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WAS UNEXCITING

Monday's Village Election Very Much That Way.

THERE WERE BUT 72 BALLOTS CAST DURING THE DAY.

But One Ticket in the Field and It Was Elected.

Northville's village elections are usually quiet but that of this week Monday was most extremely so. The sunny side of the streets were unusually vacant and the only indications of anything unusual being transacted in the municipal building was the big U. S. flag floating from the tower pole.

There was but one ticket—"Workingsmen"—in the field and the speed of the tellers in counting the Australian ballots was phenomenal. They only occupying about forty minutes with their arduous labor. The final result showed that Chas Sessions was elected president, M. Bovee, Peter Barley and Chas. VanValenburgh trustees, M. S. Nichols clerk, Fred Fry treasurer and W. H. Ambler assessor.

PROF. BLISS LEAVES.

SUCCESSFUL IN THE NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS FOR 6 YEARS.

Declines a Re-engagement—Two Other Vacancies to Occur.

Prof. D. C. Bliss, superintendent of the Northville schools for the past six years, has declined to accept the offer of the school board for another year, and no amount of urging has been able to get him to reconsider his decision. Mr. Bliss has been without doubt the most successful superintendent the Northville school has had for years and the loss is being regretted on all sides. When he took hold of the school six years ago affairs were in such a shape that the foreign attendance was represented by annual tuition fees aggregating but \$100, while today it is over \$400, and this year the graduating class will number fourteen, the largest in the history of the school. Prof. Bliss gives as his reason for declining to remain another year is over a failure on the part of the board to place a "hard teacher" in the high school room, thus placing the school on the University of Michigan list, and back on the Normal list again and allowing him to advance the school work here according to his ideas and proportionately with the colleges and universities. He says he has under the existing conditions advanced the school to the highest point in his power and he prefers to make a change rather than be held back in the march of progress. Mr. Bliss has several tempting offers elsewhere but has as yet settled upon nothing definitely.

It is understood that there will be two more vacancies in the lower grades. Miss Lancaster and Miss Greer have decided to leave at the end of the present year to take a course respectively at the Normal and Albion.

"Prof." Lock of Novi and His Wonderful Science of Stones.



Prof. Henry L. Lock, who lives near Novi, is one of the strangest men in Michigan. He was born near Stratford-on-Avon, England, about 70 years ago. In 1854 he went to the Crimean war, by way of Gibraltar, Malta, through the Dardanelles to Constantinople, then through the Bosphorus into the Black sea, to Odessa, Balaklava, Sebastopol, and the Circassian coast. He afterwards sailed to the south Pacific, South America, China, Hawaiian islands and to almost every country in the world. For his valiant services Queen Victoria gave him a beautiful medal, which burned with his residence, five years ago.

When Mr. Lock came to Novi he settled down as a common, everyday farmer, but it was not so very long before he blossomed out as "Prof. Lock, psychologist, clairvoyant, holy enchanter saint, and destroyer of all disease and pestilence." His agencies of power are stones and herbs. For miles around, in the fence corners, may be seen piles of stones arranged in pyramids by Mr. Lock. These stones represent different "laws," some being called "exploders," "scatterers," "repellers," "attractors," "spitters," "fructifiers," etc.

The professor divides the world into three grand divisions and has "laws" for each, through which violent storms and cyclones are checked, and crimes of all sorts are stopped. He holds continual communications with "the Lord most high."

Given a description, the professor can go directly to a stone, no matter where hidden, and can tell whether its power is of the devil or of the Lord. In his yard he has gathered more stones than could be drawn by 40 teams, having carried them in his arms one by one. All are highly prized. He often holds a council with the spirits, then talks to these stones, and there is not the slightest indication of insanity about him.

The accompanying picture shows the "professor" in communion with the spirits, and his residence surrounded by carloads of stones, the capstones only showing through the covering of snow.

GOVT SHOULDN'T

OWN AND CONTROL THE RAILWAYS OF THIS NATION.

Decision So Reached in the Joint Debate Saturday Night.

The third and final of the series of joint debates between the Plymouth and Northville high schools occurred in the opera house here Saturday night. Each side having won one debate this "rubber" was a hard fought one. The question was "Resolved, That the national government should own and control the railways." Northville had the negative and came out fourteen points ahead. The debaters for Northville were Virgil McNitt, Lida Coldron, Alma Smith, for Plymouth, Donald Safford, Lena Vrooman and Mr. Miller. The judges were Profs. Lightbody, of Woodmere; Wilcox, of the U. of M.; Prof. Barber of Detroit was selected as a third but failed to be present.

The face by pupils from the Northville high school preceding the debate was nicely played and created no end of fun. The singing by the Plymouth male quartet was especially fine. Louise Joslin sang a pretty solo and Miss Hohman of Plymouth gave a reading in a very pleasing manner.

