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Local Correspondence

ELM.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lipstrow passed away last Thursday afternoon after a short illness. Funeral services were held Monday, Rev. Hugh Ronald officiating. Interment was made at Livonia Center cemetery.

A large crowd from this vicinity took in the masquerade at Bell Branch last Friday night and had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wilson were Detroit visitors last Monday.

John Shtatka has leased the Linahan farm the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. John Krumm of Plymouth called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hirschlieb last week Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thiede called on Mr. and Mrs. Harrer last Sunday.

Chas. Hirschlieb was in Detroit on business Tuesday.

LIVONIA CENTER.

The Livonia dramatic club will present their four act drama entitled, "Black Dick" at Farmington town hall, Saturday, Feb. 5. Good music and a good time is promised all. Look for bills later.

The out of town guests here over Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Flint and Orrin Millard of Detroit at Joe MeEachran's, Mr. and Mrs. Hovey Leese and son, Detroit, at Mrs. E. Peck's and Alton Peters of Plymouth at his father's.

Mrs. Brown visited her daughter near Northville last week.

Mrs. Proctor entertained her sisters from Canton a part of last week.

Mrs. Charles Mass is able to be up around the house again.

Mrs. John Baze visited her people at Pike's Peak Sunday.

Harvey Millard has his house moved at last and all ready for occupancy.

Herman Leibstraw's little boy was buried in Center cemetery Monday.

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NEWBURG.

The social at Newburg hall was postponed until this week Saturday night, Jan. 29. Ladies bring cake.

Geo. Jewell is ill with lagrippe at his father's home.

Lola Brown, of Milford, formerly of this neighborhood, has been taken to Ann Arbor hospital. They don't understand the nature of the disease.

Mrs. James LeVan is visiting at Mrs. W. O. Allen's in Plymouth.

Mrs. Mark Joy and the triplets of Gilt Edge are all doing well.

Lee Ryder went to Harmon Kingsley's near Salem this week hunting.

At the social given next Saturday night prizes will be given to the poorest dressed lady and gentleman present.

The Gleaners will hold a meeting at the hall Feb. 3rd and private business will be discussed.

MURRAY'S CORNERS.

Clifford McClumpha was in Detroit on business Wednesday.

Hiram Murray called on his brother in Ypsilanti Monday.

The aid society will hold their annual fair on Saturday, Feb. 12 at John Forshaw's.

The Plymouth Grange will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Root Thursday, Feb. 3. All members are requested to be present for the morning session at 10 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Spicer visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cady at Belleville Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Pacard, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Root, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hanford, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Spicer and Mr. Truesdell and Miss Grace Truesdell attended a meeting of the Pomona Grange at Belleville Friday.

The Meanest Man in Town is the one who always wears a frown, is cross, disagreeable and short and sharp in his answers. In nine cases out of ten it's not the poor fellow's fault, it's his liver and digestion that make him feel so miserable, he can't help being disagreeable. Are you in danger of getting into that condition? Then start at once taking Dr. Herriek's Sugar-Coated Pills for your liver—the safe, sure and reliable vegetable liver regulator. Ask for a free sample. Sold by Pinckney Pharmacy and Beyer's Pharmacy.

SALEM.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Walker Cemetery Improvement Association are preparing to give a drama in the near future.

The Congregational society will hold a masquerade social at the home of Henry Dennis Tuesday evening, Feb. 1st. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Mrs. Fred Teetzel of Chicago is visiting her sister Mrs. Webb Lane and family this week.

D. W. Wheeler and George Bennett were in Detroit Wednesday.

Guy Rorabacher called on Salem friends Monday.

Mrs. Frank Tousey of Plymouth was a visitor here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank King and little son of Ypsilanti called on Salem friends Tuesday.

Will Thayer of Detroit was in town Wednesday.

Harmon Gale has bought the Melvin Waters farm. Mr. Waters expects to move to Ann Arbor in the spring.

Arthur VanSickle of Ionia was in Salem on business Tuesday.

The old soldiers will meet with Marsine Holmes and wife Tuesday, Feb. 8th.

The Benefit Social held at Frank Huff's Tuesday evening was well attended. The proceeds being twenty-two dollars.

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PINE'S PEAK.

Albert Eckles of Plymouth was a caller in this vicinity last Thursday.

Rumors are that Mr. Lyle has purchased the late Chauncey Brown's farm.

Mrs. John Houk of East Nankin visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klatt and family last Friday.

Miss Clara Wright visited the Brick school last Thursday.

Miss Lela Klatt visited her sister, Mrs. John Houk of East Nankin the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Burnum is visiting in Detroit this week.

PERRINSVILLE.

The Epworth League will give a match social at the hall Wednesday evening, Feb. 2. All are cordially invited to come and help a good cause along.

Alonso Hanchett of Plymouth was down this way last Sunday.

Wm. Fox, Wm. Johnson and George Cooper were in Wayne last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schunk visited their daughter Mrs. Aas Shaw last Tuesday.

Miss Mae and Master Archie Johnson visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Milroy of Redford, a few days.

Wm. Fox took a business trip to Plymouth last Friday.

Carl and Fred Theuer were in Detroit last Wednesday.

Alvin Brown of West Branch is visiting his brother Frank Brown.

There was no preaching here last Sunday on account of the heavy snow drifts. Mr. Bradley got started, but had to turn around and go back.

Miss Grace Edwards visited Miss Edna Lyle last week Wednesday.

The ladies' aid society will meet with Mrs. John Beverniz Wednesday, Feb. 2. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Lizzie Wolfrom of Beech visited her parents and sister last Tuesday.

AUCTION SALES.

Wm. R. Travis & Son, living two miles south and one mile west of Plymouth on the Canton Center road, will have an auction sale of farm property, including 20 cows and four horses, on Friday, Feb. 4th, at 10 o'clock a. m. John Bennett, auctioneer.

Wm. Fox will have an auction sale at Perrinsville village on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 1 o'clock p. m., of farming tools, 3 horses, quantity of grain and hay and household goods. Terms cash, John Bennett, auctioneer.

James Coesby, 1 1/2 miles east of Elm and 1/2 mile west of Beech, on the Plymouth road, will sell at auction on Thursday, Feb. 10th, at 10 o'clock a. m., 12 cows, 4 horses, 1000 bu. corn, 15 tons hay and a large quantity of farming tools, wagons, etc. John Bennett, auctioneer.

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"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." His opinion of himself will be reproduced by the life processes within him and outpictured in his body, writes Orison Sweet Marden in Success.

If we would make the most of our lives, if we would be and do all that it is possible for us to be and do to, we must not only think well of ourselves, but we must also be just to ourselves physically, be good to our bodies.

Iron Fence Has Lasted Long. "No finer example of the durability of iron exists than that railing around Bowling Green," remarked a Whitehall street patriarch.

"That was put there during the stamp riots before the revolution and at the same time a large leaden statue of King George was erected where the middle of the fountain now is.

Scotch Hangman Strict Sabbatarian. The last public execution in Scotland took place at Dumfries. The Dumfries and Galloway Courier publishes letters from Calcraft and Ashern, two executioners of the day.

Herbert Spencer's Philology. Herbert Spencer was an enthusiastic billiard player. He says that he found it "a very desirable way of passing the time," because it prevented thinking and excluded the temptation to read.

"Poor Kinemen" in Luck. Alderman Henry Smith of London in 1847 left by will \$5,000 for the relief of captives held by Turkish pirates, and \$5,000 for his poor kinemen.

No Use. "You say Jones is down and out? Well, it was only a little while ago that he told me he had the key of success."

Her Weary Query. "I understand that you own everything to your wife," said the tactless relative. "No," answered Mr. Munkton, "but I wish if I don't stop playing bridge with her and her mother."

DEPOSITORS IN BANKS INCREASE

Average Deposits \$10.59 Greater Than in 1908.

BIG RESERVE IS MAINTAINED

State Bank Commissioner's Report Shows Big Increase in Business of Michigan Banks—Increase in Loans is Shown.

Lansing.—The total number of depositors in the 376 state and 99 national banks in Michigan on December 1, 1909, was 7,024,450, according to the twenty-first annual report of the state banking department.

Commercial depositors in the state banks have increased 30,347, and the gain in number of savings depositors is 29,887, making a total increase in the number of depositors in state banks for 1909 of 60,134.

The following table shows the number of commercial and savings depositors, the aggregate amount of deposits and the per capita for each depositor:

Table with columns: Banks, Depositors, Deposits, per depositor. Rows: Commercial, Savings, Nat. banks, Totals.

This includes certificates of deposit; several certificates issued to one person counted as one.

It will be noted from the foregoing table that the average to each depositor in state banks has increased \$10.59, notwithstanding the increase in number of depositors.

The year 1909 marks the twenty-first year of state bank supervision in Michigan under the present banking law. Beginning with 80 state banks in January, 1889, with aggregate footings of \$38,900,770.88, the number has steadily increased until there are now 376 state banks and five trust companies with a total business of \$274,718,216.23.

The report of November 16, 1909, as compared with the report of November 27, 1908, shows an increase in loans of \$21,505,817.44, while total deposits increased \$28,075,163.17, the greatest gain in deposits for any one year since the organization of the department.

Banking Commissioner H. M. Zimmerman also makes the following observations:

"It gives me pleasure to report that the reserve maintained by the several state banks has exceeded that maintained during any other year since the organization of the department. While the percentage of the reserve may not be as great, yet it has been distributed in such a manner that but very few banks were below the requirements of sections 24 and 27 of the banking law.

"As noted above, it has been necessary to ask for but few special reports. Irregularities called to the attention of the banks have generally been promptly corrected, and it has not been necessary during 1909 to enforce the provisions of the law on account of any disregard of the same."

There were organized in 1909 26 state banks, bringing the total to 376, with 99 national banks and five trust companies.

There was an increase of banking capital of \$345,000 in the year. To this should be added the \$680,000 of new bank capital growing out of the organization of new state banks. A further addition should be made of \$35,000 caused by the restoration to stockholders by receivers of the Athens State and Savings bank and the Springport State Savings bank.

Creameries Raise Price. "You can kick all you want to about the high price of butter, but it isn't going to do any good. Butter has climbed in price and is going to stay there. It may be lower a few points, but you'll never see it cheap again."

There isn't any trust to blame for this. It is simply a case of supply and demand and there is no help for it.

Municipal Gas or \$100,000 Cash?

Contending that the present manufacturing methods of the Kalamazoo Gas Company are insufficient to meet the demands of the public, a petition asking for the adoption of a municipal gas plant is being circulated at Kalamazoo.

There are two factions to the gas war, which has been in progress for some time. While some want to allow the extension, others who will not submit under any consideration, it is stated.

Obviously two propositions are about to be submitted to the consumers. One is that the gas company ask the city to accept \$100,000 for a new franchise, the other that the city will ask the taxpayers to vote to have a municipal gas plant.

"Which would you rather have, a municipal gas plant or \$100,000 payable in annual installments of \$10,000?"

Hastening to Obey Law.

At last the foreign wholesale liquor dealers in the upper peninsula are waking up and are hastening to Auditor General Fuller with applications for licenses.

When the law went into effect requiring these dealers to take out a state license, only a few complied. Recently the auditor general received an anonymous communication containing a list of agents selling booze in the copper country who, it was alleged, were disregarding the law.

As a result three arrests have been made at Escanaba and several dealers have forwarded their license money, together with their bonds. Among the bonds was one furnished by one of the surety companies placed under the ban by the state because of the refusal of the company to settle for the state's loss through the failure of ex-State Treasurer Glazier's bank at Chelsea.

Aged Solon is Dead.

Dr. William H. Haze, the last member of the Michigan legislature of 1857, died at his home in Lansing. Old age brought to a close one of the most interesting careers of any pioneer in the capital city.

He was born in Port Hope, Canada, April 13, 1816, and 1841 came to Oakland county, where he resided until 1862. For several years he was a circuit rider in the Methodist conference, preaching in both Wayne and Oakland counties.

State Conscience Fund Gets \$9.35.

Auditor General Fuller has found an honest man. He has received a check for \$9.35 from a justice of the peace at Port Huron who acted as coroner and presented a bill for jury fees in a certain case in which it was afterwards found that there was no jury.

His honesty prevented him from accepting the cash and he accordingly made out a check to the auditor general for the amount, but neglected to endorse it, and it will be necessary for the state to expend two cents in postage in order to collect the amount.

New Corporations.

New corporations: Allen Sparks Gas Light Company, Grand Lodge, increased from \$30,000 to \$60,000; Co-operative Manufacturers Company, Detroit, \$5,000; Thomas Weir Company, Detroit, \$1,000; Detroit Commercial School, Detroit, \$1,000; Bartlett Realty Company, Detroit, \$150,000; Cromwell Motor Company, Detroit, \$1,000; Sterling Auto Top Company, Detroit, \$25,000; Oak Park Power Company, Flint, increased from \$60,000 to \$200,000; Michigan Crank Shaft Company, Muskegon, increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000; Kalamazoo Bread Company, Kalamazoo, \$25,000; Mineral Lands Company, Escanaba, \$2,400.

Townsend Wants Channel.

Col. C. McD. Townsend, engineer in charge of river and harbor work for this district, has recommended to the war department at Washington, the construction of an 18-foot channel from the bay to Bay City and a 16-foot channel from Bay City to Saginaw, the whole to require 3,000,000 cubic feet of dredging and to cost \$682,000.

