.

Two life boats reached shore, one holding six and another nine survivors. Two life rafts were put afloat, holding twenty each, only one of which was saved with its human burden nearly dead from exposure. This raft was picked up six miles from the wreck by the City of Topeka.

The Valencia with its freight of human beings could not withstand the poundings of the sea, and during the night broke up, casting the victims against the rocky cliff but 150 feet distant, where all, numbering about 100, were dashed to death.

Not one woman or child was saved, although there were scores on board the ill-fated coast steamer.

Lake Naval Station.

Estimates of improvements necessary at the naval training station on the great lakes have been received at the navy department in a report from Capt. Albert Ross, U. S. N., who is commandant of the new station. He estimates an appropriation of \$700,000 for the next fiscal year with authority to enter into contracts for work to the amount of \$2,000,000. The general scheme provides for an administration building, four dormitories, mess hall, drill hall, instruction building, guard house and power house. These will be the main buildings; and in addition there are to be smaller structures and considerable work in the improvement of the grounds.

Hepburn Rate Bill.

Chairman Hepburn reported to the house his railroad rate bill with the favorable recommendation of the entire Republican and Democratic members of the Interstate and foreign commerce commission. The bill will come up in the house this week. It is made up from the nineteen bills which were before the committee and the information contained in five volumes of hearings before both senate and house committees.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Former President Cleveland denies that he is thinking of resigning as arbitrator of rebates for the New York insurance companies.

Twelve deaths from the cold resulted, Friday, in Mexico City, Central Mexico, and bonfires were kindled to relieve the suffering poor.

Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, and other Ohio mayors, have petitioned the legislature to curb the powers of the governor in cities. The new "lid" is not popular in Ohio.

King Peter of Serbia is practically a prisoner of those who were responsible for the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga at Belgrade. The finances of the country are in a bad way and friends of the king are alarmed for his future safety.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives, has been presented with a pair of white yarn socks by the "Counter Force" of Marshall, S. C. They match the gaiters and homespun suit, which were also presented to him by citizens of South Carolina.

"Later information from Maine gives position of drydock Dewey at midnight 20th inst. at latitude 28 degrees, longitude 44 degrees 6 minutes. Hooley reports Caesar buried seaman, dead of beriberi."

Mrs. Richard Duroscher, of Monroe, owes her life to a little fox terrier, the family pet. She was partially roused by him barking and jumping upon her face, could she muster enough energy to get up. The house was full of coal gas and as she started for the door she fell unconscious. The dog renewed his frantic barking until neighbors were aroused and investigated.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES

THE CZAR'S TOAST TO THE GERMAN EMPEROR SIGNIFICANT.

GERMAN-RUSSIAN ALLIANCE WILL RENDER TREATY WITH FRANCE USELESS.

ENGLISH ELECTIONS GIVE NEW PREMIER AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY.

"More Than Ally."

A new grouping of the powers of Europe with Germany and Russia arrayed side by side in the closest friendship, and the mis-matched alliance of the empire with republican France lagging in the rear, was forecasted by the words of Emperor Nicholas at a gala luncheon at Tsarsko-Selo Saturday, in honor of Emperor William's birthday.

Rising to his feet before a brilliant company of Russian and German representatives to propose a toast to the German emperor, Emperor Nicholas lifted his glass and said slowly and distinctly as if weighing every word: "I drink to the health of the emperor of Germany and the king of Prussia, my brother and very dear friend."

The phrases chosen were significant enough in themselves, the emperor in previous years having proposed the health of the emperor-kings without the qualifying expression of brotherhood and friendship, but turning to Herr von Schoen, the German ambassador, who was standing at his right, the emperor grasped him by the hand and is reported to have said: "Frere, c'est plus que alle." (Brother, that's more than ally.)

The Liberal Victory.

Except that the returns from nine constituencies have not been received, the general elections in the United Kingdom are ended.

The government coalition will have approximately 510 votes in the next parliament, this estimate including on the side of Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the nationalists and labor votes, with the concrete unionist minority of 100 on the opposition side.

The issues in the campaign brought forth by the liberals included an expensive war for which the people are still paying, a threatened rising of food prices, an unpopular educational system, an unprecedented number of unemployed and many other matters. General dissatisfaction with the unionists' 10 years of power was manifested.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman will enter the new parliament on Feb. 13 with the greatest majority ever given to an English premier.

Punishment of Castro.

The French cruisers Desaix and Jurien de la Graviere are at Willemstad, Curacao. It is stated, however, that any action by France against Venezuela at present is unlikely, for news has been received that a party in Venezuela is preparing a revolution for the overthrow of President Castro.

It is said that the revolutionists intend to seize Maracaibo and release the political prisoners.

It was stated that the foreign office at Washington would choose her own time for punishing Castro, at whose disposal she did not consider herself as regards the choice of the time and place for acting.

Appeal for Justice.

The Independent Oil Refiners of Kansas have mailed to James R. Garfield, commissioner of corporations, an appeal for justice against the alleged conspiracy between the Standard Oil Co. and the railroads to shut out Kansas oil out of the market of Kansas for those who will sign the appeal have invested more than \$1,000,000 in refineries, tank cars, storage tanks, wagons and barrels.

They claim that by reason of a conspiracy between the Standard Oil Co. and the railroad systems of the southwest, particularly the railroads operating in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Arkansas and the territories of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, they are limited to the state of Kansas for a market for their refined oil; that to all points outside of Kansas the freight rates on all the products of crude petroleum are unreasonably high and have been maintained at such rate for no other purpose than to confine business of the independent refineries to the state of Kansas.

The Extreme Penalty.

Capt. William Van Schalk, who was master of the excursion steamer General Slocum, was convicted Saturday by a jury in the United States circuit court of responsibility for the terrible catastrophe in which the vessel was burned and over a thousand persons were incinerated or drowned in the East river nearly 18 months ago. Fifteen minutes after the verdict was in, Judge Thomas had called Van Schalk to the bar and pronounced the extreme penalty provided by the federal statutes for the crime of which he stood convicted.

About two-thirds of the average human heart is occupied by self-love.

"Married" Cora Maynard, 20, to Marshall Noy, 72. Miss Maynard was a popular society girl. Noy is a hermit. Together they will live in seclusion. Friends of the bride are amazed. She has forbidden them to call.

Dr. Mary Walker, famous for her adoption of male attire, asserted before an Albany legislative committee that she knew of a case at Auburn prison where one negro was executed in place of another, condemned for murder. The assertion was made at a hearing on a bill to abolish the death penalty in New York state.

A LOCK CANAL.

A lock canal at a cost of \$147,000,000, and not more than eight years to build, or a sea level canal at a cost of about \$250,000,000 and from 12 to 15 years to build, were the two problems discussed Tuesday by the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals.

The lock type was favored by Chief Engineer John F. Stevens, in charge of the construction work on the isthmus of Panama, who was before the committee all day. Informal expressions of members of the committee favor Mr. Stevens' recommendations.

The examination of Mr. Stevens was conducted in executive session, as the committee had before it the majority and minority reports of the board of consulting engineers on the type of canal, which reports have not been acted upon by the isthmian canal commission nor by President Roosevelt.

The opinion was expressed by Mr. Stevens that a lock canal would supply all the needs of commerce and that practically the only argument that could be made in favor of the sea level type is in the time that would be saved in conveying ships from ocean to ocean.

The construction of a central lake, to receive the waters of the Chagres river, it is said, would permit steam vessels of the largest type to pass through the lake under their own power and thereby make up most of the time that would be lost in passing through locks.

Dowie's Plans for the Future.

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MICHIGAN CENTRAL. "The Niagara Falls Route." Time Card, taking effect, Jan. 7, 1906.

YPSI-ANN. D. Y. A. A. & J. RAILWAY. CHELSEA. EAST WEST. 6:30 a.m. Local 6:20 a.m. Local. 7:20 a.m. Local 7:50 a.m. Local.

NEWSY NUGGETS NEARBY NEIGHBORS

FARMERS' INSTITUTE. There will be a one-day Farmers' Institute at Stockbridge February 6th.

SOLID DELIVERY. Beginning February 1st Livingston county will have solid rural free delivery.

COUNTY INSTITUTE. A two-day farmers' county institute will be held at Howell, February 14-15.

WANTS MORE WATER. The common council of Manchester is discussing the feasibility of water works for that village.

TELEPHONE HOURS. The Gregory central telephone office hours on Sunday are from 9 to 10 a. m. and from 3:30 to 4:30 p. m.

RECEIVED APPOINTMENTS. Samuel Gaulkruger and Adelbert Bresler of Gregory have been appointed regular and substitute rural mail carriers.

IN DIFFICULTY. The buildings and tools of the Toledo Portland Cement Co. of Manchester, has been seized by a deputy sheriff to satisfy the claim of E. N. Pratt for labor.

WANTS TO REORGANIZE. The former members of the Anderson Farmers' Club wants to have the club reorganized and they will meet at the home of A. C. Wilson, on Saturday of this week and perfect an organization.

McKINLEY BANQUET. The McKinley club banquet will be held in the new Y. M. C. H. building in Adrian on the evening of February 12.

A WORLD BEATER. The Jackson papers claim that the largest baby boy in the world at the age of one year, is at Jackson, and the parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Carroll.

GONE TO OLD PEOPLE'S HOME. Conrad Trinkle, who for at least 20 years has made his home with the late Jacob Knapp in Freedom decided to spend his remaining years in the German Protestant Home for Orphans and Old Peoples' in Detroit.

Methusala was alright, you bet. For a good old soul was he. They say he would be living yet. Had he taken Rocky Mountain Tea. The Bank Drug Store.

Feel languid, weak, run-down? Headache? Stomach "off"? Just a plain case of lazy liver. Burdock Blood Bitters tones liver and stomach, promotes digestion, purifies the blood.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL) CHELSEA, MICH., January 24, 1906. Board met in special session. Meeting called to order by the president. Roll called by the clerk. Present, J. A. Palmer, president, and trustees Burkhardt, Eppler, Colton, Vogel and Sweetland. Absent, Knapp.

State of Michigan, County of Washtenaw, ss. Village of Chelsea. To O. C. Burkhardt, W. J. Knapp, A. Eppler, J. D. Colton, L. P. Vogel, and F. H. Sweetland, trustees of said village: Please take notice, that I hereby call a special meeting of the common council of the village of Chelsea to be held in the council room, on Wednesday, January 24, 1906, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of considering bills, and for the transaction of such other legal business as may come before the council. J. A. PALMER, President of the Village of Chelsea. Dated January 23, 1906.

State of Michigan, County of Washtenaw, ss. Village of Chelsea. Howard F. Brooks, marshal of said village, being duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 23rd day of January, 1906, before the hour of 12 o'clock of said day, served a true copy of above notice of special meeting of the council of said village upon all the persons therein named, by delivering personally a true copy of the same to each of the following named persons, viz: O. C. Burkhardt, W. J. Knapp, A. Eppler, J. D. Colton, L. P. Vogel and F. H. Sweetland, and at the same time notifying the persons with whom copies were left of the nature of the notice at least six hours before said 7:30 p. m. HOWARD F. BROOKS, Marshal of the Village of Chelsea.

The following bills were then read by the clerk: M. C. R. Co., freight on coal, etc., \$183.64. C. Hagdon, unloading coal, 17.00. Noah Ford, 21 hours with team, 7.35. Elliott McCarter, 54 hours labor, 8.10. Collins, Hahn & Dalsiel, 2 cars of coal, 70.49. L. Bagge, draying, 1.15. John Kelley, draying, 1.60. Chelsea Lumber & Produce Co., coal and labor, 46.03. Frank C. Teal, supplies and fixtures, 69.64. Sunday Creek Coal Co., 7 cars of coal, 192.50. Western Electric Co., 2000 carbons, 13.21. W. J. Knapp, supplies, 64.81. A. H. Schumacher, repairs, 4.00. Glazier Stove Co., castings, etc., 55.48. Simon Hirth, repairs, 5.25. Bacon Co-operative Co., supplies, 6.07. Israel Vogel, repairs on plant, 14.90. Holmes & Walker, supplies, 13.87. H. Horton, tap and supplies, 16.03. Wm. Bacon-Holmes Co., coal, lime, cement, etc., 338.68. L. T. Freeman, supplies, 2.67. Howard F. Brooks, monthly salary, 25.00. P. M. Boehm, " " 37.50. E. Bahnmiller, " " 25.00. Sam Trouton, " " 25.00. Roy Evans, " " 22.50. Anna Hoag, " " 9.00.

Moved by Vogel, seconded by Colton, that the bills be allowed as read and orders drawn on the treasurer for their amounts. Carried.

The communication of the W. C. T. U. was then read.

Moved by Barkhart, seconded by Eppler, that the communication be referred to the ordinance committee. Carried.

Moved by Vogel, seconded by Sweetland, that J. A. Kalmbach be granted permission to move his house up East street to Park, thence down Park to destination, with the understanding that the Village of Chelsea will not be held responsible for any damages that may occur during the time said house is in the street. Carried.

On motion, board adjourned.

W. H. HESSELBACH, Clerk.

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SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of school in district No. 7, Sylvan, for the month ending January. Attending every day Pauline and Elsie Koch, Hattie Knickerbocker, Ian and Roy Davidson, Bertilla, Arthur and Sylvester Weber, Thomas and Charlie Wortley, Zita, Joseph and Eddie Merkel. Standing 95, Sylvester Weber, Glenn Shutes; 90, Alma Sager, Hattie Knickerbocker, Bertilla Weber, Thomas Wortley; 85, Charlie Wortley and Pauline Koch; 80, Roy Davidson, Arthur Weber, Eddie Merkel and Zita Merkel.

