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Special Notice.
The Oakland County Savings Bank will transfer accounts from Detroit banks or elsewhere without expense or loss of interest to the depositor. Office hours from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. and Saturday evenings from 6 to 8 o'clock local time, every day in the year, except Sundays and local holidays.

At a meeting of the Fraternal Aid Society held December 19th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. W. Bird; past president, I. B. Merritt; vice president, Byron Beardley; recording secretary, F. L. Covert; financial secretary, E. Schrage; treasurer, Peter Betting; medical Ex., Dr. George H. Drake; Chaplain, George Cleary; marshal, Mrs. Helen A. Bird; guardian, Mrs. J. L. Bigler; Sent., Josephus Pierce; trustees, H. B. Hitchcock, D. H. Calvert and May Allen. All persons holding certificates in the Royal Aid Society may become members of this society by presenting their certificates to J. W. Bird, and paying a certificate fee of \$1.00. No further medical examination is required nor other expense necessary. The next meeting of the Fraternal Aid Society will be held Friday evening, January 3rd, at the Old Fellows Temple at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

The World's Fair Tests showed no baking powder so pure or so great in leavening power as the Royal.

Notings.

"Adieu, the old year, with its sorrows,
Welcome now the smiling new;
Bid the gloom of hope, its morrows
Gitter like the morning dew."

John Allison, of Elkhart, Ind., is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Kie Montross, on Haron street east, is very sick.

Low Elwell returned Saturday from an extended visit in Auburn.

Dr. Spring reached home from his Christmas outing Monday morning.

Fred B. Bond is home for his holiday vacation and is looking well.

Jo Groussil, (Yankee) was in town on some political errand, Saturday night.

Mrs. Fred Broad gave a trolley party to her friends on Christmas day.

Clarence Chrysler, of Detroit, spent Christmas with the family of Mark Ormsby.

Miss Lou Frary, Assistant Matron at the E. M. A., spent Christmas with friends at Penton.

Little Harold, infant son of Chas. Freeman, Perry street, is recovering from a severe illness.

E. H. Lincoln, wife and daughter spent Christmas with Mrs. Lincoln's parents at Plymouth.

Mrs. Lucy A. Leggett, of Detroit, was the guest of Mrs. High and other friends in Pontiac over Sunday.

M. D. Larned, of Ann Arbor, spent Christmas with the family of E. T. Beardsley, Esq., Sashabaw Plains.

Joseph H. Voorhis, for years in the furniture business in this city, but now of Detroit, was in town Saturday.

A little daughter came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Heitsch, South Saginaw street, Christmas noon. A blessed gift.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. George and young son Henry, of Detroit, are guests at the parental home of George Hogan for a few days.

Alfred J. Windiate, of Square Lake, is reported as being in New York to attend an important real estate matter in which he is interested.

Wm. Burns was discharged at Farmington Saturday. There was not evidence enough to convict him of robbing his mate, Lawrence Conroy.

It being their wish, Rev. B. F. Aldrich, on Saturday evening, immersed three of the recent converts, who wished to join the Congregational Church.

Miss Lulu Hicks, Perry street, assisted by the Misses Bessie Hamlin and Grace Kelly, gave a memory party last evening to a number of their friends.

Capt. J. A. Linbury, by authority of Pontiac Division No. 44, U. R. K. P. today tendered to George Rich, their services in case of war or invasion of Michigan.

P. H. Siskles and wife returned Saturday from a week spent with relatives and friends at Clio. Mrs. Siskles is in very poor health, but the trip did her good.

Andy, son of Ald. Dickinson, recently fell through a hole in the second floor of his father's barn, striking upon a number of barrels, but fortunately escaped serious injury.

Two very decent looking young men who could show no visible means of support, were today sent to the county jail for 30 days, on pleading guilty to the charge of vagrancy.

Samuel J. Sorrell, as County Drain Commissioner of Oakland county, vs. Geo. Staples, trespass on the case upon the premises. Damage \$2,000. Jayne & Lynch, plaintiff's attorneys.

John Fitzgerald, night-watchman, was presented, by P. H. Struthers & Co., with the prize turkey, weight 48 1/2 pounds, which was on exhibition in front of their store the first of the week.

When you see the sign, "Skating at Sylvan Lake," on the street cars, it means that there is not only ice out there but that it is being taken care of. Supt. Lane informs us that there is good skating there now.

Two ladies driving into town from Cole Station, Monday, in a road cart, while attempting to cross the street car track were run into by a car, but fortunately did no damage to the ladies, and only broke one wheel of the cart.

Died at his home on Oakland ave., Saturday morning, at ten o'clock, of consumption, Benjamin F. Wilson, aged 70 years. Funeral from home Tuesday at 2:30, Rev. W. S. Jerome officiating. The remains will be deposited in the Petrie vault.

Frank Bostwick, P. O. & N. brakeman had his hand badly lacerated Christmas Eve, while making a scolding at this station. It was a remarkable escape from serious injury but will not lay him up but for a few days. He is now at home in Oxford.

One of our officers recently met with rather a warm reception at Royal Oak while serving a writ of replevin. There are cases cropping out every where and it would seem that the officers might and should make examples of those fellows who consider themselves "bigger'n the law."

Although the Comstock Company have succeeded in getting the Sylvan Lake Railway Company to accept the road, it is not yet fully completed, and may not be accepted by the council, owing to the facts that the streets and crosswalks are still in a very bad condition.

Frank Johnson received a Christmas present of an old English meerschaum pipe, carved in the style of fifty years ago, and colored from a beautiful seal brown to a jet black. It is a beauty and could not be duplicated in this country for less than \$25 without the coloring, which costs a great deal more.

Miss Cleantha Parke is visiting relatives at Lapeer.

Misses Allie and Florence Morgans are home for the holidays.

Charles B. Wixom spent Sunday with friends at Farmington.

Miss Kate Perry is entertaining Mrs. Dr. Somers, of Detroit.

J. E. Lapham, stenographer, E. M. A., went to Detroit to spend New Year's.

Miss Jennie Doyle, Matron at the E. M. A., went to Paw Paw to spend New Year's.

Joel Brace, of Wayne, is visiting his brother Chauncey Brace and family in this city.

Miss Hettie Sweetland is spending New Year's with Mrs. Charles Salterbach, of Detroit.

H. S. Smith, of the Detroit Medical College, is a guest of his old chum, Mark Ormsby, for a day or two.

Jesse Billard has begun suit in the Circuit Court against H. Lee Wright to set aside an execution levy and to quiet title.

R. C. and Edward M., as well as Charles and George Walter, of Chicago, were in attendance upon their father's funeral.

A matrimonial wave seems to have struck this county. Six more licenses were issued from the County Clerk's office yesterday.

Dr. James Dawson and wife of Traverse City, and Will Lunn-Dawson spent the holidays with Charles Dawson and family.

The P. L. S. S. will give a musical and literary entertainment at the Pine Lake school house, Saturday evening, January 11, 1896. All are cordially invited.

Elmer Johnson, a former Oakland county boy, now superintendent of the Union City schools, spent part of the holiday vacation visiting friends and relations at Commerce and Clyde.

Miss Sagendorf, daughter of our old fellow citizen Charles Sagendorf, has accepted a situation, on the Gazette, to acquire a knowledge of the mysteries of a modern printing office.

Mrs. George Babcock found a pearl stick pin at the K. P. party. It has three initials on the back. The owner can have same by applying to her at the Babcock gallery and paying for this notice.

Mrs. Friend Webster and daughter Julia were the guests of Mrs. Broad the past week, and return to Saginaw for a couple of months' sojourn, on Thursday. They will be the welcome guests of their many other friends in this city in March.

The snow storm, which came from the northwest and west, commenced here early Monday morning and continued with but little intermission, accompanied with a very high wind developing into a regular blizzard and ending Monday night followed by colder weather.

William Brookman, the milkman, had a lucky runaway Tuesday morning. While delivering milk at the corner of S. Saginaw and Park streets, his horse became frightened and ran up Park to Auburn and then to Saginaw when he was caught. No damage was done excepting that part of the milk was spilled.

Gertie Davis, daughter of J. H. Davis, of Milford, was married on Christmas Eve to Edward Hagadorn, of Big Rapids. Miss Mattie, daughter of John H. Clarke, of Highland, was married to Clayton E. Drake, of Salem, on Christmas day. Miss May Cooper and William A. Bailey, of Commerce, were married on Christmas day.

At the Congregational church, Sunday morning December 29, there were upwards of fifty who united with the church, and forty were baptized, these mostly were the outcome of the late revival meetings held, as only 3 or 4 of the above united by letter. There are several others who were unable to be present but will unite and come later. Let the good work go on.

The sooner the better, Mr. Street Railway Company. You have been "experimenting" for the last six months, now please give us cars on time—or time for the cars, we don't care which, so that watches and rides come some where near together. Got through hunting the street cars with a league hound and ferret. Just tend to business now boys.

J. A. Linbury and wife, W. A. Linbury and wife, George Linbury and wife, Howard Linbury, Mrs. E. C. Linbury, Mrs. Lena Kessler, Harvey Skidmore and wife, Fred Bailey and wife, Bert Bailey, Mrs. Edwina Bigelow, Forrest Rose, Miss Jessie Rose and Mrs. J. W. Ogil, Sr., went to Clarkson Wednesday to attend the 25th marriage anniversary of George Vaughan and wife.

Santa Claus, while making his rounds at Duluth, on Christmas eve, left a splendid Christmas present in Jo. Davis' stocking. It was nothing less than a son, which makes for the venerable J. C. Davis, of this city, the 17th grand child, and "Uncle Harvey" says, "another democrat." The Gazette congratulates Jo. Davis, Uncle Harvey and all the rest, for it is a good family, and every addition to a good family is a blessing to the community.

Just after Christmas Mrs. E. A. Lodge left Pontiac for Benton Harbor, and just before leaving town called at the home of James Gambel for a few moments. On reaching Grand Rapids, Mrs. Lodge found that she had left her pocket-book. After reaching her destination she wrote to Mrs. Gambel telling of her misfortune. Since her departure it had been snowed in Pontiac, but Mrs. Gambel soon found her pocket-book with its contents undisturbed lying under the snow in front of the house where she had lost it in getting out of the buggy. It was at once returned to the owner who was doubtless much surprised at its strange recovery.

Ed Halsey spent New Year's in Detroit.

Pontiac now has "mounted police."

Alex Sharpe is home from Cincinnati.

Fred Van Buskirk spent New Year's at Flint.

Mrs. Chas. Halsey is improving from her recent illness.

Gene Vincent is spending a few days with Pontiac friends.

The County Clerk issued during 1895, 305 marriage licenses.

Ward Wilson is teaching school at the White school house, on the Lapeer road.

S. A. Pratt is giving his laundry a coat of paint. Good start for the New Year.

Eugene Fifield, of Bay City, is visiting at O. E. Bartlett's, Orchard Lake avenue.

Miss Annie Callow is visiting Miss Maude Fish for a couple of weeks, at Saginaw.

Mrs. Jesse Cooper, of Detroit, is the guest of Mrs. D. C. Lewis, Oakland avenue.

Clarence Strong, of Detroit, spent New Year's with the family of Isaac VanBuskirk.

Jay Hitchcock and wife spent New Year's with the family of Joseph Englund at Four Towns.

Mrs. A. H. Loebe is in Springfield attending her mother Mrs. Sarah Wilson who is very sick.

Marshall Ellwell, of Chandler avenue, gave a dinner to a few of his friends on New Year's.

Mrs. Kennedy, of Howell, is visiting her daughters, Mrs. C. P. Grow and Marguerite Kennedy.

Four April pigs, killed by W. T. Hall, of Waterford, weighed 1095 pounds. Cross of Chester and Berkshire.

George Walter, of Chicago, arrived Tuesday morning in response to the intelligence of the death of his father Hon. Mark Walter.

We trust that the standing committee on lighting the streets will take a little more pains to ascertain if the lighting contract is being well executed. Of personal knowledge we do not know that the Lighting Company is not filling its obligations, but we do know that there is much complaint that deductions for not keeping the lights going are far too low, and that lighting service in remote sections of the city is very irregular.

The Forester Maquerade at the Opera House Tuesday night was a jolly affair, well conducted and largely attended, considering the fact that so much else was going on. There were over 100 dancers in attendance, most of whom were in costume, making the sight a most brilliant and pleasing one. These Forester parties are always a success, socially and financially, and enter into detail, so far as they are concerned is simply repetition.

The late Hon. Mark Walter was known as a great lover and buyer of books, but he was as free with his library as with his money, and he loaned them to friends all over the city. These books are valuable to the sons for the annotations made by Mr. Walter, and they would like to have them returned, and for such favors return thanks in advance. Also, any one in possession of manuscript writings of Mr. Walter, his son George A. would be glad to communicate with. His address is 171 LaSalle street, Chicago.

The K. P. party at Castle Hall Tuesday night was the most enjoyable one of the series. About 60 couples were present and took part in the dancing. Lessee's orchestra of five pieces furnished the music, which was very fine. One feature of the party, however, was a surprise to many, and could not have been introduced at any other time. Up to 12 o'clock, when supper was served the gentlemen conducted the party, but, like the gallant Knights they are, stepped down at midnight, and handed the scepter to their ladies, who from that hour, administered affairs to their perfect satisfaction.

It is rumored that Rev. C. O. Brown, D. D., formerly of this city and Kalamazoo, now of San Francisco, has allowed a female blackmailer to do him out of \$500 in cash and sundry compromising promises, rather than kick her out of doors, and meet the consequences like a man. Brown is a brilliant preacher and hard worker, and no acquaintance will take stock in the slander, though they may think him a foolish coward the San Francisco papers say.—According to Dr. Brown, Mrs. Davidson, the old woman who blackmailed him, went to him last November, at the time when there was intense excitement in the city over the exposure of several old men who had been debauching young girls, and told him she had been commissioned by Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Baddia, a lodging-house keeper, to demand \$2,000 down and \$100 a month for ten years if he did not want his intimacy with Miss Overman exposed. Dr. Brown was horrified at the nature of the charges brought against him and saw no means of escape. He succeeded, however, in reducing the figures to \$500 down and \$55 a month for five years. He paid Mrs. Davidson \$500, for which she signed a receipt. Then Dr. Brown sought Miss Overman, who was staying with Mrs. Davidson, and reproached her with her perfidy. She indignantly denied that she had made any charge, and when confronted with Mrs. Davidson denounced the woman as infamously. Miss Overman immediately left Mrs. Davidson's house and went to the home of Dr. Brown, where she is now under the protection of his wife. Then the minister consulted with the deacons of the church and the result is the arrest of Mrs. Davidson. Both the minister and Miss Overman deny that there is the slightest foundation for the charges.

THE GRIM REAPER,

DEATH GARNERS FOR THE MASTER'S STORE

One of His Purest and Most Fruitful Sheaves.

Thus Ends a Life Devoted to His Friends, Devoid of Guile, and Absolutely Free From the Contaminating Influences of 70 Years.

Hon. Mark Walter, of this city, a very worthy citizen, and one of the early pioneers of Oakland County, died of general decline incident to old age, at his late residence on Andrews street, Sunday afternoon at 12:30.

Mark Walter was born in Gladstone, Berria, Summerstahire, England, April 27, 1826; came to America in 1832; lived nine years in Auburn, N. Y.; came to Michigan and Clarkson in 1841; learned the miller's trade of H. L. Barkham in the old Paddock mill, Pontiac, from 1841 to 1846, where he continued to work as a journeyman two years, after which he spent two years in the West; returned to Pontiac and worked a number of years in mills.

In 1859, in company with H. L. Paddock, embarked in the grocery and produce business. Paddock sold his interest after a few months to Stephen Winslow. In 1863 J. P. Foster bought out Winslow, the firm becoming Walter & Foster, continuing until 1878.

During the latter co-partnership they did a very large business in produce, paying out as high as \$500,000.00 annually. The year 1873 was a disastrous one for him, caused by losses incident to handling perishable products, supplemented severe by family afflictions.

Mr. Walter had held many offices of public trust. He was elected township clerk of the town of Pontiac, being the first Republican ever elected to any office in the township. He served as Alderman of the Third Ward from 1867 to 1869 inclusive; served as Marshal one term; was elected mayor in 1871; again elected Alderman of the Third Ward. Was Trustee of Pontiac Union School District from 1872 to 1879, three years of which he served as Director. He was elected County Clerk in 1881, serving one term. He held an important position in the Michigan House of Representatives four sessions.

He was a prominent member in the Masonic Order, filling most acceptably the offices of Master of the Lodge, High Priest of Oakland Chapter, R. A. M., P. O. W. in the Council of R. & S. M., Prelate of Pontiac Commandery No. 2, for a number of years, and many subordinate positions in all the bodies. At the time of his death and for several years previous he was Secretary of the Oakland County Pioneer Society.

He loved Masonry, both for its tenets and ritualism and it was these that first led him to think seriously of what they import. He espoused the cause of Christianity in middle life, and some time after became an acceptable member of the M. E. church, taking an active part in all his church relations. He lived as he died, a faithful follower of his Lord and Master.

He was married in 1852 to Sarah L. Farnham, to whom were born twelve children, five girls and seven boys; all but two daughters survive him: Charles, R. C., Edward, and George, of Chicago; Miss Flora, Mrs. Thasie Jarrard, Frederick, Lewis, and Mrs. Mand Webb, of Pontiac, and Dr. William, of Ocean Grove, California.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church, under the direction of the Masonic fraternity, on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

The services at the church were conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. C. Pillsbury; at the grave in Oak Hill, by the Lodge; the pall bearers were from Oakland Chapter, and the cortege escorted by the Sir Knights of Pontiac Commandery.

Mark Walter was for eighteen years an attaché, at will, of the Gazette. For eighteen years, almost daily, he had a desk or writing table at his disposal. No task was ever imposed upon him, but he had the same ambition and took the same pride in editorial work and news gathering that would have actuated him had he been pecuniarily interested in the success of the paper.

He was ever welcome and was a pleasant companion, judicious adviser and true friend.