WOLVERINE NEWS BREVITIES

Muskegon.—Jacob W. Moesker, once a merchant prince, later a great lakes vessel captain, died in Muskegon at the age of 76 years. Mr. Moesker was once a wealthy ship owner of Rotterdam, Netherlands, but suffered reverses, and was practically penniless when he came to Muskegon in 1866 and sought service on a lumber vessel.

Pontiac.—The final account of Receiver R. J. Lounsbury of the P. O. & N. R. railway was allowed in the circuit court. Of the \$29,302.38 the receiver reported on hand he was directed to retain \$12,500 and turn the remainder over to Handy Brothers of Bay City, purchaser of the road.

Ypsilanti.—On their return from church, Benjamin Burbank, his wife and her father, Orlando Brooks, met a burglar coming out of their home. The thief flashed a bulseye in Burbank's face, and displaying a revolver ordered him to stand aside.

Kalamazoo.—A ten-story fireproof hotel will replace the old Eurdick hotel, which was destroyed by fire the first of December. Members of the Arcade company, owners of the ground and of the old hotel, reached a definite conclusion.

Port Huron.—For the purpose of promoting interest in the Port Huron summer resorts more than ever before, the Port Huron Summer Resort association has been organized by some of the principal business men of the city.

Owosso.—Seven hundred acres of land in Kerby township have been leased by Calumet capitalists for coal mining purposes. About a year ago an old mine on the property was abandoned when the Eureka Mining Company failed.

Muskegon.—A suit for \$5,000 damages was commenced against Frank P. Foegan, one of Muskegon's best-known saloonkeepers, by Mrs. Eliza Sharlow, who alleges the saloonist made a worthless drunkard out of her son, George A. Sharlow, who is now but 16 years old.

Kalamazoo.—Mrs. Lydia B. Fletcher, oldest member of the First Baptist church in Kalamazoo and one of the most prominent women of this city, died of pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hattie Bishop, in Chicago, at the age of 74.

Marshall.—As a result of the arrest of Edward Wilbur, a boy for being drunk, and his statement, the home of Henry Benner was searched by the police, who secured a drayload of liquor of various kinds.

Big Rapids.—Joe Williams, a prominent farmer residing northwest of this city, died suddenly of heart failure. He was 44 years old and lived here 28 years.

Bay City.—John A. Leith, one of the leading jewelers of the city, has commenced a \$20,000 damage suit against Guy H. Mouthrop, a lumberman, alleging slander.

Vassar.—Frederick Gladly, for many years a highly-respected German farmer of Denmark township, is dead from Bright's disease, aged 72.

Marshall.—The Marshall Business Men's association elected officers as follows: President, J. C. Beckwith; vice-president, Stephen Allen; secretary, W. T. Phelps; treasurer, C. H. Billings.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mrs. Milford Price was killed at Bertrand, Mich., by a glancing bullet fired by Edward Hosteller at a dog.

Z. T. Trumbo of Pontiac, Ill., was appointed chief clerk of the Illinois state reformatory in that city by Gov. Deneen.

Figures furnished by dealers, three of whom cater particularly to women, show that New York's feminine set spent \$500,000 last year for cigarettes.

Charles B. Ball of Chicago was elected a trustee of the American Society of Plumbing Inspectors and Sanitary Engineers, whose convention closed at Trenton, N. J.

Joe Woods, an American engineer, has been released from the penitentiary at Monterey, Mex., after being confined three months in connection with the accidental killing of a fellow engineer.

Mistaken for a member of the On Leongs, a Japanese known only as Yesito was shot at New York and died in a hospital. Jing Hing, a Chinese student 22 years old, is under arrest, charged with the shooting.

Commissioners of the Spring Lake drainage and levy district got a temporary injunction at Pekin, Ill., restraining Attorney General Stead et al. from interfering with their plans pending a hearing of the suit.

Thomas Taggart of Indianapolis, the Democratic politician, accidentally shot while hunting in Mississippi, may save his eye after all. The X-ray shows a shot within a thirty-second of an inch of a vital spot in the eye.

Senator Clark of Wyoming has named a negro, Ollie R. Smith of Cheyenne, as the alternate for the next vacancy to West Point from that state. Officials at the academy fear the admission of the negro will precipitate trouble.

Attorney General Major of Missouri filed information against nine of the big packing house companies, alleging they are operating in violation of the anti-trust laws of the state and asking that an examiner be appointed by the supreme court to take testimony.

A temporary injunction was granted by Judge F. Phillips in the United States circuit court at Kansas City, Mo., enjoining the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad from refusing to take liquor shipments consigned to Oklahoma and Kansas. This is a victory for the brewers.

A party of West Virginia educators, accompanied by Gov. Glasscock, started north to study the methods of teachings at Armour institute, Cook county normal school, University of Chicago, Valparaiso university, the Ohio State university and the University of Wisconsin.

EZRA KENDALL PASSES AWAY

Well-Known Comedian Dies Suddenly of Apoplexy—Was Suffering from Nervous Breakdown.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 24.—Ezra Kendall, one of the best-known comedians of the country, who has been starring in "The Vinegar Buyer" for a number of years, died very suddenly at a sanitarium in Martinsville, Ind. Apoplexy was the immediate cause of his death, though the actor had been suffering from a nervous breakdown for some weeks.

He quit the road two weeks ago and "The Vinegar Buyer" company disbanded because of it.

Dead in Snowbank.

Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 24.—The body of Charles Wolfe of Lancaster, who disappeared in the big snowstorm on Christmas night while walking from New Holland to a friend's house in this county, was found in a snow bank. It is supposed he became exhausted and perished.

THE MARKETS.

Market data table with columns: New York, Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha. Rows: LIVE STOCK, FLOUR, WHEAT, CORN, OATS, RYE, BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE, CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP.

FLOOD SITUATION IS APPALLING

LOSS BY FLOODS IN FRANCE REACHES OVER \$200,000,000; 500,000 SUFFER.

A NATIONAL CALAMITY.

Bakers and Dealers Who Raised Prices Were Thrown in the River—The Nation Faces a Desperate Situation.

The floods in Paris and throughout France have reached the dimension of a great national calamity. An official estimate of the losses is \$200,000,000, or one-fifth the war indemnity paid by France to Germany.

At Charenton the flood situation is appalling. Ivry and Alfortville are especially afflicted, their streets being under five feet of water. Sixteen thousand residents there have been rescued, but 23,000 still remain helplessly suffering from the flood number 500,000.

Bols de Boulogne Submerged.

Great sections of the French capital are under water, six square miles of the historic Bols de Boulogne being submerged, while the river Seine, sweeping over its banks, has filled the suburbs, inundating the Palais Bourbon, the foreign office and scores of the historic monuments which lie along each side of the river.

The many bridges which span the river are threatened with destruction as vast accumulations are banked against them by the terrific force of the onrushing flood.

Military forces have been summoned from all parts of the country and the city has been divided into five military divisions for the purpose of administering the work of rescue and relief.

To Curb Water Power Rates.

Almost every section of the country will find subjects of interest in the preliminary report of the general waterways commission, submitted to congress.

This preliminary report recommends among other things: A general plan of conservation of water power, with the shaping of projects in the light of future needs of streams.

Report to federal and state legislation rather than the necessary channel improvement merely to enforce reduction of railroad freight rates, with inhibition on the other hand of manipulation of such rates to freeze out water competition.

A uniform system of distribution of cost of waterway improvement between federal, state and local governments.

Avoidance of multiplication of ports.

Restriction of dam construction permits.

Inauguration of such waterway projects only as can be completed within a reasonable time.

Federal regulation of charges for power furnished to consumers.

Reservation by the government of power to alter or repeal power rights.

The commission holds that the federal government has no proprietary right or interest in navigable waters, which would authorize the collection of tolls. It believes that each consent to construct a dam should provide the grantees whenever necessary to subserve navigation interests, must construct and furnish power for a lock suited to the locality and to probable traffic development.

Power developed at government dams should be utilized and charged for.

The commission records that grants should authorize the government to regulate the charge for the power furnished consumers and should expressly reserve to congress the right to alter, amend or repeal.

MEAT PRICES DROP.

Range 25 to 75 Cents Lower Than Last Week.

Wednesday's livestock market quotations showed a big reduction on the prices of last week. Hogs were quoted at from 35 to 40 cents per hundred pounds lower; cattle from 25 to 40 cents; veal calves, 50 to 75 cents, and best lambs, 50 cents.

It is the general belief among cattlemen that the fall in the prices of the livestock will result in meat being cheaper in the butcher shops within a few days.

Still lower prices are looked for. The present figures are due to stock being held up, and the initial slump is the direct result of the first attempt at unloading.

The boycott against meat has had its effect all the way down from packers to farmers. And wherever livestock has been held up for still higher prices there is now consternation and dread lest it be impossible to unload before prices go way down.

Britain and France Reject Knox Plan.

After exchanges between the two cabinets both France and Great Britain have decided to conform their answers to Secretary Knox's Manchurian proposition, to those of Russia and Japan. The two latter countries have declined the proposal for the neutralization of the Manchurian railways, which means equal privileges for all powers in regard to securing railway contracts.

Ezra Kendall Passes Away.

Ezra Kendall, the man who has made a nation laugh, is dead. Death came to him at a time in life when he was about to retire, wealthy and happy, after 39 years of constant toil on the stage, to end his days in rest with his wife and six children. Apoplexy seized the actor while in a sanitarium at Martinsville, Ind., Saturday. He was taken sick in California following the close of the "Vinegar Buyer."

A NEW TOWN EVERY WEEK

AND A NEW SCHOOL EVERY SCHOOL DAY.

The above caption about represents the growth of Central Canada. The statement was made not long since by a railroad man who claimed to have made the remarkable discovery that such was the case. There is not a district of a fair amount of settlement in any of the three Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, but has its school, and the railways have stations every seven or eight miles apart, around which group the towns, some large and some small, but each important to its own district. Schools are largely maintained by public funds and the expense of tuition is but a nominal sum.

The final returns of the grain production for Central Canada for 1909 is now in, and the figures show that the value of the crops to the farmers of that country is about 195 million dollars, as compared with 120 million last year. American farmers or those who have gone from the United States, will participate largely in these splendid returns, and these comprise those who have gone from nearly every State in the Union.

One of the many proofs that might be put forward showing the immense wealth that comes to the farmers of Central Canada is seen in the sum that has been spent during the past two or three months by the farmers who have for the time being ceased worrying over the reaper and the thrasher, and are taking to enjoying themselves for two or three months. It is said that fifty thousand people of these Western Provinces spent the holiday season visiting their old homes. Most of these passengers paid forty and some forty-five dollars for the round trip. Some went to Great Britain, some to the Continent, others to their old homes in Eastern Canada, and many thousands went to visit their friends in the States. The amount paid alone in transportation would be upward of two million dollars. Some make the trip every year. It need not be asked, "Can they afford it?" With crops yielding them a profit of \$20 to \$25 per acre, and some having as much as twelve hundred or more acres, the question is answered. The Canadian Government Agents at different points in the States report that they have interviewed a great many of those who are now visiting friends in the different states, and they all express themselves as well satisfied, and promise to take some of their friends back with them. There is still a lot of free homestead land in splendid districts, and other lands can be purchased at a reasonable price from railway and land companies.

TOO LATE.



Thief—What's the time, please?
Victim—Much too late for you. Your pal just got my watch.

EPIDEMIC OF ITCH IN WELSH VILLAGE

"In Dowlais, South Wales, about fifteen years ago, families were stricken wholesale by a disease known as the Itch. Believe me, it is the most terrible disease of its kind that I know of, as it itches all through your body and makes your life an inferno. Sleep is out of the question and you feel as if a million mosquitoes were attacking you at the same time. I knew a dozen families that were so affected.

The doctors did their best, but their remedies were of no avail whatever. Then the families tried a druggist who was noted far and wide for his remarkable cures. People came to him from all parts of the country for treatment, but his medicine made matters still worse, as a last resort they were advised by a friend to use the Cuticura Remedies. I am glad to tell you that after a few days' treatment with Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Resolvent, the effect was wonderful and the result was a perfect cure in all cases.

"I may add that my three brothers, three sisters, myself and all our families have been users of the Cuticura Remedies for fifteen years. Thomas Hugh, 1656 West Huron St., Chicago, Ill., June 23, 1909."

Whiskers.
A Roman poet told of the pride one of the late Caesars took in his great whiskers. On some of the wildwood Hill Bunnies I have seen beards some feet long, a switch of the loose ends hanging out from under the waistcoat. Others braided the growth and tied it around the neck, while still others braided it around the waist, tying it behind like apron strings. One told me he combed and plaited his every night, and put it away into a long linen bag or satchel, so as to keep it from getting all tangled up with his wife and his hat.—New York Press.

Occasionally the human race is run over the course of true love.

HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

Hist! Shirt Mystery Puzzles Police



CHICAGO.—The Woodlawn police have been working on a deep mystery to solve.

It concerns three woolen shirts. Two of the garments are size 15 and the other is 16, according to a message sent to all police stations by Capt. John McWeeney.

The shirts were found by Patrolman Hogan at Sixty-third street and Madison avenue. They were strewn along the sidewalk. Hogan called the patrol wagon and the shirts were sent to the station.

Close examination of the garments revealed their size. After the lieutenant and sergeant and "fly cops" discussed the mystery for 15 minutes a message was framed and telephoned to the central station. Later it was transmitted to each of the 44 stations in the city. This was the message:

There is at this station three woolen shirts. Two are size 15 and one 16.