The star spellers for the month are George Weber, Herbert and Paul Sager, Bonnie and Hattie Knickerbocker, Ian Davidson, Leon and Glenn Shutes, Carlisle and Thomas Wortley, Joseph and Zita Merkel, Alma Sager, Elsie and Pauline Koch, Bertilla Weber, Norma Laubengayer, Eddie Merkel and Arthur Weber. Mrs. Lucy Stephens, teacher.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured. 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 is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; also cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give one hundred dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, etc. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

One night last week a hungry man entered an Ann Arbor lunch room and devoured fourteen fried eggs, two Hamburg steaks, ten slices of bread, three glasses of milk, two glasses of water, three dishes of German fried potatoes, and two pieces of mince pie of which cost him \$1.25 in the coin of this country. Gee! What an appetite. The ordinary boarding house would go into bankruptcy with three or four boarders with this man's capacity.

Young people wanted to learn telegraphy, Railroads and telegraph companies need operators badly. A full course, six months' course at our school, tuition (telegraphy and typewriting) board and room, \$91; this can be reduced. Catalogue free. Doig's Institute, Monroe St., Valparaiso, Indiana. Apr. 1.

"I suffered habitually from constipation. Doan's Regulata relieved and strengthened the bowels, so that they have been regular ever since." A. E. Davis, grocer, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

The Standard-Herald can save money or you with their newspaper clubbing rates.

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Many people find that bad weather brings on a dull pain in the back, or rheumatic aching, neuralgia, nervousness, irritability, and weakness. If, when you get wet or take cold, it settles on the kidneys and there is a shivery, chilly sensation in the back it shows kidney weakness, which is often the beginning of disease. Doan's Kidney Pills should be used persistently until the chilly feeling is gone and the flow of urine is natural. Doan's Kidney Pills have saved many sufferers.

Charles Schott of 617 Fourth avenue, Ann Arbor, Mich., says: "There is no doubt in my mind as to the excellent properties and high merits of Doan's Kidney Pills, and I unhesitatingly recommend their use to any one requiring a remedy for the kidneys, believing they will always fulfill the claims made for them. From the result of a cold settling in my kidneys, I was for a long time troubled with a heavy, aching pain through my loins. At times it was so severe that I could scarcely bend and could hardly rest comfortably in any position. I noticed Doan's Kidney Pills recommended by parties who used them, so I procured a box, and took them. I used them but a very few days when the pain disappeared."

For sale by all dealers. Price, fifty cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

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Dragging Down Pains

are a symptom of the most serious trouble which can attack a woman, viz: falling of the womb. With this, generally, comes irregular and painful periods, weakening drains, backache, headache, nervousness, dizziness, irritability, tired feeling, etc. The cure is

WINE OF Cardui OF The Female Regulator

that wonderful, curative, vegetable extract, which exerts such a marvelous, strengthening influence, on all female organs. Cardui relieves pain and regulates the menses. It is a sure and permanent cure for all female complaints.

"I SUFFERED AWFUL PAIN in my womb and ovaries," writes Mrs. Naomi Baker, of Webster Grove, Mo., "also in my right and left sides, and my menses were very painful and irregular. Since taking Cardui I feel like a new woman and do not suffer as I did. It is the best medicine I ever took."

At all druggists and dealers in \$1.00 bottles.

MORTGAGE SALE. DEFAULT Having been made in the condition of a certain mortgage made by The Ann Arbor Brewing Company, a corporation, to The Farmers and Mechanics Bank, also a corporation, dated the seventh day of December, A. D. 1903, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, on the third day of December, A. D. 1903, in Liber 127 of Mortgages, on page 354, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, the principal and interest the sum of Five hundred and sixty-three Dollars, and an Attorney's fee of Thirty-five Dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in that behalf made and provided, on Monday, the ninth day of April, A. D. 1906, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the south front door of the Court House in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Washtenaw is held, sell at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid, and all legal costs, together with said Attorney's fee, to-wit: All those certain pieces of parcels of land, situated and being in the City of Ann Arbor in the County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, and designated as follows: Beginning at a point on said street north of the north line of block six (6), five chains and seventy-seven links to Traver's line; thence south on Traver's line three chains and twenty-five links to Traver's line; thence westerly at right angles with Broadway way two chains to the north line of block six; thence westerly on said line of block six to within two chains of Traver street; thence north parallel to Traver street, containing two acres of land, more or less; and the right of entering upon said premises owned by Andrew Newland lying north of and adjoining the above described premises and constructing and repairing any aqueduct for the conveyance of water from any spring thereon to the above granted piece laying the same so low as not to obstruct tillage and also the right and privilege of taking the water from the above mentioned spring for the use of said aqueduct, provided the water so conveyed does not exceed one-half of the water which can be conveyed from such spring which privilege was granted by Dwight Kellogg to Labor Allen by deed dated January 2nd, 1845.

Dated, January 2nd, 1906. The Farmers and Mechanics Bank, Attorney for Mortgagee. By E. B. Norris, Business address, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Its Attorney.

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THE GREAT K&A TRAIN ROBBERY

BY PAUL LEICESTER FORD, Author of 'The Vanishing Staircase', etc.

CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

I looked a question, and she went on: "I have some worries, and then last night I saw you were all keeping some bad news from me, and so I couldn't sleep."

"Then we did wrong to make a mystery of it, Miss Cullen," I said, "for it really isn't anything to trouble about. Mr. Camp is simply taking legal steps to try to force me to deliver those letters to him."

"And can he succeed?"

"No."

"How will you stop him?"

"I don't know yet just what we shall do, but if worse comes to worse I will allow myself to be committed for contempt of court."

"What would they do with you?"

"Give me free board for a time."

"Not send you to prison?"

"Yes."

"Oh!" she cried, "that mustn't be. You must not make such a sacrifice for us."

"I'd do more than that for you," I said, and I couldn't help putting a little emphasis on the last word, though I knew I had no right to do it.

She understood me, and blushed rosy, even while she protested, "It is too much—"

"There's really no likelihood," I interrupted, "of my being able to assume a martyr's crown, Miss Cullen; so don't begin to pity me till I'm behind the bars."

"But I can't bear to think—"

"Don't," I interrupted again, rejoicing all the time at her evident anxiety, and blessing my stars for the luck they had brought me. "Why, Miss Cullen," I went on, "I've become so interested in your success and the licking of those fellows that I really think I'd stand about anything rather than that they should win. Yesterday when Mr. Camp threatened to—"

"Then I stopped, as it suddenly occurred to me that it was best not to tell Madge that I might lose my position, for it would look like a kind of bid for her favor, and, besides, would only add to her worries."

"Threatened what?" asked Miss Cullen.

"Threatened to lose his temper," I answered.

"You know that wasn't what you were going to say," Madge said reproachfully.

"No, it wasn't," I laughed.

"Then what was it?"

"Nothing worth speaking about."

"But I want to know what he threatened."

"Really, Miss Cullen," I began; but she interrupted me by saying anxiously:

"He can't hurt papa, can he?"

"No," I replied.

"Or my brothers?"

"He can't touch any of them without my help. And he'll have work to get that, I suspect."

"Then why can't you tell me?" demanded Miss Cullen. "Your refusal makes me think you are keeping back some danger to them."

"Why, Miss Cullen," I said, "I didn't like to tell his threat, because it seemed—well, I may be wrong, but I thought it might look like an attempt—an appeal— Oh, pshaw!"

"It must be breakfast time," I faltered, like a donkey—"I can't say it as I want to put it."

"Then tell me right out what he threatened," begged Madge.

"He threatened to get me discharged."

That made Madge look very sober, and for a moment there was silence. Then she said:

"I never thought of what you were risking to help us, Mr. Gordon. And I'm afraid it's too late to—"

"Don't worry about me," I hastened to interject. "I'm a long way from being discharged, and, even if I should be, Miss Cullen, I know my business, and it won't be long before I have another place."

"But it's terrible to think of the injury you may have caused you," sighed Madge, sadly. "It makes me hate the thought of money."

"That's a very poor thing to hate," I said, "except the lack of it."

"Are you so anxious to get rich?" asked Madge, looking up at me quickly, as we walked—for we had been pacing up and down the platform during our chat.

"I haven't been (till lately)." "And what made you change?" she questioned

"Well," I said, fishing round for some reason other than the true one, "perhaps I want to take a rest."

"You are the worst man for fibs I ever knew," she laughed.

I felt myself getting red, while I exclaimed, "Why, Miss Cullen, I never set up for a George Washington, but I don't think I'm a bit worse liar than nine men in—"

"Oh!" she cried, interrupting me. "I didn't mean that way. I meant that when you try to fib you always do it so badly that one sees right through you. Now, acknowledge that you wouldn't stop work if you could?"

"Well, no, I wouldn't," I owned up.

"The truth is, Miss Cullen, that I'd like to be rich, because—well, hang it, I don't care if I do say it—because I'm in love."

Madge laughed at my confusion, and asked, "With money?"

"No," I said. "With just the nicest, sweetest, prettiest girl in the world."

Madge took a look at me out of the corner of her eye, and remarked, "It must be breakfast time."

Considering that it was about six-thirty, I wanted to ask who was telling a taradiddle now; but I resisted the temptation and replied:

"No. And I promise not to bother you about my private affairs any more."

Madge laughed again merrily, saying, "You are the most obvious man I ever met. Now why do you say that?"

"I thought you were making breakfast an excuse," I said, "because you didn't like the subject."

"Yes, I was," said Madge frankly. "Tell me about the girl you are engaged to."

I was so taken aback that I stopped in my walk, and merely looked at her. "For instance," she asked coolly, when she saw that I was speechless, "what does she look like?"

"Like, like—" I stammered, still embarrassed by this bold carrying of the war into my own camp—"like an angel."

"Oh," said Madge, eagerly. "I've always wanted to know what angels were like. Describe her to me."

"Well," I said, getting my second wind, so to speak, "she has the bluest eyes I've ever seen. Why, Miss Cullen, you said you'd never seen anything so blue as the sky yesterday; but even the atmosphere of 'rainless Arizona' has to take a back seat when her eyes are around. And they are just like the atmosphere out here. You can look into them for a hundred miles, but you can't get to the bottom."

"The Arizona sky is wonderful," said Madge. "How do the scientists account for it?"

I wasn't going to have my description of Miss Cullen side-tracked, for, since she had given me the chance, I wanted her to know just what I thought of her. Therefore I didn't follow lead on the Arizona skies, but went on:

"And I really think her hair is just as beautiful as her eyes. It's light brown, very curly, and—"

"Her complexion!" Madge exclaimed. "Is she a mulatto? And, if so, how can a complexion be curly?"

"Her complexion," I said, not a bit rattled, "is another great beauty of hers. She has one of those skins—"

"Furs are out of fashion at present," she interjected, laughing wickedly.

"Now look here, Miss Cullen," I cried, indignantly, "I'm not going to let even you make fun of her."

"I can't help it," she laughed, "when you look so serious and intense."

"It's something I feel intense about, Miss Cullen," I said, not a little pained, I confess, at the way she was joking. I didn't mind a bit being laughed at, but Miss Cullen knew, about as well as I, whom I was talking about, and it seemed to me she was laughing at my love for her. Under this impression I went on: "I suppose it is funny to you; probably so many men have been in love with you that a man's love for a woman has come to mean very little in your eyes. But out here we don't make a joke of love and when we care for a woman we care—well, it's not to be put in words, Miss Cullen."

"I really didn't mean to hurt your feelings, Mr. Gordon," said Madge gently, and quite serious now. "I ought not to have tried to tease you."

"There!" I said, my irritation entirely gone. "I had no right to lose my temper, and I'm sorry I spoke so unkindly. The truth is, Miss Cullen, the girl I care for is in love with another man, and so I'm bitter and ill-natured in these days."

My companion stopped walking at the steps of 218, and asked, "Has she told you so?"

"No," I answered. "But it's as plain as she's pretty."

Madge ran up the steps and opened the door of the car. As she turned to close it, she looked down at me with the oddest of expressions, and said:

"How dreadfully ugly she must be!"

CHAPTER X.

Waiting for Help.

If ever a fellow was bewildered by a single speech, it was Richard Gordon. I walked up and down that platform till I was called to breakfast, trying to decide what Miss Cullen had meant to express, only to succeed

in reading fifty different meanings into her parting six words. I wanted to think that it was her way of suggesting that I deceived myself in thinking that there was anything between Lord Ralles and herself; but, though I wished to believe this, I had seen too much to the contrary to take stock in the idea. Yet I couldn't believe Madge was a coquette; I became angry and hot with myself for even thinking it for a moment.

Puzzle as I did over the words, I managed to eat a good breakfast, and then went into the Cullen's car and electrified the party by telling them of Camp's and Fred's dispatches, and how I had come to overhear the former. Mr. Cullen and Albert couldn't say enough about my cleverness in what had really been pure luck, and seemed to think I had sat up all night in order to hear that telegram. The person for whose opinion I cared the most—Miss Cullen—didn't say anything, but she gave me a look that set my heart beating like a trip-hammer and made me put the most hopeful construction on that speech of hers. It seemed impossible that she didn't care for Lord Ralles, and that she might care for me; but, after having had no hope whatsoever, the smallest crumb of a chance nearly lifted me off my feet.