The debate was very interesting and many new facts and figures were brought out with remarkable force and logic.

MRS. SETH REED.

The Venerable Lady Died at Gaylord Sunday.

Mrs. Harriet Reed, wife of Rev. Seth Reed, well known to Methodists all over Michigan, and formerly of Northville, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. H. Cooper in Gaylord Sunday. She was buried at Flint Tuesday. Mrs. Reed came to Michigan in 1835, and for a number of years taught school in Oakland and Ionia counties. In 1848 she married Rev. Seth Reed. They have been stationed in Detroit, Port Huron, Monroe, Romeo, Mt. Clemens, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Flint, Owosso, Corunna, Saginaw, Northville and other places.

Mrs. Reed's children are Mrs. Dr. Stowell, recently a member of the faculty of the University at Ann Arbor, and now of Washington, D. C.; Dr. W. F. Reed of Cheboygan; Mrs. W. H. H. Cooper of Gaylord, and E. Roscoe Reed of Grand Rapids.

They Are Thankful.

The members of Oriental chapter OES wish to thank all persons who so kindly assisted in their entertainment of March 11, especially Mr. H. F. Brown through whose untiring efforts the "Cake walk" was made a success. EVA CLARKSON, JENNIE NEVISON, MONIE CARPENTER, Com.

What pleasure is there in life with headache, constipation and biliousness. Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. Murdoch Bros.

Suburban News.

L. C. Hall has been recommended for the Plymouth post-mastership.

A Plymouth grocer advertises clothes pins for a cent a dozen. A Whom lady, who can scent a bargain for ten miles, sent for five cents worth. She shows good cents, too. —Adrian Press.

The Colonial tea given last Friday evening by Northville WRC was changed to a genuine "old fashioned tea party," because "well we don't know why, except they could get no one to represent George Washington, who never told a lie. They went to Babbitt and Sessions, and Brooks, and Ambler, and Dolph, and Ward in Northville; they asked Gov. Pingree, Elder Blades, Judge Durfee, Don Dickinson, Tim Tarsney and Congressman Corliss of Detroit, they solicited Representative Kimmis, of Novi, they invited Ex-Novis A. J. Sawyer, E. P. Allen, Elder Ryan and Sheriff Judson of Washburn, and spoke to Congressman Spalding and editor Crampton of Monroe, with a view of getting a typical George Washington but how could these assume to represent a character possessing Washington's chief characteristic? So they had no George W. and Martha, but they had a right smart lot of ladies on the "old fashioned" plan, which comprised excellent tea cordial greeting and generous hospitality. Although Mrs. Babbitt of Ypsilanti failed them, and several of the speakers for the occasion were not present, yet with much tact, Mr. Ambler had provided against disappointments, and a most excellent literary and musical program was given, which was highly enjoyed by all. The writer had the pleasure of listening to the various efforts and congratulates the corps upon its success. If there is a lady in Northville, not a member of the WRC in that place, she—well of course there isn't one —Adrian Press.

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JOINT DEBATE.

Farmington and Northville Take a Whirl Tonight.

There will be a joint debate between the Northville and Farmington schools in the Y. M. C. A. hall this evening. The following program will be rendered:

Music—Northville
Recitation—Bessie Newton
Chalk talk—Vern Callans
Music—Clay Nichols
Essay—Maude Edwards
Debate—Resolved "That Robert E. Lee was an able general than Grant." Affirmative, Bruce Babcock, Grace Yerkes and John Joslin of Northville. Negative, Iver Riley, Maude Wilcox and John Lapham of Farmington. All are invited. Price of admission 10c.

THE PATHOS OF KLONDIKE.

What a Washington Newspaper Says Editorially of it.

The following from an editorial in the Spokane Review, a copy of which is mailed us by Mrs. George Newman who is now with her husband at Spokane, Washington. Mrs. Newman it will be remembered, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dexter White of this place. From their observation they unite in saying "beware of the Klondike fever." Stay at home on a crust of bread rather than venture it.

"Tears and grieving are not all of the pathetic. These happy gold-seekers are passing through Spokane at the rate of from 300 to 500 daily. For the most part they are young men, often mere boys, from the farm, the counter and the factory. Not one in a hundred knows what he is going against. The pathos of him will come in the undecaying—when hope has burned low, and the ugly truth is before them, when many of them shall break down on the terrible trails, and some of them shall die far from their home and kindred.

The California of the early '50s was bad enough, but it was a summer outing compared with this Klondike journey. Even California, with its charming climate, and golden streams flowing through a pleasant land, was prolific in disappointment and disaster. But California was a pleasant game compared with Alaska. It was easy there to prospect the many streams and gulches. The ground was unfrozen, the winters short, the climate pleasant. Alaska lies under the Arctic circle. The earth is everlasting frozen. The winters are long and frightfully dreary. The country, for the months in each year is the apothecary of desolation.