Capt. McWeeney's name was signed to it.

Patrolman Hogan modestly told of the "find" as follows:

"I was traveling my post about eight o'clock when my attention was attracted by the shirts lying on the sidewalk. As near as I can judge, they were about three feet apart. I won't be positive, but I think the first one that I picked up was size 16. The other two were one size smaller.

"I at once scented a mystery of

some kind. Either the shirts were part of the proceeds of a burglary or they had been lost was the theory that first suggested itself. There was no laundry marks on the shirts, proving that they had never been worn.

"I called the wagon and sent the garments to the station. That is all I know about the mystery."

Lieutenant and Detective Sullivan was asked what he thought about the shirt mystery and replied:

"Not having seen the shirts I wouldn't care to express an opinion on them. There certainly is some mystery there. I am acquainted with Policeman Hogan, who found the shirts, and know him to be an efficient, level headed man. Something might develop in a few hours that will assist in clearing up the mystery."

When the finding of the shirts was reported to Inspector Hunt he ordered the arrest of all suspicious persons in the Hyde Park and Woodlawn police districts.

"It is the biggest mystery we have had in this police division for years," the inspector said. "The question is, 'who owned the shirts?' Until we establish the identity of the owner we will be groping in the dark. My detective reasoning tells me that the shirts belong to two persons, as they are of different sizes. The absence of laundry marks prove nothing. For all we know the owners of the shirts had them washed at home."

Assistant Chief of Police Schuttler doesn't believe the finding of the shirts had anything to do with gambling.

"I have heard the expression that a gambler would take the shirt off his back to raise money to play," the assistant chief said, "but I think the garments don't belong to a gambler."

Kick on Rooster's Early Crowing



BUFFALO, N. Y.—Harry Wentworth's trained Brahma rooster crows lustily every morning before dawn and struts proudly forth from the little coop in which he is kept in a yard opposite police station No. 3 in Pearl street. The trained Brahma hen occasionally looks around, and, if she sees no signs of the daylight over which her lord so proudly crows, she draws back into the snug coop again.

Now the hen goes to sleep; but the neighbors can't. Six months ago the rooster whipped a cat on the steps of the Asbury M. E. church. The neighbors admired the rooster for the feat, because cats have been a nightly nuisance in the neighborhood. For a week after the fight with the cat the rooster crows every morning. It was summer and folks did not mind it so much. Then Wentworth took the rooster for exhibition in a circus. They got back

Would Let College Girls Have Beaus



CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—"The amount of attention a 'co-ed' should receive from a young man, the time of his arrival and departure, and the necessity of a chaperon, depend entirely on conditions," said Dean Lebaron R. Briggs, president of Harvard college, and a dean of Harvard university. Dean Briggs, who is the most popular of the instructors at Harvard and beloved by the college girls at Radcliffe, makes this declaration in answer to the question, "How should a 'co-ed' be courted?"

Says Dean Briggs, "The college girl is no different than any other of her sex. She craves company and social entertainments. To my mind it is perfectly proper that the 'co-ed' should entertain gentlemen callers while at college if they do not interfere with her

studies. A gentleman in the true sense of the word always knows when it is time to take his departure, so there is no need for the college girl to burn the midnight oil in efforts to make up for time lost in entertaining a friend which should have been given over to study."

"The social world with all its bright and dazzling lights finds but little sympathy with studious pursuits and is an enemy to the college girl and her studies," continued Mr. Briggs.

"A chaperon is, of course, a necessary evil, and while I approve of them in the house when a young lady receives callers, I can hardly imagine one seated in a room when a young man calls to see a lady friend with serious intent. At Radcliffe we try to make the girls as happy as we can. They have their fraternities, athletic associations and little social affairs, which make them there withal better during their allotted study work.

"A young lady herself is the best chooser of her friends of the opposite sex, and his habits should suit her; and if so no one else should interfere."

Lost Appetite Cause of Bank Merger



CINCINNATI.—A tired man, and a lost appetite are responsible for the formation in Cincinnati of the last bank in the Ohio valley and one of the 12 greatest financial institutions in the United States, a bank which will have a capitalization of \$4,000,000 and deposits of \$26,000,000.

M. E. Ingalls, for years at the head of the Big Four railroad; once head of the Cincinnati & Ohio; organizer, president and managing head of the Merchants National bank, worn out by his long years of service, slowly walked into the Queen City club dining room recently. He had been there but a few minutes when W. S. Rowe, president of the First National, caught sight of Ingalls dining alone, and walked over and took a seat across from him. Both chatted pleasantly until Ingalls' luncheon was placed upon the table.

"What's the matter? Don't seem to be eating very much to-day," said President Rowe.

"Oh, I don't know. Seems as if my appetite has failed me."

"Why don't you take a trip? What is keeping you?" suggested Mr. Rowe.

"The bank at the corner of Fourth and Vine streets," was the direct answer.

"Sell it to me," said Rowe, without a moment's hesitation, looking directly into Ingalls' eyes as he spoke.

"Make us a proposition," said Ingalls, finally.

This conversation led to the big consolidation.

REFUSES TO DESIST

TAFT IS ASKED TO ABANDON TRUST-BUSTING CAMPAIGN.

TO INSTITUTE MORE SUITS

Administration Will Proceed Against Corporations Organized on Plan of Standard Oil Company if Victorious in Supreme Court Cases.

Washington, Jan. 25.—If the suits pending in the United States supreme court are decided in favor of the government the administration will at once institute proceedings against a large number of corporations organized along the same lines as the Standard Oil Company and the American Tobacco Company.

Judiciary is at Work.

This statement was made on high authority as representing the intention of President Taft. So confident is the administration that it will be victorious in the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases that agents of the department of justice are now at work making a thorough investigation of many of the corporations against which suits will be filed shortly after the supreme court renders its decision.

The prosecution of the beef trust is only the beginning of the campaign which the president is preparing to wage against the trusts, it is declared.

Refuses to Desist.

It is known that the president has had this program in mind for several weeks. It is also known that some of the most influential men in Wall street have beseeched the president to abandon his trust busting campaign. Many members of congress have sought to dissuade the president, but after deliberate study he has refused to yield to corporation representatives.

There is a possibility that members of congress will attempt to head off the president by amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law. There have been several conferences recently for the purpose of arriving at a decision as to the best method to so modify the Sherman anti-trust law that it would permit existing combinations to continue. No definite conclusion has as yet been arrived at.

Law Abiders Need Not Fear.

Some of the leaders are fearful that if the subject is once opened up to amendment, the law, instead of being modified, will be made more radical than at present, and for this reason they hesitate to risk the introduction of legislation modifying the law.

Mr. Taft takes the position that no corporation which observes the law need be in the least alarmed, and that if there is any injury to business because infringements of the law are corrected, the injury cannot be permanent.

Wilson Blames Trust.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson in his testimony before the congressional committee which is investigating the rise in the price of foodstuffs in the District of Columbia declared that American farm products are sold cheaper abroad than they are in this country.

He intimated that the trusts were to blame, but declined to go into any lengthy explanation because the investigation which he is conducting has not yet been completed. He also blamed the high cost of living to this, together with the exorbitant profits demanded by the retail dealers. He prescribed as one remedy for the evil, a return to the farm. More farmers, and more intelligent farming, he declared, would greatly remedy conditions.

PINCHOT SUCCEEDS ELIOT

is Elected President of the National Conservation Association, with Headquarters in Washington.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The election of Gifford Pinchot to succeed Charles W. Eliot as president of the National Conservation association is announced. Dr. Eliot, at whose suggestion Mr. Pinchot was elected, retains the honorary presidency. Mr. Pinchot takes active charge to-day. Headquarters will be in Washington. Mr. Pinchot said:

"The association is not in politics. Its immediate task will be to do what it can toward getting good conservation laws in congress. Hereafter I expect to devote what energy I have to the association."

BANK OFFICIALS RELEASED

Stensland and Hering, President and Cashier of Wrecked Chicago Bank, Leave Joliet Prison.

Joliet, Ill., Jan. 25.—Paul O. Stensland, convicted president of the defunct Milwaukee Avenue State bank of Chicago, and Henry W. Hering, his cashier, were released from the penitentiary here.

They left the prison in company of friends and at once took a train for Chicago. Stensland appeared to be in feeble health, while Hering was in the best of condition. Both men were paroled to Chicago business men.

Millionaire Brewer Dead.

New York, Jan. 25.—William George Ringler, a millionaire brewer, president of the company which his father founded many years ago, died at the German hospital after an unsuccessful operation for stomach trouble.

TO CURE RHEUMATISM

Prescription that Cured Hundreds Since Published Here.

"One ounce syrup of Sarsaparilla compound; one ounce Toris compound; Add these to a half pint of good whiskey: Take a tablespoonful before each meal and at bed time; Shake the bottle well each time."

Any druggist has these ingredients in stock or will quickly get them from his wholesale house. Good results are felt from this treatment after the first few doses but it should be continued until cured. This also acts as a system builder, eventually restoring strength and vitality.

A PROPOSAL



Housewife—You always seem to enjoy eating my food, but my husband is never suited with it!

Beggar—Say, get a divorce and marry me!

Saving Time.
The family was to leave on the two o'clock train from Broad street station, so the mother was all in a flurry as she hurried the children in a certain West Philadelphia home.

"Now, children, get everything ready before luncheon," she said. "Don't leave everything until the last minute."

And the children said they wouldn't. Luncheon ended, they hurried into their wraps and started. In the hall the mother said:

"Edward, you didn't brush your teeth."

"Yes, ma'am, I did."

"But you couldn't," she said, "you didn't have time. Why you just got up from the table."

"I know that," said Edward; "but we were in such a hurry I brushed them before I ate."—Philadelphia Times.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh of the Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A Real Catastrophe.

Philip, aged four, is in the habit of going across the street to a neighbor's house for milk. One day in December he returned home with an empty bucket and a grave face. "We can't get any more milk," he announced in a tone wealthy with the importance of his message. "The cow's dried up." And, as he started in surprise at him, he suddenly clinched the matter with an observation, evidently of his own: "They don't think that she'll thaw out till spring."—Dellator.

Free to Our Readers.

Write Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago, for 48-page illustrated Eye Book Free. Write all about Your Eye Trouble and they will advise as to the Proper Application of the Murine Eye Remedies in Your Special Case. Your Druggist will tell you that Murine Relieves Sore Eyes, Strengthens Weak Eyes, Doesn't Smart, Soothes Eye Pain, and sells for 50c. Try It in Your Eyes and Save Your Eyes for Scaly Eyelids and Granulation.

Professional Conduct.

One of the best stories told about Mr. Birrell concerns a poor client, whose case he took up for nothing. When the case had been won, the client gratefully sent him the sum of 15c, which he accepted in order not to give offense. A colleague reproached him, however, for this "unprofessional conduct" in taking less than gold. "But I took all the poor beggar had," said Mr. Birrell, "and I consider that is not unprofessional."—M. A. P.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of **CASTORIA**, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of **Dr. J. C. Watson**.

In Use For Over 30 Years.

The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Bell—I felt Jack perusing my countenance.

Bell—Well, what then?

Bell—Then I felt my face getting red.

We are not to blame because you suffer from Rheumatism or Neuralgia, but you are if you do not try Hamlin's Wizard Oil. It quickly soothes and allays all pain, soreness and inflammation.

The only reason we care to be a millionaire is for the purpose of inducing bill collectors to cut our acquaintance.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROWN (Quinine, Tea, and Glycerin) in one glass of water. It is the only medicine that cures a cold in one day.

Interesting Problem.

Knicker—New brooms sweep clean.

Becker—Will new vacuums, also?

DAVIS PATENT Pills should be taken when you are about to get up in the morning. They are the only pills that cure constipation at all times. Sold by all Druggists.

Low shoes and high heels may be fashionable extremes.

A Change at Least.

A change of tenors had been made in the church choir. Eight-year-old Jessie, returning from the morning service, was anxious to tell the news. "Oh, mother," she exclaimed, "we have a new tenor in the choir."—"Woz an's Home Companion."

FOR DEEP-SEATED COLDS and other ailments, **Little's Lung Balm** cures when all other remedies fail. This old reliable medicine has been sold for over 40 years. 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottles. All Dealers.

The Usual Way.

Smith—Did the lawyer get anything out of your uncle's estate?

Jones—Get anything? He got it all.

FILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.

PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure all cases of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding files in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 25c.

The average man spends more money on a foolish habit than he does on his wife's hats.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Cheap notoriety often turns out to be an expensive luxury.

MORE PINKHAM CURES

Added to the Long List due to This Famous Remedy.

Oronogo, Mo.—"I was simply a nervous wreck. I could not walk across the floor without my heart fluttering and I could not even receive a letter. Every month I had such a bearing down sensation, as if the lower parts would fall out. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done my nerves a great deal of good and has also relieved the bearing down. I recommended it to some friends and two of them have been greatly benefited by it."—Mrs. MAE MCKNIGHT, Oronogo, Mo.

Another Grateful Woman.

St. Louis, Mo.—"I was bothered terribly with a female weakness and had backache, bearing down pains and pains in lower parts. I began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound regularly and used the Sanative Wash and now I have no more troubles that way."—Mrs. AL HERZOG, 6723 Prescott Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Because your case is a difficult one, doctors having done you no good, do not continue to suffer without giving Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. It surely has cured many cases of female ills, such as inflammation, ulceration, displacements, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, indigestion, dizziness, and nervous prostration. It costs but a trifle to try it, and the result is worth millions to many suffering women.