We had a consultation over what was best to be done, but didn't reach



"Has she told you so?" any definite conclusion till the station agent brought me a telegram from the postmaster-general. Breaking it open, I read aloud:

"Do not allow service of writ, and retain possession of letters according to prior instructions. At the request of this department, the Secretary of War has directed the commanding officer at Fort Whipple to furnish you with military protection, and you will call upon him at once, if in your judgment it is necessary. On no account surrender United States property to Territorial authorities. Keep Department notified."

(To be continued.)

TOWN ENTIRELY TOO HEALTHY

Nothing Doing in Sober Man's Line in Pineville.

"Pineville, O.," asks the man with the sober clothes. "I should say I have heard of that place. I was in business—or tried to be in business—there for a year. That town is the healthiest place I ever knew."

"Is that so?" we ask, with interest.

"Yes, I'm an undertaker, you see. I went there and opened an establishment on learning that there was no undertaker in the town. I didn't get a bit of business, and along in the summer I started out to pick blackberries for a living. They made me quit. They wouldn't even permit any blackberrying."

We smile wanly.

"And that wasn't the strangest part. I didn't move out until after a man who had tried to operate a cleaning and coloring shop closed his doors and failed."

"What had that to do with—"

"Was there any chance for an undertaker in a town where there could be no dyeing of any kind?"

Lesson for Boy.

A small West Side boy, who was laboriously putting up a shelf for his mother in the back yard the other day, received a free lesson in the proper way of putting in screws from a carpenter who happened to be passing along the alley. The boy was fastening the brackets to the fence by holding each screw against the wood and turning it until he had dug a hole deep enough for the screw to bite. The carpenter took one of the screws, held it in position, and gave it two or three sharp taps with a hammer, just as if it was a nail. This gave it a good start and the rest was easy. Then, as a further lesson in time and labor saving, the knight of the saw and plane took all the remaining screws and drew them into position, one after the other before beginning to use the screw driver. The boy forgot to say "thank you," but he looked as though he had learned something.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

One Serious Fault.

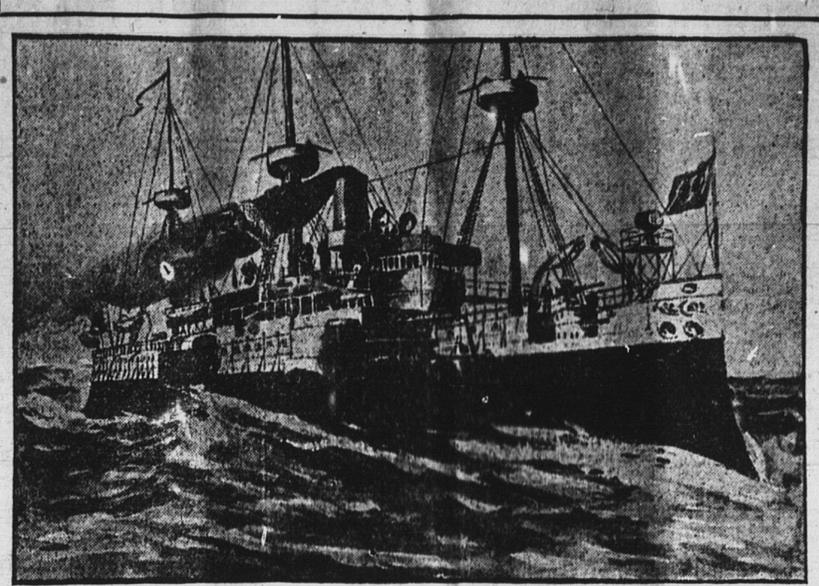
"We specialize in this age," said Richard Mansfield at a dinner. "Each of us confines himself to one thing, studies out that one thing's last detail and thus comes nearer to perfection than was possible in the past."

"Let me illustrate the unexpected and amazing attention to detail that abounds in modern life."

"A friend of mine is a clergyman. Recently a new pulpit was placed in his church. Meeting him a few days after the pulpit's installation I asked him how he liked it."

"Not at all," said he. "It hides too much of the figure and I like every shake of the surplice to tell."

Brazilian Warship Recently Destroyed



The Aquidaban, sunk by the explosion of its magazine at Jacarepagua, seventeen miles southwest of Rio de Janeiro, was a duplicate of the ill-fated Maine of the United States navy, except in size and in details of gun equipment and boilers. The disaster, the cause of which has not been

NEW AFRICAN RAILROAD LINE.

Will Traverse Country Capable of Great Development.

To the Red sea, not in Pharaoh's chariots, but in steam cars, is what the people are to do early in the new year. Most of the constructive material and locomotives have been sent from Glasgow. The line extends from Saoukim, the present sea terminus, 332 miles into the interior, traversing first northward and then ascending the plateau 3,000 feet high, which runs parallel with the coast. Stretching fifty miles across the waterless waste of desert it reaches the Athara river, twenty miles below its confluence with the Nile. Skirting the river it ultimately joins the Khar-tum-Wady-Halfa railway north of the Athara bridge.

The new line will cost about \$10,000,000 and will include extensive bridge works. Saoukim may cease to be a great port, as the new terminus, now known as Port Soudan, forty-five miles north of Saoukim, already has developed greatly and has a population of 2,000. The country traversed is capable of great development.

Cheap Tax Dodgers in New York.

There are fifty demigods of wealth who keep domiciles along Fifth avenue at least six months in the year, yet when the taxman comes around they sneak out of their obligations by claiming residence in Newport or Virginia or on Long Island. This year the evasion of taxes by millionaires has been particularly scandalous. The worst part of it all is that these persons get the greatest benefit from police protection for their properties; they are enabled to evade jury service; they vote and are altogether a poor lot of citizens, judged by the best standards of good citizenship. Yet when a poor devil who may happen to own a piano grumbles about personal property taxes they call him an anarchist.

Of the 120 boxholders in the Metropolitan Opera house only six pay taxes on a valuation of \$100,000. The whole business is a cheap, unpatriotic swindle fit to stand with the insurance frauds and certainly deserving to fall with them.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Balfour, Rarely Loses Temper.

Mr. Balfour, the British statesman, who, with his party, has gone down to defeat, has marvelous self-control and never was known to be even ruffled by the bores who continually harass public men. One evening when he was being terribly "heckled" at a public meeting in Manchester a sympathizer called out: "Don't lose your temper." Mr. Balfour smiled easily as he replied: "I have lost many things in my time, but I never lost my temper." Even on the golf links he does not rise to the mildest profanity at a streak of bad luck.

Churches to Honor Lincoln.

The American Missionary Association is issuing an appeal to Congregational churches to observe Sunday, Feb. 11, in recognition of the ninety-seventh birthday of Abraham Lincoln. The association expects that the Methodist denomination will unite in the observance of the day. It appeals to other denominations to do likewise. Rev. Dr. C. J. Ryder, corresponding secretary of the association, is in communication with Grand Army posts, literary societies and many patriotic organizations to join in the celebration.

Casts of Sculptures.

Owing to the mutilation of a valuable antique head of Minerva, presented in 1860 by the composer Halévy to the Beaux Arts, a proposal to have casts made from all important sculptures in France belonging to the present state has been made. In the present instance the nose has been knocked off and the head so damaged that repairs are out of the question. The possession of perfect casts of all the statues in the Louvre would at least minimize the loss in case of fire.

SCIENTISTS HAVE NEW SCHEME.

Aim to Utilize Forces of Atmospheric Electricity.

Franklin's bolt never has been snatched from the skies and harnessed in human service. But M. A. Breydel, a Frenchman, thinks it should. Experiments of the atmosphere have proved that large differences of potential exist in it at points not widely separated. It has been found that a difference of potential of 100 volts per meter has been measured, and even values as high as 300 volts. A conductor might be placed with its ends at two points where the difference of potential is 10,000; or under favorable conditions it might reach 30,000 volts. There should be some means of utilizing these enormous forces of atmospheric electricity. It is suggested that a possible method of collecting the energy would be to send up balloons surrounded with a network of conductors. It is thought that by means of a transmission line carried up a mountain so as to give a difference in latitude of about 800 meters between the upper and lower ends, that this should make available a potential of from 10,000 to 30,000 volts. Remains the question how this high tension is to be converted to pressure suitable for commerce.

AUSTRALIA A COTTON COUNTRY.

Preparations Made to Undertake Growth on Large Scale.

Australians are expecting to be cotton growers. The suitability of soil and climate for cotton growing in the greater part of Queensland, northern West Australia, and the vast northern territory of South Australia has long been placed beyond dispute, but the paucity of population, apart from other considerations, hitherto has been an obstacle to the development of cotton growing. In the northern territory the cotton plant has diffused itself without man's help, and may almost be regarded as a part of the North Australia flora, no less than seven out of the eight known species flourishing there. Some years ago a cotton mill was established in Queensland, but failed for want of capital, low prices, and lack of experience. This discouraged the farmers, who turned to dairy farming. Things are different now. The farmers have faith once more in cotton growing, and are ready to undertake it on large scales if assured of sufficient labor in packing season. It is said that an average farmer's family could work out an area of from five to ten acres, besides doing other farm work.

Great in Physical Contrast.

Two Illinois delegates to the miners' convention in Indianapolis have been called "the long and short of it." They are Steve Smith of Percy and Alexander Robertson of Murphysboro, both in the eleventh district. In his bare feet the former stands just 6 feet 6 inches, while Robertson measures up 4 feet 9½. The two are great friends and caused much amusement at the convention, being seen together constantly.

Fund to Lay Dormant Long.

In emulation of Benjamin Franklin Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston has donated \$1,000 to form a fund that is to accumulate interest for 100 years, to be then expended for purposes which will be in the opinion of the managers composing the board at that time best serve the interests of humanity.

Worthy Owner of Great Name.

The earl of Elgin has a name known half over the world. His father was plenipotentiary to China and a most successful viceroy of India; his grandfather was ambassador at Constantinople and collected the world-famous Elgin marbles. The present peer has been treasurer of the household, commissioner of works and finally a most tactful and popular viceroy of India. He was president of the royal commission which was appointed to report on the war in South Africa.

RUSSIAN INVENTION OF VALUE.

Uralite Makes an Excellent Fireproof Material.

In case of fire, get uralite, a comparatively new material and little known. It is usually supplied in flat, thin sheets of asbestos fiber, compacted with a mineral glue, probably a silicate solution. Hence it is an excellent fireproof material, and may be used for the panel filling of iron framed buildings or for partitions and doors, for it will not warp with heat. It is not affected by damp acids, or any other ordinary destructive agency, and is, moreover, easily rendered water-proof by means of paint, and may be used for the roofing of factories, etc. It also is a good non-conductor of heat, and so is suitable for pipe covering and cold storage work. It is easily sawed to shape, and generally presents itself as a light and safe construction material. A Russian is said to have invented it, and has made it both in a hard and soft variety, in sizes up to six feet by three feet, and from a sixteenth of an inch upward. When one-eighth inch thick it weighs 9½ ounces per square foot in the soft variety. The hard variety seven-sixty-fours of an inch thick weighs 11½ ounces per square foot.

Japanese Surgeon to Lecture.

Baron Takaki, surgeon general of the Japanese navy, has arrived in San Francisco and will proceed to the Atlantic coast. He will deliver at Columbia college, New York, and Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, a series of lectures on military sanitation. His son is studying finance and commerce in the University of Pennsylvania. The baron is credited with having arranged the admirable hospital methods which were so conspicuous in the war with Russia. He discovered a method of preventing beri-beri many years ago.

Usefulness of Congressman.

Congressman Olmsted of Pennsylvania, expresses this opinion: "It takes a man about four terms in the house to familiarize himself with his office. A district that intends keeping a man in Washington for only two terms might almost as well send a clerk here, because the member never learns more than the performance of the routine duties before he is called upon to give up his office to another, who will go in the same way."

Income \$1,000,000 a Week.

Albert Beit, the South African mining king, is said to be richer even than Rockefeller. Half the mines in South Africa belong to him, including the fabulous wealth of Kimberly's diamond output. The aggregate of his wealth can not be stated, but a rough estimate places it at \$1,000,000,000. His yearly income is \$2,500,000, which means that he gets \$100 every minute of his life, or, to put it another way, \$1,000,000 a week.

Veteran Southern Statesman.

Judge Andrew J. Harlan of Savannah, Mo., 91 years old and a contemporary of Clay, Webster, Calhoun and Benton, has been in Washington endeavoring to secure the appointment of his granddaughter as postmistress of Savannah. Judge Harlan was elected to the thirty-first congress in 1848. Until California was admitted to the union he was the youngest member in the house of representatives.

Production of Coal.

The world's production of coal in 1880 was 370,000,000 tons, and the United States furnished 20 per cent of the whole. In 1890 the share of this country was 28 per cent of the world's total of 563,000,000 tons, and in 1900 it had risen to 32 per cent of 846,000,000 tons. For the present year the world's output will exceed 1,000,000 tons, of which this country will produce 39 per cent. The United States this year has mined more coal than was produced in the world in 1880.



Pekin Ducks.

The Pekin ducks take the lead over all other ducks, first, on account of their rapid growth. If they are properly cared for they can be made to weigh five pounds at ten weeks old, and can be marketed when prices are the highest. Second, on account of their strong, healthy frames and long bodies there is never anything amiss with them. They should have plenty of water to drink, but do not need any to swim in. Care should be taken that they always have plenty of sharp grit where they can get it. I usually keep a box of grit in their drinking dishes.

Here in the west ducks are not mated until about February 1st, but the eastern breeders have large flocks of young ducks by that time. They raise them for the New York and Boston markets, where the people have had their taste educated to like green duck. The people of Chicago have not yet reached the point where they are willing to pay eastern prices for green duck.