Mr. Walter had long been afflicted with an incurable malady, which rendered an active life or the engaging in business out of the question. But his mind was clear and his faculties under full control up to a very recent date.

Mark Walter was a peculiar man, with

a striking mental make-up. He was extraordinary in many intellectual accomplishments. Had he in youth had the mental training vouchsafed to the youth of this generation, and been disciplined to a professional calling, he would have been one among the foremost men of his day in literature, politics or professional life. Poverty was his early handmaid, and almost constant attendant in early life; and associated with her was that other companion, open-hearted liberality, which never knew a refusal of any financial appeal, while a nickel remained in his pocket.

This inseparable combination was always at war with his early aspirations for a higher life, for which he had the constant longing of a thirsty soul which sees the promised pool of mental delight just beyond its reach.

His knowledge of books, of all learned theories in science and metaphysics was wonderful. His mastery of the great writings of ancient and modern times, his familiarity with history, both sacred and profane, and the development and progress of applied science, his intimacy with the poetry of all ages, stamped him as the possessor of a rare mental capacity which had only needed early direction and opportunity to have placed him in the highest walks of life among men.

He was a wonderfully congenial, companionable man, warm-hearted and sympathetic, ever on the alert to pour the oil of healing into the lacerated hearts of his fellows. The pages of the Gazette for the past twenty years bear constant testimony to the kindly disposition and tender sympathies of our friend for those in affliction. During all these two decades he has been a faithful biographical and necrological recorder for the passing generation.

Blessed as he had been with but less than eighteen months schooling, reared as he was amid the poverty of early pioneer life, he acquired habits of thought and investigation rarely met with among those reared under more favorable circumstances. He was liberal in his views, seldom denunciatory of those holding opposite opinions, but firm as the Rock of Ages for what he considered to be fundamentally right. He was an ardent friend of education, and took a lively interest in the success and prosperity of all educational institutions. He was strong for the right as he saw it, and no more devoted, consistent temperance advocate ever lived.

The memory of Mark Walter will live in the hearts of all who knew him, young and old, while those hearts continue to throb with the pulsations of life.

Requiescat in pace.

MEMORIAL

ON THE DEATH OF HON. MARK WALTER,

Adopted by Pontiac Lodge, No. 21, F. & A. M., Dec. 31st, 1895.

It is indeed a sad dispensation of Providence that has called from earth our worthy and much loved brother, the venerable Mark Walter. Few, if any among us, have wrought longer in the quarry, labored more diligently to a greater purpose than he whose loss we mourn.

As early as 1852 he knocked for admission at the door of our lodge. For many years he made operative masonry a profound study, devoting much of his time and energies in acquiring a knowledge of its ancient laws and usages, and a proficiency in its ritual, the work of the symbolical degrees of incalculable benefit to the Order.

In return for the time and attention thus bestowed, he was not only honored by personal preferment, but became unusually proficient in those parliamentary laws and usages that made him the peer of any presiding officer in Oakland County.

He made the principles of Masonry the rule of his life and conduct. They were exemplified in his daily walk and conversation, in that broad Christian charity that dominated his life to the end.

As a man, we admired him for his broad, self-acquired culture, his strong personality, yet gentle, loving nature.

As a citizen, we commend his patriotism for his adopted country, and admiration for his free institutions, his public spirit and his fidelity to duty.

As a Mason, we loved him for the practice of those noble, Christian virtues embodied in the tenets of our order. For by such a life is the world benefited and Masonry perpetuated.

In the loss of our dear brother Mark, we weep with those who weep and mourn with those who mourn. On his bier we drop the sprig of acacia in constant remembrance of his many noble qualities of mind and heart.

Out of respect for his memory we will draw our lodge room in mourning for the space of thirty days; and request that a memorial page be set apart to this use in the records of our lodge, and that a copy of this tribute be suitably engrossed and sent to the widow of the deceased, and a copy also furnished the city papers for publication.

J. A. HARRIS,
O. B. TURNER,
Committee.

Pontiac, Dec. 31st, 1895.

WHERE TO GET WHAT YOU WANT,

Take your butter, if choice, to Cru & Davis

THE PONTIAC GAZETTE

THE CAMPAIGN OF 1896

HON. WILLIAM MCKINLEY, Of Ohio.

Major Pinger has become disgusted because of the disagreement of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce with his street railway views, and offers his stock in their big building for sale.

A large number of the leading men of Detroit have united with the committee of the Michigan Club in inviting Speaker Reed to address the Club on the occasion of its annual banquet on the 22nd of February.

Congressman William Alden Smith, of Grand Rapids, is a genius. He had promised to address the republicans of Grand Rapids last Friday evening, but anticipating that he would not be able to leave his congressional duties, he made his speech into a phonograph, and expressed it to Grand Rapids.

That old chestnut which has been sent out as "special news" from prominent gentlemen at Lansing, about two dozen times in the past six months, that Congressman D. D. Aitken was actively in the field for the republican nomination for governor, sprouted again last week.

The January number of The Forum has able articles under the titles: "Some Suggestions on Currency and Banking," "Railroad Rate Wars—Their Cause and Cure," "Naval Aspects of the Japan China War," "Criminal Crowding of Public Schools," and many others from the pen of able authors.

In another column will be found a call, signed by A. C. Bird, President, and Hon. Austin N. Kimmis, Jr., of the State League of Farmer's Clubs, for the annual meeting at Lansing, on Feb. 4 and 5.

The January number of the Review of Reviews has received. Its contents are as varied and as rich as its name indicates. It is not only finely illustrated but presents the substance of the ablest articles printed in the magazines and newspapers of both continents.

The Gazette acknowledges its obligation to S. S. McClure, 30, Lafayette Place, New York City, for an elegant portrait of Abraham Lincoln, in a portrait taken at Springfield, Ill., in 1861.

There is a peculiar feature in American politics, developed by the Venezuelan affair. The mugwump or better than thou, goody-goody papers, led by Harper's Weekly, are distinctly English on the question of the Monroe doctrine.

The Weekly says, "The Monroe doctrine as a rule keeps this country for its own purposes and its maintenance, construction and application is not a question of law but a question of power."

It is rumored that England has played a cowardly game with the poor Christians in Turkey, and then left them to be slaughtered by the cowardly Turks.

uses her murderous career at will, while these nations look on and growl at each other.

The country entrusted the present ministry with a dictatorship and an armada to support that dictatorship.

The House of Representatives, on Saturday, passed the Bond bill as outlined in the Gazette of last week, by a vote of 170 to 186.

The bill, as passed, amends the re-emption act so as to permit the issue of 3 per cent coin bonds redeemable after five years at the pleasure of the government.

Senator Burrows don't leave the country in doubt as to what he is going to do but does it. He considers the House bill schedule too narrow and has offered amendments including many other articles.

It is rumored that New York bankers are hoarding gold in anticipation of an early bond issue and a premium on the yellow stuff.

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From Washington it is reported that this and that senator and member of Congress desire to do in way of necessary legislation to save the country, and about all that these reports amount to is to keep some correspondent on the inside, in compensation for keeping men's names constantly before the constituents.

It is rumored that Senator Thurston will offer an amendment regarding the bounty on best sugar, which is become a great and growing industry in Nebraska.

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MICHIGAN FARMERS' CLUB. They Will Take Up the Subject of the Big Tax Levy.

The annual meeting of the Michigan state association of farmers' clubs will occur at Lansing, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 27 and 28, 1895.

Therefore, the Michigan state association of farmers' clubs extends an invitation to every farmer's club in the state to send delegates to the annual meeting of the association which will develop the causes of our present enormous tax levy.

It is hoped that as a consequence of such an investigation some plan may be developed in accordance with which the association may exert its power for the end that the evils which cause the present deplorable condition, whether they exist in the conduct of state, county or township affairs, may be discovered and if possible may be remedied.

Bay City, Mich., granted a franchise to a telephone company to build and operate a plant in that city for thirty years, on condition that during that time the city offices should be furnished with telephones free of charge.

Senator Squire (Wash.) has introduced a bill that provides that hereafter all the engineers of ocean steamers carrying an American register shall be fully-qualified citizens of our country, also said engineers shall be officially declared officers.

Sixty-six years is a good old age for a school teacher. The Jailer of Winton Harbor, Me., has been in active service for that period, and is said by her captain to be now as good as she ever was.

There are a round million vets of the Union and Confederate armies too old to do much marching, but they cannot be kept at home when the bugle blows. They can be strung along the coast defenses, and no million men that walk the earth can start them to running.

This week being the last week before Christmas vacation, the students (mostly the girls) of the Normal Ypsilanti, were very anxious to see "him" and so school was dismissed earlier than was at first intended.

There is only one way in which Mr. Cleveland can save his Minister to England from the sharp humiliation of a Congressional vote of censure. He should call Mr. Bayard home.

England wants additional and new territory in Venezuela, just as she does in Alaska, because it bids fair to be of great value. The strip she demands in Alaska will control the gold belt, which is promising. England has never quite got over the loss of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and California.

The insurgents in Cuba are making it especially warm for the Spaniards and defeating them whenever they meet them on anything like equal terms.

Simon Bolivar, the liberator of Venezuela, is represented by an equestrian statue in Central Park, New York, which George Washington honored by his statue in a square in Caracas. The Venezuelans venerate the memory of George Washington almost as much as they do that of Bolivar.

A call to veterans of the late war to enlist for the defense of Bridgeport harbor in the event of war with England has been issued by James H. Smith, past commander of the Forty-third New York Volunteers.

Maybe the Lion thinks he bring the Eagle down from his perch and pluck his tail feathers. But he has tried it twice before. Just as sure as England fires a gun in American waters, the time will come, later on, when the Eagle will swoop all around her.

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The people like the President's new uniform. He ought to have put it on and stood up for American interests long ago. There would not have been today so many closed work shops and so many collapsed pocket books if he had. He has been playing a big hand in the interests of European workshops with his "tariff reform."

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Don't Jump Out of the Frying Pan into the Fire.

To the members of the Monitor Insurance Company.

Gentlemen—Our assessments this year are exceedingly high, almost double what it was in '94, and there was much dissatisfaction last year. In '93 the rate per thousand, I see, was only \$1.45. This shows that our losses have about doubled in two years.

Following is the rate of assessment on the thousand dollars for the last 18 years, according to my receipts: 1883, \$1.00; 1884, \$1.03; 1885, \$1.17; 1886, \$1.57; 1887, \$1.10; 1888, \$1.17; 1889, \$1.90; 1890, \$1.97; 1891, \$1.45; 1892, \$1.65; 1893, \$1.45; 1894, \$1.98; 1895, \$2.80. I have already heard a number of members say they were going to withdraw from the company, that they could not stand such assessments. Now, gentlemen, you had better stop and think and reason a little first—at least wait till after the annual meeting, and attend that, and see what we are going to do. That we are going to do something is sure. There is no longer any doubt that a large proportion of this property has been insured too high, and many of us have noticed that when buildings are well insured people are not as careful with fire. But even with this heavy tax this year the same amount in most any stock company would be about doubled, and we cannot afford to take our own risks, if we can afford to do that then surely we can afford to pay our assessments. We must at the coming meeting vote to reinsure and that at not more than two thirds the value at a fair estimate on new or nearly new buildings. The owner should bear at least one third, and on old buildings, especially old barns and other old buildings if rough and unpainted they should not be taken at but little over one half their value. Often sills and other parts, especially the roof, are rotten and when it comes to repairs these same parts are a nuisance instead of having a value. Therefore, no doubt agents have been careless in taking old buildings and, also again, in appraising the damage when burned. It is a very terrible thing to sympathize with a fellow mortal when he has had luck, but when our losses double in two years as they have, it looks as if there was something radically wrong somewhere, and that our sympathy should begin at home. Some men will go into and all around their barn with lighted pipes, most of us have seen them do this. I have, and remonstrated against it, and the answer I have received was, "Oh, h—, the barn is insured who cares a d—."

Now is it right to take such a man's old rookeries and after he has burned them pay him for them? If there is nothing in the policy prohibiting smoking within certain limits of a barn or stack, there ought to be and it should be strictly forbidden, and I would be in favor of fining a man for so doing, and also for leaving a lighted lantern in a barn alone. You remember we have had some experience with this lantern business.

Now, gentlemen, don't vote down this question of re-insuring, as you did last winter, for if you do it will only be the finale of the Monitor Insurance Company, and there is no insurance system so cheap and so safe as a mutual when rightly conducted. It is the farmers' company. All stock companies, you are aware, are organized to make money like all other money catchers, but these mutual companies are run at not much, if any, above cost. It would seem as if collecting cost here done for less than 2 per cent, but I suppose those know best that have been there. All business should be done as economically as possible consistent with good sound judgment and honest men. Now stick to the Monitor Insurance Company. Don't leave it. It is already organized and in running order, and if a few leave it we are likely, like a flock of sheep, all to go. "United we stand, divided we fall."

Many of you remember the old Mutual of, I think it was called, the Oakland, Lapeer & Macomb. I, with others, belonged to it, and the year that John Southard's house burned, two miles northeast of Pontiac, our assessments were very high and many withdrew and others would not pay, and the result was that was the end of our insurance company and Southard and all the others that had losses that year received but a small per cent of their loss. So stick to it, that is what makes it solid and permanent. We must keep our property insured. There is no enemy much worse than debts, and many of us at this day, if we lose our buildings without insurance and have to rebuild, would never live to get out of debt. Is this not a fact? So stick to the Monitor. There is power even in the man. But bear one thing in mind, first, last, and all the time, and that is that old rotten wood takes fire easier than sound wood. By keeping the latter in mind many past mistakes may be avoided and our assessments somewhat lower in future.

One can hardly account for the fact that our losses should increase about \$10,000 in one year, and it is unfortunate for us, coupled with these close times, but if we all stand by each other, and all look our policies over and see where we can lessen the amount, in fact, reinsure at reasonable rates, willing to bear a portion ourselves, and not with honest purpose instead of putting our property way up to the highest notch, thinking if we do burn we will get all there is in it, ashes and all, and thereby paying an assessment on several hundred dollars of dead property, then we will put the Monitor on a sound, safe footing again.

We certainly cannot afford to insure in stock companies if we cannot stand our assessments in the Monitor even this year, for they are from two to four times as expensive and far more particular or careful about insuring too high. So now, please, one and all, don't leave us, other mutual companies have had twice as high assessments but they did not disband. Now if I am wrong in any way or said anything out of the way, I wish to be excused and should like to hear from others.

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D. D. Waggot and wife, of Oxford, Sundayed with his nephew, George Waggot, of Orion township.

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THE CONDITION OF THE SHEEP INDUSTRY IN MICHIGAN.

Address of Hon. Peter Voorhis, President of the Michigan Merino Sheep Breeders' Association, Delivered at the annual Meeting at Lansing.

Gentlemen of the M. M. Sheep Breeders' Association:

It is a pleasure to again have the privilege of meeting with the members of this association, but it is not a pleasant duty to look back over the past year and chronicle the results of our prosperity; either as an individual, an association, or a nation of agriculturists.

All who wish could easily get from statistics, facts revealing our situation and compare them with former years. No theory can misplace or banish existing facts. I will only recall a few of the changes that have taken place in the past year or two. The one most impressive today is the empty seats and missing members from this our annual meeting. Five years ago our hall was filled with enthusiastic and enterprising men from all parts of the state; now if any member present has in the past year received enough clear profit from his flock to pay his expenses to this meeting, he should be called successful.

Three years ago the United States furnished about one-sixth of the entire wool output of the world, and consumed one-fifth. How is it today? We are not producing fifty per cent. of the wool consumed, and consumption has decreased nearly 25 per cent. through lack of purchasing power.

Statistics show that the value of the sheep of the United States has been reduced about one-half, or from \$125,000,000 in 1893 to \$60,000,000 in 1895. What a shrinkage! More than was ever produced by war, flood, famine, fire, disease, or anything else up to the present time. Should this shrinkage continue a few years more the flock of the ancient and oft quoted Mary will be a good sized one compared with ours.

Sheep have gone to the slaughtering pens decimating the flocks of the United States wonderfully the past year, the increase of slaughter being nearly 100 per cent. in Chicago.

The record for 1892 was 1,661,711, while for nine months in 1895 the number slaughtered was 2,179,088. The prospects are that by Dec. 31st, the number will be the greatest on record. The value of wool has been reduced in some instances fully as much as has the animal that grew it. It certainly has been brought to the raw material line where it sells for a less price per lb. than cotton, which has been the case in San Antonio and all over Texas.

Statistics show an increase of over 77,000,000 lbs. during the present year over that of 1894 of imports of wool and woolsens that supplant a similar quantity of American wool. It also shows in the imports of shoddy used to adulterate wool in the manufacture of clothing, an increase of over 16 million lbs. This excess of importations of shoddy, rags, noils and waste in one year under the new tariff law exceeds the annual yield of Michigan, Ohio and New York. Nearly 90 lbs. of shoddy, noils and waste go into consumption where only one pound was used before the duty was removed.

Another change which has taken place is the lessened demand for corn, feed and grain and other products of the farm. With the abandonment of sheep husbandry, other lines of farm production have been extended, causing an over supply which has injured those engaged strictly in agricultural pursuits to nearly as much as the sheep breeder and wool grower.

The change to the present tariff law of perjury and dishonor is felt by nearly every citizen and taxpayer of America. It has been the main factor in causing the outflow of gold to other nations—gone for products that should have been produced at home. It has caused the slaughter of our flocks that has taken a lifetime to bring to near perfection increased the unemployed labor and their immorality, decreased their intelligence, also the consuming power of the nation.

It would not be so bad if this change in policy had any redeeming qualities which would accrue to our benefit in the way of reciprocal increase in our export of agricultural products, but such is not the fact, they have fallen off about 40 per cent. The export of American products being less than that of 1892 by about \$208,000,000.