WESTERN CANADA

Senator Deliver, of Iowa, says:
"The stream of emigrants from the United States to Canada will continue."

Senator Deliver recently said a visit to Western Canada, and says there is a real boom in the hearts of English speaking people; this will account for the steady flow of 50,000 Iowa farmers to Canada. The country is a garden of Eden with its Government and the excellent advantages of the West. The people are coming to you in thousands. They are still coming. Iowa contributed largely to the 100,000 men who made Canada their home during 1908. The Government is now offering 160 acres of land to be had in the very best districts. The price is \$10.00 per acre within certain areas. Subside and charging in every detail of the land. The Government is now offering 160 acres of land to be had in the very best districts. The price is \$10.00 per acre within certain areas. Subside and charging in every detail of the land. The Government is now offering 160 acres of land to be had in the very best districts. The price is \$10.00 per acre within certain areas. Subside and charging in every detail of the land.

For particulars as to location, low settlers' railway rates and descriptive literature, apply to the nearest land agent, or write to the Canadian Government Agent.

W. F. Williams, 718 Jefferson Ave., Detroit, or C. A. Lumb, 241 St. Marie, Mich.

(Give address nearest you.)

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That's Why You're Tired—Out of Sorts—Have No Appetite.

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will put you right in the land of the living. They do their duty. Cure Constipation, Biliousness, Indigestion, and Sick Headache.

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Don't Cough!—Use PISO'S CURE

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Will instantly relieve your coughing throat. There is nothing like PISO'S CURE for Asthma, Bronchitis, and other troubles. Contains no opiates. Very pleasant to take. All Druggists, 25c each.

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One Year, payable in advance..... \$1.00
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Card of Thanks, 25 cents.

ADVERTISING RATES.
Business Cards, \$5.00 per year.
Resolutions of Respect, \$1.00.
Card of Thanks, 25 cents.
All local notices will be charged for at five cents per line or fraction thereof for each insertion. Display advertising rates made known on application. Where no time is specified, all notices and advertisements will be inserted until ordered discontinued.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1910.

GIVEN A SHAKE-UP.

Is the Postoffice Department by the Hiltedale Standard Editor.

The men who take down the figures at Washington seem to have a strange conception of consistency. For instance, the postoffice department shows a big deficit each year and an effort is being made all the time to raise the postage on newspapers and magazines of the country. The charge is made that the deficit is due to these publications, but as a matter of fact, the advertising in the magazines and in the newspapers unquestionably creates fully one-third of the total two-cent postage business of the country, so that when the press is given credit for what it produces in the way of business for the department, it would prove to be very nearly a self-sustaining institution. No move seems to be made anywhere by any of those who are in favor of reducing the expenses of the postoffice department, toward reducing the eight or nine cents a pound which it costs to transport the mail. It has been stated that the government pays the railroads a rental each year for the postal cars used, practically equal to the original cost of the car, yet no effort seems to be made to reduce the cost of this rental.

An express car is hauled in the same train with the postal car over the same road, and the express car pays to the railroad sufficient to make the railroad a good profit and to make enormous profits for the express company, and yet the express hauling will not average much over one cent a pound, where the government pays nine cents for getting its mail hauled over the same road in the same train that hauls express packages. There would be an easy way of reducing the expense of the department if the people at Washington really desired to do so in the proper direction. But why should the postoffice department be expected to be a revenue producer when practically every other department of the government costs immense sums? No demand is made that the department of the interior should pay expenses, no demand is made that the attorney general's department should pay expenses, no demand is made that the secretary of state's department should pay expenses, no demand that any other department should pay expenses.

Deficits in these departments are accepted as a matter of course. It is due to the people that they should have these services, regardless of cost, and yet not a single department gives to the people any service which can for a moment be compared to the services given by the postoffice department. It does more for the people directly, that they can know and fully appreciate, than all the other departments put together. Yet there is a constant demand on the part of some of the politicians, that the department which is of some use to the people must pay expenses and must be a self-supporting part of the government. It is certainly a very inconsistent attitude and when the people fully understand the situation it is not likely that the demand to cut off cheap newspapers and cheap magazines will meet with the public approval, especially when these other departments which create enormous deficits without protest are chiefly conducted in the interests of the big institutions and are of very little use to the great mass of people to whom the postoffice department is an absolute necessity.

Surveyors at Work.

Pontiac Gazette: The survey of the new electric road to Lansing is in progress near Novi. It is planned to build the road from Farmington to Lansing to connect with the D. U. R. lines at Farmington. Supt. Bean of Detroit is in charge of the surveying party and says he will be through with his work by March and the building of the line will start at once. He predicts that cars will be running by summer. Contracts are already let for the building of the road and the rolling stock. It is claimed that eastern capitalists are back of the project and have furnished the capital to carry on the work. Supt. Bean says after the road reaches Lansing it will be extended to Grand Rapids.

Have you a weak throat? If so, you cannot begin treatment too early. Each cold makes you more liable to another and the last is always the hardest to cure. If you will take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at the outset you will be saved much trouble. Sold by Beyer Pharmacy.

Try The Mail want column.

CHURCH NEWS.

UNIVERSALIST.
Rev. F. W. Miller, Pastor.
Services next Sunday at the usual hour, 10 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The Root and Growth." Sunday-school at 11:30 a. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST.
Next Sunday morning at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 10:10 A. M. Subject, "Love." Sunday-school for children 11:00 A. M. Wednesday evening testimonial service 7:10. Every one is welcome.

BAPTIST.
Rev. C. T. Jack, Pastor.
All regular services next Sunday. Morning service at 10:30 o'clock. The pastor will preach. Sunday-School at 11:45. B. Y. P. U. at 6:00. Leader, Grace Campbell. Sunday evening service at 7 o'clock. Mid-week prayer and praise service Thursday night at 7:30.

LUTHERAN.
Rev. O. Peters, Pastor.
Services Sunday morning at 10:00, standard. The pastor will preach. Sunday-school at 11:15.
Our conference closed Thursday evening and a full report will be given next week.
Carl Heide decorated the church for conference with palms and carnations, as a donation.

PRESEYTERIAN.
Rev. H. N. Ronald, Pastor.
Sunday, Jan. 30—10:00, Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor. Subject, "Is our Christianity Worth Propagating?" 11:15, Sunday-school. 6:00, Young People's class. Study of Matthew Tyson Yates, led by Mrs. Hillmer. All young people welcome.
7:00, Evening worship. Sermon by the pastor. Subject "Life a School."
You are most cordially invited to all these services, also to the midweek service Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Subject "Andrew and Simon." John 1:35-43.

METHODIST.
Rev. E. King, Pastor.
Services next Sunday as follows: Morning service at 10 a. m. The pastor will preach. Sunday-school at 11:30 a. m. Epworth League at 6 p. m., led by Mrs. George W. Richwine. Evening service at 7 p. m. Preaching by the pastor. You are welcome to all our services.

The Epworth League poverty social held at S. O. Hudd's last Friday evening was well attended and the young people of the church had a thoroughly enjoyable social time.

The second division of the ladies' aid will have a New England supper Feb. 22nd, Washington's birthday. Fuller announcement later.

Local Option.

Of the ten Michigan counties which went dry two years ago, in nine the supervisors have ordered the question of prohibition re-submitted to the voters this spring. They are Osceola, Midland, Barry, St. Ignace, Oakland, Wexford, Missaukee, Oceana and Clinton. In the tenth county, Gratiot, the board of supervisors turned down the petition for an election, but the wets will take the matter into the courts and try to force the supervisors to revise their action.

Soldiers' Tax Exemption Act.

There still seems to be some doubt in regard to the law covering the soldiers' tax exemption act and to help clear this matter up an opinion has been rendered by Attorney General Bjrd.

This opinion is to the effect that all property used as a homestead not exceeding in value \$1,200, by any soldier or sailor in the federal government who has served three months in the civil war and all real estate used as a homestead by any widow of a soldier or sailor is exempt from taxation in the municipality when the roll is required to conform to the general tax law relative to listing property for assessment, but does not apply to special assessments.

OBITUARY.

CHRISTIAN HOSTETTLER.
Christian Hostettler was born in France, April 19th, 1829. He came to this country in 1853 and settled in Redford. On Feb. 26, 1856, he was married to Catherine Pardoneet and that year moved to Fair Haven, where they resided till 1872, when they returned to Redford, remaining there till 1903, after which they went to Dearborn to reside with their niece, Mrs. Addie Rowley. In 1905, with his wife, he moved to Plymouth, residing with Mrs. Rowley until his death, Jan. 20th. Mrs. Hostettler died a year ago last August.

Mr. Hostettler was a man of sturdy character. He was exceptionally devoted to his family and highly respected. The funeral was held last Sunday afternoon, Jan. 23rd, at the home of Mrs. Rowley, in the presence of a large number of friends. Rev. E. King conducting the service. The body was placed in the vault at Riverside cemetery, to be later laid by the side of his wife in Redford cemetery.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is not a common, every-day cough mixture. It is a meritorious remedy for all the troublesome and dangerous complications resulting from cold in the head, throat, chest or lungs. Sold by Beyer Pharmacy.

E. M. P. Club Meet.

In the vicinity of 150 newspaper people will gather at the Griswold Hotel, January 28, 1910, the occasion being the annual January meeting of the Eastern Michigan Press Club.

After the Business Session, the Club will visit the Detroit Auto Show until time for the Banquet at 8:00 o'clock at the Griswold House.

The Hotel Griswold is now under a new management and \$50,000.00 are being expended in making this popular Inn up-to-the-minute in all respects.

M. A. Shaw, who for the last two years has been manager of the Hotel Tuller, has been elected one of the directors and is now manager of the Griswold house. The Griswold has passed from the ownership of Postal & Morey to the Postal Hotel company, Austin E. Morey retiring.

The new company is capitalized at \$200,000 and the officers are: President, Fred Postal; vice-president, John J. Barlum; treasurer, Fred A. Goodman; secretary, C. F. Wood; manager, M. A. Shaw. The officers constitute the board of directors.

The new company are spending \$50,000 in improvements. Every room will have a bath and will be refurnished. The big dining room on the second floor will be retained for conventions and banquets. What is now the billiard room will be made into a cafe seating 500 people.

"The Griswold will be strictly modern in every particular and will be strictly modern in every particular and will be one of the best hotels of its size in the country," said Mr. Shaw. "I have a number of ideas that are being carried out, and feel confident that the Griswold will be even better known in the future than it has in the past."

The election of Fred A. Goodman as treasurer recalls the fact that his father was proprietor of the Goodman house, which was rebuilt into the Griswold. The original hotel on the corner was built in 1846 by M. Salter, a pioneer hotelman in this city. In 1861 the late Alfred Goodman bought the property and in 1868 he built the Goodman house, which he conducted until 1890, when he took his son Fred into partnership. They continued to manage the hotel until June 1, 1895, when they lost the property to Fred Postal, who changed the name to the Griswold house.

The new company has a lease of 15½ years on the property.

The management of the Griswold have very kindly asked the East Michigan Press folks to hold the meeting in the new convention hall, and to accept an invitation to attend a banquet which they will give the Club, all of which were accepted by the official family of the association in behalf of the membership.

Saves the State Money.

A new law in which the state of Michigan does not have to give charity unless needed, is saving the state considerable money, according to Deputy Auditor General Simpson. This is the law which requires probate judges to file monthly reports of the number of persons committed to insane asylums, the amount of property they possess and the names of their immediate guardians or relatives. Different state institutions also render monthly reports, and with the two the state is able to determine whether any of the inmates are being supported by the state when wealthy relatives could easily afford to pay for their maintenance.

Deputy Simpson estimates that fully \$150,000 will be saved yearly through this new law, and recently several cases have been unearthed where the people were able to care for the inmates.

Roadwork for 1910.

The Board of County Road Commissioners have practically completed their plans for roadwork for 1910, and the concrete road will be largely favored, plans having been made for this form of construction on Woodward, Grand River, Michigan, Gratiot, Mt. Elliott, Fort, Eureka, Mack, and the section of River Road to be improved below Trenton. Bituminous macadam will be used on River Road up to the village of Trenton, and Kentucky Rock Asphalt (Wadsworth macadam) is planned for Jefferson and VanDyke Roads, and gravel for the Plymouth and Northville Roads.

The Board will again build their own reinforced concrete tile, thereby effecting a large saving from what a similar article sells for in the open market, besides being of superior quality.

The maintenance of roads already built will receive adequate attention, this being a special feature of the County Commissioner's plans.

Contracts have been awarded on cement, gravel, stone, and other commodities, of which the Board uses large quantities. It is planned to push the work rapidly on a given section of road, and the Board have devised several labor saving contrivances with a view of cheapening the cost and expediting the work.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a very valuable medicine for throat and lung troubles, quickly relieves and cures painful breathing, and a dangerously sounding cough which indicates congested lungs. Sold by Beyer Pharmacy.

SPECIAL FACTORY SALE

OF

PIANOS

AND

PIANOPLAYERS



Direct from one of the largest manufactories to the homes of Plymouth and vicinity AT A GREAT SAVING. Being desirous of establishing a permanent agency in Plymouth, we have decided to inaugurate a manufacturers' sale of Pianos in the block

Opposite Christian Science Church, next Door to Variety Store,

And to that end will place on sale a car load of specially selected Pianos shipped direct from our factory in Chicago. These instruments will be offered at prices and terms that will appeal to judicious buyers, and in order to thoroughly advertise these instruments and stimulate trade, we propose to crowd six months' ordinary retail business into fifteen days' time, thus avoiding the attendant long drawout expense, and apply the wholesale principle to a retail business and give the consumer the benefit of the difference. The special bargains offered at this sale are calculated to benefit every intending purchaser who considers the saving of money an object. To give you some idea of the saving to be effected, we give herewith a few hints of prices that will prevail.