I try to have my ducks begin laying in February. Most of the eggs first laid are not very fertile. To obviate this difficulty I generally set two ducks at a time. If part of the eggs are infertile, this can be found out by testing them, and the fertile eggs put in one incubator, if he is using incubators. February is not too early to commence incubation. My first feed is infertile eggs chopped fine with bread crumbs, to which is added a little chick grit. After about a week I take my cake, made from one-half shorts, one-half corn meal, which I feed about one week. I then take about one-third corn meal, one-third bran and one-third shorts, and use these for the feed. We cannot always get bran or shorts here. I have had drakes hatched about July 10th weigh ten pounds early in December.

There is no class of poultry so easily raised, nor is there anything in the animal kingdom that can be turned into money as quickly as ducks. They never have lice except head lice. We always put a little grease on their heads. Bees will kill ducks if they run where there is white clover. They will catch the bees and the latter will sting them in the throat. This causes suffocation. Ducks not yarded nights will run themselves to death moonlight nights.—Mrs. Charles Jones, Illinois.

How Far Can Fowls Be Shipped?

I have made many shipments of fowls to Australia and New Zealand, as well as to Germany, Argentine Republic, Honolulu and England, and have for some years covered North America with shipments practically every month in the year. I have found it almost without exception to be advisable to ship fowls if properly crated and under proper conditions to any part of the Globe, and believe that arrangements could be made to forward a pen of thrifty birds around the world, without any special detriment to them.

It is not advisable to ship eggs so great distances as will take more than seven or eight days to forward them. Conditions are all against them; though I have a customer who is anxious to try the shipping of a setting to Australia. It would take from thirty to sixty days to land them in his hands.

I have made repeated shipments of eggs from the very eastern part of Massachusetts as far west as Vancouver, and had my customer get as good results from them as though they were in the next state. I think that the above answer covers somewhat the radius of the territory which can be covered by one who advertises widely.

I am at the present time using a South African inventing medium and expect results from it. Shall have to state to you frankly that I have found in most instances that it is only the English speaking people who are ready to pay a price such as to make a satisfactory foreign trade, for the expense of shipping stock and to get a fair value for them is such that as yet the foreign speaking people are not ready to make many or liberal purchases, with the exception of Germany. One reason for this is, I think, that it takes poultry exhibitions to create a demand for fancy stock, and these, if conducted at all, are in a small way with other people than the English speaking.

I find it no more difficult to hold customers at a distance than those who are located near by, for with the mail order business the same as with a face to face trade, it is the satisfied customer who comes again.—Arthur G. Dutton, Middlesex Co., Mass.

The Use of Whitewash.

Whitewash cannot be used too frequently in the hen houses or is at least not likely to be. It is a great germicide and when disease germs and poultry lice are buried under it their course is finished. Whitewash has the virtue of filling up the unsightly places, and a rough board-hold more of it than a smooth one. Some men whitewash their poultry houses only once a year; some twice a year, but the man that gives a monthly application is taking one of the surest ways of protecting his flock against lice and disease.

If the cellar is to be used for fruit storage see that it is properly constructed or arranged to remain at a low temperature.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Austin Easterle was a Dexter visitor Friday.

Miss Bertha Schumacher was in Jackson Saturday.

Chauncey Freeman was a Jackson visitor Saturday night.

Chris Schneider and family spent Sunday with out-of-town friends.

Miss Emma Hoffstetter, of Royal Oak, is spending this week with her parents here.

Emmett Page, of Pontiac, was the guest of Chelsea relatives the first of the week.

Miss Emma Knapp, of Freedom, is a guest at the home of her uncle, W. J. Knapp.

Geo. B. Klink, of this place spent Sunday at the home of his parents in Manchester.

Miss Nellie Mingay, of Tecumseh, visited at the home of her parents here Sunday.

Ernest Lutz, of Bridgewater, spent part of last week the guest of Edward Easterle.

Miss Clara Abraham, of Jackson, spent the later part of the past week with her sister, Mrs. B. Steinbach.

Mrs. Mandus Merker and Miss Ruby Cushman visited at the home of L. Rodman at Dexter Tuesday.

Arthur R. Easterle, who is teaching school in Freedom spent Sunday with his parents, Peter Easterle and wife.

E. J. Feldkamp and family and M. L. Burkhardt and wife were Sunday the guests at the home of G. Feldkamp, of Freedom.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL EVENTS.

A. H. Kuhl, of Sharon, has made a contract with a Manchester firm for a fine monument that will be placed in his lot in St. John's cemetery, Freedom.

The second number of the lecture course will be given by Jas. Patton, at the Chelsea opera house, Thursday evening, February 22. Reserved seats on sale at Fenn & Vogel's.

A. Gehringer, of Freedom, who recently sold the farm on which he has been a resident for over forty years, has removed to Ann Arbor, where he will make his future home with his daughter.

John B. Fay, of Chicago, spent the first of the week with Chelsea friends. Mr. Fay was on his way to Europe, and as has been his custom stopped over in Chelsea to pay his Chelsea friends a visit.

W. H. Eisenmann, of Freedom, informs The Standard-Herald that he saw a streaked snake out, sunning, last Friday, and that his snakeship did not seem to be aware that this is supposed to be about midwinter.

A bunch of Elks from Ann Arbor were in Chelsea Monday evening and gave their Chelsea brothers a happy surprise. The last seen of the gentlemen they with their hand organ were headed for the electric waiting room playing "there will be a hot time in town tonight."

A. Claude Guerin, of Four Mile Lake, met with a painful accident at his home on Tuesday last. He was returning up-stairs from the furnace room below, when in some unaccountable manner he stumbled and fell backward, striking his head and inflicting an ugly scalp wound. Dr. Palmer dressed the injury.

The pedro social given at the Woodman hall last Friday evening for the benefit of the parochial school was well attended and ten dollars was added to the building fund. The three best players proved to have been the Misses Jennie Geddes, Mary Miller and Helen Burg in the order named, and each young lady was presented with a neat book as a reward for their skill.

A. A. Hall, of the Stockbridge Sun, has made arrangements with W. J. Wright to join him in the publication of that paper. Mr. Wright is a young man with considerable newspaper experience, and Mr. Hall promises that the publication will be decidedly improved. As the Sun has always been a neat paper the new partner has to take a rather large contract on his hands if he materially improves the present appearance of the paper.

Lafayette Grange will hold an open meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Easton, Wednesday, February 7, at 10 a. m. All who are interested in farm organizations are cordially invited. Mr. Easton will furnish conveyances to take those that take the 10:30 electric car. A good literary program is expected. All come prepared to answer roll call with a patriotic quotation. Question for discussion: "Direct Nominations, or Why and When Enroll." Discussion opened by Herman Fletcher.

Cheapest accident insurance—Dr. Thomas Electric Oil. Stops the pain and heals the wound. All druggists sell it.

COMMUNICATION.

Editor Chelsea Standard-Herald:

In order to correct any wrong impression in regard to the ownership of the Bank Drug Store, which may have been created in the minds of some of our citizens by the statements of certain Chelsea parties, and on the strength of whose statements the following was published in the Ann Arbor Times of January 26, I desire to have published in the Chelsea Standard-Herald that portion of the editorial referred to relating to the Bank Drug Store, and the retraction of same in the Times of January 29:

"To help make a farther show, there was a half page from the Chelsea drug store out of which Glazier, the real owner, fired one of the Stimson's not long since and, as Chelsea people say, installed a successor without so much as an inventory."

"Mr. L. T. Freeman of Chelsea called at the Times office this morning and gave indisputable proof of his ownership of the drug store in that village to which reference was made in these columns Friday last, and therefore this method is taken to correct any false impression which may have been created."

Respectfully yours,

L. T. FREEMAN.

CORRESPONDENCE

LIMA CENTER.

Chris Trinkley is building a new house.

A. Beach and wife were Ann Arbor visitors Wednesday.

Rev. A. B. Storms, of Ames, Iowa, was a visitor here Sunday.

Peter Fletcher has sold his farm to Albert Wedemeyer.

Mrs. A. Stedman, of Ann Arbor, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Fannie Ward.

A wagon load of young people spent Tuesday evening at Henry Luick's.

Addie Webb, of Chelsea, has hired out to Mrs. F. Ward for a year. Mr. and Mrs. Webb will occupy part of Mrs. Ward's house.

SYLVAN.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Levi Watkins a son.

A. L. Holden sr., was in Ann Arbor Wednesday.

Jacob Heselochwerdt is a guest at the home of John Bohnet.

Mrs. Clarence Gage spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. H. Mann.

Mrs. A. Huldou was the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. Harvey Tuesday.

Michael Heselochwerdt sr., had the misfortune to lose of his best horses.

Geo. Heselochwerdt and wife entertained Wm. Larcher and family of Webster, New York Monday.

John Heselochwerdt and Fred Lihart of Bunker Hill, spent Sunday at the home of C. Heselochwerdt.

Wm. Larker, wife and daughter, of Webster, N. Y., have been the guests of M. Heselochwerdt and family.

SHARON.

Clifford Wortley spent Sunday in this vicinity.

Miss Hattie Feldkamp spent Sunday at home.

Miss Martha Kuhl visited friends in Ann Arbor Sunday.

Miss Leona Gieske spent Sunday with her aunt at Manchester.

Miss Bertha Hawley has gone to Ann Arbor to spend some time.

Jacob Alber sold a fine work horse to Lima Center parties this week.

A number of young people from here spent Tuesday evening at Pleasant Lake.

George Kuhl and Misses Martha and Cora Kuhl, of Manchester, visited at A. H. Kuhl's last Friday.

The fine weather last week would make anybody think of spring as frogs were croaking and grasshopper hopping around.

Lewis Alber accompanied his mother, Mrs. John Alber to Lansing Thursday, where she will spend some time with her sister. Lewis returned Saturday.

FRANCISCO.

Carrie Riemenschneider was in Jackson Friday.

George Towers and family spent a few days in Saline.

Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Lenz spent Sunday at West Waterloo.

Herman Kruse and family spent Sunday with Chelsea friends.

Mrs. C. Kiser is suffering with a very sore arm caused by a fall.

Mrs. John Killmar spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents in Sharon.

Leonard Loveland and wife spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Dancar, of Chelsea.

Vera Gage, of Sylvan, visited a few days at the home of her grandfather, Wm. Hoppe.

Word reached here recently that Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kiser are the parents of a new baby girl.

Revival meetings at the German M. F. church are well attended and considerable interest is manifested.

Mrs. N. Schweinfurth and Roy Taylor, of Jackson, have been guests at the home of P. Schweinfurth the past week.

John Killmar and wife wish to correct an item in last week's Standard-Herald in that there was no pedro party at their home Friday, January 19.

NORTH LAKE.

Miss Mary Whellan went to Ann Arbor on business last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whellan spent a very pleasant evening at W. H. Glenn's.

Elder Gordon and wife spent Monday last with the family of W. H. Glenn.

Did you ever stop to think what a poor world this would be if you had not been born?

There will be lots of weddings soon as the girls make enough to support two or more.

F. A. Burkhardt's family are invited to a wedding at Henrietta, Jackson county, this week.

Your correspondent was in Chelsea last Saturday and met a few of his old-time friends.

Frogs are in tune here now. They begin early, knowing the campers will end their song.

Mrs. R. W. Webb intended starting for home early next week, but her husband writes that they have had a road-filler snow storm lately. She will wait to hear from there before starting.

Our esteemed friend, John Taylor, of Unadilla, was married on Wednesday of last week to his former housekeeper—a lady somewhat younger as years number, but John is as pleasant and jolly good natured as many others at forty. Here's wishing them a long and happy life.

SOUTHWEST SYLVAN

Jacob Kern was in Jackson Monday.

Mrs. Clarence Gage spent Wednesday in Jackson.

Miss Blanche Wortley entertained company Sunday.

Miss Agnes Cooke, of Chelsea, visited her parents Sunday.

Fred Leinhardt, of Bunker Hill, spent Sunday with friends here.

A few from here attended a party at Jerusalem Friday evening.

Edward Flak has begun work at the junction in Jackson Tuesday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Heselochwerdt, a daughter, on January 23.

Miss Celia Ryan, of Chelsea, spent part of last week with Stella Weber.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Flak, who has been quite ill is better.

Michael and Alfred Icheldinger were guests at the home of D. Helm Sunday.

Miss Elvina Stier, of Grass Lake, is visiting at the home of James Scoulen.

Misses Lena and Mary Geotz spent part of last week with their sister of Lima.

John Heselochwerdt, who has been working at Bunker Hill, has returned home.

Misses Vera and Mildred Gage spent part of last week at the home of their grandfather.

Owing to the warm weather we have been having the lilac bushes and shade trees are budding.

LYNDON CENTER.

Jas. Howlett is preparing to build a new stock barn this coming summer.

Mrs. Gilbert Martin, of Chelsea, spent last Saturday at the home of Frank Lusty.

We don't know of any farmer who has been lucky enough to harvest any ice yet this season.

Mrs. John Clark returned home on Friday after a few days visit with relatives in Jackson.

John Howlett and wife were in Jackson Monday attending the funeral of Mrs. George Higgins.

Unless we get some zero weather tomorrow wood will command a premium in the market next season.

Mrs. D. McLoughlin and Mary a d Anna McKune attended the funeral of Eddie Binler at Jackson Monday.

Miss Margaret Young and her sister, Genevieve, who teaches school near Saline spent Sunday with Detroit friends.

Miss Edna Rucelman, who is employed with W. P. Schenk & Co., in Chelsea spent Sunday at the home of her parents.