The breeders of the mutton grades, or breeds of sheep are not in a much more prosperous condition than the fine wool growers, for there seems to be a strange condition of affairs, the wool grown on these sheep which grades as 1/4 and 3/8 blood wools have advanced over 33 per cent. in foreign markets since July, and American manufacturers continue to import them while this grade is no higher in our own markets than in July, and some other grades go begging for a customer at the lowest price ever recorded in history, and now the prospect of compulsory slaughter at foreign ports is anything but reciprocal and not encouraging to the mutton producer.

All of these changes have so far resulted in an actual money loss to those engaged in sheep husbandry, and through them to the nation at large.

The loss sustained by the difference in amount received in custom revenue on wool and manufacturers of wool which averaged 42 million dollars annually under the law of 1890, is not counterbalanced by our being able to get clothing that much cheaper, as in actual prices of all wool goods like quality the difference is scarcely perceptible.

The theory that free wool would give us more wool and less shoddy in our clothes seems to be a fake. Here is a specimen case, mentioned by the Commercial Bulletin, of Boston: "One highly attractive English piece of cashmere that has been selling at 80 cents in this market turns out to be 50 per cent. cotton, the remainder being stuff."

The whole world, knowing that in the near future wool will again be protected, straining every nerve to fill up our warehouses, not only with all kinds of foreign fabrics, but are dumping on our shores Europe's surplus and refuse, amounting to 17,050,568 lbs. in the year ending Oct. 1895, 16,914,142 lbs. more than was admitted in the year ending Oct. 1894, an increase of 88 fold.

With this state of things existing and our public debt increasing at the rate of 100 million dollars a year, and the history of England to guide us with her 600 years of protection having built up her domain and wealth; and since the adoption of free trade her agriculture has dwindled until the farming element is going out of business, and the farms absorbed by the nobility to be used for game and the fox chase. Is it anything to wonder at our agriculturalists and wool growers and tax payers are anxious to have another change that will start the wheel of adversity rolling the other way toward prosperity.

All honor and credit that is due should be given to that veteran worker, the Hon. Wm. Lawrence, of Ohio, who is now trying to attain that and,

especially in the interest of the sheep breeder and wool grower. Two bills have already been introduced in Congress to restore the duty on wool similar to that embraced in the McKinley bill. Should this wise legislation be enacted it is not expected that the sheep industry would jump to prosperity with a bound.

"The mills of the gods grind slowly but surely," and so sure would the flock with a golden field be sought for, and our hall again be filled with prosperous sheep breeders and wool growers and agriculturists, through whom the nation prospers.

Under present conditions it is not our duty to put on the armor and battle for our rights, to secure same or equal protection to that accorded other prosperous industries, thereby restoring to us the best market and return to the most progressive nation on earth.

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THE PONTIAC GAZETTE

PONTIAC, MICH., JANUARY 3, 1896.

Entered at the Post Office as Second-Class Matter.

The Republicans took charge of the Senate committees and machinery on Monday.

Granulated sugars have taken a jump up, and were quoted in York Tuesday at from \$4.87 to \$5 per hundred. This brings the sweet stuff to \$5 and upwards in Detroit.

It is funny to hear such talk as this from Senator Gorman, the High Priest of the administration in the Senate only a year since. "After all, Mr. President, the country will hold neither the Republicans nor the Democrats responsible for the government for the next two years. It is a divided responsibility. You are in a large majority in the other house, and there is in the executive chair a gentleman who was elected as a Democrat." This caustic allusion to the president provoked some laughter.

The Gazette directs attention to the article in another column from the President of the Oakland County Agricultural Society, D. L. Davis, Esq., which sets forth in detail the grounds upon which the legal fraternity of this county, and we are informed, including Judge Wisner and Hon. D. D. Aitken, of Flint, assume that, without doubt, the said Agricultural Society had, and could give a perfect title to every inch of the old fair ground property. It is the purpose of the article to place the facts before the friends and members of the society, and those who have purchased lots.

Rumors.

Only a column and a half of rumors in yesterday's dailies. The most important was that the President had decided to issue another hundred million dollars in bonds, to be followed by another hundred million dollars in a few days, whether coin or gold bonds rumor does not specify, nor the rate of interest at 3 or 3 3/4 per cent, or whether a syndicate of foreign bankers is to handle the loan at one per cent commission, cash the bonds at 104 3/4 and retail them out at 110. Dame Rumor puts the bond issue in about the same shape as before the last bond issue with about the same men with fingers in the right pie. But rumor, when it comes to government finances is a poor reliance. The truth will all come out soon enough to disgust the people.

A Great Debate Coming.

It has been a serious question with law abiding, thoughtful citizens whether the government had any right to lay its hands upon the sinking fund of one hundred million dollars in gold, accumulated in the treasury by solemn enactment of Congress as the minimum of the reserve fund to secure the issue of \$400 million dollars in greenbacks, for the purpose of paying its current expenses. It was put there for a specific purpose, to maintain the face value of government circulating notes. The course that has been pursued by the government would not have been tolerated for a week by any banking institution in this or any other nation. For, instead of being held as a redemption fund, it has been converted into a huge sponge to soak the gold of the country into the treasury and discharge the accumulations into foreign hands. In view of this fact, and the necessity of a change by which this emptying process may be stopped, without lessening the circulat-

ing medium of the people, Senator John Sherman introduced the following comprehensive and far reaching resolution, in the Senate on Tuesday.

"Resolved, That by injurious legislation by the fifty-third congress the revenues of the government were reduced below its necessary expenditures and the fund created by law for the redemption of United States notes has been invaded to supply such deficiencies of reserve; that such a misapplication for the resumption fund is of doubtful legality and is greatly injurious to the public credit, and should be prevented by restoring said fund to the sum of not less than \$100,000,000 in gold or bullion (to be segregated from all other funds) to be paid out only in the redemption of United States notes, and such notes when redeemed to be issued only in exchange for gold coin and bullion."

In this resolution, elaborated as it will undoubtedly be to meet the exigencies of the situation, a great debate will commence in the Senate on Friday.

Monitor Insurance Company—Criticism by B. L. Heliker, Esq., of Farmington.

I see by Mr. Johnson's letter that he advises the patrons of the Monitor Insurance Co. to stand by the society. I would like to ask Mr. Johnson if he knows how the company is run over in our part of the county.

Did he receive a card with a house damage of \$100? Does he think a barn with about 40 tons hay in it would burn in about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Does he think the officers have any right to step up to an animal, tell what killed it, accept the farmer's valuation and say nothing to any one as to what was the cause of death, is it not his duty to hold an examination? But he did not do this, he admitted the horse was struck by lightning and drew a check of \$100, but when the cards came they showed damage to house \$100 and nothing was on them about the horse.

The barns that burned with contents, etc., were valued at \$1214.25. Where can you get this value? I think you will find the size of the barn to be as follows:—Barn, 26x46, shed 16x36, straw barn 20x40, hay 16x26, posts 14 feet.

When the boards were burned from the frame barn the frame stood out in full view, but where was the hay? I did not see any, but in the straw barn there was a little hay which burned all day. The fire broke out at about 5 o'clock a. m. There were three Jersey calves burned and there were other animals that were scorched, none so badly as to cause death. When the rumor was heard that there were about 40 tons of hay, some of those that knew the circumstances warned the officers that there was a mistake, but they heeded not.

I would like to have all the patrons present and each have a word to say and a chance to say it.

B. L. HELIKER.

MICHIGAN PURE FOOD LAW.

Commissioner Storrs has begun to Enforce it Energetically. State Dairy and Food Commissioner Storrs has begun a vigorous enforcement of the pure food law. He proposes to ferret out all adulterated articles and see that they are labelled as such. An article of unquestioned purity, however, such as Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder was shown to be by the chief chemist of the U. S. agricultural department and the World's Fair jury, as well as by every food expert who has tested it, the Commissioner will find no occasion to examine. "The scope of the law," as was remarked by a prominent lawyer discussing it, "does not include such articles and groceries selling it can not be molested. Just as the laws respecting larceny are for punishing thieves so the province of the pure food law is to single out and brand the adulterated article, not the pure one. Its enforcement will protect both the people and the honest manufacturers."

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NORTH-EAST OAKLAND.

Minnie Wallace, of Oxford, was the guest of Orion friends last week. Miles Origgs and wife, of Oxford, spent New Years with Pontiac friends. The Arnold school now boasts the stars and stripes from a thirty foot pole. Mattie Sutton, of Town Corners, visited her cousins in Addison last week.

J. G. Nobles installs the officers in Oxford Grange on Saturday, January 4th, '96. The Oxford boys are using the water works to flood Strouds' Lake for a skating rink.

Cora Glaspie, of Ypsilanti, is at her home, South Oxford, on a two weeks vacation. Jennie Pogue, of Town Corners, is the guest of her father Robert Pogue, of Dryden.

George O. Oxford has given up teaching school and will take up his own trade, farming. Walter Porter will form a partnership with John Arnold in the Laundry business at Oxford.

Will McDavis and wife from Caro were in Oxford on Wednesday. His store is open again.

Frank Thurston and wife visited at the parental home of Col. Sutton, on Saturday afternoon. Ira Carpenter and Master Porter Hammond, of Orion, are on the sick list at present writing.

Arthur Hammond, of Orion, spent the holidays with his sister Mrs. Homer Smith, of Rochester. Lewis Youngs and wife, of North Oxford, were the guests of Towns Corners friends over Sunday.

The Arnold Christmas tree bore some fine fruit. Mrs. Althouse receiving a gold watch and chain bracelet. Byron Anderson and bride returned from their wedding trip to Port Huron and the other places on Saturday afternoon.

Frank Carpenter and wife have moved from the Clarence Crawford place near Oxford to the Howard farm near Thomas.

John Lenthoff, of Orion, has his goods all boxed up ready for shipment to Pontiac, where he intends opening a clothing store.

Berridge & Berridge, of Orion, now have bread in stock. Mrs. Shurter having given up that line after a business of twenty years.

Bert Bailey returned to his home, Oxford, from Standish, on Tuesday, where he has been building railroads for the past four months.

Leap year dawned upon us and the new woman will assert her rights, and is practicing the most graceful way of "popping the question."

One of the O. D. C. boys of Oxford was knocked out by Chicago. But luck was in his favor when Phoebe arrived. How is it, Lew?

Willard DerGart and wife, of Inley City, were guests at the Anderson-Chapin wedding on Christmas, returning to their home on Thursday.

Every body hustling, getting money to pay taxes, as but few days are left. There are eight poverty holders in Orion whose taxes are over \$90.

Grant Whitmore has returned to Oxford from California. He brought with him a basket of luscious oranges which sell in California for 50c per dozen.

The Town Corners school commenced on Thursday, but three weeks remain to finish the term. Miss Blanch Sims has given good satisfaction as teacher.

The blizzard of Tuesday was a first class sample and a terrific snow storm accompanied by a genuine northeaster have rendered the roads nearly impassable.

A man at Town Corners is having wood cut into stove length for 15 cents per cord. Who said there was anything the matter with the labor question?

Lots of corn still remains in the shock and the average farmer congratulates himself that he will get his fall work done just in time to start the plow in the spring.

A widower of east Orion is courting an Orion widow. Both parties are well off, highly respectable. It is a move in the right direction, and no body's business.

'Tis rumored that John Smith, a resident on the Mary Cole farm, has rented the farm at Town Corners lately owned by Chas. Seeley and will move thereon in April.

Mrs. Samuel Belles, of Eaton, intends going this week to Manistiquic, Upper Peninsula, where she will visit her daughters Lida and Lizzie, Lida being dangerously ill.

John C. Jenkins, auctioneer, of Oxford, has two sales next week. Stephen Reid's on Tuesday, January 7th, and John Arnold's, of Addison, Wednesday, January 8th.

The B. S. C. social dancing party at Belles Hall, Orion, was attended by 75 couples, the largest party of the season. The Calliope orchestra of five pieces made excellent music.

Frank Powell Post G. A. R., of Oxford, will hold their annual installation of officers at Orion, Wednesday, January 8, '96. An interesting program will be presented.

Adam Perry, of Oakland, has not as much cheek as he had. On Monday a horse bit a chunk out of his cheek and also a part of his ear. Adam may now be classed with the registered.

School commences on Monday next at Orion. Mr. Bates and wife, of Cassville, are spending a few days with Orion friends. Mr. Bates was formerly principal of Orion high school.

thought that the fire originated from a hot stove which ignited the partition up stairs. Joseph Berridge, father of C. B. Berridge, of Orion, celebrated his 92 birthday on December 26, and he bears his age well. By his up-right figure and active mind, he might well be taken for a man in his prime and bears no resemblance to a man with one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel.

S. P. Hovey and wife, A. C. Leonard, wife and daughter, of Detroit; W. G. Hinman and wife, of Pontiac; spent Christmas with E. D. Glaspie and wife, of Oxford; also the other brothers and families were present. Two large turkeys and the usual accompaniments made it pleasant for the guests, and this family reunion was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The L. O. T. M., of Orion, made their choice of the following officers at last review: Lady commander, Minnie Hemmingway; Lieut. commander, Nellie Kline; record keeper, Jeanne Farrell; finance keeper, Julia Hammond; chaplain, Sarah Dewey; doctor, Phillip Martin; sergeant, Lizzie Line; Mistress at Arms, Sarah A. Williams; Sentinel, Anna Campbell; Picket, Clara Charlton. Installation of officers Thursday, January 9th, 1896.

The Orion Grange P. of H. had their election of officers on Saturday, December 28th, which resulted as follows: W. M., T. C. V. Kline; W. C., E. B. Letts; W. L., Mrs. P. T. Butler; steward, R. W. Cole; assistant steward, O. R. Wilson; Chaplin, Duke Whitty; treasurer, P. T. Butler; secretary, John Greenshields; J. K. Burt; Pomona, Mrs. R. W. Cole; Flora, Mrs. T. C. V. Kline; Ceres, Mrs. D. B. Swayze; Lady and Steward, Mrs. C. R. Wilson. Installation on Saturday, January 11th, and an elegant dinner will be served.

The press is overflowing with hints and threats of war with England. What is the matter with us? Why do we don the war paint and feathers and make all this bluster and bluff when as yet we have no occasion to fight. It would be more patriotic to maintain our dignity and preserve silence. True, our ability to lick all creation has long been known, and when England throws down the gauntlet then we will prove that this country is not to be licked by any nation on earth. The gauntlet is down.

The lawsuit in Orion, of Berridge & Berridge vs. Myron Skinner, is a lengthy affair and the verdict not reached yet. The first suit was adjourned. The next on December 24th was continued through the day till 10 o'clock at night and adjourned till the 28th. It was held through the day and till midnight and adjourned till Tuesday. There was but 30 cts difference in the two accounts but its likely there will be more than that at the finish. It's evident the contestants are not seeking a settlement, it is a clear case of grit vs. backbone.

Further development in the failure of Lee Powelson, Oxford, reveal a systematic robbery, for such it is, for some time. The car load of carriages were shipped Mr. Powelson in the summer which were sent to different points an sold for \$85 each, about half the usual price. No honest dealer could compete with a man who did not intend to pay for his goods and all who have investigated the matter and have heretofore express sympathy have now no feeling but confidence in a man that will gain the confidence of the people and thus abuse it.

Considerable dissatisfaction is prevalent among the members of the Monitor Insurance Company on account of the high assessment and some propose a withdrawal of their support, thus causing a collapse of the company. This action would be the rankest folly and a direct stab to every member who protects his home. Insurance on property is the same in substance as life insurance. We are another home, without it we are homeless. As we pay our assessments in life insurance we think, this is to help some brother's widow or family and when we pay our assessment in the Monitor it is to help a member rebuild his home. The insurance rate in the Monitor is less than in most mutual companies.

—Found Bros. dry goods, at the old Post office stand, hand in a change of ad, announcing a great cut clearing house sale of winter goods—too late for this week's Gazette.

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TOO MUCH WORK

For a Healthy Existence.—That's Why the Kidneys so often Fail.

Nature has provided a certain amount of work for every organ of the human body; overtax them and disease eventually follows. There is not one portion of our organism that is so overworked as the kidneys; on them is placed the important function of filtering the blood of the impurities which naturally form in the regular action of life and digestion. The kidneys are consequently termed the "sewer" of the system; clog up this sewer, and the blood becomes tainted with poisonous uric acid, which brings on disease in many forms. The back is the first to show this stoppage. From there comes the warning note; it should be heeded, and the kidneys receive prompt attention. Doan's Kidney Pills will right the action of the kidneys quickly, relieve the back of pain and aches, and cure all troubles of kidneys and bladder. Read the following: Mr. Wm. Nelson, a well-known business man of Kalamazoo, he resides at 823 Portage Street, and his business is that of a grain buyer. He says: "For five years I have suffered from an inability to urinate, which resulted from what was said to be a stoppage of the bladder. During these years I have taken mineral and electric baths and used other means in expectancy of getting better, but they all proved unavailing. Some months ago I had heard highly recommended, and I can now say that the flattering reports were not greater than they deserved. I got better right along, and I am free from any trouble now. I feel better than I have done for three years past. If Doan's Kidney Pills were well known all over they would do an immense amount of good."

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The Markets. So many holidays have kept all markets dull and lifeless the past week.

Coming! Fishers' Cold Day. You won't need your overcoats at the Opera House on Tuesday, evening January 7, as Manager Calvert has booked Fisher's comedians in that rattling farce comedy, "A Cold Day." Fisher is a great laugh maker, and will make it warm for every body. "A Cold Day" is up to date, and always has the latest songs and dances of the day. It is on this account that Mr. Fisher has been able to keep it before the public for the past nine seasons. It has been some time since it was here, and will no doubt be greeted with a full house.

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HEART OF THE WORLD.

BY H. RIDER HAGGARD.

A Strange Story, Taken From a Manuscript Requested by an Old Mexican Indian to His Friend and Comrade, an Englishman Named Jones.

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Now the old Indian, Zibbalay, who was crouched upon the ground beside us, spoke for the first time, saying: "Friends, why do you not fly? Doubtless you can find a path down the further side of the pyramid, and in the forest you may hide from these men."