Pianos that are sold regularly by retail dealers the world over at \$850, \$875, \$400, \$450 and \$500, will be offered at this special sale for

Fifteen Days Only, beginning January 25, 1910,

At \$273, \$277, \$280, \$291, \$293 and \$317.

COME EARLY and hear the free concert given every day with the wonderful

SELF-PLAYING PIANO.

Come early, while the assortment is complete. Bring \$10 to \$25 as a deposit, our easy terms will take care of the balance.

Award the family desire for that means of delightful refinement and musical education which is offered during this event. Home life has new charms when a CONCORD PIANO comes in.

We cordially invite the people of Plymouth and vicinity to call and inspect our grand display of instruments and learn our prices and terms.

Mr. M. B. Harner, vice president of our company, will be in charge of this sale and will take great pleasure in demonstrating the fine qualities of the CONCORD Pianos to all who may be interested.

Old Instruments taken in Exchange at their Cash Value



M. B. HARNER, Vice President in charge

CONCORD PIANO CO.

GIGANTIC TEN DAYS' SALE!

At B. FREYDL'S.

\$5500 worth High Grade Clothing

Hats, Caps and Furnishings, Ready-to-Wear Apparel to be sold at less than actual cost. This stock of merchandise will actually be mercilessly slaughtered in Freydl's Store, Northville, Mich. Sale begins

Wednesday, February 2, 1910.

Here will be the most mighty avalanche of majestic bargains for Men's, Boys' and Children's high style, fashionable garments of every kind. We hereby guarantee to sell precisely as we advertise, and every price we quote is strictly bona fide and every quotation absolutely correct. It may be hard to believe that a big concern would sacrifice such an immense stock to be sold in Northville at 69 cents on the dollar, but it is the Gospel Truth, and we merely ask you to come and test our statements.

Sale Positively opens Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 9 a. m.

B. FREYDL, the Tailor,

NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN.

We hereby agree to refund the money on all goods priced if not satisfactory to the purchaser. Railroad fare paid to purchasers of \$20 and over, within a radius of 20 miles of Northville. Sale starts February 2.

R. E. COOPER, M.D.C.M.,
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Office hours—Until 9 A. M., to 2;
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OFFICE OVER RAUCH'S STORE
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Dr. A. E. PATTERSON
Office and residence, Main street,
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Hours—until 9 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m. and after 7
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first house west of Main street.
Hours—8 to 9 a. m., 1 to 2 and 7 to 8 p. m.
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DRAYING OF ALL KINDS
Promptly done.
A share of your trade solicited.
When in need of a Big ring up
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EAST BOUND.
For Detroit via Wayne 5:50 a. m. and every hour
to 7:50 p. m.; also 9:42 p. m. leaving at Wayne
to Wayne only 11:35.
NO. 1 BOUND.
Leave Plymouth for Northville 6:03 a. m. (Sun-
days excepted). 7:10 a. m. and every hour to
9:10 p. m.; also 10:42 p. m. and 12:28 a. m.
Leave Detroit for Plymouth 5:45 a. m. (from
Michigan car barn); also 6:30 a. m. and every
hour to 7:30 p. m.; also 9 p. m. and 11 p. m.
changing cars at Wayne.
Leave Wayne for Plymouth 8:30 a. m. and every
hour to 5:30 p. m.; also 10:10 p. m. and 12 mid-
night.
Cars connect at Wayne for Ypsilanti and
points west to Jackson.

The New Iowa
Cream Separator.
Having taken the agency for the
above machine I will be pleased to dem-
onstrate its superiority over all others to
any farmer who may be interested.
Also have the agency for the Choro Boy
1 1/2 horse power gasoline engine.
Call and see me or phone 917 2SILIS.

F. L. BECKER
Probate Notice.
STATE OF MICHIGAN, county of Wayne,
at a session of the Probate Court for
the said county of Wayne, held at the Probate
court room in the city of Detroit on the 18th
day of January, in the year one thousand nine
hundred and ten. Present, Henry S. Hulbert,
Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Luther Lyon
deceased.
Mary Lyon administratrix of said estate,
having rendered to this court her final admin-
istration account and filed therewith her peti-
tion, on praying that the residue of said estate be
assigned to the persons entitled thereto.
It is Ordered, That the twenty-third day of
February next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon
at said court room, be appointed for examining
and allowing said account and hearing said
petition.
And it is further ordered, That a copy of this
order be published three successive weeks pre-
vious to said time of hearing, in the Plymouth
Mail, a newspaper printed and circulating in
said county of Wayne.
HENRY S. HULBERT,
Judge of Probate.
Chas. C. Chadwick, Probate Clerk.

Beautiful Farm for Sale.
The old Sherwood farm at Plymouth,
Mich. Will be sold on very favorable
terms. Suitable for gardening pur-
poses. Address or see M. Davison,
Cashier Union Trust and Savings Bank,
Flint, Mich.

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Good Rigs at the best
prices possible.
All kinds of Draying
done promptly

GALE'S.
This week we are selling

Wilcox Flour 75c
Leader Flour 75c
Buckwheat Flour, 3 makes 30c
Extra Fine Potatoes 45c
25 lbs. Best Granulated Sugar \$1.35
New Cranberries, quart 10c
Red Apples, peck 25c
Turnips, Cabbage, Onions, etc.

Valentines! Valentines
Valentines from 1c to 1.50
Lace Valentines, Art Valentines, Comic Valentines,
Valentine Postal Cards. Come and see.
JOHN L. GALE

Local News

A. A. Fassett of Detroit was in town Tuesday.
Mrs. Addie Rowley is spending a few days in Detroit.
Mrs. F. J. Stoken is spending a few days in Detroit.
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Robinson visited in Milford this week.
If you desire good tea, Gittins Bros. have it—Heart's Desire.
Mrs. W. G. Maltby of Detroit visited Mrs. Louis Maltby Sunday.
Miss Cora Best of Milan is visiting Mrs. F. J. Tousey this week.
Chas. Shattuck spent a few days last week in Pontiac with his cousins.
Little Bruce Andrews of Detroit visited at Hervey Packard's this week.
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Roe and children spent the latter part of last week in Detroit.
Mrs. Roy Lane and daughter Bernice left yesterday for a few days' visit in Belleville.

Mrs. Harry Hannan and Mrs. Carl Hillmer are assisting in Rauch's store during the sale.
Mrs. W. R. Chaffee and Mrs. C. Cozard of Wayne visited Mrs. Brant Warner Tuesday.
It will pay you to buy a year's supply at Riggs' Mighty Sale—15 days continuation from Jan. 29th.
Ethel Gracen and Edna Hunter go today to pay a visit to Miss Hazel McLean at Ridgetown, Can.

Mrs. L. J. Johnson is taking a month's vacation and F. M. Funk, a pharmacist of Detroit is working in Pinckney's store.
Mrs. L. H. Bennett and Mrs. Fred Bennett entertained a number of ladies at a five o'clock tea last Saturday afternoon.
Watch out! For the "Valentine Social" which the first division of the M. E. ladies' aid society will give on February 14th.
The North End Club, composed of fourteen young men, give a pedro party and hop at their rooms in Jolliffe's block next Wednesday evening.

Join the Plymouth Improvement Association and attend the First Annual Banquet to be held at the Plymouth House next Tuesday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Wakely and daughter, Mrs. Fannie Judson and son, Miss Satie Spicer and Mr. Ayers, all of Detroit, were Sunday visitors at H. A. Spicer's.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stever gave a pedro party last Saturday night to a dozen friends. Henry Sage won first prize and Len Brunson carried off the booby prize.

When Riggs advertisers sales and bargains, you won't be disappointed—he has them.
Undertaker Schrader had a funeral scheduled near Beech last Saturday and started out in the storm and snowdrifts to attend the same, but became stalled and had to turn back. The funeral was necessarily postponed until Monday.
A joint installation of officers of the K. O. T. M. M. and L. O. T. M. was held last evening in Penniman hall, there being present a large gathering. David Duford, of Detroit acted as installing officer of the Knights and Deputy Great Commander Carrie Gilbert for the ladies. After the installing ceremonies were completed, the fraters joined in a social session.
The storm last Friday night and Saturday was the worst of the winter and for many winters previous. The high wind drifted the snow four and five feet deep and the roads in places became impassable until the snow was shoveled out. The rural mail carriers had a severe time of it and only one made the entire circuit, the others being compelled to abandon their routes for the day, after making a heroic attempt to get through.

Among the out-of-town attendants at the funeral of Christian Hostetler Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Franklin and Miss C. Hendry of Redford, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hunter, Mrs. Foex and daughter, Miss Sebille and niece, Mrs. Laird, Mrs. Mareh, Mrs. Ruter and Mr. Dormoy of Detroit and Mr. Paul of Walkerville.
The postoffice department has issued an order that on and after February 15th rural mail carriers will not be required to collect loose coins of any kind from mail boxes. The coins must be wrapped in an envelope, piece of paper or in any receptacle so that they can be easily taken from the boxes. The rule will certainly meet with the most earnest approval of the carriers.
A woodshed in the rear of the farm house of James Gates, west of Plymouth caught fire last Saturday from a feed cooker. Neighbors responded promptly to an alarm sent out, but in the fierce wind that prevailed it was strenuous work to save the house from going up in smoke also. In the work Mr. Gates had his face and hands seriously scorched, but the house was saved.
E. L. Riggs has decided to run his Mighty Sale 15 days more from Saturday, Jan'y 29th. If you are open for bargains, Riggs' sales always supply them.

At the recent meeting of Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., the following officers were installed, refreshments being served after the ceremonies: N. G., Mary Clark; V. G., Inez VanVleet, Rec. Sec., Nina Sherman; F. S., Isle Howe; Treas., Viola Wright; W., Agnes Crum; Con., Ida Crum; Chap., Mina Curtiss; R. S. N. G., Lucretia Sherman; L. S. N. G., Susan Atchinson; R. S. V. G., Nettie Stewart; L. S. V. G., Effie VanVleet; I. G., Abbie Felt; O. G., Albert Trinkaus.
An Interesting Exhibit.
We extend a cordial invitation to the public to examine a collection of newspapers from the most remote parts of the world now on exhibit at our office. These papers were sent us by the Chamberlain Medicine Company, Des Moines, Iowa, manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and one of the heaviest advertisers not only in this country but in foreign lands. Some of the papers bear names of places which require us to recall forgotten geography or refer to the atlas to locate. Some of them are particularly curious as they are published in the vernacular of native languages which might be likened to the carefully written notes of a shorthand writer.

O. B. Evans of Richmond was in town yesterday.
Bruno Freydel of Northville was in town yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Roe visited in Detroit this week.
Mrs. Laurence Johnson is visiting in Detroit this week.
Miss Helen Stevens of Whitmore Lake is visiting Mrs. Ella Safford.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cork of Northville visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor yesterday.
Mrs. Laura Bell-Coogan was taken to St. Mary's hospital Wednesday for treatment.
The first division of the L. A. S. of the Methodist church had a thimble party at the home of Mrs. C. S. Merritt last Wednesday.
Little Thelma Williams celebrated her 5th birthday Thursday afternoon with a party for her little friends at the home of Mrs. A. Harlow.
Dr. Travis is attending a convention of the Chicago Odontographic Society being held in that city today and tomorrow, and will return Sunday.
Any one wishing to join a beginner's class in dancing will be at Penniman hall Tuesday night at 7 o'clock sharp, February 1.—Miss Edna Russell.
Mr. A. E. Stever of Flint and his sister, Mrs. M. M. Lamb of Branchport, N. Y., visited at the home of F. W. Miller the middle of the week.
We still have a few of those 7c raisins left. Don't miss this opportunity.
GITTINS BROS.
Automobile enthusiasts are attending the auto show in Detroit this week in large numbers from Plymouth. Several have purchased cars for future delivery.

Dr. L. S. Bowles of the Polytechnic Institute of McKinney, Kentucky, will speak in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening. The service will be a union service.
Plymouth Lodge, F. & A. M. are invited to attend the Grand Lodge lecture and to witness the work in the third degree next Tuesday afternoon and evening at Redford.
Twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Austin, near Northville, last Sunday night. The parents are cousins of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Joy, parents of the triplets.
Mrs. George Huger slipped and fell on the ice in the yard of her home yesterday morning, breaking her right arm above the wrist. Dr. Campbell was called and reduced the fracture.

A county farmers' institute will be held in the Universalist church on February 7th and at Cherry Hill Feb. 8th. Hon. H. R. Pattingill will make an address in the church in the evening on educational matters.
SOHN B. HAYWARD.
John B. Hayward was born in Salem, Washtenaw County, October 14th, 1849, and died January 24, 1910. In 1853 he removed with his parents to Nankin, Wayne Co., where he lived until the year 1896, when he, with his sister, Mrs. Cornelia Blount, moved to Plymouth, where they resided until her death in May, 1909, since which time he has made his home with his cousin, Mrs. Jay Smith.
Death was due to an attack of pneumonia. The obsequies were held at the Smith home on the Ann Arbor road Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Hugh Ronald officiating. Interment at Newburg.
Try one package of Newton's Corn Starch at 8c and be convinced that it isn't profitable to pay 10c for other brands.
GITTINS BROS.
CARD OF THANKS.—I wish to extend sincere thanks to all friends and neighbors for their kindness and assistance in our recent bereavement. Also to the singers and for the floral gifts.
MRS. ADDIE ROWLEY.