John Clark and John Young attended a meeting of the new parochial school committee of which they are members on Monday last in Chelsea.

Mrs. Michael Stapish was in Jackson last Monday attending the funeral of her grandson, Eddie Binder, the 16-year old boy, who was accidentally and fatally shot on January 25. Mr. Stapish was sick and was not able to attend the funeral.

George Rucelman and wife have rented a house in Chelsea and will soon make that city their home, where George will be more convenient to his work as drain commissioner and where all the blessings attending that office can be showered upon him.

Eureka Grange met at the home of Chas. Clark on Saturday last. There was a good attendance of members and questions pertaining to farming were pretty freely and interestingly discussed.

This holding the grange at the home of some member is a new departure and it is hoped by doing so once a month during the winter it will bring out a larger attendance of members.

The Yellow Fever Germ.

As recently been discovered, it bears a close resemblance to the malaria germ. To free the system from disease germs, the most effective remedy is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed to cure all diseases due to malaria poison and constipation. 25c at The Bank Drug Store.

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Absolutely Pure HAS NO SUBSTITUTE

A Cream of Tartar Powder, free from alum or phosphoric acid

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

WEST MANCHESTER.

Esther Green is on the sick list.

Mrs. Porter Brower is on the sick list.

Edwin Gilbert and Frank Trolz were in Jackson on business Wednesday.

Little Marie Bowlin, of Iron Creek is out of school on account of sickness.

Mrs. S. Matteson an old resident of this place and now living in Napoleon is very ill.

FREEDOM.

Little Paul Reichert is quite ill with pneumonia.

Henry Kuhl and wife, of Manchester, are guests of relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Trinkley are the proud parents of a little son which came to their home January 23.

The Young Peoples' Society, of St. John's church held their annual meeting recently and the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Reichert; vice president, Louis Kuhl; secretary, Ida Breitenwischer; treasurer, Theo. Kuhl; janitor, Henry Orbring.

WATERLOO.

Oron Beeman is confined to his home by illness.

Rev. Fowler closed a series of very interesting meetings here last Friday evening.

At the recent annual meeting of the Rural Telephone Co. the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Delancy Cooper; secretary, L. M. Miller; treasurer, T. A. Stephens; manager, F. E. Ives. Directors, Thomas Howlett, Unadilla; David Burgess, White Oak; Frank Skaddan, Ingham; Eli Lutz Waterloo; F. E. Ives, Unadilla. The secretary's report showed a gain of six new stockholders during the year and six renters added, 302 phones in operation and a paid-up stock of \$11,140.

Luckiest Man in Arkansas.

"I'm the luckiest man in Arkansas," writes H. L. Stanley, of Bruno, "since the restoration of my wife's health after five years of continuous coughing and bleeding from the lungs; and I owe my good fortune to the world's greatest medicine, Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, which I know from experience will cure consumption I taken in time. My wife improved with the first bottle and twelve bottles completed the cure." Cures the worst coughs and colds or money refunded. At The Bank Drug Store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Ayer's Cherry Pectoral certainly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, consumption. And it certainly strengthens weak throats and weak lungs. There can be no mistake about this. You know it is true. And your own doctor will say so.

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Made by J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass. Also manufacturers of SASKAPARILLA PILLS. HAIR VIGOR.

Keep the bowels regular with Ayer's Pills and thus hasten recovery.

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All kinds of out door Flowers.

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During our Notion and Remnant Sale we shall sell ANY womans or misses cloak in our stock (excepting three \$20 cloaks) Your choice \$4.95.

Two New \$30.00 Seal Coats, now \$20.00.

ANY women's or misses Raincoat, all new styles, and exactly what is being shown for spring use, NOW 1-2 PRICE.

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WOMEN'S SUITS \$2.50 TO \$5.00 were \$10.00 to \$18.50

All women's Shirt Waists, silk or wool, now 1-3 OFF regular price.

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All goods in this department must be sold the same season they are bought.

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ALL men's, boys' and childrens' suits, odd pants and overcoats

NOW 1-4 OFF.

Everything in our store is marked in plain figures

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RENTS, REAL ESTATE, FOUND LOST, WANTED, ETC.

FOR SALE—A pair of Yearling Draft Cols. Inquire of R. B. Waitrous, R. F. D. 5, Chelsea.

FARM FOR SALE—Containing 150 acres of level land, a good brick house, good basement barn, new hog house, chicken house and tool shed. The farm is well watered and there is 30 acres of timber and pasture land. This property is located in the western part of Lyndon and \$3200 will purchase it. For further particulars inquire of James Howlett, Lyndon Center, postoffice address, R. F. D. 3 Chelsea.

J. S. HATHAWAY—Cleaning, pressing and repairing of ladies and gentlemen's clothing. All work guaranteed. Please orders promptly attended to. Goods called for and delivered. Residence corner of East Middle and East streets. Phone 74.

FOR SALE—A quantity of stove wood, hay, corn, corstalks and one hundred hens. Inquire of Frank A. Leach, Chelsea.

FOR SALE—Second hand telephone for private lines at \$4.50 each. Also large quantity of line material cheap. Inquire of L. L. Gorton, Waterloo, Mich.

FOR SALE—Three horse power engine, cheap just the thing for farm work can be seen in operation at the Chelsea steam laundry. W. E. Snyder.

FOR SALE—Collie pups. Farm reared. Bred for business. Prices right. Address, K. H. Wheeler, Dexter Mich. 1

WANTED AT ONCE—Girls to run sewing machines making muslin underwear and shirt waists. Address Standard Mfg. Co., Jackson, Mich. 52

NOTICE—L. E. Igenfritz' Sons Company wishes to inform the public that Chas. Riemenschneider is their authorized agent in this vicinity, and he will call on all of our old customers and we guarantee every order placed with him for our Monroe Nursery stock will prove satisfactory. Roses and Rambler at reduced rates. L. E. Igenfritz' Sons Company, mar. 1, Rochester, New York.

January Bargains

AT KNAPP'S.

Our Furniture

Stock is complete and will be reduced this month, if our special low prices will appeal to our trade. Special prices on



TANK HEATERS,

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Buy your Woven Wire Fence this month.

W. J. KNAPP.

We Sell the Best of Shoes FOR MEN,

At prices that cannot be duplicated at any other store in Chelsea, and the quality cannot be excelled. I can save you money.

A Few Choice Groceries, Fruits and Candy, At the right prices to sell them.

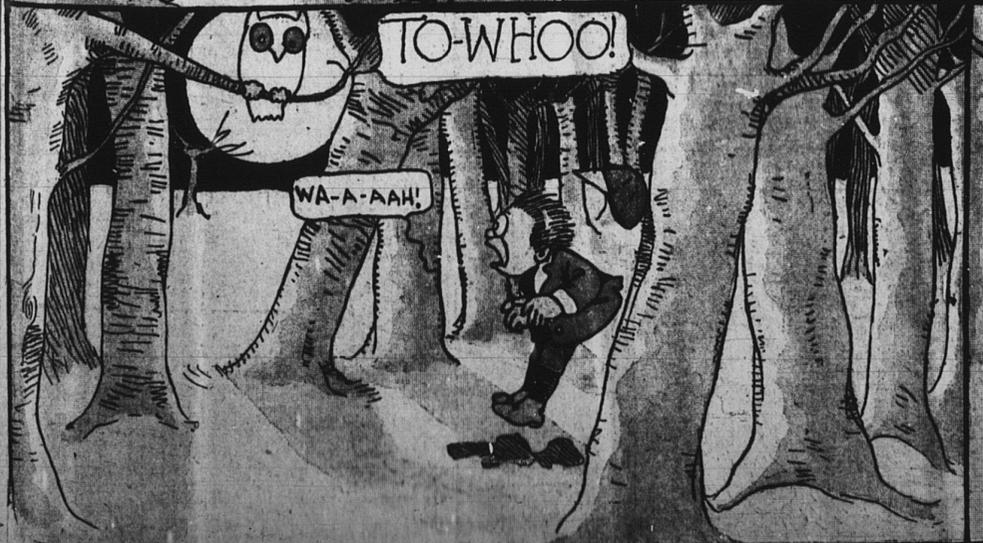
Farrell's Pure Food Store.

Talk about reduced prices on Rambler Roses, sounds good, but when you want fresh dug, not cellar nursery stock, and the ever blooming Rambler roses you should call on G. Ahnemiller agent for the Fairview nursery, of Rochester, New York.

SAVE YOUR MONEY You can save money by having your feed ground at my farm in Lima. Until further notice we shall run the every Friday.

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SAMMY SMALL



JOCKO AND JUMBO



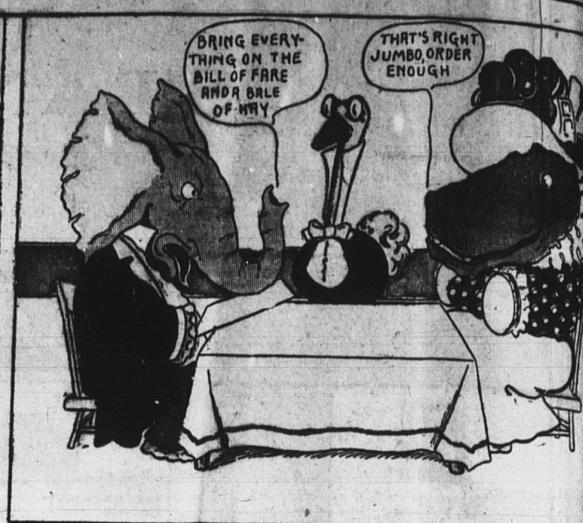
COME ALONG JUMBO I'M GOING TO PLAY A JOKE ON THE LION

NO I CAN'T TODAY I AM GOING TO TAKE MISS HIPPO TO DINNER



OH! BUT I'M HUNGRY ALL RIGHT

I'LL JUST TRANSFER THAT JOKE TO JUMBO



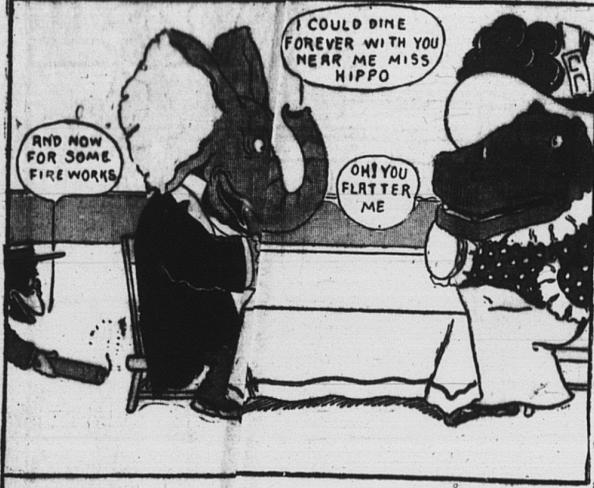
BRING EVERYTHING ON THE BILL OF FARE AND A BALE OF HAY

THAT'S RIGHT JUMBO, ORDER ENOUGH

JOCKO WANTED TO PLAY A JOKE. BUT JUMBO WOULD NOT GO.

BECAUSE HE HAD A DATE TO DINE WITH HIS FRIEND MISS HIPPO.

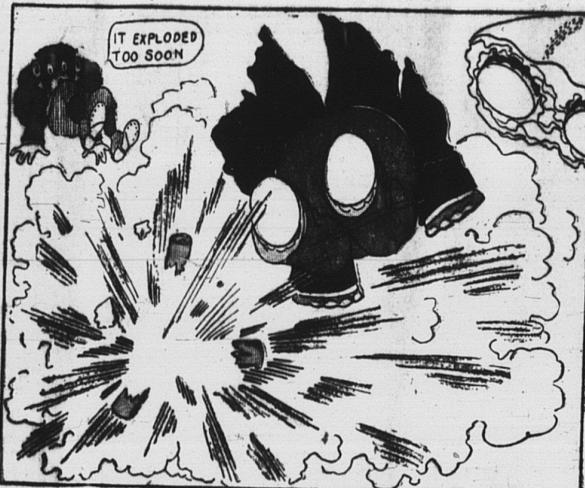
THEY WENT INTO A RESTAURANT— THE MONK FOLLOWED THE PAIR—



AND NOW FOR SOME FIREWORKS

I COULD DINE FOREVER WITH YOU NEAR ME MISS HIPPO

OH! YOU FLATTER ME



IT EXPLODED TOO SOON



GET A BIG STICK JUMBO, I'LL HOLD HIM

WHAT I'LL DO TO HIM WILL BE PLENTY

AND THEN POWDER CRACKER THREW BENEATH JUMBO'S CHAIR.

BUT THE EXPLOSION CAME TOO SOON. THE MONK'S JOKE FELL FLAT.

AND WHILE JUMBO LOOKED FOR A CLUB HIPPO ON JOCKO SAT.

MR. PEST, BOOK AGENT



NICE, PROSPEROUS-LOOKING PLACE, I'LL GO IN.



OO, P.D.X. GOTN' DOWN- BOSS IS INSIDE, SAH!

WHERE IS YOUR EMPLOYER?



BOY, WHERE IS YOUR EMPLOYER?

HIMIN! P.D.X. STILL GOIN' DOWN— HIS NIBS IS IN DE OTHER OFFICE.