Later in the season we shall see the reaction and fortunate will be those who save enough out of the wreck to buy the return ticket."

Headquarters for

Prime June Clover
Prime Alsike
Prime Timothy Seed.

Choice

Garden and Flower Seeds in bulk and package.

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Mixed Colors.....	5c oz
Katherine Tracy.....	5c oz
Emily Henderson.....	5c oz
Lemon Queen.....	5c oz
Orange Prince.....	5c oz
Extra Early Blanche Ferry.....	5c oz
Novelty.....	5c oz
Mikado.....	5c oz
Her Majesty.....	5c oz
Dutchess of York.....	5c oz
Red Riding Hood.....	5c oz
Nasturtium tall mixed.....	5c oz
Nasturtium, dwarf mixed.....	5c oz

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Gasoline Stoves!

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COAL.

Sugar!

18 lbs H & E Fine Granulated Sugar \$1
20 lbs extra C Sugar \$1

Below we mention a few things that are worthy of your attention.

Lion Coffee 10c lb
Arbuckle's Coffee 10c lb
4-x Coffee 10c lb
10 lbs best Rolled Oats for 25c
8 bars Queen Anne Soap for 25c
8 bars Jackson Soap for 25c
5 lbs Wide Awake Crackers 25c
2-crown Raisins. 6c lb
3-crown Raisins. 7c lb
3 cans Corn, (extra nice) for 25c
3 cans Eclipse Tomatoes for 25c
Look at our line of Oranges and the price of them
Bottle Olives for 10c
Try our Haberdashery very nice.
Corn Starch for 5c lb
A Good Broom for 15c

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PRICES TALK!

2 qt covered Pails 5c
3 qt covered Pails 10c
Galvanized Pails 10c
Slop Pails 10c, 25c
Corn Poppers 10c, 6c
Granite Tea Pots 20c
Granite Coffee Pots 20c, 25c, 20c
Spicing Pans 55c
Mangle Pans 55c
Steel Dustpan, best made 5c
Dinner Pails, with cup and tray 15c
Shelf Brackets, pr. 10c
Granite Washdishes 10c
Steel Barn Door Rollers, pr. 45c
Chopping Bowls 20c, 15c, 10c, 5c
Sap Spouts, Sheep Shears, Wool Twine, Step Ladders
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B. A. Wheeler.
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The Record.

J C WINANS, Div Pass Agent Toledo O
D S WAGSTAFF, Genl Fray Agt Toledo O
D G EDWARDS, Pas nge Traffic Manager

Why it is the truth that is struck in; and again, would a lawyer defend a poverty-stricken criminal known to be guilty through respect for truth and the moralities? Then, too, the medical

Dominic's

It is said Virginia Harned will star next season in her husband's play "The Adventure of Lady Ursula," in which she made such a success.

All Kinds of Fancy Creams.
Milk from one cow especially for
Infants.

Monday the Twenty fifth day of April A D 1898, at
Twelve o'clock noon, Detroit City time, on said day
the following described property, viz Lot number
three (3) n William P Yerkes ad it on to the Village
of Northville, in the County of Wayre and State of
Michigan, according to the recorded plat of said ad-
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Dated, Detroit, March 9th 1898

Performances:
Afternoon,
and
Evenings.

Folks that Haven't a Boy



will want to Borrow one when they see the nice things we're showing in the Boys' Department. We have School Suits, Vacation Suits, Outfits for the Small Boy, the Big Boys and for every sort of a Boy. We meet the Parents' Wishes and the Lad's Needs. We can suit the Size of the Boy and the Size of the Pocketbook. All the Latest Novelties with the old-fashioned honesty of making Reefer Suits, Vestee Suits, Sailor Suits, Wash Suits, Youths' Suits, Boys' Blouses and Shirt Waists. They are Nobby and Attractive—and won't cost you any more than others, if bought here.

Mothers of Boys are especially invited to our "Boys' Clothing" Opening, Saturday, March 19th.



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Spring Shoes!

We have the most complete line of Spring Shoes ever shown in Northville.

Quality and Style way up,
Price way down.

Bargains!

We are offering all needle toe Shoes at a tremendous discount. If you want a bargain, call and see

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We won't have near, skimpy, ill made stuff in our store. We only buy what is good material, well made, full measure, just what it is pretended to be, and then another advantage we have is that our large sales enable us to keep our stock fresh all the time. You can count on this always at our store. We are just as careful about the prices. We gain every advantage of cash buying. You get the benefit. We deliver prompt. Small orders get the same attention as large ones.

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DR. M. A. PATTERSON, Homeopathic Physician and Surgeon. 66 Wing St. Corner Duplay. Office hours 8 to 10 a. m. 3 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m. Office in Savings Bank Building.