"It is too late to talk of flight," said Molas, "for look! they are coming up the stairs, the eight of them, with Don Pedro and the Americano at their head."

"I looked; it was true. Already they had climbed half the steps of the first flight."

"Oh, for some rifle!" groaned the senior. "It is useless to cry for what we have not," I answered. "God can help us if He wishes, and if He does not we must bow to His will."

Then there was a silence, broken only by the voice of Zibbalay, who, standing behind us, lifted his hands to heaven and prayed aloud to his gods to bring a vengeance upon our foes.

Now we could see through the trees and bushes that the men were beginning to climb the second flight.

"Come, let us do something," said the senior, and, raising to the pile of stones which we had prepared, he called to us to roll the heaviest upon the enemy.

This we did, but without effect, for the tree trunks turned the stones; moreover, those against whom they were directed, talking cover at the sides of the stairway, opened so sharp a fire on us with their rifles that in a few minutes we were driven from the piles of stones and forced to retreat behind the shelter of the arch.

Now they came on again, till presently they reached the foot of the third flight and paused to take breath. Then it was that Molas, seizing one of the Indian blowpipes, ran out onto the terrace followed by the senior—though why the senior went I do not know, for he could not use the weapon.

Before the men below were aware of their presence Molas had set the blowpipe to his lips and discharged the poisoned dart among them. It struck Don Smith, the American, full in the throat. Watching around the corner of the arch I saw him lift his hand to pull it out, then a sudden he fell to the ground, and at that instant a storm of bullets swept through the archway aimed at Molas and the senior as they fled back to shelter.

I saw Molas fall and the senior stop to lift him to his feet, and as he was in the very act a patch of red appeared upon his face. Another moment they were back under cover.

"Are you hurt?" I asked the senior. "No, no," he answered, "my face was grazed by a bullet, that was all. Look to Molas; he is shot in the side."

"Leave me," said Molas; "it is nothing." Then we were silent, only Maya sobbed a little as she strove to stanch the blood which flowed from the senior's wound with cobwebs that she gathered from among the stones.

Looking out cautiously we saw that the men had dragged Don Smith to the side of the stairway, while some of them supported him while he died of poison, and others watched for a chance to shoot us should we show ourselves upon the terrace. Presently he was dead, and cursing us aloud his companions commenced to mount the third flight with great caution, for they feared a snare.

"Is there nothing to be done to save our lives?" asked the senior in a heavy voice. There was no answer, but of a sudden Molas, who was standing with one hand pressed upon the wound in his side and the other before his eyes, turned and ran swiftly into the chamber behind us, whence he appeared carrying the copper axe.

Then, without speaking, he climbed the masonry of the archway with great swiftness, till he stood with his feet in the cracks beneath the crown of the arch, which you will remember was held in place only by the tough tree roots that grew from it into the stonework of the buttress.

Supporting himself by a creeper with his left hand, with his right he struck blow after blow at the biggest of these roots, severing them one by one. Now we saw his purpose—to send two hundred tons of stonework thundering down the stairway upon the heads of the murderers.

"By heavens! That is an answer to my question," said the senior; then he paused and added: "Come down, Molas, if the arch falls you will fall with it and be crushed."

"It matters little," he answered, "this is my doom day. That bullet has cut me inside, and I bleed to death, and on this spot, as I have long feared, it is fated that I should die. Pray for my soul and farewell."

Now three of the roots were severed, but the fourth and largest, which was thicker than a man's leg, remained, and at this Molas began to howl despairingly.

Now the City of the Heart is built upon an island in the center of a lake, but many thousands of her children sweep the mainland, where they cultivated fields and dug in the earth for gold and gems.

"So she flourished and her children with her, till twelve generations since, when there came tidings to the king of that day that a nation of white men had taken possession of the empire near the sea, putting their inhabitants to the sword and possessing themselves of their wealth. Tidings came also that these white men, having learned the tale of the City of the Heart and of the measureless treasures of gold and which it adorned, purposed to seek it out and sack it."

"When the seerique was sure that these things were true, he took counsel with his wise men and with the oracle of the god, and issued a decree that all those who lived upon the mainland should be brought within the walls of the city, so that the white men might find none to guide them thither. This was done then, and the spoilers sought in vain for many years, till it was reported among them that this legend of a town filled with gold was but a fable."

"Now, however, great sickness took hold of those who lived in the City of the Heart, because it was over full of men; so great a sickness, indeed, that soon there was space and to spare for all who remained within its walls. The sickness went away, but as the generations passed a new and worse trouble fell upon our forefathers. The blood of the people grew old, and but few children were born to them."

"There were none left upon the mainland to replenish the race, and this is our law, a law that cannot be broken under pain of death, that no man or woman may leave our territories to seek a husband or wife of different blood."

"Thus, then, it has come about that the people have grown fewer and fewer, until now there is scarce a man to be seen in summer. All at length they are dwindled to a few thousands, who in bygone days could count their number by tens and twenties of thousands."

"But an ancient prophecy has come down to us from our forefathers, and it is that, when once more the two halves of the symbol of the Heart are laid side by side in their place upon the altar in the sanctuary of the holy city, then from that hour she shall grow great again. Over this saying I brooded long, and often did I pray to the God whom I worship that I might find that which was lost, and save the people from perishing."

"At length a voice spoke to me in a dream answering my prayer, bidding me to wander forth from the country of the heart and follow the ancient road toward the sea, for there, near to the eastern shore, I should find that which was lost."

"Then I summoned the Council of the Heart and told them of my dream, and that I purposed to obey it. But they made a mock of me and said that I might go if I wished, but that no man of the people should accompany me across the mountains, for that was against the ancient law."

"To be short," continued Zibbalay, "I was unwilling, would not be grieved of her desire to accompany me, Tikal, my nephew, was placed over the city to rule as regent in my stead, until I should return again."

"Alone we crossed the mountains, and alone, following the traces of the ancient road, we traveled through the desert and the forest that lies beyond it, till at last we reached this secret place."

"There is no need to tell the rest of the tale, for it is known to you. Now, if it pleases you, let us hear yours, and learn what purpose led you and your companion here in time to save us from the grip of that white devil who lies dead upon the stairway."

"The tale I am telling to Zibbalay and his daughter is the story of my life, and of my great scheme to build up again that empire which fell in the day of Montezuma."

"Now you speak words that are after my own heart," said the old man; "but tell me, how is it to be done?"

"By your help," I answered. "Men are here in plenty, but to use them I must have gold, whereas yonder, it seems, you have gold and no men. Therefore I ask of you some portion of your useless wealth, that by its help I may buy your people and my own."

"Follow me to the city, and I can bring it about you shall have all that you desire," he answered. "Now, daughter, lead me to my rest, for I am overwhelmed, not with toil and suffering, but with too much joy."

When he had gone the senior spoke to me. "This is very well, Ignatio," he said, "and most interesting, but just now, as I may remind you, there are things more pressing than the regeneration of the Indian race; for instance, our own safety. To-morrow, at the latest, may your people and my own be here, and if we are found here it seems likely that we shall be shot down as murderers. Say, then, what do you propose to do?"

"I propose, senior, that at the first light of dawn we should take the mules and ride away. The forest is dense and it will be difficult to find us; moreover, two days' journey will take us beyond the reach of white men. Tell me, lady," I added to Maya, who had returned from the chamber, "do you know the road?"

"But, alas, before you take it, it is right that I should tell you something."

"You have heard my father's words and they are true, every one of them, but they are not all the truth. He rules that city of which he has spoken to you, but the nobles there are weary of his rule, that at times is somewhat harsh, also they deem him mad. It was for this reason that they suffered him to wander forth, seeking the fulfillment of a prophecy in which none of them have faith, for they were certain that he would perish in the wilderness and return no more to trouble them."

"Then why did they allow you, who are his heir, to accompany him, lady?"

"Because I would have it so. I love my father, and if he was doomed to die because of his folly, it was my wish to die with him. Moreover, if you would know the truth, I hate that city where I was born and the man in it to whom I am destined to be married, and desired to escape from it if only for awhile."

"And does that man hate you, lady?"

"No," she answered, turning her head as if she loved me more. "Had I stayed, my father would have appointed me to rule in his place, and Tikal, my cousin, would have been next to the throne, not on it; therefore it was that he consented to my going, or at least I think so."

"Sirs, I learn now that you are to accompany us to the City of the Heart, should we live to reach it."

"You hear. What say you, white man?" And it seemed to me that she awaited his answer anxiously.

"Yes, lady, I hear," he replied, with a laugh, "and doubtless it is all true enough, and I shall leave my bones yonder among your countrymen. Well, so be it; I have determined to go, and go I will, since I am too idle to change my mind. Also, it seems to me that after this day's business there is more danger in staying here than in pushing forward."

"I am glad that you are going, since you go of your own free will," she said, smiling. "May our fears be confounded and your journey and ours prove prosperous. And now let us rest, for you must be very weary as I am, and we should be starting before dawn."

Next morning at the first break of light we started on our journey, riding on three of the mules that we had captured, and leading the fourth laden with our goods and water skins. Very glad were all of us to see the last of that ruined temple, and yet it was sad to me to leave it, for there, hidden beneath some of the masses of the fallen masonry, lay all that was left of my friend and foster brother, Molas, his whose bravery and wit had saved our lives at the cost of his own."

"Our plan was to avoid villages where we might be seen by men, and keep ourselves hidden in the forest, for we feared lest we should be followed and brought to account because of the death of Don Pedro and his companions; and this we were able to do, since having guns and ammunition in plenty we shot birds and deer for our daily food. Traveling thus on mule back, soon our strength returned to us, even to the old man Zibbalay, who had suffered the most from fatigue and from ill-treatment at the hands of the white men. In something less than a week we had passed through the inhabited districts of Yucatan and far out of the reach of the white man, and now were journeying through the forest toward the great sierra that lies beyond."

The senior was never weary of questioning the silent Zibbalay as to the history or rather the legend of the land through which we journeyed, or of listening to the lady Maya's description of the City of the Heart, till even she grew tired and begged him to speak instead of the country across the water where he was born, of the ceaseless busy life, and the wonders of civilization.

Strange as it may seem, I, who watched them both from day to day, know it to be true that she was in mind the more modern of the two, so much so indeed that in listening to their talk I might have fancied that she was the child of the new world, filled with the spirit of the age, and he the heir of a proud and secret race dying beneath its weight of years.

"I cannot understand you," she would say to him. "Why do you so love histories and ruins and stories of people that have long been dead? I hate them. Once they lived, and doubtless were well enough in their place and time, but now they are past and done with, and it is we who live, live, live," and she stretched out her arms as though she would clasp the sunshine to her breast.

"Tell you," she went on, "that this homely mine of which you are so fond of talking is nothing but a great burying place, and those who dwell in it are like ghosts who wander to and fro, thinking of the things that they did, or did not do, a thousand years before."

"Did my father but know it, he wastes time and trouble in making plans for the redemption of the People of the Heart, who think him mad for his pains. They cannot be redeemed. If I could have my will while I am still young, I would turn my back upon this city which you so desire to see, taking with me the wealth that is useless to me, but which it seems would bring me many good things in other lands; and live out my time among people who have a present and a future as well as a past."

Then the senior would laugh, and argue that the past is more than the present, and that it is better to be dead than alive, and many other such follies; and I would grow angry and reprove her for her words which shocked me, whereas she would yawn and talk of something else, for I and my discourses wearied her. At length Zibbalay, who had for his mind was set upon other things, even if he heard us, which I doubt.

Accordingly we began to examine the rocky hill, and presently found a stone archway now nearly filled up with soil and half hidden by thorn bushes, which we judged to be the entrance to the cueva. Having provided ourselves with torches we lit four of them, and I led the way through the hole to find myself in a cave where a great and mysterious wind blew and sighed in sudden gusts that almost extinguished our lights.

Following this cave we came to a hole or shaft at the end of it, which evidently led to the springs or pools of water. This shaft of unknown depth was almost if not quite as smooth and perpendicular as though it had been hollowed by the hand of man, but the strangest thing about it was the terrible stairway that the ancients had used to approach the water, which consisted of a double row of notches, eight or ten inches in depth, cut in the surface of the shaft. Up and down these notches the water carriers must have passed for generations, for they were much worn, and a groove made by the feet of men ran to the top of this awful ladder.

The senior finding a fragment of rock let it fall over the edge of the pit, and several seconds passed before a faint sound told us that it had touched the bottom. "What a dreadful place!" he said. "I think that I had rather die of thirst than attempt to go down it."

"Still, people have gone down in the past," answered Maya. "For look, this is where they stepped off the edge."

"Come away," said Zibbalay, "none of us here could take that road and live. The mules must go thirsty; five hours' journey away there is a pool where they can drink to-morrow." Then we turned and left this cave of the winds and were glad to be outside of it, for the place had an unwholesome look, and the draught notwithstanding, was hot to suffocation.

Zibbalay walked to the camp, but I and the others started to pluck some forage for the mules. Soon they grew weary of this task and fell talking as they watched the sunset, which was very beautiful on these lonely plains. Presently I heard the lady Maya say: "Pick me that flower, friend, to wear on my breast," and she pointed to a snow-white cactus bloom that grew among some rocks.

He climbed to the place and stretched out his hand to cut the flower, when of a sudden I heard him utter an exclamation and saw him start back.

"What is it?" I said. "Have you pricked yourself, or cut your hand?" He made no answer, but his eyes grew wild with horror, and he pointed at something gray and was pointing at among the stones, and as he pointed I saw a spot of blood appear upon his wrist. Maya saw it also.

"A snake has bitten you!" she cried, in a voice of agony; then she sprang at him, and before I guessed what she was about to do, seized his arm with both hands and applied her lips to the wound. He tried to wrench it free, but she clung to it fiercely, then calling to me to bring a stick she tore a strip off her robe and made it fast around his wrist above the puncture. By now I was there with the stick, and setting it in the loop of linen, I twisted it till the hand turned blue from the pressure.

"What snake was it?" I asked. "The deadly gray sort," he answered, adding: "Don't look so frightened, Maya; I know a cure. Come to the camp, quick!" In two minutes we were there, and the senior had snatched a sharp knife and a powder flask.

"Now, friend," he said, handing me the knife, "cut deep, since it is life or death to me, and there are no arteries on top of the wrist."

Seeing what had come about, Zibbalay held the senior's hand, and I cut twice. He never winced, but at each cut Maya groaned. Then, having let the blood fall till it would run no more, we poured powder into the wound, as much as would lie on a twenty-cent piece, and fired it. It went off in a puff of white smoke, leaving the flesh beneath black and charred.

"Now, as we have no spirits, there is nothing more to be done except to wait," said the senior, with an attempt at a smile.

Zibbalay went to a bag and produced from it some coca paste.

"Eat this," he said; "it is better than any firewater."

The senior took the stuff and began to swallow it till presently I saw he could force no more down, for a paralysis seemed to be creeping over him; his throat contracted, and his eyelids fell as though weighed down by irresistible sleep. Now, seeing that notwithstanding our remedies the poison had got hold of him, we seized him by the arms and began to walk him to and fro, encouraging him at the same time to keep a brave heart and fight against death.

"I am doing my best," he answered, feebly; then his mind began to wander and at length he fell down and his eyes shut.

"Unless we can rouse him the white man will die," said Zibbalay.

"Oh, awake!" cried Maya despairingly, placing her lips close to the senior's ear.

He seemed to hear her, for though his eyelids not open, he smiled faintly and murmured, "I'll try."

Then, with our help, he struggled from the ground and began to walk again like a man who is drunk. Then he fell again, and putting our hands upon his breast we could feel the contractions of his heart growing weaker every moment, till at last they seemed to die away. But of a sudden, when we had already abandoned hope, it bounded violently in his breast, and from every pore of his skin, which till now had been parched and dry, there burst a profuse perspiration that in the light of the rising moon we could see it running down his face.

"I think that the white man will live now; he has conquered the poison," said Zibbalay quietly, and hearing his words, I returned thanks to God in my heart.

Then we laid him in a hammock, piling blankets and serapes over him, till at length the perspiration ceased, all the fluid in his body having evaporated, taking the venom with it.

For an hour or more he slept, then awoke and asked for water in a faint voice. We, who were watching, looked at him in dismay, for we had not a single drop to give, and this we were obliged to tell him. He groaned and was silent for awhile, and then said: "It would have been kinder to let me die of the poison, for this torment of thirst is more than I can bear."

"Can we try the cueva?" faltered Maya.

"It is impossible," answered her father. "We should all be killed."

"Yes, yes," repeated the senior, "it is impossible. Better that one should die than all four."

"Fear not," said the senior, "it is the poison that has dried you up, but thirst will not kill you so soon, and presently you will feel it less. Oh! that we had medicine here to make you

He lay silent for awhile, making no answer, but from the workings of his hands and face we could see that he suffered much.

"Maya," he said at length, "can you find me a cool stone to put in my mouth?"

She searched and found a pebble, which he sucked, but after a time he fell from his lips, and we saw that it was as dry as when it entered them. Then his brain gave way, and he began to rave haphazardly in many languages.

"Are you devil?" he asked, "that you suffer me to die in torment for the want of a drink of water? Why do you stand there and mock me? Oh, have pity and give me water."

For awhile we bore it, though perhaps our agonies were greater than his own—then Maya rose and looked at his face. It was sunken as though with a heavy illness, thick black rings had appeared beneath his blue eyes, and his lips were flecked with blood.

"I can endure this no more," she said in a dry voice. "Watch your friend, Don Ignatio."

"You are right," I answered; "this is no place for a woman. Go and sleep yonder, so that I can wake you if there is need."

She looked at me reproachfully, but went without answering and sat down behind a bush about thirty yards away. Here, it seems—for all this story she told me afterward, and for the most part I do but repeat her words—she began to think.

Only one thing could save him—water. In the depths of yonder hill, within a few paces of her, doubtless it lay in plenty, but who would dare to seek it there? And yet the descent of the cueva must be possible, since the ancients used it daily, and why could she not do what they had done? Yes, she would try it! When once she had made up her mind, Maya set about the task swiftly.