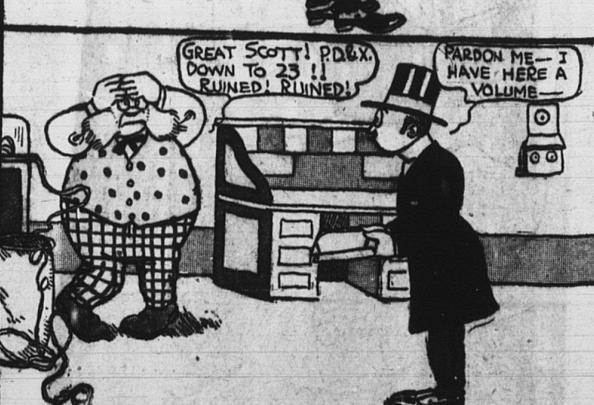
HIMIN! P.D.X. GOTN' DOWN! — THE PORTER IS INSIDE

IS YOUR EMPLOYER IN?



WHERE'S THE BOSS?

GREAT SNAKES! P.D.X. STILL ON THE TOBOGGAN— YOU'LL FIND 'IM IN HIS OFFICE.



GREAT SCOTT! P.D.X. DOWN TO 23!! RUINED! RUINED!

PARDON ME— I HAVE HERE A VOLUME



I'M JUST IN THE HUMOR FOR YOUR NONSENSE, AIN'T I?



MIGHT AS WELL TAKE IT OUT ON SOMEBODY!



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Paris Fashions.



Tailor-made gown of olive green; skirt with three gores; trimmings of almond-green cloth; wide belt of velvet trimmed with buttons.

To a rational being it is the same thing to act according to nature and according to reason. **MARCUS AURELIUS.**

Love truth, but pardon error. **VOLTAIRE.**



Evening cloak of almond green cloth, trimmed with a large patterned stole, sleeve of velvet trimmed with lace and tassels.

A WOMAN'S HAT AS AN INDEX TO HER CHARACTER.

By *Caroline.*

THAT there is any character to be displayed in the choice and manner of wearing a hat will doubtless be a revelation to the masculine mind. But a woman who is at all observing can tell from the hat another woman wears what manner of person it is with whom she is dealing. For the guidance of these erring, though well meaning, men I will lay down a few general principles. These suggestions may help some poor man to know a woman and the kind of a woman (or, rather, the kind of a hat) to be avoided. There is a little round black hat with scarcely any attempt at trimming, except a flat, black bow. This hat is sure to be worn by a little old maid, one who is sweetened rather than soured by her single lot. She is one who is absorbed in other people's children. She has lost the bloom of youth and has learned to think that is all man cares for in a woman. Any slight attention from a man pleases her tremendously, and any serious attention brings the blush of joy to her face and sets her heart palpitating. The style of hat peculiar to this season, the one with much trimming on the back, none on the front and worn so that it looks more like a toboggan side than anything else, is characteristic of an entirely different sort of woman. She may be the fashionable woman with plenty of money, who cares not how much she pays for a hat nor how many she buys. She will have one of this style, because it is the fashion, and if she tires of it she can pass it on to her maid. The other woman who wears this extreme hat is a woman who wishes to be fashionable, no matter what the cost. It makes no difference how unbecoming the hat is to her; she must wear it if it be the style. If you are a poor man, beware of her (unless she has an income all her own), for she is self-assertive and extravagant. She will be in the fashion, no matter how small your income. She will scribble on the table to have a new hat every season. A simple little touze worn with a veil indicates the girl of great common sense. Nothing specially startling or original about her. Just a good sort, one who would be good company on a long walk or drive. She takes life easily and comfortably and is usually very agreeable. The woman who chooses a hat with abrupt angles, who always has wings or stiff, conventional trimming on her hats, and who never wears flowers, is another kind altogether. You may always know her to be determined, independent, and if given half a chance she would be domineering. She is always agreeable as long as she is having her own way, but cross her and you will find that you have encountered something strangely like stone. There is a sort of soft, elusive, feathery kind of creation (no man would be crude enough to call it a hat) that is worn by some women. And the woman who wears it is as hard to describe as the hat she wears. A man would say she was distinctly feminine, womanly in all she did. But she is more than this—she is subtle, elusive and charming. She is sweet and comforting. She is, above all, bewitching and fascinating. She is the kind all men think they would like to marry, but there are not enough of this sort to go around. If you be a man in search of a wife before you "pop the question" study the headgear of the lady to whom you are devoted, and you will discover much that she would never tell you.

THINGS TO REMEMBER.

THAT the frequent use of hot baths is debilitating. That fresh vegetables are used for keeping the blood pure. That people who suffer from rheumatism will go a long way towards curing themselves by avoiding beer. That the over-use of alcohol has a particularly disastrous effect upon the liver, the kidneys and the blood vessels. That cold feet cause indigestion, liver troubles, diarrhoea and other ills, and should be carefully guarded against. That underdone beef and mutton are not unwholesome, but underdone veal or pork is very unwholesome indeed, and often causes illness. That if our natural teeth have become deficient artificial ones will be of great service in preventing dyspepsia by enabling us to chew our food well. That without thorough mastication of food we not only lose a considerable proportion of its nutriment, but also lay the foundations of indigestion. That an escape of gas into one's bedroom is very injurious to health, even though it be a very slight one. It is frequently an unsuspected cause of sore throat and headache. That anything over and above the quantity of nourishment required to replace the waste which is constantly going on in the body is not only unnecessary but is apt to do harm. Over eating is as mischievous as under eating—perhaps even more so. That without a healthy skin one cannot have a healthy body. To insure the health of the skin nothing is more important than cleanliness. Friction with a rough towel is also very useful, as it stimulates the myriads of glands which ramify the skin in all directions, and assists them to properly perform the work of secreting waste matters from the blood. When this is done vigorously the skin is said to "act" well. When it is not done well an undue strain is thrown upon the kidneys, and they have to perform some of the waste-removing work left undone by the skin, and some form of kidney mischief may be set up by the over-work put on them in this way.

Paris Fashions.



Short visiting jacket of chinchee trimmed with ermine, gold enamel buttons.

He who ascends to mountaintops shall find
The loftiest peaks most covered in clouds and snow;
He who surpasses or subdues
Must look down on the ranks of those below. **BYRON.**

NEWEST FUR EVENING COAT.



Seal Cloaks the Latest Fad for the Opera Among the Society Women of Paris.

AMONG the smart set in Paris many and are very "chic." They are worn when always found in other evening coats. The women are appearing in seal skin coats the dress is rather informal, usually for becoming in the slightest degree common, but there are plenty of American women like a man's coat, in straight tailor fashion their comfortable warmth, which is not who can indulge in this fancy.



This smart garment of checked rough-tweed, with cap to match, is the very latest outdoor fad. It is modelled on English lines, and is just the thing for walking.

The wise for cure on exercise depend;
God never made His work for man to mend. **BYRON.**

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 Clover and Timothy Seed.

Get our prices--we will save you money.
 Yours for square dealing and honest weights.

Chelsea Lumber & Produce Co.
 Office, corner Main street and M. C. R. R.

CENTRAL MARKET.

In addition to the usual line of
HIGH-GRADE MEATS
 I have placed on sale in my market a line of meats that will be sold at
CUT RATE PRICES.
 Give us a call, we can satisfy you.

ADAM EPPLER.
 Phone 41, Free delivery.

CHELSEA ROLLER MILLS.

Highest market price paid for
 all kinds of grain.
 Bring me your grinding. Straight Winter, Spring
 Pat., Winter and Spring Pat. Blended, exchanged for
 Wheat. My blended flour guaranteed equal to any
 flour manufactured in Michigan. Bran and middlings
 as low as any mill in Southern Michigan.
E. K. WHITE.

Now is the time to look for your

WATCHES AND CLOCKS

Chains, Rings and
ALL KINDS OF JEWELRY.

Come early and get a good selection. Remember,
 we have the best line of

WATCHES

Never shown in Chelsea. Prices right and
 everything in our line guaranteed to give satisfaction.

A. E. WINANS.

Repairing a Specialty.

Sheet music and periodicals of all kinds carried
 in stock.

OUR LINE OF CLOTHS FOR

FALL SUITS

AND

TOP COATS

Are ready for inspection, and we will
 be pleased to have you visit the Glass
 Front Tailoring establishment.

J. J. RAFTREY & SONS.

Phone 37.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Leonard Beissell is confined to the
 home of his parents by illness.

Mrs. M. Schwickerath is having an
 addition built to her residence on South
 street.

Mrs. Dell Bennett entertained the S.
 W. W. club Friday afternoon. A dutch
 lunch was served.

There will be a regular meeting of
 Olive Chapter, O. E. S., Wednesday evening
 of next week.

Coroner Burchfield, of Ann Arbor, is
 here today holding an inquest over the
 death of Leo Wade.

John Maier recently completed a very
 neat job of electric light wiring in the
 new Burkhardt building.

Hon. M. J. Noyes has been confined to
 his home for some time past, suffering
 from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Miss Lois Killam, of Lansing, is a
 guest at the home of her parents, Mr.
 and Mrs. Jas. Killam, of Sharon.

Daniel Heber, of Freedom, last Sat-
 urday sold to J. G. Adrien a dressed hog
 that weighed 335 pounds for which he
 received \$20.40.

Rev. Joseph Ryerson, pastor of the M.
 E. Church, Chelsea, was one of the class
 that became Mystic Shriners in Detroit
 last Friday evening.

Rev. E. E. Caster, D. D., will conduct
 the services at the Lima M. E. Church
 next Sunday evening, and will use for
 his subject "To and Fro in Paris."

Some twenty-six of the friends of
 Mrs. Otto Kannowski, met at her home
 on Congdon street, last Friday and
 gave her a very pleasant surprise party.

Tuesday being Mrs. Jas. Cooke's birth-
 day she met with a complete surprise, by
 her daughter, Mrs. Myron Lighthall
 coming in with about fifteen neighbors.

The masquerade ball to be given by
 the Chelsea Maccabees at the opera
 house gives promise of being the best
 event of the kind ever held in Chelsea.

A party of twelve Chelsea young folks
 attended a surprise party given at the
 home of Mr. and Mrs. Mast, on Third
 street in Ann Arbor, Wednesday evening.

Last Tuesday being the birthday an-
 niversary of Mrs. Ed. Weiss, of Lima, a
 party of forty-five of her neighbors and
 friends met at her home, and gave her a
 surprise.

About twenty-five ladies met at the
 home of Miss Mary Smith, on South
 street and spent the evening sewing
 carpet rags. The hostess served light
 refreshments.

The annual meeting of the Michigan
 State Bee Keepers Association is being
 held in Jackson today and tomorrow.
 Jasper Graham of Chelsea is a member
 of the association.

The annual blessing of throats in
 honor of St. Blaise will take place in
 the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred
 Heart, Saturday, February 3, at 8:30 a.
 m., and 3 and 7 p. m.

Matt Alber called at the Standard-
 Herald office Wednesday, January 31,
 1906, and showed to the employes a
 pansy blossom that he had gathered in
 his garden on that day.

"The Poverty Party" given by the
 M. E. Sunday school at the church last
 Friday evening was well attended and
 some thirty dollars was added to the
 Sunday school treasury.

The L. C. B. A. will give a social this
 Thursday evening from 7:30 to 10 o'clock
 at their rooms in Woodman hall. Ad-
 mission, 10 cents. The public is cordi-
 ally invited to be present.

Sunday morning, at the Methodist
 church, the Rev. Joseph Ryerson will
 preach on "The Prince of Preachers,"
 and in the evening the subject will be
 "The Downfall of the Galatians."

The M. E. church at Unadilla, which
 has been undergoing quite extensive
 repairs and alterations, will be reopened
 next Sunday. Rev. E. E. Caster, D. D., of
 Chelsea, will deliver the morning sermon.

Miss Nellie Stocking, of East Middle
 street started a mushroom bed in the
 cellar of her residence, and she is at
 present supplying a number of the
 citizens with the toothsome mushroom.

Izora, the daughter, of Rural Mail
 Carrier S. P. Foster on Saturday, Jan-
 uary 27, 1906, gathered in the yard at
 the home of her parents a dandelion
 with two blossoms. The young Miss
 would be glad to learn if anyone can
 beat this record.

Dr. Holmes reached home Friday
 night from an absence of two weeks at
 Defiance college, Defiance, Ohio, having
 preached fourteen times and delivered
 ten addresses to students and teachers
 within twelve days. One of the ad-
 dresses was delivered before the county
 teachers institute.

Frank Carringer placed in his place
 of business this week a fine show case
 that he will use for the display of bottle
 goods.

The next number of the Choral Union
 course will be given at University hall,
 on Friday evening of this week by
 Raoul Pugno, the French pianist.

Born, Saturday, January 27, 1906, to
 Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Crawford, of Stevens
 Point, Wis., a son. Mrs. Crawford is a
 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hoover
 of Chelsea.

John Wisner, of Ann Arbor, the well
 known building mover, has taken the
 contract for moving the Richards house,
 and has a force of men at work on the
 job this week.

E. H. Chantler received his new dray
 from the Adrian manufacturers one day
 last week, and the new vehicle is at-
 tracting considerable attention from
 the spectators on the streets.

The missionary meeting of the Epworth
 League, held at the M. E. Church last
 Sunday evening, was well attended and
 an interesting program carried out.
 The words, "Our Mission," were spelled
 out on the canvass with forty \$1.00 bills.

Old clothes for McGregor Mission.
 "That which seems too much worn for
 use can be repaired by our out-of-work
 tailors and shoemakers." Friends, hunt
 up your old clothes and leave at C. J.
 Depew's, who will ship them Feb. 12th.