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J. B. HOAR, DENTAL PARLORS. Office 47—Main St., Northville. Satisfaction guaranteed on all kinds of Dental work. Teeth extracted without pain by use of ethylized air.

DR. T. S. MURDOCK, Residence 145 Main Street. Office hours at home, from 12:00 m. to 2:30 p. m. Forenoon, and Evenings at Murdock Bros. Drug Store, Northville. Calls, in town or country, answered promptly. 2271

DR. F. CARROTHERS, DENTIST. Office over T. G. store, Main st. Preservation of the Natural Teeth. Crown and Bridge Work a Specialty. 49m2

DR. F. B. HENRY, Physician and Surgeon. Office in F. D. Adams' residence. Office hours 8 to 10, 1 to 3 and 7 to 8. Night calls promptly attended. 7m3p

A Wife Equal to a Gold Mine.

Will some of your readers give me a good recipe for making a cold starch? I am selling self-heating flatirons and iron a little at every house and have to know how to make a good cold starch. My husband was in debt and I being anxious to help him thought I would sell self-heating flatirons and I am doing splendidly. A cent's worth of fuel will heat the iron for hours, so you have a perfectly even heat. You can iron in half the time and no danger of scorching the clothes, as with the old iron, and you can get the most beautiful gloss. I sell at nearly every house, as the iron saves so much fuel, everybody wants one. I make \$1.50 on each iron and have not sold less than ten any day I worked. My brother is doing well and I think anyone can make lots of money any where selling irons. J. F. CASEY & Co., St. Louis, Mo., will start anyone in the business, as they did me, if you will address them. MRS. A. RUSSELL 32a10

Farmers Are Not Lazy.

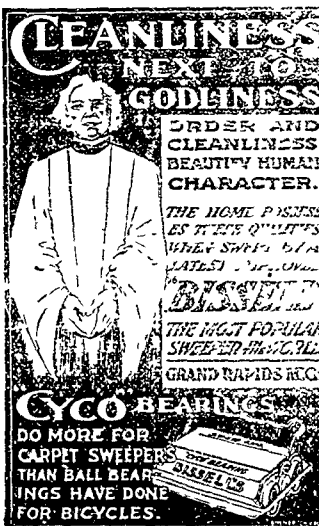
Northville, March 15, 1898. Editor of the Record. In your issue of last week, you quote Prof. Fred Taylor's remarks on the American farmer made before his U. of M. class in finance. The least that can be said of them is they are an insult to the millions of farmers, who have been struggling so manfully against the adverse conditions which have surrounded them, for the last decade—conditions which have their foundations in the very lessons which Prof. Taylor is cramming his class in finance with. The average farmer receives far less than \$300.00 per annum for his labor and there are among them, very many who in natural ability to take care of themselves and nature are equal at least to a college professor, who receives two or three thousand dollars for his yearly work, and yet the legislature cannot meet in regular session at Lansing without a lobby of the U. of M. meeting with it, and their cry of more, more, sounds very little better than scolding. The farmer who scolds, because of his meager income, should turn his property over to foreigners, and line up before the public crib, because some of them are lazy, it is best to turn them all out. How would this rule work applied to other occupations and professions? There are indolent school teachers, lazy ministers, college and university professors, who don't earn half their salaries, shall everybody quit and "turn their places over to foreigners?" AMERIC V. EARNER

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever, sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Geo. C. Hueston The Druggist.

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Jardinieres Fern Dishes.



This is the same line as handled by Wright Kay & Co. of Detroit, also by Smith, Sturgeon & Co., and for style and design is not surpassed by any in the United States. The prices will surprise you as they are lower this year than ever before; ranging from 7 1/2 inch. assorted colors, at 75c to 12 1/2 inch, extra design, at \$3.50. Goods on exhibition at our store.

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SAVE \$ \$ \$ \$

During the month of March, I will hang all 18-in. Wall Paper at 15 Cents per Double Roll.

I shall also be prepared to do all kinds of House Painting and Decorating in the latest styles. Ask for quotations. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

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Auction Sales.

M. Bogart's adjourned auction sale will take place tomorrow, Saturday

Having disposed of his farm, Andrew Harmon will sell at public auction on the premises, one and one-half miles west of Novi, on Tuesday, March 22 commencing at 1:00 o'clock sharp, a quantity of stock and farm implements.

Having rented his farm, John Eckles will sell at public auction on the premises, two miles north and one mile east of Plymouth Friday, March 25, commencing at 1:00 o'clock a quantity of live stock, farming implements, etc.

L. W. Summogs having sold his farm will have an auction on the premises situated near Powers' Cheese Factory, three miles east of Northville on the Base Line, Wednesday, March 23, at 10:00 o'clock with lunch at noon. Among other things the list comprises 24 2-year-old steers, 2 horses, 1 Jersey cow and a large quantity of farm implements. For further particulars see bill.