She provided herself with flint, steel, timber, a rope, and a small water-skin of untanned hide, which she strapped upon her shoulder. In another minute she was running across the desert like a deer. At the entrance to the cueva she paused to gather up the aloes which had been thrown down there, and also to look for one moment at the familiar face of night—the night that she might never see again. Then she lit a torch and crept through the narrow opening.

The place had been awful in the evening when she visited it in the company of the rest of us. Now, alone and at midnight, she was on her knees, and as she crawled on she felt as little as possible to impede her movements in climbing the stair, and twisted her hair into a knot. Next she tied the cord about her middle and the water-skin, to which she fastened the flint and steel, upon her shoulders. Lighting two of the largest torches she fixed them slantingwise in crevices of the rock, so that their flames shone over the mouth of the shaft, down which she threw, first a bundle of unlit torches, and lastly one on fire. This torch did not go out, as she had expected that it would, for presently looking down the pit she saw a spark of light shining one hundred and fifty feet or more beneath her.

Now all her preparations were complete, and nothing remained to be done except to descend and search for the water.

By the time that she was a third of the way down the shaft her courage returned to her, and she only feared she felt was lost some of the niches should be broken. Fortunately this was not the case, although one of them was so much worn that her toes slipped out of it, and for a second or two she hung by her hands. Recovering herself, she went on from step to step till at length she stood at the bottom of the shaft.

After a few minutes' pause to get her breath, Maya found one of the dry aloes stems and lit it at the embers of the torch, which she had thrown down the pit. Then she looked round her to find herself in a large, natural cavern of no great height, which sloped gently downward further than she could see. Turning her eyes to the floor she searched for and found the path that had been hollowed out by the feet of the ancients, but now was half hidden in sand and dust.

It ran straight down the cave and she followed it for fifty paces or more, holding the light in one hand and some spare torches under her arm.

Suddenly the passage looked to turn, and there in the center of a wooden plank, such as she had never seen before, gleamed the water which she had risked her life to reach.

This water, though clear as crystal, was not still, for once in every two seconds a great bubble rose in the center of the pool to burst on its surface and send a ring of ripples to the rocky sides. So beautiful was this bubble, and so regular its appearance, that for some minutes Maya watched it, then, remembering that she had no time to spare, set herself to get to the water, only to find that she was confronted by a new difficulty, such one that but for her foresight might have proved insuperable. The rock bank of the pool was so smooth and sloped so steeply to the water that it was quite impossible for anyone to keep a footing on it.

The ancient had overcome the trouble by means of a wooden staircase, as was evident from the places hollowed in the rock to receive the uprights, but this structure had long since rotted away. At the head of where this staircase had stood a hole was bored in the rock, and from every crevice by which the water bears up, themselves while they filled their jars, and the sight of this hole gave Maya an idea.

Untying the cord which she had brought with her, she made it fast through the hole, and having fixed the torch into one of the spaces hollowed to hold the timbers of the stairway, she slid down the bank till she stood breast high in the water. For a minute or more she remained thus drinking her fill and enjoying the coolness of her bath, then, first having taken care to remove the tinder that was tied to it, she slipped the water skin from her shoulder, washed it out, filled and replaced it.

Next she dragged herself up the bank, and by the light of a new torch started for the foot of the shaft. Here Maya rested awhile, gathering up her energies, then she commenced the ascent. (To be continued.)

FAMINES IN THE COUNTRY

Should always keep Brazilian Balm on hand. It is the doctor in the house, always ready and reliable. For colds, coughs, croup, asthma, pleurisy, rheumatism, constipation, female troubles and all kinds of fevers it acts like magic and saves many a doctor's bill and many a long sickness.

FRANKLIN OLD TIMES.

Looking Back.

Another of the old settlers of Franklin was Schriya Blakeslee, who settled on the farm now owned by George Pickering.

Adrian has on hand side walk damage suits amounting to \$87,000. Poor side walks don't pay.

Wood yarn is now an article of commerce. It is flexible like wool, smooth, uniform, elastic and otherwise much like fine yarns.

A carpet fifteen yards square has been made in Belgium. It is the largest carpet ever made in one piece. It will be presented to the Pope.

The cost of coal has increased forty per cent. in England in the last sixteen years, and decreased eighteen per cent. in the same time in this country.

A machinist at Carrollton, Ohio, has been granted letters patent on a combination tool that will endeavor him to wheelmen. It is a combination pump and wrench.

In the London Engineering's contest of horseless carriages it is probable that no less than fifty competitors will enter, twenty-one Americans already having entered the list.

An overhead single rail electric railway is being put up between Leipzig and Halle, trains on which will cover the twenty miles between the two towns in fifteen minutes.

A German firm has just brought out a glove for gentlemen, the specialty of which is that a small mirror about the size of a half dollar, is inserted in the palm of the hand.

Among the various articles made from glass, patents have been issued for the following: Coffins, staircases, barrels, billiard tables, bricks, slippers and lemon-squeezers.

Both steam and electric trains are running on the same tracks between Louisville, Ky., and New Albany, Ind. This is probably the only instance where this is done.

Edison's great grandfather lived to the age of one hundred and two. His grandfather died at one hundred and three, and one of his uncles at one hundred and eight, while his own father is still alive at ninety.

A Los Angeles brickmaker has invented an oil burner for burning bricks in the kiln that reduces the fuel cost to seventy five cents per thousand as compared with two dollars per thousand when wood was used as fuel.

A leading electrician says that electric locomotives will be cheaper and swifter than steam, and that, if tracks are even and straight and road-bed good, a speed of three hundred miles an hour is within the range of possibilities.

An investigator has discovered that there are 288 lawyers in Congress, 41 farmers, 27 editors, 28 manufacturers, 1 railroad manager, 2 steamboat owners, 14 teachers and college professors, 25 bankers, 20 merchants, 1 house builder, 3 clergymen, 7 who say they are engaged in business, 8 doctors, 1 architect, 1 music teacher, 1 owner of oil wells, 5 miners, 2 insurance agents, 1 theater manager, 1 manufacturer of ice, 3 civil engineers, 9 lumbermen, 2 owners of stone quarries, 3 real estate agents, 1 pharmacist, and 1 steamboat captain.

Representatives of Bradstreet at twenty-three cities interviewed many leading manufacturers and merchants Thursday as to the effect, present or prospective, of trade, of the international situation, precipitated by the president's message, the message itself, and as to the probability of actual hostilities.

When we find intelligent, respectable women, housekeepers and mothers of families, many of them members of our leading churches, devoting three or four evenings of the week, and often as many afternoons, to card playing, is it not time to call a halt? Every lady member of the club deposits a certain sum of money in the hands of the prize committee, to purchase a prize for the one who wins during the given time.

Andrew Keiser, train dispatcher on a Pittsburgh railroad, has invented an appliance by which any engineer upon a locomotive can close an open switch at once, should he by any chance run into one. This is done by a simple device on the locomotive, and a special construction of the switch itself, one engaging with the other at the will of the engineer.

A balloon was recently sent up from Berlin, equipped with self-registering thermometers and barometers to measure the temperature and pressure of the atmosphere at high altitudes. It came down with the instruments in good condition at Bosnia. The barometer registered an elevation of 53,872 feet, and the thermometer fifty-two degrees Fahrenheit, below zero.

In Tibet the letter carriers make very long journeys on foot, and within a time which allows them only the briefest intervals for an occasional nap. To insure themselves against over-sleeping, therefore, they tie a piece of joss-stick to one of their thumbs light it and lie down to rest.

The parish of Shoreditch, in London, has erected a plant by which electric light for the parish will be generated by the burning of the parish refuse. It has hitherto cost seventy-five cents a ton to get rid of the twenty thousand tons of refuse gathered in a year. By consuming it the cost will be thirty-one cents per ton, while the utilization of the power produced will bring in \$7,500 a year profit.

A French inventor is coining money with a simple article in school supplies which he has patented. It consists of a penholder within which a multiplication table is affixed, and which can, by means of rotating a little knob in the end, be moved so that the factors for multiplication examples under figure ten may be brought in sight, thus automatically assisting the scholar in avoiding errors.

K. O. T. M. Election. At the last regular meeting of the K. O. T. M., the following officers were elected: Commander, W. W. Napper; Lieut. Commander, George Toynton; Record Keeper, C. E. Bird; Finance, J. W. Bird; Chaplain, O. T. Murray; Sergeant, W. S. Smith; M. of A., F. W. Hollister; 1st M. of G., O. Fox; 2nd M. of G., Nesbitt; Sentinel, Charles Hunt; Picket, Bert Smith; Trustee, E. W. Coleman.

The North Oxford Farmers' Club. The Farmers' Club met at the home of Edison Taylor's on Saturday last. The meeting was opened by reading the minutes. The first question was "Retrospection," and was opened by Mrs. G. D. Cowdin by a paper. She first considered a review of the Club in its social relation as being of so much value to the farmer, because cultivation is one of the highest duties of man.

Mr. Hollister opened with a good story. Mr. Taylor and others soon followed. The delegates were elected for the state club and the meeting adjourned to meet at Andrew Taylor's in four weeks.

Probate Court. Estate John B. Southard. Application by executor for allowance of final account and settlement of estate. Hearing January 25, 10 a. m.—Estate Ollie Bentley minor. Release of guardian by ward filed. George W. Porter, guardian discharged.—Estate Thos. Phipps deceased. Petition for license to mortgage real estate filed. Hearing January 23, 10 a. m.—Caroline D. Hunt deceased. Petition for administrator de bonis non filed. Hearing January 23, 10 a. m.—Estate Jane L. Scott insane. Proof of service filed. Hearing had. Evidence taken. Order to admit to asylum granted.—Estate of Harry E. and Arthur S. Peters, minors, petition for license to sell real estate, hearing Jan. 27, 1 a. m.—Estate Ann Edgar, deceased, administrator's final report, receipts in full and waiver of notice filed and allowed. Geo. M. Edgar, administrator, discharged, estate settled.—Estate of Sophia Mead, deceased, consent of heirs in writing to discount of land contract filed, application for allowance of final account and settlement of estate filed, hearing Jan. 27, 9 a. m.—Estate of A'phens Hunt deceased, petition for appointment of administrator filed, hearing January 27, 10 a. m.—Estate of Edward Aspinwall, deceased, inventory and appraisal filed.

Estate John Long deceased. Affidavit of publication filed. Will admitted to probate. Eli Phillips appointed executor. Bond \$2000 ordered.—Estate Ann R. Munger deceased. Affidavit of publication filed. Executor's final report filed and allowed. Vouchers filed. Residue assigned. Executrix discharged. Estate settled.—Estate John Lister deceased. Affidavit of publication filed. License to sell real estate granted. Approval of majority in interest filed. Bond \$4,000 ordered. Oath taken.—Estate Daniel Duncanson incompetent. Application by guardian for allowance of final account. Hearing January 16. Personal service ordered.—Estate Phillip Storz deceased. Affidavit of publication filed. Wm. Hising appointed administrator. Bond \$200 ordered.—Estate John Bassett deceased. Proof of service filed. Hearing continued to January 20, 1 p. m.—Estate Helen Hicks deceased. Special administrator's bond filed and approved. Letters issued.—Estate Matthew D. Ribble deceased. Petition for appointment of administrator filed. Hearing January 30, 10 a. m. Petition for appointment of special administrator filed. Eugene Mack appointed special administrator. Bond \$1000 ordered.—Estate Joshua Woodard deceased. Hearing continued to January 2, '96.—Estate Charles Severance de-

ceased. Hearing had, evidence taken. Objections of A. R. Tripp to executor's final account filed. Hearing continued to January 21, 10 a. m.—Estate Sybil Duncan incompetent. Hearing had on application of Aaron Perry and A. R. Tripp for allowance of attorney's fees. Harvey J. Taylor, guardian; E. R. Wilcox attorney for Elinor Wilcox, and Marshall Duncan present in Court. Aaron Perry's account allowed at \$55. A. R. Tripp's account allowed at \$65.

NOOSE NOTES. Charles Bowman, 24, Holly. Emma Bailey, 23, Independence. Eli S. Wooster 20, Birmingham. Winnie Aldrich 19, Four Towns. Herby J. Carey 28, Bloomfield. May Graham 34, Farmington. David Dermberger 25, Swartz Creek. Lorena E. Davis 23, Orion. Robert E. Featherston 23, Pontiac. Daisy E. Patch 20, Troy. Wm. A. Hazlewood 25, Detroit. Elizabeth Golden 27, Holly. Wm. Hazlewood 26, Detroit. Elizabeth Golden 27, Holly. Ellsworth Bryant 19, Novi. Elms Lee 18, Wixom. Fred W. Harris 28, Buffalo, N. Y. Lizzie C. Myers 26, Leonard. Eben Nichols 25, Oxford. May Parish 19, Oxford. Jonathan S. Bowman 52, Holly. Mary Wells 51, Holly. Louis Hamack 22, Pontiac. N. Gertrude Carter 20, Birmingham.

REAL ESTATE. Wm. Bohlman and wife to Annie Fregard, lot 10, Clark & Beardsley's addition, Pontiac, \$1,400. Ella Predmore to John A. Merritt and wife, 1/2 of lot 16, Eastern addition Pontiac \$1,200. James Casey and wife to Sarah J. Harris, lots 77 and 78, Merritt's plat, Birmingham, \$725. Henry E. Allison to Loraine I. Allison, lots 6, 7, 8, Allison's plat, Pontiac, \$100. George P. Jennings and wife to Mary J. Parker, nw 1/4 of ne 1/4 sec 32, Avon, \$1,400. James Richie and wife to Peter Thise, lot in Stony Creek, \$21,40. Sophia Mead by executor, to James Cashey, lots 77 and 78, Merritt's plat, Birmingham, \$700.

CIRCUIT COURT. Sylvester A. Dewey vs. Benj. S. Tregent, attachment. Damages \$500. D. L. Davis & P. B. Bromley attorneys for plaintiff.

EAST FARMINGTON. Carl and Clyde Utley spent Thursday evening with O. H. West. They exhibited their Christmas harmonies and gave some very fine music. Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Haliker spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Power of Farmington. Old Mrs. Utley is not quite so well. Mr. A. Hall and family returned to their home in Detroit after spending a very pleasant Christmas with their mother, Mrs. John Sherman. Mr. and Mrs. D. Houldershaw spent Monday with Mrs. Barry, of Detroit. Chas. Heliker is doing a rushing business grinding feed.

ORTONVILLE. Mrs. J. Whipple has so far recovered as to ride out. Mrs. J. D. MacIntyre is spending the holidays in Detroit. Mrs. Ellis Ford of Pewanee is at J. F. Wilder's. The home of William Black is reported as being haunted. The Baptist society had a Christmas tree and cantata Christmas eve. Elocutionary entertainment at the Baptist church next Tuesday evening, by a Detroitier. Prof. Westcott and Mrs. Davis are both spending vacation with friends in Flint. James Smith is living on the Addis farm.

SOUTH AVON. Married, at Rochester, by Rev. C. Challis, Tuesday, December 24, Pearl J. O'Brien, of South Avon, and Miss Matilda Emery, of Rochester. The South Avon Farmers' Club elected the following new officers at its last meeting. President, S. W. Tuttle; vice president, Mrs. Alice Howell; secretary Miss Katie Frank; treasurer, Fred Weaver. There was a Christmas tree with Christmas exercises at the Frank school house Christmas Eve. The tree was loaded with presents for the scholars of the school. The following program was carried out with credit to all concerned:—Song, "Welcome Beautiful Christmas Day," by the school; recitation, "Christmas," Loren Frank; When December 25 was chosen, Arthur Howell; recitation, "A Surprising Secret," Stella Stevens; recitation, "Santa Claus on the Train," Harry Frank; song, Christmas Star, Don Howell, Stella Stevens, and Anna Howell; recitation, "Dean Arnold's Christmas Eve," Clara Stevens; Brown's Jubilee March, Lillian Harper; "Jimmie Boy's Letter to Santa Claus," Arthur Howell; song, "Merry at Christmas," the school; recitation, "Why Not," Kate B. Frank; recitation, "Song of Christmas," Don Howell; The Santa Claus Company (unlimited), May Bell Howell; recitation, "Young Hearts and Old," Nellie Stevens; song, "God Give Ye A Merry Christmas Tide," Miss Lotta E. Hazen; recitation, "Under the Holly Bough," Helen O'Brien; recitation, "Bill Mason's Bride," Bessie Stone; recitation, "A Christmas Story," Lillian Harper; song, "Cheerful Givers," the school; recitation, "God Bless Us All," Anna Howell. A. F. O'Brien is spending the holidays with his brother at Oxford.

Sherman Crout is visiting his brother Elmer at Indianapolis, Indiana. J. C. Frank who is in business in Big Rapids is home spending the holidays with his friends. The young people of school district No. 3 have organized a literary society, with A. F. O'Brien as president, W. L. Frank vice president and Clark Little secretary. Mrs. Mary Wilson, of Detroit, is visiting her brother George E. Gorton. Robert Wilcox is clerking at the Detroit Hotel, Rochester. Mrs. W. B. Howell has organized a singing class with 21 pupils to start with.

FOUR TOWNS. School opens January 6th. S. Welch and wife returned from Atlanta last Saturday. I. J. Hiller and wife spent New Years at West Bay City. Marien Coomer and family were at Northville New Years. One of the most pleasant social events occurred at I. J. Hiller's on Christmas day in the marriage of Fred Davis and Miss Lucinda Schram. At the appointed hour the wedding march was rendered by Carrie Hiller after which the marriage ceremony was performed in a solemn and impressive manner by Rev. B. F. Aldrich of Pontiac. About thirty relatives and friends were present to witness the ceremony and offer congratulations. The young couple went on a wedding tour to Detroit, North Branch and other places. They are expecting to settle on the J. J. Voorheis farm. Following is a list of the gifts expressive of the good will of those present: Oak bed room suit I. J. Hiller and wife; dozen silver knives and forks, George Schram; mantle clock, Frank Schram; gold watch, groom to bride; chamber set, E. W. Herrington and wife, book case and writing desk May Davis, L. C. quilt and a dozen cans of fruit, Noah Anthony and wife; table spread towel and tidy, Jacob Bombard and wife; chair saddle and pin ball Alma and Lillian Anthony; silver tea spoons James Simpson and wife; bed spread, John Watchpocket and wife and Frank Watchpocket and wife; three fancy china plates Mrs. Jacob Hiller, Carrie Hiller and August Soll; toilet box, Mrs. C. M. Benyon; breast pin, Arvilla Coomer; pair towels, Marion Coomer and wife.