Notice.
I will be at Murray's store today and Monday to receive water taxes.
W. B. ROE.
The Right of Way
Has to be given Harvell's Condition Powders, which for over seventy years has been the standard of perfection. Why? Because every ounce and particle of the ingredients do their share towards contributing to the qualities of the stock, to which the powder is given. You should not fail to try this stock food and we feel sure that after a few days, you will notice a wonderful change in the stock. Get a package at the nearest drug store. Price 25 cents. Sold by Pinckney Pharmacy and Beyer Pharmacy.

THE MARKETS
Wheat, red, \$1.20; white \$1.20
Hay, \$10.00 to \$12.00 No. 1 Timothy.
Oats, 45c.
Rye, 70c.
Beans, basis \$2.00
Potatoes, 25c.
Butter, 28c.
Eggs, 32c.

Wants, For Sale, To Rent, etc.
5c. per Line, One-Insertion.
FOR SALE.—The Will Van Vleet property on Sutton and Church streets, two houses on one lot. Possession given April 1st. Enquire on the premises.

"PLYMOUTH FOR PROGRESS."
The first annual banquet of the Plymouth Improvement Association which is to be held at the Plymouth House on the evening of Tuesday, February 1, promises to be one of the most successful events of the year. In addition to Judge VanZile and County Roads Commissioner, Edw. F. Hines, who are announced last week as probable speakers, toasts will be responded to by M. P. Compton, of Leslie, Dr. E. E. Caster of Plymouth, and others. In order that plans may be made to accommodate all who may desire to attend, tickets must be purchased not later than noon the day of the banquet. Tickets are now on sale and may be secured from any member of the banquet committee, viz: Mark H. Ladd, Wm. Pettingill, and Wm. J. Burrows, or from Louis Hillmer or Edward Gayde.

Were Pleasantly Surprised.
The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Whitbeck was invaded Tuesday evening by a jolly, unexpected crowd of about eighteen neighbors, to remind them that 39 years had passed since they had entered the journey of life together. While wholly surprised, they proved themselves the same charming entertainers. The ladies went well supplied with apples, nuts, popcorn and delicious home made candy, which, together with games, music and the phonograph and in social visiting, the hands on the clock moved altogether too fast up in the big numbers, when with hearty handshakes and wishes for many happy returns of the day, the guests bid them good-night.—S.

Sawhill-Brown Wedding.
Mr. Dana Sawhill of Pittsburg and Miss Anna Brown of this village were quietly married Wednesday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Brown, Rev. Hugh Ronald officiating. Only the family was present. Mr. and Mrs. Sawhill took the morning train east for Pittsburg, their future home, the groom being an expert meat cutter in one of the large markets there. The bride is one of Plymouth's most popular young ladies and was employed as teacher in the Dearborn schools until recently. Hosts of friends will unite in wishing the happy couple a life of abundant happiness.

Captured a Couple of Burglars.
Deputy Sheriff Springer received notice Tuesday morning that a burglary had been committed at Flint the night before and that the burglars had probably taken a south bound freight headed for Detroit. The deputy wandered down to the railroad yards in the afternoon and had no trouble in locating the quarry. Two men were corralled on whom were found an overcoat, \$17 in cash, a razor and a revolver, the property stolen in Flint. They gave their names as Wm. Patterson and Patrick Flinnay. They were looked up and held until the arrival of the Flint chief police.

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Don't let go of your money until you get its value in return. Don't shove it out even when you have plenty, for you might just as well save some for future use. You get a chance to save on every purchase here and at the same time get new and up-to-date goods. Take especial notice of our
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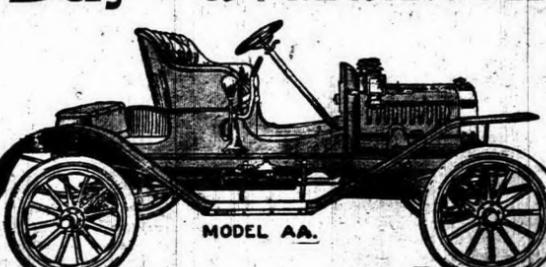
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AGENTS.

HOW UNCLE SAM USES THE TELEPHONE

BY WALDON FAWCETT



FRED MCCARVER
SECRETARY TO
THE PRESIDENT



THE TELEPHONE
MOTOR CAR OF THE
U. S. SIGNAL CORPS

UNCLE SAM has been quick to adapt to his own uses all the notable inventions and innovations of the age. The telephone, wireless telegraphy, the automobile, the flying machine and all the other notable scientific and mechanical advances of the generation have been pressed into service by the federal government as quickly or almost as quickly as spheres of usefulness have been opened to them in the commercial field. Of all the nineteenth and twentieth century revolutionary creations, however, no one has come to have such dependency placed upon it by the national government as has the telephone. Certain it is that there would be occasion for universal surprise were it possible to compile statistics that would show what proportion of the government business is now transacted by telephone.

Every federal official, from the president to the most subordinate of the nation's public servants, has a telephone on his desk, and considerations of time saving and monetary economy, to say nothing of the conveniences, impel the almost universal employment of the "instantaneous" communicative system. It has, to a great extent, displaced the mails and telegraph. Washington, our national capital, is famous as the "best telephoned city in the world," and it is likewise known far and wide as the "City of Magnificent Distances"—two circumstances which combine to influence heavily dependency upon the telephone by the 20,000 federal employes at Uncle Sam's headquarters. More than this, however, the executive branch of the government is coming to rely more and more upon the telephone for the transaction of official business between the seat of government and federal offices in other cities. Aside from this extension of long-distance telephone operations, Uncle Sam, thoroughly abreast the times, is now conducting practical experiments with wireless telephony.

Perhaps the most convincing evidence that could be offered of the degree of dependency which Uncle Sam now places on the telephone is to be found in the attention paid to the installation of telephone facilities in the new \$50,000 office building recently completed for the use of President Taft and his business staff. Ever since the Spanish-American war has been considered one of the most important features of this model business establishment, but the equipment of the reconstructed White House annex is infinitely superior to the telephone facilities in the old structure, and is, indeed, probably the finest and most complete to be found in America—that is, the most notable that has been provided in any private residence or corporate business office, or elsewhere than in the up-to-date telephone exchanges in our largest cities.

The new telephone room at the White House annex, on one hand, the general staff room—the working quarters of the president's clerks and stenographers—and, on the other hand, the office of the secretary to the president. Just

beyond this is the president's private office, so that the chief executive of his "right-hand man" can reach the telephonic nerve center with very little trouble. The private branch exchange in the matter of switchboard and all the details of equipment, represents the latest approved practice and the wiring of the office is thoroughly up-to-date. By no means the least important feature of the telephone room is a specially designed telephone booth, claimed to be the finest booth and the only one of its kind in the world. This is for the use of the president, when using the long distance telephone, and the structure is sound proof in the highest degree.

In general appearance, the president's new telephone booth conforms very closely to the usual type of booth found in hotels, railroad stations and business houses all over the country. To be sure, the oak wood of which it is constructed has been specially selected for its beautiful grain and the plate glass in the door and windows is unusually heavy, but in general appearance the booth conforms closely to prevailing standards. The distinctive characteristics is the roominess of the interior. Not only will the booth accommodate satisfactorily so big a man as President Taft, but there is ample space for a stenographer to stand beside the president's chair inside the booth in case the executive should desire to have a memorandum taken down in shorthand as he received it over the telephone. There are also facilities whereby if desired, this booth can in warm weather, be connected with the novel air cooling system which has been installed in the new White House offices for the purpose of making them habitable to a weighty president during the dog days.

Through the medium of this telephone clearing house—with an operator on duty night and day—the president has the entire official world at his ear. First of all, it serves as the "central" of the White House private telephone system. This system has 18 "inside stations" as they are known in technical jargon—that is, it controls a dozen and a half different telephones distributed about the presidential mansion, the White House offices and the grounds, and thereby linking the business offices, the living quarters, the kitchens, laundry, stable and garage, etc., etc., not forgetting the headquarters of the police force of 22 men that guard the White House, and the members of which may be needed at some point quickly to control a crowd or remove a crank. Via the president's private exchange his 'phone or any of the other 18 may be quickly connected to any of the thousands of 'phones—official and non-official—embraced in the public telephone system of the city of Washington.



THE SWITCHBOARD IN THE TELEPHONE ROOM AT THE WHITE HOUSE

However, the higher circles of officialdom are by no means dependent upon the public service for their telephone facilities. They have a very ingenious system of their own. It is a secret network of wires, and, very naturally, it is centered in the White House. Primarily, this confidential telephone web consists of a special private telephone wire leading from the White House to each of the nine departments of the government. The main purpose of this is to enable the chief magistrate to at any moment consult with any of his nine cabinet officers without any danger of eavesdropping, but of course, should the president desire to communicate confidentially by 'phone with any subordinate in any of the departments, it is a simple matter to summon such individual to the secret 'phone, rather than to have him communicate with the White House via the regular telephonic channels.

Equally important as arteries of quick communication, are the two special telephone wires leading from the White House to the United States capitol. One of these lines leads into the great exchange at the big white-domed building, and through this "central" the president can get connection with the private office of any senator or representative, or with the cloak rooms or other rendezvous of the lawmakers. The other line from the White House to the capitol is a strictly secret line. Not only does it not lead into the exchange at the capitol, but the terminal is not accessible to any person save with the president's sanction. It is safe to say that there are men who have been in congress for years, who do not know of the existence of this secret line to the White House, much less know the location of its terminal. However, the line serves a most important purpose, for it enables the president to at any time, confer with the vice-president or with any senator or representative—for instance, the administration spokesman or floor leader—in absolute security as to the confidential character of the verbal exchanges. Not even a "hello girl" can overhear what is said. In number of connected telephones, and in point of the average number of calls handled

daily, the greatest private telephone exchanges in the world are those at the United States capitol, and in the most extensive government departments at Washington, as, for instance, the war and navy departments, and the department of agriculture. Such an exchange covers hundreds of 'phones, and there is a "night service" which enables communication with all the more important officials at their homes. The equipment of the more notable of these governmental exchanges is perfection itself. The switchboards, for instance, are of the illuminated type. That is, instead of the receipt of each call being marked by the fall of a small metal tab—something that may easily be overlooked by a "hello girl"—the summons for "central" to make a connection is given by the illumination of a small electric lamp—something that cannot readily escape notice. The switchboard of this type provides, of course, one

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WHERE IT WORKED.



"While we were on our honeymoon, I always spoke French to my husband, so that no one should understand us." "So you went to France, did you?"

Why does Great Britain buy its oatmeal of us?

Certainly it seems like carrying coals to Newcastle to speak of exporting oatmeal to Scotland and yet, every year the Quaker Oats Company sends hundreds of thousands of cases of Quaker Oats to Great Britain and Europe.

The reason is simple; while the English and Scotch have for centuries eaten oatmeal in quantities and with a regularity that has made them the most rugged physically, and active mentally of all people, the American has been eating oatmeal and trying all the time to improve the methods of manufacture so that he might get that desirable foreign trade.

How well he has succeeded would be seen at a glance at the export reports of Quaker Oats. This brand is recognized as without a rival in cleanliness and delicious flavor. 51

His Terrible Threat.

Aviation has improved considerably since the time when Col. Cleary, then county commissioner and for years a well-known Chicagoan, made a balloon ascension at a county fair over in Michigan, says the Chicago Journal.

As the guest of honor the colonel was sent upward with the assurance that there was absolutely no danger. But as the distance from the earth grew greater the colonel leaned out anxiously.

"Pull me in!" he shouted. The men who were hauling out the rope paid no heed to his demand. Higher and higher went the balloon. Wilder and wilder grew the colonel. Finally, almost standing on his head as he tried to keep a precarious balance, he gave a final cry of exasperated panic: "Pull me in, I tell you, or I'll cut the rope!"

Wisdom of a Cook.

Mr. Honeyman looked hopefully at the pleasant, rosy-faced Norwegian girl with whom the manager of the employment bureau had accorded him an interview. "Can you wash and iron?" he asked.

"Yaas, I do dose," responded the cheerful Minna. "And you can wait on the table—I mean will you—and answer the doorbell?" Mr. Honeyman faltered. "My wife is quite determined on these points."

"Yaas, I do dose," and Minna continued to beam benevolently. "And you can cook, of course," said Mr. Honeyman. "Yaas," said Minna for the third time. "I do dat fine ven you keep her busy so she do not help me."—Youth's Companion.

Slightly Altered.

"All the world's a stage." "And most of the men and women merely supers."—Cleveland Leader.

INSOMNIA

Leads to Madness, if Not Remedied in Time.

"Experiments satisfied me, some 5 years ago," writes a Topeka woman, "that coffee was the direct cause of the insomnia from which I suffered terribly, as well as the extreme nervousness and acute dyspepsia which made life a most painful thing for me."