Peerless Steam Laundry!

Regular wash days Tuesday and Friday. Family washings, Rough Dry, 4c per pound

Shirts, Collars and Cuffs a Specialty. High Gloss or Domestic Finish.

Bath Tubs—Hot and Cold Baths, using soft water only.

To Poultry Breeders I would say I have recently added to my plant a Power Bone Cutter and am prepared to furnish GREEN CUT BONE (and there's no egg producer like it) in any quantity at 3c per lb. or \$2.50 per 100.

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|-------------------------|----------|
| 1 Egg Whip..... | 1c |
| 2 bx Tooth Picks..... | 5c |
| 1 3-arm Wardrobe Hook | 3c |
| 1 Aluminum Thimble.. | 1c |
| Galvanized Pails | 14c, 16c |
| Steamers..... | 16c, 19c |
| Hvy re-tinned Milk Pans | |
| at per doz.,..... | 80c |

We have a new line of Tablets. Call and examine our goods whether you wish to purchase or not. You are always welcome.

Yours for trade,

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Northville,

Jacob Miller

DEALER IN

Fresh and Salt Meats.

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Carnations..... 35c doz
Violets..... 10c doz
Roses..... 80c to \$1 doz

We make a specialty of Floral Designs of all kinds for Weddings, Funerals or Decorations on short notice. We make a specialty of this.

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Our Bath Rooms have been Re-fitted Baths at all hours.

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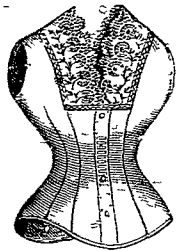
W. L. Becker.



Annual Sale of Ladies' Lingerie.

The event of the season for Northville. A big lot bought of the best makers in the land. Every garment fresh, clean, made as you would make it yourself.

Plain Figure-Facts of Economy are the Inducement we offer to the crowds who attend this sale.



Corset Covers

Made of good muslin, perfect make, bound edge.

6c.

Corset Covers, Cambric, embroidery trim'd, round shape neck 9c.

Corset Covers, Nainsook, lace trimmed, or embroidery trimmed, 19c.

Corset Covers, Lonsdale Cambric, finest nainsook, lace trimmed, all the latest styles at 25c, 39c, 50c, 75c.

Many would be cheap at 1-3 more.



Gowns

Good making, well made, good size, embroidery trimmed, and worth 49c, our sale price

33c.

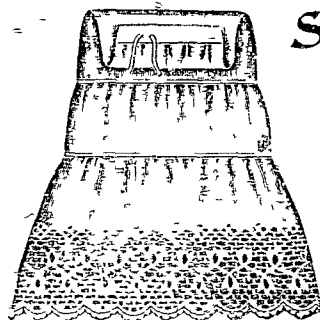
Gowns, Better muslin, very prettily trimmed with lace or embroidery, 18c. or empire style 49c.

(These would be cheap at 75c.)

Gowns, Blackstone muslin, cut full, variety of styles, and usual \$1 values, sale price 75c.

75c.

Gowns, of fruit of loom, lonsdale and all best cottons, variety of new style yokes, at 98c and in the finer muslins and nainsooks, running from \$1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2 and up to \$4.75



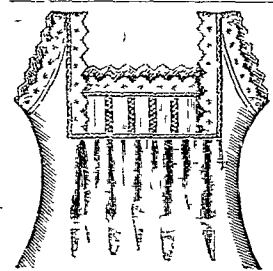
Skirts.

that are made to wear, style shape and size all combined, and the leader

50c.

Skirts, Of fine muslin, deep flounce, best lace and embroideries, plenty of tucks and ruffles, sale price 75c, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, up to \$2.25

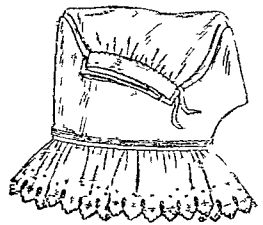
All sold about 1-4 less than usual prices.



Chemise

In a limited quantity, of new designs, pretty styles, at

39c, 50, 75, \$1



Drawers

of good muslin, prettily trimmed, well made,

19c.

Drawers, of the latest umbrella styles, wide embroidery, and lace trimmings, great values, at 25c, 39c, 50c, 75c,

Cheaper than you can make them.

Children.

Children's Drawers, of good cotton, assorted sizes; sale price only 10c, 15, 20, 25c.

Gowns, good muslin, well-made, embroidery trimmed.

HOLMES, DANCER & CO.,

NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN.

David Dunham has been seriously ill for a week.

Report of the Township Board will be found on page 2.

The Northville Cycle Co. had their opening Saturday night.

The White bicycle people have leased the Wheeler basement.

Anyhow the good people now know what a "cake walk" is.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Chadwick March 3, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Horton of Detroit, March 14, a daughter.