NEW HUDSON. Judd Taylor and family are visiting friends in this vicinity. Many of the old friends of Mr. Heron and wife were pleased to see them again last Sunday. Mrs. Jane Scott who has become violently insane was taken to the Pontiac asylum last week. Frank Knapp was home from Detroit for a few days. Some young people, of Northville came to New Hudson Christmas night and quietly enjoyed an oyster supper. Some people, however, do not like to see young people enjoy a quiet, decent party. Adna Fisher and wife returned to their home in Belle Oak last week. Their son Willie remained for a few days at the home of Herbert Smith. Henry Spellar and wife gave a Christmas dinner for some of their friends. The Teachers' Reading Circle postponed their meeting from December 30 to January 6, 1896. Mr. Galbraith returned from Detroit Saturday. An entertainment will be given at the Universalist church, Friday evening, January 3rd, for the benefit of the school. Miss VanWagner, an elocutionist will occupy the evening. The next meeting of the Town Line Lyceum club will be held Thursday evening, January 2nd. A young people's prayer meeting was held at the M. E. church, Sunday evening. There was quite a large attendance and much interest manifested. Y. P. A. at the church, next Sunday evening. Mr. Lovewell will give a talk on his trip to Europe. Charles Bowers and wife went to Holly to spend Christmas. The revival meetings at the church will be continued for at least this week. The meetings, so far, have been quite successful. Inez Sinclair was the recipient of a gold watch for Christmas.

FRANKLIN. A Christmas tree was set up in the M. P. church and was made to fruitfully under the efforts and management of the Y. P. S. C. E. and it turned out to be a success. The pulpit was removed and a stage erected, and in the centre and back end of it, a real old fashioned fire place was built with a brick chimney, of course, for Santa Claus to get an entrance, and a Christmas Eve piece was acted in true dramatic style which amused not only the children present, but all the older people highly appreciated the manner in which it was carried on. Frank Gravelin who had his arm lacerated and bruised so badly is getting along finely. We saw him on the street today. A very quiet Christmas at Franklin; it seemed more like Sunday than any other day. Nearly all the inhabitants stayed at home and ate turkey, we should judge, for no one is sick in Franklin. Mrs. Jane German had a family gathering and a Christmas tree, at which were all her children and their families, consisting of John German, of Walnut Lake, and family, Frank P. German and family who live on the Birmingham road, Thomas Furno, wife and family; Edmund German, wife

and family, Charles Johnston, wife and family, A. A. Rust and family and some others in the next degree of consanguinity. They quickly plied themselves outside of two turkeys and after exhaustive greetings went to their homes, all in a happy mood. Miss Daisy Brooks sang two or three Christmas songs at the M. P. Christmas tree ceremonies, which fairly set not a few almost wild with praise. She has a very fine voice and knows how to use it to charm her hearers. Samuel I. Slade, wife and children, son and two daughters, of Detroit, ate their Christmas dinner at Dr. J. A. Buel's. Dr. and wife are parents of Mrs. S. I. Slade. The thermometer stood at 60 degrees part of the time during Christmas day and the sun shone out brightly, reminding us of balmy spring weather.

CLYDE. JOHNSON FAMILY REUNION. The home of F. P. Fisher and wife was recently the scene of one of the pleasantest gatherings ever known in the history of the Johnson family. Twenty-two relatives were present, representing ten families and four generations. Never before had representatives of all branches of the family been together. Before the company dispersed in the evening the following preamble was adopted and signed by all present: "In consideration of the almost providential meeting of a phenomenal number of the grand-children and great-grand-children of Lyman Johnson, sr., it is but fitting that we leave our autographs in commemoration of the event." The children of Lyman Johnson who signed are: George Willoughby, Mrs. George Willoughby; the grand-children are, Theodore Goodfellow, Dossie Goodfellow, Minnie Goodfellow, Frank Johnson, Frank Fisher, Mrs. Frank Fisher, H. Elmore Johnson, Lincoln C. Johnson, Fred P. Johnson, Mrs. Fred P. Johnson, Leonard D. Johnson, Jr., and Maude Johnson; the great-grand-children are, Mrs. Lillian Bralley, Nora Empey, George Empey, Etta Johnson, Iva Fisher, Leonard Fisher, and Beryl D. Johnson; Harry Bralley, the only great-great-grand-child was also present. The meeting will long be remembered by those who were there and similar meetings in future years will be looked forward to with pleasure.

OAK HILL. C. Cross in Pontiac one day last week. Joe Church, of Holly is making his cousins Floyd and Bessie Lowery a visit during vacation. Mrs. Livinia Harris and family were the guests of her brother W. Clark, of Waterford, Christmas. C. J. Tindall is home from Ypsilanti on a vacation. Callers at the school during the past week: C. J. Tindall, Misses Grace and Mabel Walter, of Clarkston; Miss Bessie Lowery and Louis Walter. LeRoy Brown and family, the Misses Sarah and Adella Selden and Miss Lillian Kitchen all spent Christmas at G. C. Seldon's. Sarah Seldon is making quite an extended visit with her brother Carlton and friends at "The Hill." The Christmas tree at Mt. Bethel was a fine success. Great credit is due Mrs. C. N. Landon for the manner in which the children rendered the musical program. Quite a number gathered at the home of Fred Kier and wife to eat turkey Christmas. Among them were the following: Charlie Kier and family, Mrs. F. Bellets and daughter Rose, John Melverne and wife, and J. Webster, of Ecorse.

DAVISBURG. A pretty cantata, entitled "Santa Claus on Time," was given at the Opera House Christmas Eve, by the young members of the M. E. Sunday school. A very large crowd turned out and enjoyed the sweet singing which was the principle feature of the entertainment. C. Walls is spending the holidays in Canada. One of the most enjoyable and largest family gatherings on Christmas was at the home of D. B. Horton and wife. There were in all eighteen people sat down at one table and dined on the best the market affords. In the evening they were entertained by the Scotch Medicine Company, who are giving nightly performances here for two weeks. Among those present were: Isaac Mills and wife, of Bancroft; Homer TerBush, wife and family, Pontiac; Chas. Smith and wife, of Pontiac; Mrs. J. S. McKibbin and family, of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Horton wore a happy smile and say it was one of the most enjoyable Christmas they ever spent. P. A. Wright entertained friends Christmas. Kitty Kirby received a present on Christmas night as the handsomest lady in the audience. Occasional.

To Mothers. For her own comfort and the welfare of her children every mother should always keep Brazilian Balm at hand. It takes the fire out of a burn or scald in a few minutes and heals quickly without leaving a scar. It stops your child's coughing at night; stops earache; stops discharges from the ears; cures Mumps in 12 to 48 hours; heals cuts, bruises and sores like magic. In Measles and Chicken-pox it reduces the fever, makes these diseases light and gives rest to the little sufferer. It also prevents deafness and throes; troubles which Measles and Scarlet Fever so often leave behind. In a thousand ways you will find it invaluable.

CURRENT NEWS AND COMMENTS.

A company to be managed by Americans, has been established at Nijnogorod, Russia, for the manufacture of locomotives. Tom Barkwith, of Jackson, lawyer, feathered his nest with a thousand dollar fee for defending old man Arnold, the Battle Creek murderer of his son. There is much doubt about old Mrs. Latimer, of Mt. Morris, having been poisoned by her son and daughter-in-law, and in fact whether the old lady was poisoned at all. The people of Michigan are wondering what in thunder the Detroit daily press would do if the street railway matters were settled, and Mayor Pingree were left to attend to legitimate business. The storm of Monday was a roaster. It blew Lake Erie down stream till Niagara River was 20 feet higher than it ought to have been, badly overflowing the surrounding country; everything movable by a 50 mile wind was badly shaken up. The ordinance committee of the council at Bay City has reported two ordinances, one to require transient traders to pay \$10 for the first day and \$5 for each subsequent day, while exposing goods for sale in that city. The other ordinance provides that street vendors shall pay \$10 for the first day, and \$5 for each subsequent day. Dr. Johnson, the Mancelona pension examiner whose conversion from Democracy to Republicanism was recently announced, has already received notice of his dismissal from office from Commissioner Lochren. Dr. Johnson will no doubt be pleased to thus escape all responsibility for the management of official affairs under the present administration.—Cadillac News and Express. New light is being thrown upon the Venedelian question every day as the old records of the origin of the dispute are brought to light. It seems that the controversy had its origin in 1835-39, and dates from the survey of Schomburgk, who was sent out by the British Royal Geographical society. He discovered some rich territory and England wanted it and has maneuvered with diplomacy for 50 years to get possession. The Knights of the Grip were on a grand lark at the State Convention on Monday at Lansing. Mayor Pingree was of course present and tackled the transportation — of passengers and freight—question with his usual vim. He is reported as saying, "That railway advantages would never be fully secured till transportation was made altogether free and railway expenses met by the ordinary methods of taxation." How is that for high?

PROBATE COURT.

Estate John B. Southard. Application by executor for allowance of final account and settlement of estate. Hearing January 25, 10 a. m.—Estate Ollie Bentley minor. Release of guardian by ward filed. George W. Porter, guardian discharged.—Estate Thos. Phipps deceased. Petition for license to mortgage real estate filed. Hearing January 23, 10 a. m.—Caroline D. Hunt deceased. Petition for administrator de bonis non filed. Hearing January 23, 10 a. m.—Estate Jane L. Scott insane. Proof of service filed. Hearing had. Evidence taken. Order to admit to asylum granted.—Estate of Harry E. and Arthur S. Peters, minors, petition for license to sell real estate, hearing Jan. 27, 1 a. m.—Estate Ann Edgar, deceased, administrator's final report, receipts in full and waiver of notice filed and allowed. Geo. M. Edgar, administrator, discharged, estate settled.—Estate of Sophia Mead, deceased, consent of heirs in writing to discount of land contract filed, application for allowance of final account and settlement of estate filed, hearing Jan. 27, 9 a. m.—Estate of A'phens Hunt deceased, petition for appointment of administrator filed, hearing January 27, 10 a. m.—Estate of Edward Aspinwall, deceased, inventory and appraisal filed.

Estate John Long deceased. Affidavit of publication filed. Will admitted to probate. Eli Phillips appointed executor. Bond \$2000 ordered.—Estate Ann R. Munger deceased. Affidavit of publication filed. Executor's final report filed and allowed. Vouchers filed. Residue assigned. Executrix discharged. Estate settled.—Estate John Lister deceased. Affidavit of publication filed. License to sell real estate granted. Approval of majority in interest filed. Bond \$4,000 ordered. Oath taken.—Estate Daniel Duncanson incompetent. Application by guardian for allowance of final account. Hearing January 16. Personal service ordered.—Estate Phillip Storz deceased. Affidavit of publication filed. Wm. Hising appointed administrator. Bond \$200 ordered.—Estate John Bassett deceased. Proof of service filed. Hearing continued to January 20, 1 p. m.—Estate Helen Hicks deceased. Special administrator's bond filed and approved. Letters issued.—Estate Matthew D. Ribble deceased. Petition for appointment of administrator filed. Hearing January 30, 10 a. m. Petition for appointment of special administrator filed. Eugene Mack appointed special administrator. Bond \$1000 ordered.—Estate Joshua Woodard deceased. Hearing continued to January 2, '96.—Estate Charles Severance de-

ceased. Hearing had, evidence taken. Objections of A. R. Tripp to executor's final account filed. Hearing continued to January 21, 10 a. m.—Estate Sybil Duncan incompetent. Hearing had on application of Aaron Perry and A. R. Tripp for allowance of attorney's fees. Harvey J. Taylor, guardian; E. R. Wilcox attorney for Elinor Wilcox, and Marshall Duncan present in Court. Aaron Perry's account allowed at \$55. A. R. Tripp's account allowed at \$65.

NOOSE NOTES. Charles Bowman, 24, Holly. Emma Bailey, 23, Independence. Eli S. Wooster 20, Birmingham. Winnie Aldrich 19, Four Towns. Herby J. Carey 28, Bloomfield. May Graham 34, Farmington. David Dermberger 25, Swartz Creek. Lorena E. Davis 23, Orion. Robert E. Featherston 23, Pontiac. Daisy E. Patch 20, Troy. Wm. A. Hazlewood 25, Detroit. Elizabeth Golden 27, Holly. Wm. Hazlewood 26, Detroit. Elizabeth Golden 27, Holly. Ellsworth Bryant 19, Novi. Elms Lee 18, Wixom. Fred W. Harris 28, Buffalo, N. Y. Lizzie C. Myers 26, Leonard. Eben Nichols 25, Oxford. May Parish 19, Oxford. Jonathan S. Bowman 52, Holly. Mary Wells 51, Holly. Louis Hamack 22, Pontiac. N. Gertrude Carter 20, Birmingham.

REAL ESTATE. Wm. Bohlman and wife to Annie Fregard, lot 10, Clark & Beardsley's addition, Pontiac, \$1,400. Ella Predmore to John A. Merritt and wife, 1/2 of lot 16, Eastern addition Pontiac \$1,200. James Casey and wife to Sarah J. Harris, lots 77 and 78, Merritt's plat, Birmingham, \$725. Henry E. Allison to Loraine I. Allison, lots 6, 7, 8, Allison's plat, Pontiac, \$100. George P. Jennings and wife to Mary J. Parker, nw 1/4 of ne 1/4 sec 32, Avon, \$1,400. James Richie and wife to Peter Thise, lot in Stony Creek, \$21,40. Sophia Mead by executor, to James Cashey, lots 77 and 78, Merritt's plat, Birmingham, \$700.

FIFTEEN CENT COLUMN.

All advertisements inserted in this column at a rate of fifteen cents per line for each and every insertion. No advertisement for less than three lines taken.

HORSES FOR SALE—The greatest opportunity to buy horses ever offered in Pontiac and Oakland County. Farmers can buy horses that will double their money in three months. Will take good approved notes, or Pontiac real estate in exchange. Come and see them at Hotel Oakland here.

FOR SALE—Fifty Cornish Indian (some Hens and Pullets cheap, \$1.00). O. B. BARTLEY.

WANTED—By a married man, a situation on a farm. Good references given. Address: Box 60, Drayton Place, Iowa.

FOR SALE—500 Choice Varieties of apple trees of my own raising at 10 cents each. W. L. JOHNSON.

FOR SALE—New house, Modern finish, zinc roof, good cellar, bath and every convenience, sold at a bargain to quick buyer. Call on Mrs. W. L. Thompson, Florence avenue, Pontiac, Mich.

WANTED—Fur work of all kinds, making over plush coats into capes, fitting robes and much more. Address: Mrs. W. H. BROWN, No. 26 Huron Street east, Pontiac, Mich.

FOR SALE—Elm and ash cord wood, or will trade for a good number wagon. West Bloomfield, Dec. 15, 1895. W. BOHLEND, Box 565, Pontiac.

FOR SALE—A nice home, consisting of house, lot and outbuildings, No. 30 Anderson Ave. Apply on premises or Mark Crosby at the E. A. B.

WANTED—Five or thirty acres of land in Oakland County. Address: Box 46, Assin Photographic, Oakland Co., Mich. Dec. 17, 1895. G. JACOBUS, Pres.

First National Bank Meeting—Notice. Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Pontiac for the purpose of the election of a Board of Directors, and for the transaction of any other business that may be presented, will be held at the First Commercial Bank on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1896. Full will be open from 10 o'clock a. m. till 12 o'clock noon.

Annual Meeting of the Oakland County Agricultural Society. Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Oakland County Agricultural Society (Incorporated) will be held at Court House in the city of Pontiac, on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1896, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before said meeting.

CLOSING SALE OF MILLINERY—At greatly reduced prices. A new line of Dollars and Center Pieces to match. Also the Pillow Flies and Wash Removers. LADIES CALL AND SEE OUR GOODS.

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C. BRACE, FUNERAL DIRECTOR, Rooms, No. 4 Saginaw St. Pontiac, Mich.

Did You Ever Try Electric Bitters for a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have loss of appetite, constipation, headache, fainting spells, or are nervous, sleepless, excitable, melancholy or troubled with Dizzy Spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. Fifty cents and \$1.00 at Perry Wood's drug store.

Senator McMillan has introduced a bill in the Senate, establishing a relief fund for the benefit of injured or disabled employees of the railway mail service.

The Mount Lebanon Shakers recently performed a great deed of charity, being nothing more nor less than an advertising scheme. It however resulted in great good just the same. They gave away 1,000 bottles of their Digestive Cordial to those suffering from stomach derangements.

It was so effective in curing those who used the remedy that they were loud in their praise of it and in consequence a large demand for the cordial was at once created.

The druggists of this town have little books that tell all about it. Digestive Cordial creates an appetite, aids digestion and brings about rapid increase in flesh and strength.

Laxol is the name of palatable Castor Oil. Just the thing for children.

By using Hall's Hair Renewer, gray, faded, or discolored hair assumes the natural color of youth, and grows luxuriant and strong, pleasing everybody.

CLARKSTON.

Charles H. Bird, of Detroit, about Christmas with his parents.

E. Jossman made a business trip to Detroit Friday.

Peter Green and family spent Christmas at Fenton.

Lillian Stott is spending her vacation at home.

Eva Walter was the guest of Adeline Patterson, of Holly, over Sunday.

Guy Hart and wife, of Perry, were guests at E. A. Urch's recently.

Anna Foster is visiting at Saline.

May Smith, of Bay City, is visiting at W. H. Horton's.

Frank Yager and family visited friends at Vernon Tuesday.