"I had been a coffee drinker since childhood, and did not like to think that the beverage was doing me all this harm. But it was, and the time came when I had to face the fact, and protect myself. I therefore gave up coffee abruptly and absolutely, and adopted Postum as my hot drink at meals. "I began to note improvement in my condition very soon after I took on Postum. The change proceeded gradually, but surely, and it was a matter of only a few weeks before I found myself entirely relieved—the nervousness passed away, my digestive apparatus was restored to normal efficiency, and I began to sleep restfully and peacefully."

"These happy conditions have continued during all of the 5 years, and I am safe in saying that I owe them entirely to Postum, for when I began to drink it I ceased to use medicine." Read the little book, "The Road to Well-being," in pkg. "There's a Reason." Have seen the above letter? A new one appeared from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

VIEW OF SELF-SACRIFICE

A question which frequently arises in social relations is to what extent should one sacrifice one's self to oblige one's friends. More than half the social pleasures entail a sacrifice on somebody's part. Money has to be spared that can ill be afforded, people whom one doesn't like have to be met and health has to be disregarded in order to keep an engagement.

The life of the average woman seems to demand of each successive day just a little more of her time and consequently of her vitality, and when she adds to her own burdens those of other people, by filling in a place at the last moment, or by doing any one of the multitudinous other little things that oblige socially, she is on the road to destruction and had better learn to say "No" before she has to go to a sanatorium. Every social leader has on her list some of these tried and true mortals whom she can coax into working overtime. For this reason her dinners are never clouded by a vacant place; her entertainments are always a success. But the woman upon whom she leans pays for it all, even though she has her good time.

PRESIDENT PLANS FOREST RESERVES

Is in Favor of Setting Aside Large Tracts in Different Parts of the Country.

IDEA HAS SOME OPPOSITION

Senators from the Northwest Oppose the Plan—Attitude of Ex-President Roosevelt—New States Practically Assured.

Washington.—In President Taft's message on the conservation of the natural resources of the country he did not call specifically by name certain projects for forest preservation which it is known that he advocates. The president, however, said something in what may be called a legal way which showed conclusively that he is in favor of setting aside a great forest preserve in the southern Appalachian mountains and another similar preserve in the White mountains of New Hampshire.

Representative Weeks of Massachusetts has introduced a forest reserve bill, and with presidential backing the Republicans say that it will pass the house, but there is a tremendous opposition to the measures in the northwest. Senators Carter of Montana and Heyburn of Idaho are opposed to the Appalachian forest reserve plan, as they are opposed in a general way to some other forest reservation measures. It may be that if certain difficulties can be cleared away and an understanding reached as to the effect of the Appalachian bill upon existing legislation that the northwest opposition will disappear.

Taft for Forest Reserves.

In President Taft's message he said in effect that in his belief the federal government had a right to establish forest reserves within state lines if it could be shown that the saving of the forest was necessary to maintain a proper depth of water in navigable streams. The federal government has control of streams that are navigable, and it is contended that the government has the right to see to it that nothing is done which shall threaten the continuance of proper navigation conditions. If the forests are cut away it is held there will be floods part of the time and very likely droughts the rest of the time. In other words, the streams will be overflowed and navigation thus threatened for some months, while for a part of the remainder of the time there will be not enough water to float ships.

The bill which Representative Weeks has introduced provides for an appropriation for the purchase of forest reserves of \$1,000,000 for 1910, and not exceeding \$2,000,000 for every year thereafter until 1915. The former chief forester, Gifford Pinchot, has estimated that within three years timber receipts from the reserves from the reserves would be sufficient to take care of the appropriation. It must not be understood that the government intends to stop lumbering when it gets control of the Appalachian forest preserve. The idea is to lease the lumbering privilege and to see that the business is so carried on that in taking out one tree the other trees shall not be injured and the undergrowth shall be preserved.

Question of State's Rights.

Most of the representatives in congress from the state which contain the forests in the southern Appalachian country are in favor of the measure. There are some Democrats who think, despite Mr. Taft's contention to the contrary, that the measure will be one which directly will invade the domain of the rights of the states. Last year a bill like the Weeks bill passed the lower house of congress, but the senate would have nothing to do with it. For years such a measure had been before the house, but the organization leaders were against it. Finally the speaker said that the bill ought to be voted upon, and this was considered much of a concession from Mr. Cannon. The bill was put to the house and passed.

In the White mountains the forests are disappearing rapidly and the beauty of the scenery of this great summer resort section is being threatened. Moreover, the regulation of the water supply of many of the New England streams which furnish power for all kinds of mills is getting to be a matter of great difficulty, because of the periods of alternate drought and flood caused by the cutting down of trees in the mountain section.

It is said that some of the opposition in the northwest to the eastern forest reserves plan is due to fear that the 25 per cent. of the receipts from sales of timber paid under the laws of the states and territories in which national forest reserves lie may be endangered. It is a difficult thing to find out why it is believed that this law would be threatened by the establishment of an eastern reserve. There is nothing in the Weeks bill, apparently which would make it seem likely that the law as it now stands would be in danger of change. The feeling that danger threatens the fund which the northwestern states now get from the sale of timbers on government reserves is manifest in the senate, and the friends of the Weeks bill, are compelled to recognize it. An attempt will be made probably to convince the opponents that the saving of the forests in the east will not

In any way hurt conditions in the west, and if this can be done the Appalachians and White mountains plan will carry the day.

Ex-President Silent.

Persons who have been at pains to find out are convinced that Theodore Roosevelt has not written one word to anyone, either in approval or in disapproval of the acts of the present administration. Stories have been published that condemnation of the "inactivities" of the present administration have come from Africa and these were closely followed by stories to the effect that words of commendation had been written and sent out by the hunter who is now after the elusive white rhinoceros.

There are two or three men in America to whom President Roosevelt unquestionably would write on political topics if he intended to write on them at all. One of these men is in New York and it is not at all hard to guess his identity when it is said that during the seven years that Mr. Roosevelt spent in the White House the New Yorker was his daily and perhaps his closest companion. The other man to whom the former president probably would write is in Washington and it is no harder to guess his identity than it is that of the New Yorker. Greetings have come from the jungle and the plain, but it is said by those who have made it their work to inquire in the right places that nothing that Mr. Roosevelt has written can be in any way considered as passing judgment upon anything that has been done in a political or administrative way since he left this country.

Just before President Taft announced his willingness to become a candidate for the Republican party's nomination for the presidency, Mr. Roosevelt gave out a specific statement to the effect that he would not consider any plan for a re-nomination for himself. He made his statement about as sharp as it could be made, and a little later, when he found people were unwilling to take him at his word he put forth another pronouncement strengthening the first and making the second so positive as to amount almost to a declaration of anger that anyone should think that he wanted a third term or a second elective term, at that time at least.

Doesn't Believe in Third Term.

There are a good many members of congress, both Democrats and Republicans, who are firmly convinced that Theodore Roosevelt feels that a third term is not a thing to be desired in a republic. Those who say this back it up with what they maintain is real argument. They say that the former president at times expressed himself as believing that the American people would not approve of a third term or, as in his case, a second elective term for any man.

New States Practically Assured.

Unless the territories of Arizona and New Mexico shall adopt state constitutions which are not to the liking of the administration and to the dominant party in congress, President Taft will see two new stars added to the flag before his term of office expires. The house of representatives already has passed the bill authorizing the people of Arizona and New Mexico to hold constitutional conventions, to vote on the adoption of the constitutions thus prepared, and to elect state officers. The bill is now in the upper house, where Senator Beveridge has charge of it. The bill in the lower house, which was the handwork of Representative Hamilton of Michigan, left congress out of consideration in the matter of power to review, and to approve or disapprove the constitutions adopted by the prospective states.

It is believed that before the bill receives the signature of the president it will contain a provision which gives congress, with the chief executive, the right to decide on the merits of the provisions in the constitutions which the territories shall adopt for use when they take on the full powers of statehood.

A good many Republicans do not like some of the provisions in the constitutions of Oklahoma, Oklahoma and Indian Territory were combined in one and admitted to statehood when Mr. Roosevelt was president. He did not like some of the constitutional provisions, and if memory is correct some changes were made, but not enough to satisfy the Republicans. The majority in congress, therefore, is resolved that if it can prevent it, Arizona and New Mexico shall not be allowed to adopt state constitutions which, as the Republicans put it, are not in spirit like the constitutions of other states of older birth.

Some Questions in Dispute.

Some of the matters concerning the proposed new states with which the administration is particularly concerned relate to public lands within the territories, forest reservations, water sites and mining privileges, in other words matters pertaining generally to the conservation of the natural resources of the country.

It now appears that Arizona and New Mexico are practically certain of statehood, for it is believed that they will adopt constitutions which will pass muster with the administration and with congress. Four years ago this winter the two territories just missed statehood, but if it had been granted to them at that time they would have had to go in as one state, for the bill combining them in one and admitting them to statehood was passed by the lower house of congress, and was defeated in the upper house only after the hardest kind of a battle. The opposition was led by the Democratic leaders and by Joseph E. Foraker of Ohio, who was then in the senate.

GEORGE CLINTON.

At the Sign of the Blue Teapot

By JANE OSBORN

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"Seats ahead!" called the brakeman as the Philadelphia express was drawing out of the New York terminal, and Ransom Pratt made his way past the projecting bundles of his Christmas-laden fellow travelers into the car ahead.

The waving feather on Lucy's small black hat, bobbing to keep time to her energetic tongue, struck Ransom for an instant as something uncanny, for he had been thinking of her only a moment before.

"Hello, Lucy," he said, dropping into his old schoolboy familiarity as he seized her outstretched hand.

Lucy, with ill-concealed embarrassment at the meeting, introduced him to her aunt, Miss Elting.

"We were, this very minute, speaking of you," she exclaimed, as she crowded past Lucy into the aisle. "There is room ahead," she explained, making room for Ransom in the seat Lucy.

Lucy looked entreatingly at her aunt with a look in her eyes that made Ransom uncomfortable. "Please don't go," she said, but it was too late. Ransom had already taken his unwelcome place.

"It's a treat seeing you in this part of the country," he said, beaming with old-time enthusiasm. "And the funny part of it is that I was just going to write to you—"

"You're always 'just going to' do things, Ransom, interrupted Lucy.

"Well, I truly was this time, and I'll tell you why. I have a few days off at Christmas, and I thought I'd spend them with you—"

"Why didn't you tell me sooner?" Lucy asked with a shade of disappointment, "before I had made other plans."

"I thought you'd like it better if it came as a surprise," said Ransom simply. "But it's all the better now, because I won't have to waste time go-



Felt Singularly Out of Place.

ing west to you, and we can spend it together here," he added with the air of having settled a question. "Tell me what brought you east and all about everything you've been doing."

"I am here with my aunt," explained Lucy, "but we aren't going to be here long; that is, not very long." Lucy stopped abruptly.

"But come," Ransom urged her, "I have told you why I was thinking of you, now it's your turn to tell me why you were talking about me."

"I suppose it was because we were near Philadelphia and we knew that you were living there. You are still there, aren't you?" she asked with sudden eagerness.

"To be sure," he answered, "just been in New York on business. You will surely stop off with me, you and your aunt. You weren't going through without letting me know?"

Lucy shook her head in the negative.

"Let's have your address. Perhaps I can persuade you if I write."

Lucy opened her handbag and took out a small gold pencil. Then she leaned over the seat ahead. "Aunt Louise," she said, "will you give me a card, please." And while her aunt was producing it she had whispered conversation with her.

"You understand, don't you? Thank you so much," Ransom heard her say. She took the card and, crossing off the "Miss Louise Elting," wrote "Miss L. Preston." Then she hesitated a second and gave her address in Chicago, in care of another aunt. "My mail will be forwarded from there."

Further argument being useless Ransom gave himself up to such impersonal conversation as happened to come into his head, and when he left the two at Philadelphia, he thought he saw a look of regret come into Lucy's eyes, and then, just for a moment, something seemed to linger on her lips, trying to be said. "Good-by," he said, "I'll write soon."

For the next two days Ransom was in a state of great perplexity. "Perhaps I've offended her," he thought as he recalled how often during the last year in the east her letters had come unanswered for weeks. "But surely," he added, "she knows I dislike letter writing. Anyway," he concluded, "if she is offended she can't, a little, and if she cares a little she might care more."

With this optimistic conclusion, Ransom sat down to one of the hard-

est tasks he had ever undertaken. Writing was a burden at best and any conventional expression of devotion that he could think of seemed to him exceedingly cheap. At last, by dint of much self-control, he wrote a letter so frank and open in its declaration that even the doubting Lucy would have to be convinced of his sincerity.

The letter written, Ransom sought the little card that Lucy had given him for the necessary address. "She ought to get this in three or four days," he thought, "if she is near Chicago, and if she writes me I can be with her on Christmas, after all." As Ransom made these observations, he fumbled the card in contemplation.

"Hello!" he said aloud as his eyes caught the reverse side of the card. "It looks as if Lucy's aunt had given away a memorandum." He read the notes on the back, written in a delicate feminine hand. "The Sign of the Blue Teapot, 1679 Hemlock street, Luncheon 11-2. Tea 3-6. Fancy articles. Home-made delicacies. Special list of Christmas pies and puddings."

During the next four days Ransom was in a mood of expectancy and perfect confidence as to the outcome of his proposal; but when Christmas eve arrived with no telegram he began to have misgivings. Suddenly it dawned upon him that he would have to spend Christmas alone; and then with a distinct impression as to what sort of Christmas dinner the French cook at the club would probably produce, he recalled the notes on the back of Miss Elting's card.