Myron White has been confined to the bed the past week with a severe attack of sciatic rheumatism.

L. W. Simmons and Jule Haddock ask us to say that they are not candidates for any Township office.

Rev. E. A. Schlammann, pastor of the Baptist church, has tendered his resignation, to take effect June 12.

Between the Cuban war, election, and special session of the legislature the average citizen is kept busy these days.

Messrs Hinkley & Tinkham have just put a new brand of cigars on the market called The Northville Record. It ought to be a favorite, if there's anything in a name.

Mrs. I. N. Blackwood has rented her home to J. L. Becker and will have an auction sale of her household goods before leaving for Detroit—probably in two or three weeks.

Teachers should note that the place of holding the March examination has been changed from Detroit Business University to Caton's Business College. See commissioner's notice elsewhere.

Miss Jennie Dean will give a missionary address in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Everybody, male and female, invited to be present. The program will also include special music.

The post-office department at Washington has notified village postmasters that beginning with April 1, there is to be an increase in the charge for box rent. Call boxes will be 20c a quarter, small lock boxes 35c, medium lock boxes and lock drawers 50c.

A new and popular two step march now running with much favor in Detroit is The Yantic, composed by Mrs. Florence Wood-Johnson, daughter of Granville Wood formerly of this place, and dedicated to the Detroit naval reserves. The music is on sale in Northville at McNeill's at 25c.

The Juniors of the Baptist church have elected the following officers: President Emma Grace, Vice president Ralph Beal, Secretary Lucile Nash, Treasurer Hazel Hudson, Collector Clarence Martin, Flower Committee Adams, Membership Committee Boardell Parmenter.

John Armstrong, having decided to quit farming, will sell to the highest bidder at public auction, on what is known as the Samuel Blackwood farm, commencing at 1:00 o'clock, Saturday, March 20, a large quantity of farm implements, together with stock and numerous small articles. See bills for particulars.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church and congregation held a without-pay sociable at the home of Mrs. T. B. Henry from 5 to 8 on Wednesday afternoon. This appears to be the ideal kind of a church sociable anyhow. Just why church societies should meet from time to time for a sociable and then feel obliged to charge 19 cents admission is not satisfactorily explained.

Andrew Harmon of Novi has sold his farm and will move to this village into the Chas. Sessions house, 41 Wing street, which he purchased Wednesday. While Mr. and Mrs. Harmon will be warmly welcomed as residents of this village, Novi people are regretting their departure. For some six years Mrs. Harmon has been a Novi representative of the Record and her writings have been perused with much interest both here and abroad. After getting settled in Northville it is quite likely that Mrs. H. will continue on the Record staff taking charge of at least one or two departments.

I have opened a new barber shop over the State Savings Bank and have a new first class man to work with me. E. C. MURDOCK.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children. Murdock Bros.

Sunday Disturbance.

Every one was sorry for those people in church last Sunday, who were suffering with a distressing cough. A full dose of Down's Elixir on going to bed at night and small doses during the day will cure the most persistent cough. Whenever there is a tickling sensation in the throat take a few drops of the Elixir on the tongue and let it run slowly down the throat and immediate relief will be the result. We guarantee it to cure any cough, cold, croup or lung trouble or money refunded. G. C. HENSTON, MURDOCK BROS., Northville.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great Pile remedy. Murdock Bros.

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NORTHVILLE LOCALS

Mrs. Ellis has not rented her house as was reported in last week's Record. Charlie Blackburn is suffering from a very severe attack of the grip.

As far as practicable Northville smokers should buy Northville made cigars.

Chas. Sessions will soon commence building his new residence on High street.

Christian Science service in the WCTU hall next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Subject: "Beheading of John the Baptist."

Howard German who underwent an operation for appendicitis last week is now in a much improved condition and his ultimate recovery seems assured.

The Methodist ladies will give a sociable and supper in the rink. All Folio's night. A good program will be provided and 10c pays the bill.

Dr. E. N. Root has recovered from his sickness, and can be found at his office. Remember he is putting in amalgam fillings at 50c each. All work guaranteed.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady, but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles, Murdock Bros.

A gent's kid glove and watch chain awaits an owner at the Record office.

Mr. Crowl has one of the new acetene gas machines on exhibit in Steers' store this week.

Rev. W. M. Ward gave a most excellent talk at the YMCA meeting Sunday and was listened to by a goodly sized audience.

The LOTM's gave a St. Patrick's dance and supper in the rink last night and everybody had a delightful time.

The one ticket system beats the voting machines "all hollow." In less than fifty minutes after the polls were closed Monday evening the exact result was known.

Mrs. George Slaughter underwent an operation at Emergency hospital Detroit last week for the removal of a tumor and is now improving as well as can be expected.

Don't annoy others by your coughing and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles.

Not a Candidate.