Christian Science services will be held
 next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Sub-
 ject: "Soul." Golden Text: "In the day
 when I cried thou answeredst me, and
 strengthenedst me with strength in my
 soul."—Psalm 138: 3. Testimonial meet-
 ing, Thursday, 7:15 p. m.

"The Thursting of the Christ" will be
 the subject of Rev. M. L. Grant's sermon,
 Sunday morning at the Congregational
 church. "The Parable of the Ten
 Virgins" will be the evening topic.
 This is the first of a series of four ser-
 mons on the Parables of Christ.

Rural Mail Carrier No. 5, S. P. Foster,
 was seen to start from the Chelsea post-
 office, last Friday morning, with a baby
 carriage in which he had his pouches of
 mail for the route. The inquisitive citi-
 zens of this place are wondering if the
 carrier shoved the perambulator over
 his entire route.

The first of the week H. G. Ives re-
 ceived a letter from W. K. Guerin, who
 is in Detroit, where Mrs. Guerin is re-
 ceiving treatment for rheumatism, in
 which he states that his wife is not im-
 proving, and it will in all probability be
 some weeks before they will be able to
 return to their home here.

Hon. Frank P. Glazier last Saturday
 purchased the buildings and ground on
 the southwest corner of Main and Huron
 streets, Ann Arbor, at present occupied
 by H. J. Brown, druggist; a dry goods
 store, and the Ann Arbor dye works.
 The property is considered by competent
 judges to be the best business corner in
 that city.

Two, Corey, a young son of Daniel
 Corey, of Chelsea, had a very narrow
 escape from drowning last Sunday. The
 boy was playing on a pond on W. K.
 Guerin's farm and broke through the ice.
 He remained with his head just out of
 water for about forty minutes, when
 Roy, son of H. G. Ives, who heard the
 boy's cry, went to his rescue.

Alfred Gilbert, of Chelsea, has pur-
 chased through the agency of Dan
 Shell two cement machines, one of
 which makes the ordinary ornamental
 and plain cement blocks, and the other
 is for cement corner blocks, used for
 supporting heavy buildings. Mr. Gil-
 bert expects to establish a yard in
 Chelsea and will devote his time to mak-
 ing various kinds of cement blocks used
 in buildings.

The annual financial report of the
 Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
 was read last Sunday by the pastor to a
 very large congregation, and the show-
 ing was very gratifying. A substantial
 balance is in the treasury, and the spiri-
 tual condition of the church is likewise
 fine. The congregation has entered on
 the grand work projected for this year,
 the erection of the new parochial school,
 with commendable enthusiasm. The
 pastor has been ably supported by the
 church committee and the entire parish.
 Congratulations on the excellent spiri-
 tual and financial condition of the church
 are certainly in order.

The union meeting of the Ladies Re-
 search and Bay View Clubs was held at
 the spacious home of Mrs. L. T. Freeman
 on Monday evening, January 29th and
 was a very delightful affair. Each club
 furnished its share of the program
 which was pleasing and instructive, be-
 fore and after which, time was spent in
 conversation, and judging from the
 merriment was not so profound as
 would naturally be expected from such
 an august assemblage. Four little
 ladies sang in a charming manner several
 selections which called forth well
 merited applause. Taking it all in all
 it was an interesting and inspiring
 meeting and will serve to bring the
 clubs nearer to each other in indeed
 such organizations should be whose
 aims and aspirations are one.

JANUARY REDUCTION SALE

Every Dollars Worth of WINTER GOODS, so far as possible, will be
 closed out during the month of January.

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT. MEN'S AND BOYS' OVERCOATS

AT FROM
1-4 TO 1-2 OFF.

This means the greatest Overcoat bargains ever offered in the county.
 None reserved. Every garment must go. All broken lots in men's and
 boys' suits and odd pants will be closed out at from 1-4 to 1-2 off our
 regular price.

Men's overcoats will go during this sale at \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00,
 \$7.50 and \$10.00 that retail everywhere at from \$10.00 to \$20.00.

Boys' overcoats at less than the cost to manufacture. If you are going
 to need clothing this winter or next fall you will be a big winner by
 buying now.

DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT,

All heavy weight DRESS GOODS for suits and skirts will go at from fifty to seventy-five cents on the dollar.
 54 inch heavy black skirting, all wool, worth \$1.00, now 50c yard.
 38 inch fancy suitings retailing at from 60c to 65c, now reduced to 35c yard.
 Regular 8c colored outings now 5c yard. Regular 12c colored outings now 7c yard.
 Stevens XX crash now 12c yard. Stevens NN crash now 9 1/2c yard. Stevens all linen crash now 8c yard.
 Good quality unbleached outing now 4c yard. Several pieces silkoline to close at 8c yard.
 One bale good quality unbleached sheeting will go as a stimulator at 6c yard.
 All 18c flannelettes now 12 1/2c yard. All 10c flannelettes at 7c yard.
 Good assortment best prints 5c yard. Good quality bleached sheeting 5c yard.
 Good quality apron check gingham 5c yard. Best quality 12 1/2c gingham now 8c yard.

FURS

Our line of Furs are up-to-date. All new, this season's style. When it comes to quality and price we have had
 no competition in Chelsea. We haven't many left, but what we have to show are beautiful garments and
 every one will be sold during this sale.
 You can buy stylish furs here now at \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$5.00 and \$7.50.

BASEMENT.

Remember this place. A complete Grocery Department. A complete Crockery and Glassware Department.
5c, 10c and 25c Counters
 LOADED WITH BARGAINS.

W. P. SCHENK & COMPANY

In the last issue of The Standard-
 Herald there appeared an announce-
 ment from Capt. E. L. Negus that he
 had a house to rent. Monday morning
 the Capt. stepped into the office and
 said "For heaven sake stop that ad. or I
 will be snowed under with a mob." It
 pays to advertise in the Standard-
 Herald.

ENTERTAINMENT.

The coming entertainment in prepara-
 tion by the firemen is to be different
 from any ever given in Chelsea. The
 characteristic parts are original and
 unique. The specialties are all new.
 We have spared no pains or expense to
 make it the best of its kind that our
 town can produce. No one who appre-
 ciates good music and fun can afford to
 miss such a treat. Reserved seats at the
 Bank Drug Store without extra charge.
 THE COMMITTEE.

Good looks bring happiness. Friends
 care more for us when we meet them
 sparkling with health, which comes by
 taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea.
 The Bank Drug Store.

CARD OF THANKS.
 We wish most heartily to thank the
 pastors, neighbors and friends who so
 kindly assisted us during our recent
 affliction, and also those who contributed
 the beautiful flowers.
 JAS. L. WADE AND FAMILY.

A Healing Gospel.
 The Rev. J. C. Warren, pastor of the
 Sharon Baptist church, Bala, Pa., says
 of Electric Bitters: "It's a Godsend to
 mankind. It cured me of lame back,
 stiff joints, and complete physical col-
 lapse. I was so weak it took me half
 an hour to walk a mile. Two bottles of
 Electric Bitters have made me so strong
 I have just walked three miles in 60
 minutes and feel like walking three
 more. It's made a new man of me."
 Greatest remedy for weakness and all
 stomach, liver and kidney complaints.
 Sold under guarantee at The Bank Drug
 Store. Price 50c.

Chinese Etiquette.
 Strangers meeting in China may
 freely ask one another their names,
 provinces and their business prop-
 erties. It is always considered a com-
 pliment to an old Chinaman to ask
 him his age; but the middle aged go
 not as a rule care for the question,
 and their answers can rarely be de-
 pended upon. It is also good form in
 China to ask the number and sex of
 a man's children, also if his father
 and mother are still living. His wife,
 however, must not be mentioned,
 even in the most indirect manner.
 Friends meeting, either or both in se-
 dan chairs, stop their bearers at once
 and get out with all possible expedi-
 tion. The same rule applies to ac-
 quaintances meeting on horseback.



W. E. SNYDER, Proprietor.

ATHENAEUM,

Jackson, Mich.

Monday, Feb. 5,
The Gingerbread Man

Prices 25c to \$1.00.

Wednesday, Feb. 7
The Prince of Pilsen

65 PEOPLE 65
 Prices 50c to \$1.50.

Thursday, Feb. 8,
MRS. FISKE

and the
MANHATTAN CO.

in
Leah Kleschna

Prices 50c to \$2.00.

FARMERS!

Remember that I have the agency
 for the
MCCORMICK

Binders, Mowers, Drags, Cultivators,
 Wagons, and a full line of Farm Im-
 plements of every kind. Give me a call
 before buying. I can save you money.

CHAS. E. PAUL,
 Chelsea, Michigan.

Soothes itching skin. Heals cuts or
 burns without a scar. Cures piles,
 eczema, salt rheum, any itching. Doan's
 Ointment. Your druggist sells it.

The State Board of Farmers' In-
 stitutes will be held at Lansing Feb-
 ruary 22-23.

I have a large stock of Bobs on hand
 which will be sold at a large sacrifice
 price. I need the room which they
 occupy for other purposes, and if price
 and quality will be taken into consider-
 ation they will go, snow or no snow.
 They must be sold. Call early for choice.
A. G. FAIST, Chelsea.

BE FIRST

and you're last to be sorry.

ARE YOU READY?

We Are Ready Now.
 To make your

Suit, Overcoat
 and Trousers.

Best line to select
 from.

WEBSTER

THE TAILOR

Cutters at Cost

For the next 30 days all

the Cutters which I have

in stock will be sold at

COST.

Any person in need of such goods can-
 not afford to miss this sale.

I have a large stock of Bobs on hand
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 price. I need the room which they
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 ation they will go, snow or no snow.
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YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO SUFFER

From Constipation, Bowel and Stomach Trouble.

Q. What is the beginning of sickness?
A. Constipation.

Q. What is Constipation?
A. Failure of the bowels to carry off the waste matter which lies in the alimentary canal where it decays and poisons the entire system. Eventually the results are death under the name of some other disease. Note the deaths from typhoid fever and appendicitis, stomach and bowel trouble at the present time.

Q. What causes Constipation?
A. Neglect to respond to the call of nature promptly. Excessive exercise. Excessive brain work. Emotional and improper diet.

Q. What are the results of neglected Constipation?
A. Constipation causes more suffering than any other disease. It causes rheumatism, colds, fevers, stomach, bowel, kidney, lung and heart troubles, etc. It is the one disease that starts all others. Indigestion, dyspepsia, diarrhoea, loss of sleep and strength are its symptoms—piles, appendicitis and fistula, are caused by Constipation. Its consequences are known to all physicians, but few sufferers realize their condition until it is too late. Women become confirmed invalids as a result of Constipation.

Q. Do physicians recognize this?
A. Yes. The first question your doctor asks you is "are you constipated?" That is the secret.

Q. Can it be cured?
A. Yes, with proper treatment. The common error is to resort to physics, such as pills, salts, mineral water, castor oil, injections, etc., every one of which is injurious. They weaken and increase the malady. You know this by your own experience.

Q. What then should be done to cure it?
A. Get a bottle of Mull's Grape Tonic at once. Mull's Grape Tonic will positively cure Constipation and Stomach Trouble in the shortest space of time. No other remedy has before been known to cure Constipation positively and permanently.

Q. What is Mull's Grape Tonic?
A. It is a Compound with 40 per cent of the juice of Concord Grapes. It exerts a peculiar strengthening, healing influence upon the intestines, so that they can do their work unaided. The process is gradual, but sure. It is not a physic, but it cures Constipation, Dysentery, Stomach and Bowel Trouble. Having a rich, fruity grape flavor, it is pleasant to take. As a tonic it is unequalled, insuring the system against disease. It strengthens and builds up waste tissue.

Q. Where can Mull's Grape Tonic be had?
A. Your druggist sells it. The dollar bottle contains nearly three times the 50-cent size.

Good for ailing children and nursing mothers. A free bottle to all who have never used it because we know it will cure you.

FREE BOTTLE
FREE. Send this coupon with your name and address. Your druggist's name and the 50-cent bottle and we will supply you a sample free. If you have never used Mull's Grape Tonic, we will also send you a certificate good for \$1.00 toward the purchase of more Tonic from your druggist.

MULL'S GRAPE TONIC Co., 148 Third Ave.,
Brook Island, Ill.
Give Full Address and Write Plainly.
50-cent, 50-cent and \$1.00 bottles at all druggists. The \$1.00 bottle contains about six times as much as the 50-cent bottle and about three times as much as the 25-cent bottle. There is a great saving in buying the \$1.00 size.

The genuine has a date and number stamped on the label—take no other from your druggist.

When a fellow is refused by a girl, and takes to drink, it is sometimes difficult to determine whether he is drowning his sorrow or celebrating.

Important to Mothers.
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it.

Bears the Signature of **Chas. H. Hitchcock**
In Use For Over 30 Years.
The Kind You Have Always Bought.

I know a divorced woman who took a horrible revenge on her ex-husband. She remarried him.

I am sure Flee's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. Thos. Robbins, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1909.

Odd Bequests in Wills.
Among the wills of early days are found bequests which are amusing. In 1648 the widow of John Granger of Scituate, Mass., in her will gives to her son John a saw, a broad axe, and a narrow axe, when he is 21 years of age." To daughter Elizabeth a bed and bedding, one heifer, also one great mortar and pestle, and one great kettle.

Furnace Ventilation in Mines.
The furnace as a means of ventilation is said to be more economical in deep mines than in shallow ones, as it acts by heating a column of air; the higher that column the greater will be the difference in the weight of air in the upcast and downcast shafts, and consequently the greater the motive power.