Leroy N. and Miss Lettie Brown attended the funeral of their uncle, Hon. Mark Walter, Tuesday.

As yet no regular communication of Cedar Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., the following officers were chosen: W. M., A. L. Craft; S. W., C. J. Sutherland; J. W., A. E. Carran; secretary, D. A. Green; treasurer, F. Hammond; S. D., J. C. Bird; J. D., J. R. Switzer; Tyler, James Richard; Stewards, J. D. Ogden, and A. A. Hammond. The above officers were all re-elected.

Allen Tent No. 82, elected the following officers: Commander H. J. Hoyt; Lieut. Commander, John Reise; E. K. LeRoy N. Brown, F. K. John Bird; Chap. James P. Carran; Sergt. John W. Ingler; 1st Master, Jay Clark; 2nd Master, John B. Sloat; Sent. J. C. Bird; Picket, James Richardson.

Mrs. John Bird has recovered from her recent illness.

Emma Brown, of Lapeer, spent Sunday in Clarkston.

Mrs. S. E. Clark and daughter, of Detroit, are visiting at John West's this week.

George Brown is visiting friends in Detroit.

Court Pride of Clarkston A. O. F. A., elected the following officers at their last regular meeting: A. L. Craft, C. R.; Milo Gordon, S. C. R.; A. Osmun, treasurer; Joseph Gulick, F. S.; Will Hammond, R. S.; Dr. E. Orton, physician; J. Lawlor, S. W.; J. Horn, J. W.; E. Clark, S. E.; James Galligan, J. B.; L. N. Brown, F. D. Secretary, trustees.

Independence Grange, No. 275, of Clarkston held their annual election last Saturday which resulted as follows: A. J. Talyor, W. M.; E. Foster, lecturer; A. A. Hammond, overseer; Mrs. A. A. Hammond, Pomona; Mrs. C. J. Sutherland, Ceres; Mrs. R. Beardslee, Flora; A. H. Cross, Steward; James Lowery, A. Asst. Steward; Floyd Lowery, Gate keeper; Mrs. A. L. Craft, treasurer; A. L. Craft, secretary.

Miss Della Crosby, of Birmingham, spent Christmas with her sister Mrs. W. H. Lewis.

A few of our young men gave a Christmas ball at Clark's hall, which proved to be a very pleasant affair.

Our merchants report a good holiday business despite the bad weather.

The firm of Seeley & Titus has dissolved. Mr. Titus having sold his interest to a son of Mr. Seeley, the business hereafter will be carried on by Seeley & Son.

John Smith delivered to Seeley & Son, last week, a hog that dressed 738 pounds, weight alive 830 pounds. This is said to be the largest hog ever brought to Clarkston market.

A. Jossman, of Ann Arbor, is home during the holiday recess.

The Misses Victoria and Frankie Carran are visiting friends at Holly for a few days.

Barney Roberts spent last week at Fenton.

The annual meeting of the Baptist church was held last Saturday afternoon, Rev. McCall, of Ortonville, delivered an address.

Miss Emma Brown and Miss Smith, of Lapeer, visited Mrs. Brown and family a part of last week.

E. Jossman and wife visited friends in Detroit last week.

Dr. Robertson's family gave a Christmas dinner to their children and grand children.

Mrs. C. C. Dresser and children have been visiting relatives in Detroit the past week.

Allie Bird has been on the sick list for a few days.

W. H. Horton and wife spent Christmas week with friends at Goodrich.

Chas. Bird, of Detroit, was home over Christmas.

Dr. Sutherland and wife were at Oxford last week.

Peter Green, wife and daughter visited W. H. King and family at Fenton last week.

E. Adkins, of Holly, was in town this week on business.

Several of our citizens attended the funeral of Hon. Mark Walter at Pontiac on Tuesday.

B. L. DeLisle and wife spent a few days in Detroit last week.

A wedding is reported for the near future.

Miss Stott, of Royal Oak, is spending her vacation with her parents at Clarkston.

Mrs. J. Lawlor is at Pontiac under the treatment of Dr. Galbraith. Her many friends will be pleased to hear of her improvement and hope to see her in good health again.

Mr. Anderson and wife, of Fenton, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Lowrie.

BIRMINGHAM.

Chas. Case, who was so badly injured several weeks ago while attempting to board a passing freight train, was taken to his home near Franklin on Saturday, December 21st. He had been cared for at Will Bell's since the accident.

M. F. Lilla, of Pontiac, called on Birmingham friends last week.

Sam Blade and wife, of Detroit, spent Christmas with A. A. Rust and family at Franklin.

passed a very enjoyable evening. Letters of regret were read from James Miller, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Marie Bly, of Wilkesbarre, Penn.

The Lady Macbeth gave their annual hop at National Hall New Years evening. About sixty couple were present.

Herbert Poppleton spent Christmas week at Louisville, Ky.

Supt. E. F. Waldo attended the Superintendent's Convention at Lansing last week.

Lyman B. Peabody was in Detroit last Saturday.

Albert Donaldson and wife, of Detroit, are in town in this week.

Christmas Eve was celebrated in a very nice manner at the M. E. church last Tuesday evening, December 24th. The church was trimmed so as to represent a Christmas garden, with many evergreen trees well filled with presents, one tree being reserved to hold the Christmas offering from the Sunday school classes and members of the church as a donation to the Detroit Deacons Home.

OXFORD.

J. C. Romine has sold his Feed store to a Mr. Howe.

The stocks of Les Powelson were sold by chattel mortgage sale, December 31 to Frederick Stoepel, of Detroit, who will close them out at retail.

A. P. Glaspie is taking baths at Mt. Clemens.

The Opera House orchestra furnished music for a swell party at Romeo New Years Eve.

Hattie Glaspie visited in Romeo this week.

Lew Arnold is home for the holiday vacation.

Bert Wright moved to Pontiac this week.

Dan Miller, of Clifford, has purchased a house and lot on Burdick street east and will move here soon.

O. H. Watson, of Detroit, is acting as receiver of Powelson's stocks.

Wm. McDavid was down from Caro New Years.

A. P. Lincoln attended a banquet at the Wayne, in Detroit, last Friday night, tendered to the traveling salesmen of T. H. Hinchmen & Son, by the firm.

The O. D. D. C. gave an informal party in honor of the old folks at the Opera House, Wednesday evening. A big time was had.

Rev. Hogans closed his revivals at the Christian church last Sunday evening.

Prayer meetings have been held at the M. E. church this week.

Mrs. J. C. Jenkins visited in Metamora a few days last week.

Grant Whitmore arrived home from California Wednesday morning, and his wife will stay until spring. He reports all of the Oxford colony in good health, especially Frank Olive, who is getting so fat his clothes don't fit him.

Nick Hagerman, of Detroit, was here New Years.

Ed Stone is home again.

Elwood Ward is working for G. T. Green.

Stroud Lake was flooded New Years to improve the skating.

A couple of peddlers stole a 15 cent skunk skin of some parties in Brandon last Monday and were arrested here. It cost them \$5 and costs to settle.

Abe Ritter is blooming out as an expert butcher of horse and mule meat. Do you belong to the Trilby Club? George Bassett will tell you all about it.

Death of Mrs. Burton (Smith) Smith. Mrs. Burton Smith, formerly of Pontiac but later of Farmington, died at her home in that village last Friday, of tumor, aged 53 years.

She left beside her husband a son 17 years, a daughter 9 years old, and an adopted daughter about 6 months old to mourn her loss.

The funeral was held at Farmington Sunday at 1 o'clock, and the remains were buried at Farmington.

Norton Smith, the bereaved husband will be remembered by Pontiac people as one of the original owners of the Pontiac creamery.

Mrs. Smith was a most estimable christian lady.

The Gazette joins with many friends in extending sympathy to the mourning husband and children.

Met With a Terrible Accident. While coming to Pontiac, after lumber, Henry Koolidge, an employe of Nelson Shattuck, on the Stickney farm was run into while near Square Lake by a runaway team and very seriously, if not fatally, injured.

Nelson Shattuck was driving ahead and Mr. Koolidge following. Being after lumber, they had no boxes on their wagons, but sat upon the reach. All at once, a team drawing a load of wood dashed up from behind, and one of the horses, in attempting to jump over the obstruction landed squarely upon Mr. Koolidge, doubling him up like a jack knife.

It took four men to get the horse off, which was not accomplished for some time, when Mr. Koolidge was taken back to the Stickney farm, while Mr. Shattuck came on to Pontiac, and sent Dr. Chapman at once to the poor man's assistance.

On examination it was discovered that Mr. Koolidge had two ribs broken besides other injuries internal and external, although how severe is not yet known. Mr. Koolidge is a man about 50 years old, and on account of his age the accident is all the more serious.

The Gazette acknowledges its renewed obligations to Mrs. Elmira Webster, of San Le Andro, California, for samples of superb raisins of her own cultivation. Such fruit makes one long for a home in that fruitful sunny clime. A re-union in her honor was held at the home of C. W. Tutbill and daughter, Mrs. Howland, Wednesday night, affording an opportunity for Mrs. Webster and her daughter, Mrs. J. Hall, to meet again the Michigan friends of early days.

There are 920 veterans of the late war in Livingston county.

Wind blew 73 miles an hour Tuesday in New York and made every thing take wings, that was lying around loose.

The treasury department does not seem to pay any attention to Congress, and is going right ahead preparing to issue 2 hundred million in bonds, on such terms as the syndicate has a mind to propose. In some respects our government is weak.

The Commercial Travellers' Association at Lansing, had a hot discussion over the proposed wild cat interchangeable mileage railroad bill, which passed the last legislature, but which Governor Rich very sensibly vetoed.

The State Board of Agriculture will be in session at Lansing this week and will probably select a President for the Agricultural College. We hope they will engage Judge Willets, of Monroe, one of the best men in the United States for a position of that kind.

LOW PRICES

Are what most people look for now-a-days. Knowing this, a certain class of merchants are daily advertising all sorts of goods at all sorts of prices, trying to induce people to believe they are getting something extra. If you want GOOD value, come to us and get it. You never find any but HONEST value placed upon OUR GOODS. We use no deceits—practice no deception, but at all times sell you the best merchandise, at prices we name, that can be procured.

THIS WEEK

We Begin to Reduce Stock,

And have made sad havoc in prices. In our Flannel Stock you can buy them cheaper than we can.

We are closing two lots of Underwear at 25c per garment. One lot is composed of Ladies' Cotton Underwear. They are plain woven and what used to sell at 50c, now 25c. The other is Gentlemen's—some white, but mostly gray. They were formerly 50c, but to clean them up they will go at 25c.

One lot of Colored Cashmere Gloves—not many pairs, but more than we want. If you can use them at 5c per pair, they are yours.

Odds and Ends of Corsets at 25c per pair—large sizes; from lines that sold at 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

A few Shawls to go at half-price. These are from the McConnell Stock, and among them are Beaver Shawls and Double Shawls. Any one having use for a good warm Shawl should embrace this opportunity.

We have just two and one-half pairs of Ombelle Curtains left. You can buy them at half price.

Odd Lace Curtains—half pairs, single pairs and three of a kind. To close out, at half price.

Flannel Skirts—a few left at very low prices.

50 Stove Lid Litters, to close out, at 2c each.

50 5-cent Fire Shovels, to close out, at 2 1/2c each.

5 dozen 10c Bottles Ammonia, to close out, at 5c per bottle.

30 dozen Kerr's Thread, to close out, at 3c per spool.

25 dozen Black Sewing Silk, to close, at 4c per spool. This Silk has been tried and pronounced A No. 1. It does not contain but about three-fourths the amount you find on 10c spools.

Anything you may want in DRY GOODS, you can always rest assured that nothing but the very lowest prices prevail at all times with us. Respectfully,

HUTTON, CHURCH & LINBURY.

New Years Sale of Ready Made Wrappers

BEEHIVE PONTIAC

JAN. 4th, 6th and 7th, 1896.

We have, without a doubt, the largest and finest assortment of Ladies' Ready-Made Wrappers and Waists ever shown in this city.

We have them made of Dress Materials, Prints, Outings, Cambrics and in all the most desirable shades and patterns for the season.

These are right in PRICES and QUALITY

and the Ladies of Pontiac and Oakland County will do well to visit this Sale and buy where they can buy the cheapest and at special prices. Everything in Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Cloaks, Capes and Rugs to be found at our store and at rock-bottom prices for cash.

JOHN POUND.

Special Sale OF Domestic Goods

January '96.

Mid-Winter is an excellent time to do your sewing for Spring and Summer, and during the quiet month of January we have decided to make a

SPECIAL SALE of Domestic Goods.

Although there has been a large advance in all Cotton Goods, we purchased before the advance and you will have an opportunity to purchase Domestic Goods at extraordinary low prices. This sale will be for cash only.

One lot of Standard Prints at 3 1-2 cts. One lot of Union Prints, close price 5c will sell for 3 3-4 cts. One lot of Best Dress Gingham, formerly sold for 12 1-2c, now 6 3-4 cts.

One lot of Boston 9-4 bro. Cotton, worth 20c for 16 3-4 c. One lot of Boston 9-4 bleached Cotton, worth 22 cents, now 18 3-4 c. One bale of heavy bro. Cotton cheap at 5c will sell for 4 cents. Complete line of Brown and Bleached Cottons, all grades at REDUCED PRICES.

One lot of A. C. A. ticks, one lot of heavy striped shirting, one lot of Demins; all at wholesale prices. Special prices made on odd Crashes. A good cotton Crash for 3 3-4 c per yard, and a good linen Crash for 5 c per yard. You can hardly realize how low these prices are until you see the goods. We do not sell any cheap stuff for the sake of making a low price. The above goods are all first class articles, and many things are worth much less than they can now be bought at wholesale.

WE shall appreciate an inspection of above goods and prices

J. S. Stockwell.

CLOTHING

AT PRICES TO MAKE IT SELL.

OVERCOATS

The Best ever shown in Pontiac for the Price. Every thing Fresh, New, Clean, and the Latest.

F. E. STARKER.

OUT OF TOWN CUSTOMERS

Should take advantage of our Great Sale of Men's Winter Clothing. Nothing at less than Wholesale Prices the South of Jax. Boston & Co., Wholesale Clothiers, Boston, Mass., brought at 00c on the Dollar—all new this season—LATEST STYLES.

Men's Overcoats. \$7.00 Overcoats for \$5.00 \$10 and \$12 Overcoats for \$7.50 \$15.00 Overcoats for \$10.00 \$20.00 Overcoats for \$12.50 \$25.00 Overcoats for \$15.00

Men's Ulsters. Regular \$12.50 Ulsters \$7.50 Regular \$15.00 Ulsters \$10.00 Regular \$20.00 Ulsters \$12.50 Regular \$28.00 Ulsters \$20.00

MEN'S SUITS. \$10.00 Suits for \$7.50 \$15.00 and \$15.00 Suits for \$10.00 \$18.00 and \$20.00 Suits for \$12.50 \$25.00 and \$25.00 Suits for \$15.00

Men's fine Cashmere, Worsted, and Cheviot Pants, worth \$5.00 for \$3.00 Wool Cheviot Pants, neat dark pattern, worth \$3.00 and \$3.50 for \$2.00

Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Ulsters at the Same Reductions. Send for self-measuring blanks. All goods ordered not satisfactory, can be returned at our expense and money refunded. Fair, isn't it?

THE J. L. HUDSON CO., DETROIT.

REPORT OF LIQUOR TAXES COLLECTED.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, OAKLAND COUNTY, December 31, 1895.

To the County Clerk: The following is a full and complete report of taxes collected or received by me, at my office, upon the business of selling or keeping for sale, or manufacturing, distilled or brewed or malt liquors, during the year ending December 31, 1895.

Table with columns: Name of Person, Corporation, Association, Partnership, or Firm; Residence; Kind of Business; Amount of doing business; Date of Payment; Remarks.

H. F. STONE, County Treasurer.

The Annual Reception. The first annual reception of the Pontiac High School Alumni was held at the Pontiac Opera House Thursday evening.

Society Elections. The following societies at their annual elections have named officers for the ensuing year:

Christmas at the E. M. A. The holiday season at the E. M. A. was observed in a fitting manner. The day before Christmas supplies of pop-corn, candy, nuts and oranges were sent to each hall and these were served as dessert to the Christmas dinner.

First Presbyterian Church. The ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper will be served in the church next Sunday morning, January 5th.

The Cantata at Congregational Church. The Christmas Cantata, rendered at the Congregational church last night, drew a very satisfactory congregation.

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Wm. Bull, florist of Oxford, was on the street Christmas morning presenting his friends with holiday gifts of carnations and roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Fredmore, of Orion, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on January 3rd, 1896.

Freddie Harbor, 16 years of age, died at his home near Thornville of hemorrhage. His funeral took place at Thornville M. E. church on Sunday.

Robbing Piles, night's horrid plague, is instantly relieved and permanently cured by Doan's Ointment.

Harper's Magazine IN 1896. Briseis, a new novel by William Black, written with all the author's well-known charm of manner, will begin in the December number, 1895.

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Rather Rough Weather Lately!

Yes, you will say, but we do not mind it, as it is now possible to dress the feet, as well as body, comfortably. This is indeed true. It is now possible to procure articles of Footwear at once comfortable and durable.

Pontiac Felt and Pontiac Stripped Knit Boots, fitted with Boston Perfection Overs, (fresh and new) the best goods procurable.



G. H. TURK'S SENSATIONAL SALE of \$3000 WORTH OF OVERCOATS COMMENCED

OUR OVERCOATS MUST MOVE This Winter.

And in order to induce buyers to come our way, we will for the next Thirty Days put the knife in deep. We will not quote prices, but the following will give some idea of what we have on hand:

Table listing various overcoat styles and prices, such as \$4.00 Men's Overcoats, \$8.50 Men's Overcoats, etc.

It is not necessary for us to argue about this being a bona fide sale, for our special sales in the past have proven to the people of this County, that when we advertise a Special Sale, we mean just what we say.