Editor Record, Kindly say to the Republicans of this township that when I consented to try for the office of clerk that it was on the understanding that Frank S. Harmon was not an applicant, and now being assured that he will accept the nomination I respectfully and loyally withdraw my name. B. A. WHEELER.

IN OUR GREAT STATE.

THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

Heavy Rains and Melting Snows Cause Floods in Some Sections—Bay County Boy Confesses to Killing His Father—Michigan G. A. R. Honors Alger.

Populists Could Not Agree.

A conference between the state committee of the middle-of-the-road and fusion wings of the Populist party was held at Lansing, but it did not result in the anticipated reconciliation, but rather tended to widen the breach, much harsh language being indulged in by the two factions.

The middle-of-the-roaders made a proposition to organize a new committee from both factions and issue a call for a state convention to nominate a straight Populist state ticket independent of all other silver parties. This was rejected by the fusionists, who proposed the appointment of a joint committee to meet with representatives of the Democratic and silver Republican parties in Detroit on April 5, for the purpose of arranging a fusion on a state ticket similar to the one effected two years ago. This proposition was also rejected after a long and bitter wrangle and then all attempts to come to an agreement were given up.

The middle-of-the-road faction, which the courts have recognized as the regular Populist committee, promptly issued a call for a state convention to be held at Grand Rapids, June 21, and the program of the leaders is to head off the Republicans by nominating Pingree for governor.

The other faction will participate in the Detroit conference and arrange a fusion.

Floods in Michigan.

The rapid melting of the snow and heavy rains throughout the state caused streams to overflow their banks in various sections and considerable damage was done to country bridges, roads and fences. At Grand Rapids the Grand river reached high water mark at the front factories had to shut down the electric light works were flooded and the city left in darkness and many families were compelled to move from their homes. Some of the Lowell business men had to move goods from their basements.

The Saginaw river washed out the Inter-urban electric road at several points between Saginaw and Bay City. At Zilwaukee the houses were surrounded by water, sidewalks flooded around the people used boats to reach high ground. Neighboring citizens were driven to the second stories of their homes. Cellars were flooded to the top.

Black river got on a rampage and caused considerable damage at East Huron.

The St. Joseph river lost so high that the wheels of the Niles Milling Co. at Niles were clogged.

In many districts the numbers of pigs were cut away and in many localities farmers are badly alarmed.

Confessed to the Murder of His Father.

This boy in jail at Bay City on suspicion of having killed his father, Henry Buck, on the farm in Pinconning township, has confessed the crime and that they were his mother and brother. The boy's story is as follows: "I was at the farm when I heard my mother crying for help. I could not see her and ran from the barn past the granary where I saw my mother lying face down. My father was astride her. He held her by the neck with one hand and in the other he hid an ax. Without warning I ran and picked up the ax and struck him a blow on the back of the head. He fell forward, striking his head on a shingle bolt. Then I turned to go back to the barn. Mother called me and I tried to fetch her into the house and I resumed my work on the farm."

The mother was much relieved when she learned Charles had confessed to confess.

A Turning Over at the Soldiers' Home.

The annual meeting of the Soldiers' Home board resulted in a general turning over of the official staff of the home and the election of a new crew. Gov. Pingree attended the meeting and urged some of the changes, with the result that Commandant James A. Crozer is retired, Col. Bishop is no longer treasurer, and the insurance policies the occasion for the last home scandal are ordered canceled. The rule requiring veterans to pay for their clothing out of their pension money was rescinded.

Capt. George B. Judd, of Grand Rapids, was elected commandant, John Northwood was elected president pro tem, F. Grubbs clerk, and W. S. Turk treasurer. The minor officers were not chosen, but a general shuffling was expected.

Gov. Pingree remarked that he had nothing personal against Col. Crozer or against his administration, but thought two years' service was enough under the circumstances.

Rabbits are causing heavy damage to fruit orchards in Mason county.

Hartford, the home of Senator Meriman has sent in a gigantic petition favoring Gov. Pingree's reform ideas, 15 feet long.

Several toughs assaulted "Bishop" McNamara and party at Battle Creek. The bishop is an anti- Catholic and was ased roughly.

Mrs. Robinson, a widow who resides at Augusta has been made almost penniless by losing in C. J. Tolliver a young man who came to Augusta a year ago. He induced her to loan \$500 to start a business and as soon as he got the money in his hands he disappeared.

Street Railway Strike at Saginaw.

The street railway system of Saginaw was completely tied up by a strike of 90 motormen and conductors. The men have asked for regular hours and pay for overtime. They have worked from 14 to 16 hours per day. Every conductor and motorman is a member of the union. Both the Union and consolidated lines are in the hands of receivers, and the latter have advertised for new men. Trouble may result.