"I'll get some home-made things and have them sent over," he thought as he walked toward the new tearoom in Hemlock street late that afternoon.

Ransom never had been in a tearoom before, and he felt singularly out of place in the Sign of the Blue Teapot. The feminine, would-be Japanese atmosphere of the place, the hanging paper Wistaria, the slight bamboo chairs and tables, the cheap Japanese prints and pottery, and the inappropriate array of holly and evergreen struck him as being exceedingly fragile. He walked with careful steps past the cases filled with home-made holly trimmed pastry. Then, as he passed the desk, his eyes caught sight of a letter, apparently unopened.

"Miss Lucy Prescott?" it said. Forgetting his former preoccupation, he walked quickly up and recognized his own handwriting. The letter had been redirected from the Chicago address to the Sign of the Blue Teapot. Deeply astonished, Ransom sat down. Presently a substantial American woman, clad in a kimono, approached him. She stood beside him, her hands poised on her hips. "Order, sir," she said.

"Tea, please," he answered. Just then from the back of the shop came Lucy Prescott. She hurried to the desk. Ransom, too much surprised for the minute to move, watched her as she seized the letter with apparent excitement. He watched the color mount to her cheeks as she read.

"Molly," she called, "I'm going to the corner to send a telegram. While I'm gone, you take charge of the checks."

Ransom rose and sped after her, and the geisha girl, mindful of an unpaid check, hurried in pursuit. "Your check, sir," she called; but Ransom had stopped Lucy at the door and was coming back with her.

"Follow me," said Lucy, leading the way to the pantry; and there, by the dim light that displayed carefully arranged tea canisters, sugar boxes and butter crocks, and whole rows of little blue teapots, she explained.

"You see, Aunt Louise and I decided to run a tearoom. Teaching is so hard for me, and we had to do something. So she took what little capital we had and came to make arrangements for a shop in Boston or New York—we didn't want to start in the west, where every one knows us. I went right on teaching till she wired me that she had made all the plans and would meet me in New York. Of course, I was completely dumfounded. She didn't know about you, or—that is—I hadn't told her that you were in Philadelphia. I hadn't the most remote idea of how you felt, then, and naturally I didn't want you to think that I had followed you."

"Then you weren't offended when you saw me on the train?" Ransom asked.

"Well, not exactly offended, Ransom; but I was so cross to think that you hadn't let me know before that you wanted to spend Christmas with me," said Lucy dubiously. "I should be very cross with you now, for poor Aunt Louise and I had to go all the way to Wilmington and back, so that you wouldn't know that we were coming here."

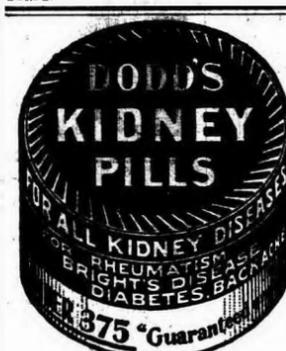
"But why don't you ask me how I managed to find you?" asked Ransom eagerly.

"Because, to tell you frankly, I knew Aunt Louise discovered later that she had given you one of her little advertisement cards; and I've been hanging ever since, that you might find it some time. And you've come just in time—"

"To get the answer?" interrupted Ransom.

"Yes; and to help us eat the special list of Christmas pies and puddings."

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THE SCARLET PERIL

By STUART B. STONE

When I arrived at the Charity rink the great hall resounded with the roll of half a thousand skates, and the babble and laughter of the masked skaters doubled the noise. I was late—I knew that—so I hurried into the baggy, blue trousers and scarlet fez of a Turkish man-of-the-world and waddled on the floor.

The scene was a brilliant one—monarchs, mermaids, muses and monks. There were all the gods of Greece and Egypt and every name in the annals of nations. Neptune reveled with Mother Goose, and Cleopatra with Paul Revere. Here were Jack and Jill pulling Confucius about, and there was Napoleon Bonaparte ogling the Queen of Spades.

We circled round and round the mammoth hall, and the pace grew mad, madder, and yet madder. Then a Chinese mandarin in front slid on one foot, then on another, on both, on none at all—and finally on his pig-tailed head, and the bunch of us went down in a scrimmage. As I sprawled atop of a fat colonel of Hussars, a voice whispered in my ear: "Beware the Woman in Red!"

I looked up very quickly, and a Spanish flower girl held a pretty white forefinger in front of lips red as cherries. "I mean you, Mr. Turco," she said, and skated away on the arm of Christopher Columbus.

"What the deuce does she mean?" I thought, and, picking myself up, limped over to lean against an iron post. Then Hibald, old Bacchus reached around the post and touched me on the arm. "As you value your life," he said, "watch the Woman in Red!"

"A plague on your scarlet lady," I complained; "where is she, anyhow?" Bacchus had gone with Margaret of Navarre, but I found the Woman in Red. She was tall, well-formed, and a bright, blood-red from the hood of her long gown to the dainty French shoes on her feet. She was a graceful thing, too, and just now she was executing a series of maneuvers on the rollers, turning, reversing, leaping—and all as *à la mode* as nature itself. Quite a crowd looked on, but it seemed to me that one of them approached very near.

I skated easily toward Her Mysterious Redness, and a little Cupid laid hands on me. "Don't go nearer," he said, "it will be your death." I broke away angrily, but a wood nymph and an Amazon repeated the warning before I had made a dozen strides.

Then I halted in a corner and Pontius Pilate stood there, every limb

quivering with fright. I knew Pontius—he was Jim Leary of the National theater staff—and I went for him. "How now—the noble Pilate trembles—is not Judea quiet and tranquil as a country graveyard?"

"Shut up, Eddie Carroll," said the Roman governor. "That infernal Woman in Red over there wants to slip a stiletto between my fourth and fifth ribs."

"You?" I said. "No, my son, you're wrong; it isn't you. The Red Death is after me this round."

"I mean what I say," said Jimmy. "So do I," said I.

"Look," cried Jimmy. "What in the world!"

I looked and rubbed my eyes, for I thought that I might dream. Instead of the Woman in Red, there were now Women in Red—12 of them, and all of a strange, weird sameness. They had formed a line and were marching, mute and somber, down the center of the great hall. A hundred skaters scurried from in front of them, falling over each other in terror. "Others have been warned," I said to Jimmy, but he was too scared to reply.

Then the Women in Red halted, unmasked, shuffled off their robes and stood revealed—revealed as the chorus of the Ruffy Ruffles opera company. And they began to kick and carol the famous "Hawaiian Maid" chorus, while a small boy displayed a banner. "The season's biggest hit."

"Only another press agent scheme," I said, and groaned. But James Leary Pontius Pilate, by my side, showed plainly his relief.

"By George," he said, "it was narrow escape. I believe you were afraid."

Scholarship's Long Pull.

Science delves and scholarship digs. A few days ago Charles Gross, head of the Gurney professorship of history and political science at Harvard, died at a little past 50. Let the impatient think of the plodding preparation he gave himself for his university work. Born in Troy in 1857, his youth was spent in fitting himself for college. He was graduated from Williams in 1878. Until 1883 he studied at the universities of Leipzig, Göttingen, Berlin and Paris. Until 1888 he worked and studied in England. In that year he went to Harvard as an instructor in history. He was still studying to fit himself for his real work. In 1901, eight years ago, he was made professor of history, last year taking the Gurney chair of history and political science. Fifty years of life; out of this practically 30 in study alone, 40 in study and other preparation, for the professorships which he finally reached with top reputation, after the death of Prof. Eastland, of Cambridge university, England, of being the leading authority on the history of English institutions and on early constitutional history.

PAYING THE FIDDLER

At the door of her schoolroom Miss Heath, the teacher, was met by a breathless little girl.

"George did it!" she cried. "He just grabbed it and chased around the room with it and—"

"I did not!" shouted George. "It wasn't me any more'n anybody else. Anyhow, it was broke. And if Jimmie hadn't chased me—"

"Be quiet, George," said the bewildered teacher. "What's broken, Margaret?"

"Why the—the—you know, the—the—it was broke all the time," interrupted George.

"George, leave the room. Now, Margaret, what is it?"

Margaret pointed, unable to speak, to the bracket which contained the statue of the Flying Mercury.

"What's the matter with it?" asked the teacher, whose rapid glance failed to discover anything amiss.

Robert jumped nimbly on the steam pipes and with a swift movement decapitated the statue, holding the head dramatically toward the teacher.

"That's what's the matter," said he. "Them kids needn't say they didn't do it because everybody in the room saw them."

Many heads nodded a vigorous affirmative.

"Well, they needn't blame it all on me, if I did take it down, for Ernie and Jim did just as much," yelled George from the door.

The teacher waved him majestically back. As his tear-stained face was withdrawn from sight he shook a threatening fist at Robert, who still held the head in his hand.

"We won't take up any more time now," said the teacher, "but of course the fiddler must be paid. I suppose in this case that the fiddler will have to be paid by your fathers. I think a boy is pretty mean that has all the fun and leaves the bill for the fiddler to be paid by somebody else. The Mercury must be replaced by Monday. Any boy who had anything whatever to do with breaking this one must be honorable enough to pay his share toward getting another."

"Would you call laughing at them when they were chasing around having anything to do with it?" asked Robert, intense anxiety in his countenance.

"Decide among yourselves at recess," replied the teacher. "Talk it over as gentlemen should."

During recess another teacher said to Miss Heath: "You'd better go and look after your boys or first thing you know you'll have a perfectly good boy charged up to your account. I couldn't decide whether it was a riot or a

carnival, but George, as usual, was it."

Miss Heath, however, found that the trouble had blown over for the time being. At noon an indignant trio stopped to talk to her.

"They say me and Ernie and Jim are the most to blame because we ran around the room," complained George, "but we wouldn't have run around so long if they hadn't jollied us and then I wouldn't have bumped against the desk and fallen down; and don't you think they ought to help pay the fiddler?"

"And, Miss Heath, don't you think that when it was George that took Merkey down he ought to 'pay the most'?" asked Ernie.

"I have nothing to say," replied Miss Heath. "I told you to decide like gentlemen. Were you three boys most to blame?"

"They say we were," said George. "What do you think?" insisted Miss Heath.

"Well, I guess we were," said Jim. "I didn't care so much anyway. I've got ten cents and it won't cost more'n 25."

"It cost three dollars," said Miss Heath, impressively.

"Three dollars!" shrieked George. "For an old statoo with no clothes on him and one leg broke off? Why didn't you make the kid that broke—"

"There, there!" said Miss Heath with dignity. "Get a new one cheaper if you can, but that's what I paid for the one you broke."

Later in the day she found this note on her desk:

"Dear Miss Heath: If we get a statue we will break off his leg just like the other. We won't give a good one for a old one; it ain't fair. Respectfully yours, GEORGE."

The teacher wrote in reply:

"My Dear George: There was once a man named Skylark who wanted a pound of flesh from near the heart of a man who owed him some money but who could not pay. The judge told him to take it, but if he cut the smallest piece more than his pound, he would be severely punished. Break the leg off if you wish to do so. Affectionately,

"HELEN HEATH."

"We were only fooling," said George next day. "We couldn't cut it just exactly off. Jim said he bet he could, but me and Ernie, said we wouldn't be in it. We're going to earn the money. I bet I won't have any more fiddlers to pay. And, Miss Heath, won't you please read us something about Skylark? He was fierce, wasn't he? Gee! Think of cutting a pound of meat off a man!"

The Contrary Case.

"That man they have just ejected from the hall is the very opposite of a conflagration."

"He's"

"He's full of fire after they put him out."—*Ballinger American*.

MERE MAN MAKES A PROTEST

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I have suffered severely, and I want you to help me. Ladies are the chief offenders. They will join in games which they cannot play and spoil the pleasure of those who can.

At croquet a lady, by no means young, was my partner. She did say, in an off-hand way, that she was no player. She proved this by missing the first hoop from a foot in front of it.

She hit every ball with the edge of her mallet, and could not even stop near my ball. I put her through nearly every hoop, and had a chance of winning if she only stayed near mine, but she went over the boundary.

At golf it was worse, for they send the ball into every hedge and gutter. When you thus lose two or three balls you feel a little raw. She merely remarks, "I'm so awfully sorry."

You offer her three strokes a hole, and yet she never wins one; refuses to accept four and spoils your weekly half-holiday. You suggest lessons, and she replies, "Oh, no; I've had a lesson. All I want is practice."

At tennis she makes double faults, and rarely returns a ball, so you have no chance.

In whist she revokes and never returns your lead, yet will not hear of lessons.

She sits at the piano and spoils everyone's accompaniment and the temper of the other people. Can nothing be done? I would suggest six lessons. It takes quite that to convince some people that they cannot play.—*Country Life, London.*

First Time on Record.

A blind man, guided by a large and fat dog, went down the street the other day. Just as they turned a corner the blind man's dog saw a dog it knew and darted forward in a way that drew the sightless mendicant to the ground. He was speedily assisted to his feet, however, by a wagging poodle, who remarked that he had heard some remarkable stories of the feats performed by dogs, but this was the first time he had ever known one to pull down the blind.

Distant Relations.

"Bliggins was referring to distant relations in a rather disapproving tone. I wonder whom he meant?"

"I don't know," answered Miss Cayenne. "Judging from their manner, I should say the most distant relations he knows anything about are his wife and her family."

Literary Perils.

"A great deal that you see in print nowadays is dangerous and misleading," said the conservative citizen.

"Yes," answered the dyspeptic, "especially in cook books."

Vast Unknown London.

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