G. H. TURK, CLOTHIER, PONTIAC, MICH.

Christmas Presents. Lewis & Crofoot. Tea, 3 pounds 40c, for... Coffee, 3 lbs. Mocha and Java for... Flour, Waterford, (as good as any), per barrel for...

BUY YOUR LUMBER, LATH, SHINGLES, SASH, MOULDINGS & COAL OF A. A. CORWIN.

I AM SELLING All Monuments! ON HAND AT 20% Below regular prices for the NEXT 60 DAYS.

PATENTS. Caveats, and Trade-Marks obtained and all Patent business conducted for MODERATE FEES.

CHRISTMAS!

In thinking what to give your friend for a Christmas present please look over this list and see if some of the articles mentioned would fill the bill:

Suit of Clothes, an Overcoat, or Ulster, Odd Coat, Vest or a pair of Pants, Cardigan Jacket, Knit and Furred Jackets, or a lined Duck Jacket; Gloves, in Fur, Kid, Buck, Knit or Faced; Mittens in same styles, Shirts, white or colored, in all kinds, from 25 cts to \$2.50 each, Undershirts and Drawers from 25 cents to \$3.00 each, Neck scarfs, Neckties, Suspenders, Hosiery, Collars and Cuffs, Collar and Cuff Buttons, Trunks, Valises, Robes, Lap Blankets, Horse Blankets, and for the rest of the list call in and we will go over it with you, believing we can find something to suit your wants.

A share of your patronage is earnestly solicited and in advance wish you all the Compliments of the Season.

JOSH. W. BIRD One Price..... Clothier.

C. W. HORTON

We are bound to close out all of our Winter Goods and in order to accomplish our purpose we will inaugurate a

GRAND SPECIAL SALE OF WINTER GOODS. CLOAKS

We have a few Cloaks and Fur Capes to close out at one-third off from the regular price.

REMNANTS, ONE HALF PRICE.

One lot of worsted remnants to close at half price, both in black and colors.

38 SAGINAW ST. PONTIAC

C. W. HORTON

OAKLAND COUNTY TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

WHITE LAKE
A happy New Year to all. Annie Noake, of Detroit is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. Granger. George Lincoln, of Lenox, is the guest of Harry Howden. Mina Stockwell Sundayed with her uncle, near Clarkston. M. Farrell and family and G. Skarritt and family spent Christmas at Ed Hathaway's. There will be a social a supper and a free entertainment to be held at Lee Granger's Wednesday evening, Jan. 8th, for the benefit of Elder Crane. Ladies will please bring refreshments; all are cordially invited and a good time is promised.

FARMINGTON
The Y. P. U. held their regular meeting Thursday evening at the home of H. W. Moore and wife. Frank Edwards, of California, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Orvilla Edwards, and other relatives. Inez Riley has returned home after a pleasant visit at her aunt's, in Northville. The following persons were elected officers in the M. E. Sunday school for the year 1896: Superintendent, Wm. S. Smith; assistant superintendent, W. T. Daines; secretary, Maud Edwards; assistant secretary, Edna Botford; treasurer, Jennie L. White; librarian, J. M. Edwards; organist, Grace E. Tremper. Teachers for the year 1896: class 1, Grace E. Tremper; class 2, Clint McGee; class 3, Mrs. L. B. DuPuis; class 4, Mrs. D. N. Ward; class 5, Thomas McGee; class 7, P. Dean Warner. The dance held New Years Eve in the Town Hall was largely attended and a pleasant time enjoyed. C. G. Philbrick and wife were entertained New Years at the home of I. D. Owen and wife. Ella Eisonford, after a pleasant visit at home, returned Monday to Jackson. Wm. S. Smith and wife, E. R. Edwards, wife and daughter, Maud were entertained New Years at the home of Rev. and Mrs. L. B. DuPuis. James P. Allen is confined to the house with rheumatism. He has the

sympathy of his many friends in his trouble. The L. N. convened Thursday afternoon at the home of O. J. Sprague. Nate Eisonford was a Northville visitor Monday. The Epworth League Bible reading was held Tuesday evening with the usual interest and attendance. Scott Bennett and family have moved to Toledo, Ohio. Dr. Tucker, of New Hudson, was in town Monday looking after the interest of his property here. Prof. George McGee, of Reading, has been a visitor at the parental home for a few days. A list of fine new books has been added to the public library. E. S. Stoughton is about to exchange his property here for Detroit property. Rev. D. N. Ward is able to be out again. The funeral services of Mrs. Lawton Smith were held Sunday afternoon at the home of Fred Simmons, where she has been for the past few months. Rev. L. B. DuPuis officiated. Deceased was a Mason and was buried under the West Farmington cemetery. The New Year, 1896, opened for resolutions. Let good ones be made and let them be kept. David Oldershaw and family were entertained a part of last week in Detroit, the guest of Mrs. Mary Barry. E. S. Stoughton was a Detroit visitor Thursday. Messrs. Coleman and Muldraugh attended the trial of Wm. Burns at Farmington Saturday. John Hardenburg and children, of Detroit, are spending the week with her parents Inez Nichols and wife. Maudanne R. E. and O. E. Heliker received a box of holly and spruce pine from Lookout Mountain to decorate their table, Christmas. Listen for the chimas of the New Year's wedding bell. Mrs. Wm. Turner is under the doctor's care. O. H. West is now doing the "setting" in M. B. Heliker's saw mill. Don't forget the shadow social at the residence of H. Walested on Friday evening, January 10th, 1896.

"How dear to my heart is the old silver dollar, when some kind subscriber or presents it to view; the liberty head without necktie or collar, and all the strange things that to us seem so new; the wide spreading eagle, the arrow below it, the star and the words with strange things they tell; the coin of my fathers, we're glad that we know it, for some time or other 'twill come in right well. The spread eagle dollar, the star spangled dollar, the old silver dollar we all love so well."
Old Mrs. Utley is not as well this week.
Master Claude Barker is improving. Elmer Coleman and wife have gone to Saginaw to spend New Years. Mrs. Gray is visiting her sister Mrs. Nelson Coleman.
James Jackaway is staying with his niece Mrs. George Toleman.

TROY
Charley Pressell passed away on the evening of December 27th, at his home, after a short illness with typhoid fever. He left a wife, one child, aged parents and several brothers to mourn his early death.
John Sargent and wife spent the holidays at DeFord.
The school at the "Log Cabin" will open January 2.
Charley Moore spent Christmas with the Millard family at Gaines.
Calvin Moore and family spent the holidays with friends in Genesee county.
John Parker's baby is quite sick.
Mrs. Cal Drew is in poor health.
"Grandma" Goldsmith is somewhat under the weather.
Dan Clemons and family spent Christmas at Clawson.

WALLED LAKE
J. J. Moore and Bessie McCoy are on the sick list.
Bertha Decker, who has been attending Cleary's Business College, is spending her vacation at home.
Alice McKeever has returned to Ann Arbor after spending a few days with her parents.
Jerome Barrett, of Midland, has been visiting relatives in this vicinity.
Palmer Severance, of Fowlerville, Henry, of Ann Arbor, and Clara, of Danville, have been visiting their parents.
Mattie Moore, who has been quite sick, is able to be out again.
Mrs. Willard Wells, of Detroit, has been visiting in this village.
Mr. Henderson and wife, of Flint, spent a few days at the home of Rev. McIntosh.
The Christmas entertainment in the M. E. church was well attended, not

withstanding the inclemency of the weather.
Lillian Crumb, of Detroit, has been visiting friends in this village.
Ole Moore, of West Bloomfield, has moved on his father's farm; Newell Jones has moved on the place vacated by Mr. Moore.
Arthur Green is home from Ypsilanti, where he has been attending school.
Rev. Maxwell of the Michigan conference filled the pulpit in the M. E. church Sunday morning.
Margie Hoyt, of Detroit, has been visiting relatives at this place.
Edgar Baker, Mrs. Charles Pratt and son Fred spent Christmas with relatives at Ada.
Clayton Honeywell was in town last week.
Nelson Howard and family have been visiting Mrs. Howard's mother, Mrs. F. R. Riley, of Detroit.

WEST BLOOMFIELD
Pine and Long lakes are open.
Wilson Harger is spending the holidays at New York.
Paul Lodge is home from Detroit.
Eli Strong's neighbors gave him a house warming at his new home.
Arrived at the home of Charles Chimes, a new boy baby. All well.
Dan Ross and wife, Sylvan Lake, entertained friends on Christmas.
Douglas and Mrs. Harger entertained the Harger family Christmas.
The social committee of the Pine Lake Sunday school received a liberal amount at the socials at Sister Lodge's and Sister Dickie's. The committee will give an entertainment at the Pine Lake school house on Saturday evening, January 11th. Good literary and musical talent has been engaged and the committee will endeavor to make it a success. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

NORTH-WEST OAKLAND
Holiday festivities over. War scare over. Two hundred million government bonds set afloat, a tidal wave of prosperity is expected.
Christmas doings were unusually jubilant in all the churches. The day was warm and brilliant. The bad weather proceeding made grievous shortage in the Christmas trade.
Business boomed on Saturday. It was difficult to get through the streets for the press of teams and carriages.
Howard Church again becomes proprietor of the drug and other lines of merchandise at his old stand.
The flouring mill is making some changes on the score of economy, retiring some of the older employes and promoting younger, using coal for the engines instead of oil. It expects to keep up the usual output of 800 barrels a day of the best flour made in the world.
The box factory and the Cyclone Wire Fence Works are crowding their engines and hands to fill their orders.
Revival meetings are in progress in the Free Methodist church. Union meetings are proposed by the other churches for the week of prayer, with a view to revival work.
In the Ladies' Library lecture course, Charles Fraser, of Chicago, will hold forth on Monday evening next, in the Opera Hall.
Elder VanDorn is at home this week. He serves as Bishop at large, looking after the Baptist church interests all over the state, forming new churches, helping up weak ones, performing baptisms, and holding revival meetings. His Herculean energies of body and mind fit him for this kind and manner of work.
The monthly Union Temperance meeting was held last Sabbath evening in the Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. O. M. Thatcher, preached from Rom. 14: 21. "It is good for a man neither to eat meat nor drink wine or anything whereby the brother stumbleth." Mr. Thatcher is spending the winter at the University, in elective studies. He returns the last of each week and fills his pulpit and one outstation every Sabbath.

DAVISBURG
John Wilson and wife, of Pontiac, attended the Farmers' Club, at Mr. Taylor's last Saturday.
T. S. Crossman and wife, of Flint, ate turkey with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rohm.
Several of the young people of his place attended the Leap Year part at Holly, New Years night.
George Eriebe and friend, of Ithaca, spent Christmas with Milo Ballard and wife.
Mr. Stewart, of Dearborn, is spending a few days with Miss Lulu Meyers-weather.
Ed Walls, of Detroit, spent a few days last week with his parents.
A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Davisburg and Olive Branch Farmers' Club was held at the pleasant home of James Taylor last Saturday. After a bounteous repast in which all partook, they adjourned to the parlor where the meeting was called to order by the president. After the usual opening exercises the program, consisting of music, recitations and debates was well rendered, having spent a pleasant afternoon the meeting adjourned to meet again in four weeks at the home of R. K. Divine.

ROYAL OAK
The weather is very blustery and cold.
E. McKinney and J. Lawson have bought the grounds on First street to erect a new feed mill which will be an improvement to the town.
Miss Sarah Ennis, of Birmingham, and Grace Houghton, of Big Beaver, was the guest of Clara Erb last Tuesday.
Mrs. H. J. Campbell is spending a few days visiting relatives in Toledo.
A number of the relatives of Mrs. M. J. Folger gave her a pleasant surprise last Monday evening.
Mrs. J. Benjamin entertained her Sunday school last Wednesday evening.
John Starr entertained the B. H. S. class of '94, last Friday evening.
The regular monthly business meeting of the Epworth League will be held in the League room of the church Friday evening, January 8th.
Mrs. Hitchcock entertained a number of her relatives from Nebraska during the holidays.

The remains of Mrs. Raymond, a former resident of this place, were brought here for burial last Tuesday afternoon.
A party was given at the home of Miss Jennie Hutchins, Tuesday evening, to watch the old year out and the New Year in.
DRAYTON PLAINS
Mrs. Wm. Coffron and daughters Opal and Fanny, of North Branch, were at her father's, Henry Birge, for their New Years gathering. Len Coffron, now of Grand Rapids, where he is giving lessons on the violin, also was present.
Fred Abel and wife, of Detroit, and Will Leggett were at the paternal home during the holidays.
Frank Swart, the station agent, went to Jackson Christmas to see his wife and baby. Left Albert Ebnor, his student, to look after business during his absence.
Wm. B. Fair and family went to Detroit to visit relatives New Years day. The soft weather for the past two weeks put a quietus on the ice business at Drayton, for the present. The ice company are shipping from their houses to supply their present trade.
Chan Randall, of Detroit, is at Drayton visiting Fred Randall.
Thos. Whitfield's daughter and son are home from Ypsilanti, where they are attending school. Their parents gave them and friends a party last week at the Richmond & Seelye Hall, at Drayton. A splendid and enjoyable time was had.
Charles Richmond, wife and family spent Christmas with friends at Rochester, Michigan.
Richmond & Seelye lost their valuable driving horse last week. Congestion of the lungs caused him to die.
Chan Randall and Fred Mamme attended the Masquerade ball at Pontiac New Years Eve.
SOUTH GROVELAND
A Happy New Year.
Plenty of snow again.
Mabelle Chesnut attended the Baptist convention in Clarkston the 28th, and is visiting friends in Springfield this week.
A. L. Brannack is home from the Normal school for vacation.
Barbara Burgess who is attending school at Sterling is home for a vacation.
J. W. Taylor, of the Normal school, is spending his vacation at Wm. Burgess'.
James Wilkie and wife, of Imlay City, spent last week with relatives in North Groveland.
Philip Coventry, of Grayling, and his sister Henrietta Coventry, of the state Normal school, are visiting their sister Mrs. John W. Perry, Jr.
A teachers' and citizens' meeting is to be held at Groveland Centre school house Friday evening, January 8th, 1896. An interesting program has been prepared; Commissioner Snowdon will be present, also examiner Brown. Come and bring your friends.
Jenny Perry was obliged to close her school a week on account of an attack of La Grippe.
Perry Mills on the Thread River are doing a rushing business these days, grinding feed and sawing, no lack of water now. Mr. Perry has the contract for sawing about five thousand railroad ties from timber off what is known as the H. W. Horton farm.

OAKWOOD
Del Bronson grinds feed at his place, two miles west of Oakwood, on Tuesdays and Friday of each week.
Jake Perry and wife are the guests of O. D. Loomis and wife.
G. D. Cowdin and Oscar Loomis are delegates to the State Farmers' Club.
Earnest King will start for Ypsilanti next week. Our best wishes follow him. He is one of our best.
The Christian Endeavor had a nice entertainment at the Congregational church the Sunday evening before Christmas. The house was nicely decorated. It was cheering to hear so many little voices in hymns of praise, select reading and speaking.
The social at Milton Campbell's was a success, both socially and financially, the supper was of the best, and as Mr. Chappel gave us a view of the store room just before leaving we saw many good things left.
The very welcome faces of Herbert and Augusta Adams are seen again, home from school.
A surprise Christmas Eve for Master Ernest Cowdin, in a set of as bright scholars as you would wish to see from the Oakwood school. Music was the chief feature of the evening.
Mrs. Herbert Woolly has been visiting in Detroit the last week.
The Congregational church have extended a call to Rev. Edmonds, of Rochester, in connection with the Oxford church.
Mrs. Grace Loomis entertained Miss

Allie Gardner, of Oxford, last Saturday and Sunday.
Mrs. Gidding has been to Kingston spending a week.
The following officers were installed on the 27th at Oakwood Lodge No. 100 of F. & A. M.: I. W. Bachelor W. M.; O. Backenstose, S. W.; Roy Cowdin, I. W.; E. Brownell, Treasurer; Wm. Bonta, secretary; G. D. Cowdin, E. D.; L. Gibson, I. D.; P. Wolworth, Tyler. The Lodge has recovered from the fire a little over one year ago and is now in a very prosperous condition. Have rebuilt and furnished the lodge

and have sixty dollars in the treasury. Carl and Roy Pelton are home from school spending the vacation.
We have received a program for a social at Honeyoc Falls for the church. It was an experience social and each lady earned a dollar. This is how one of them did it.
There was a new woman who wore big sleeves, she was hired by her husband to rake up the leaves. She yanked up the leaves in just half a minute, and charged him a dollar and now she is in. In what? Why the social at the Methodist church, Wednesday evening.

The Old Price and the New. A dull month made a Busy One.

JANUARY CLEARING SALE.

All Winter Goods must now go. The Most Startling Prices to be made. A sale wherein economical buyers will find it to their advantage to trade early and often at our counters. A clean sweep to be made. Genuine Bargains will do it. Read our announcements. Watch for items mentioned. This sale can not be equaled.

SALE PRICE OF SILKS.

50c Lining Silks	38c yd
50c Light Satins	38c yd
38 inch Figured Drapery Silks	38c yd
Colored Surahs, value 65c	38c yd
24 inch Black Surah, value 65c	38c yd
22 inch Black Satin Duchesse, value \$1.25, for	38c yd

BLACK DRESS GOODS SALE.

36 inch Black Henrietta, all wool	21c yd
36 inch Black Serge, all wool	25c yd
50 inch all wool Storm Cheviot, value 50c	38c yd
5 Pieces 40 inch Novelty, value 50c	38c yd
46 inch Henrietta, value 85c	38c yd
40 inch Serge, value 75c	60c yd
46 inch Henrietta, value \$1.00	69c yd
54 inch Broadcloth, worth \$1.00	78c yd

COLORED DRESS GOODS SALE.

36 inch Fancy Serges, 7 yds for	68c
36 inch Mixtures, value 25c	19c yd
42 inch Blue Serge	28c yd
44 inch all wool Boucle, value 50c	38c yd
50 inch all wool Cheviot, value 50c	38c yd
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