Africa's "Sneeze-Wood" Tree.
One of the natural curiosities of South Africa is the "sneeze-wood" tree, which is so-called because one cannot cut it with a saw without sneezing, as the fine-dust has exactly the effect of snuff. No insect or worm will touch it; it is very bitter to the taste, and when placed in water it sinks.

Russell Would Protect Him.
William E. Russell was once a member of the First Corps Cadets, and when he was governor took particular interest in his visits to the annual encampment. No one was prouder of the Governor than George Washington Jones, a colored gentleman who had been employed to do some menial service for Mr. Russell when the latter was in college.

At one of the governor's visits to camp Mr. Jones was also on hand, and celebrated the occasion so energetically that he was placed under arrest over night, and made to "police" or clean up the camp grounds the next morning. He smothered this insult to his pride until he could attract the attention of the officer of the day, when he complained as follows:

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Strange Things Seen & Done while Sleeping

That truth is sometimes stranger than fiction is illustrated by queer stories from that mysterious borderland lying between wakefulness and the complete unconsciousness of sleep—the land of dreams.

In the witcheries of the necromancer, dreams play their part; but some of the strangest manifestations of them are in the realms of fact.

Murders have been revealed and murderers caught through their agency; searchers have been led to buried treasure; death has been foretold and disaster predicted. One man not long ago brought upon himself a breach of promise suit because he proposed to a woman while dreaming in her parlor.

A peculiar dream was that of Mrs. I. R. Andrews, president of the Omaha Woman's club, who located the dead body of her husband in the Platte river, Nebraska.

Mr. Andrews, a wealthy lawyer of Omaha, recently went to a gravel pit which he owned on Cedar creek, 100 miles from that city, to pay off employees. He was not seen alive again.

When the telegram telling of his disappearance reached his home his wife had already started for the scene of the tragedy, having been informed by a dream of his fate.

When she arrived at the gravel pit she was told that her husband had gone down the river the night before. She insisted that, in her dream, he had gone up the stream.

Parties were sent out in both directions, and the body was found up the stream, near where, in her sleep, she had seen a muffled figure following her husband.

In two dreams on the two nights preceding his start for California, a couple of months ago, Clark Emil Thornland, a retired Swedish merchant of New York, foresaw his death in a railroad wreck.

So vivid were these visions that Thornland wept when he kissed his daughter and grandchild good-bye. Indeed, it was with difficulty that he was persuaded to start. He said he did not expect to reach his destination, and took with him only enough money to pay expenses, believing that if he took more he would lose it in the wreck.

Just as he had foreseen, the train

found clinging to the edge of a third-story window at his home, and was rescued from his perilous position with difficulty.

A more tragic result followed the sleep wanderings of Harry Davis of Minersville, Pa. Walking in his dreams, he fell from a third-story window and crashed to his death.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Maggie McCracken, 60 years old, of Village Green, Pa., arose from her bed after midnight and started upon a somnambulist tour of the neighborhood. Unfortunately she fell into a small stream near her home and was drowned.

Two cases wherein dreams had to do with death and disaster also came from the interior of Pennsylvania. At Troy, last summer, Policeman Edward Fenner was killed during a pistol duel with robbers.

A few hours later Comfort Smith, a farmer, drove into town and related a dream of the night before.

"I saw Ed Fenner fighting a pistol duel with three men," he said to the authorities. "One of the men was wounded."

Smith's description of one of the men was almost identical with that of a suspect whom the authorities were already following.

On Oct. 29, at Monongahela, Pa., one of those disasters that so frequently attach themselves to coal mines occurred. Among those killed was General Manager Hornickel.

It transpired later that at about the hour of the tragedy in the mine—near midnight—Mrs. Hornickel awoke with a scream. She said she had witnessed in her dreams an explosion, and that her husband was among the victims.

TURNED JOKE ON HIS FRIEND.
In This Case Last Laugh Was Decidedly the Best.

J. Q. Hoyt, once postmaster at Barre, Vermont, and Seth Ford, White Mountain stage line owner, also of Barre, were great friends, and were always playing jokes on each other.

Hoyt was a tailor, his shop being opposite Mr. Ford's residence. Ford once bought a suit of clothes of Hoyt, who told him they were "half cotton." Ford took them home. His wife looked them over and told him they were "all cotton, and no half about it."

He took them back and said: "Hoyt, you said these clothes were half cotton."

"They are," said Hoyt. "Well, what is the other half?" "That is cotton, too."

Some time afterward Hoyt's store and the safe keys were missing. They were supposed to have been dropped by him into a box of suspenders while he was showing a prospective buyer the stock, and that the next pair of suspenders he sold he sold the keys with them.

In some way Ford got the keys and returned them to Hoyt, saying: "Here, Hoyt, do these belong to you? I found them under my chicken roost."

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FALL WHEAT RAISING IN ALBERTA.

The Spring Wheat Areas Are Rapidly Increasing.

It is only a few short years since the impression prevailed that a large portion of the Canadian West was unfitted for agriculture. To such an extent did this impression prevail that districts larger than European principalities were devoted solely to ranching purposes, and flocks and herds roamed the ranges. But the agriculturist was doing some hard thinking, and gradually experiments were made, slowly at first, but surely later on. As a result, to-day in Southern Alberta, which was looked upon as the "arid belt," large quantities of the finest winter wheat in the world are now grown, and so satisfied are the farmers and buyers that the industry has passed the experimental stage that elevators by the score have been erected in the past two years and others in course of erection, to satisfy the demands that will be made upon them in the near future.

Manitoba, "No. 1, Hard" spring wheat has achieved a world-wide reputation, and there can be no question that ere long "No. 1 Hard" winter wheat from Alberta will attain similar repute. The great market for this production will undoubtedly be the Orient, and, with increased railway facilities and the erection of additional elevators and flouring mills, a largely increased acreage will be broken to winter wheat. The increase of population in Southern Alberta in the past year has been largely due to settlers from the United States who have brought in capital and enterprise, and who have been uniformly successful in their undertakings. A few more such years of growth and "Turkey Red" winter wheat will wave from Moose Jaw to the foothills. Information regarding lands in the Fall and Spring wheat belts may be obtained of any Canadian Government Agent.

Highest Active Volcano.
There are no fewer than twenty lofty volcanic peaks clustered about the city of Quito, the capital of Ecuador. One of these, Catopaxi, is the highest active volcano in the world.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured
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 is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; also cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness caused by catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circular, free.

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Sold by Druggists, etc.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Jewels on Mahomet's Tomb.
Mahomet's tomb is covered with jewels worth \$12,500,000.

Year 1905 Sales.
The total distributive sales for 1905 exceeded \$200,000,000.

This total is realized from the sale of fresh meats (beef, mutton and pork), provisions, produce (poultry, butter and eggs), soaps, glues, oils, bones, fertilizers, feathers, casings, hides, wools, pelts and other by-products derived from cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry.

Margin of Profit.
The industry is operated on a margin of less than 2 cents to each dollar of sales. Swift & Co. do not sell at retail. Their entire output is sold at wholesale to many thousands of dealers in various parts of the world. There are hundreds of local slaughterers throughout the United States, who buy their live stock in competition with the packer doing an interstate and international business. Likewise the packer must sell in competition with the local slaughterers. There are no secret processes in the industry, no complicated and expensive factories, and as live stock can be purchased in almost every hamlet and city, and the preparation of meats is simple in the extreme, local slaughtering will long remain a factor in the production of fresh meats and provisions.

Economic Advantages.
The large packing houses will, however, always have these advantages: Locations at the chief live stock centers, with the opportunity to buy the best live stock; manufacturing in large quantities, at the minimum of expense; utilization of all waste material; refrigeration; mechanical appliances; highly efficient business management. These advantages are reflected in the quality of the packer's output, a quality that has reached its highest development in the products bearing the name and brand of "Swift."

Purchasing Live Stock.
The principal live stock centers are Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St.

Louis, St. Joseph, St. Paul and Fort Worth. The same methods of purchasing cattle, sheep and hogs prevail at all cities. At Chicago, which is the largest market, there are about two hundred and fifty buyers, representing packers, local slaughterers in various cities and exporters. Of this number, less than a score are employed by Swift & Company.

The farmer ships his live stock to Chicago, consigns them to a commission firm at the Union Stock Yards, who sees that they are unloaded and put in pens. Then the buyers inspect them, make their offers to the commission dealer, who accepts or rejects as his judgment dictates. All buying must be finished at 3 o'clock each day, and the buyer must pay spot cash. If the commission man has no satisfactory offers, he can hold his stock over to the next day. He gets his commission from the farmer, and naturally strives to get the highest possible price for his client.

Wholesale Distributing Houses.
A wholesale distributing house is a giant refrigerator, but instead of shelves there are trolley rails, from which are suspended hooks to hang the carcasses. Some of the houses cost as much as a hundred thousand dollars to build and equip. As a rule they are of pressed brick, the insides being lined—floor, walls and ceiling—with highly polished hardwood. The floors are covered daily with fresh sawdust, and all are kept spotlessly clean. There are over three hundred of these wholesale houses in various cities of the United States, and the public is always welcome to visit them.

Packing Plants.
All the Swift & Company plants are located at the great live stock markets, in the heart of the great agricultural sections, where can be purchased the finest grades of cattle, sheep and hogs. We have seven packing plants, employing at each from two to eight thousand persons.

The following gives the locations and sizes of the different plants:

Packing Plants.

Buildings, Acres.	Floor Space, Acres.	Land, Acres.
Chicago 44%	87%	47
Kansas City 7%	30	19%
Omaha 6	26	23
St. Louis 7	23	31%
St. Joseph 6%	25%	19%
St. Paul 5	12	16
Fort Worth ... 3	15	22

Employees.
The total number of persons employed in all the Swift packing plants and branch houses aggregate over 2,000 persons. Conditions for employees in the various manufacturing and operating departments is continually improving with the construction of new buildings and the installation of new and up-to-date equipment.

Sanitation and Hygiene.
The housewife makes no greater effort to keep her kitchen clean than we do to keep in sanitary and hygienic condition our abattoirs. They are thoroughly scrubbed at the close of each day's operations, and automatic appliances are used wherever possible in order to eliminate the personal handling of meats. Rigid rules governing these points are strictly enforced; laxity means dismissal.

Visitors Always Welcome.
No other industry in the world gives such a cordial welcome to visitors as Swift & Co. We keep open house the year around, and maintain a corps of specially trained guides, with special elevators and rest rooms. In one year we have entertained over a quarter of a million of men and women; in "one day—Grand Army Day, 1901—we entertained 23,000. Among our visitors have been ambassadors from foreign governments, princes, noblemen and distinguished citizens from all lands and eminent folks from every state in the Union. We wish to familiarize the public with our methods, and the best way to do that is to let the public see for itself. We have no secret processes or methods in any department.

Swift's Premium Hams and Bacon.
Swift's Premium Hams and Bacon are more widely and favorably known than any other brand. Their popularity is due to the uniform quality of flavor of the meat, and to their appearance when received from dealer. Each piece is branded on rind, "Swift's Premium U. S. Inspected," and wrapped in cheesecloth white parchment paper.

Look for the brand, "Swift's Premium," when buying hams and bacon.

Swift's Silver Leaf Lard
Is a strictly pure lard, kettle rendered, and put up in 3, 5 and 10-pound sealed pails. It is America's Standard Lard, and enjoys a high reputation and an enormous sale.

Swift's Soaps.
An interesting feature of a soap factory, one of the largest and most complete in this country. There we manufacture numerous toilet and laundry soaps, and wash powders.

Among which are:
Wool Soap, widely and favorably known; for toilet and bath, and washing fine fabrics.
Crown Princess Toilet Soap, highly perfumed.
Swift's Pride Soap, for laundry household use.
Swift's Pride Washing Powder, unsurpassed for all cleaning purposes.

Swift's Specialties.
Swift's Premium Ham
Swift's Premium Bacon
Swift's Premium Sliced Bacon
Swift's Premium Lard
Swift's Winchester Ham
Swift's Winchester Bacon
Brookfield Farm Sausage
Swift's Silver Leaf Lard
Jewel Lard Compound
Swift's Cotoquet
Swift's Jersey Butterine
Swift's Beef Extract
Swift's Beef Fluid
Swift's Premium Milk-Fed Chicks

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TESTIMONIALS HARD TO GIVE.

Some Subterfuges Employed by Kind-Hearted Persons.

The giving of a "character" to domestic servants is one of the severest tests of the employers' character. An Irish master, being called upon to write a testimonial for a groom whom he was discharging for drunkenness, gave him a good character, but omitted to mention one trait. The groom returned the letter, objecting that it did not say he was sober. The master added "sometimes sober," and the man was content. The woman who had to recommend the inefficient cook had kept for seven years only because she was afraid to give her notice went one better. She had covered three pages with undeserved commendations; she had placed it in an envelope and addressed it, and her conscience pricked her badly. Then she had a happy idea, and broke open the seal, adding to her letter, as a postscript, "God forgive me!" It satisfied her conscience, but history does not relate if it satisfied the other woman—New York Tribune.

Rode on Turtle's Back.
In the North Borneo Herald it is recorded that two English women, Mrs. McEnroe and Mrs. Darby, recently paid a visit to the lonely island of Tanager. Among other adventures there the two sat up one night to watch for turtles, and at midnight saw a large one come out of the sea on to the sands. When it was returning to the water first Mrs. Darby and then Mrs. McEnroe mounted on its back and rode for some distance.

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New Species of Bird.
Dr. E. A. Mears, an authority on ornithology, recently discovered several new species on the summit of Apo, a volcanic mountain of the island of Mindanao, in the Philippine group.

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