Later—The circuit court judges took a hand to settle the strike, and with great success. An order for the receivers to take back all men who applied within 24 hours, and fixing 10 hours as a day's work with wages at \$1.55 per day, was obeyed. The strikers at once returned to work. The court stated that if the strikers had any grievances they should have submitted to the court for adjustment. That course has open to them in the future.

A Big Klondike Expedition.

Probably the best equipped party from Michigan this year departed from the "go" for Seattle from this city in a private car. The party numbers 20 and includes leading business and professional men. The departure of the party was made the occasion of a big demonstration, about 800 people repairing to the depot with a brass band. The Soo-Yukon Mining & Transportation Co., as the party is named, will sail from Seattle for St. Michaels April 1 on a schooner chartered for the trip. The company will build two light draft steamers at the mouth of the Yukon, the timbers and materials being taken from battle. Powerful sand pumps and dredging and diving outfits are included in the plant the object being to prospect the streams for gold. The supplies and outfits of the company cost approximately \$45,000.

A Rich Thing for Insurance Companies.

Commissioner Milo D. Campbell reports business done by life casualty, accident and fraternal insurance companies in Michigan last year as follows: Policies issued \$37,350,700; increase over 1896 of \$1,970,461; increase in force Dec. 31 \$138,571,700; increase over \$6,646,516; premiums received \$4,572,519; an increase of \$1,000,000. During 1897 13 companies were authorized to do business.

The Michigan business of fraternal associations was as follows: Certificates written 45,570 amount \$14,800,275; certificates in force at the close of the year 1897 amount \$24,000,530; losses paid \$1,722,876; mortuary assessments \$1,526,670.

Another Extra Session Proclamation.

Gov. Pingree has issued another proclamation on the railroad question. This time it is addressed to the prosecuting attorneys and justices of the peace in the state particularly as well as to the public in general and declares war on the givers and users of railroad passes. The governor proclaims his intention of seeing to it that the laws of Michigan relative to the granting of material favors to executive legislative or judicial officers with intent to influence or attempt to influence the interpretation of the laws are enforced. He claims that the railroad companies grant passes to their employees and that the users of these special privileges are not only guilty of a crime but thus deprive the school children of money that would otherwise be theirs. The governor wants the officers of the state to proceed with prosecutions in all cases where they can obtain evidence and over the law to show their authority.

Extra Session Notes.

There is several changes in the roster of the legislature. Rep. Henry Lee of Leape county and Rep. Wm. Rowley of Macomb, died during the last year leaving vacancies. It is now too late to elect successors at the spring election. The Pingree men might make a fight to unseat the anti-Pingree senators Corvill and Preston who hold government job but it is the general opinion that they will not be molested. No effort on the other hand, will be made to unseat Senator Hughes who has removed from the Bay City district. Sergeant-at-Arms Gilson having died and Seigt Strong, of Cass county, having been appointed postmaster. Assistants Wm. Stocking of Ann Arbor and Moses Puschelsky of Detroit, may each be advanced a notch.

The extra session will prove a great snap for the employees of both houses and especially the committee clerks who will draw 20 days pay and mileage, enabling them to take in an average of \$100 apiece in about 20 days. And they will have comparatively nothing to do. Auditor-General Dix says the session will cost \$30,000 but Gov. Pingree thinks that \$15,000 will cover the expense.

The anti-Pingree men talk of investigating the executive and other departments as to the charges of extravagance.

The impression is general that the extra session will last the full twenty days for which the legislators are permitted by the constitution to draw pay. Each member will of course be entitled to mileage in addition to per diem.

The senate chamber, representative hall and the committee rooms are being brushed up and put in order and the various departments are preparing to meet whatever demands the legislators may make upon them.

The state board of auditors has ordered some twelve dozen waste baskets, crumblers, ink stands and other supplies for the members, and these will all appear at the close of the session in accordance with the time-honored custom. The members will thus get a double take off during their terms of office and some of them will be equipped with stationery enough to last a life time.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Oxford citizens raised \$40 for Cuban sufferers.

A shaft is to be put down at Gladwin in search of coal.

William Neign, a farmer, aged 55, cut his throat at Bunker Hall. He had been sick.

Agents of an Ohio company have leased many acres near Orondago and will begin at once to drill for coal.

Arrangements are being made for the assembly of the state Baptist Young People's Union at Orchard Lake in August.

The annual field day meet of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association will be held at the Michigan Agricultural college, June 3 and 4.

Fire destroyed the house of Erie Tuttle north of Ailes causing a loss of \$1,500. Mr. Tuttle was away from home and he lost everything but the clothes he wore.

The coeds of Olivet college and the Michigan Normal school played a hot game of basket ball clad in bloomer costume at Ypsilanti. The Normal girls winning by a score of 7 to 0.

Benj. E. Jones, aged 22 of Battle Creek fell from a Detroit, Toledo & Milwaukee train at Augusta and both of his legs were crushed. He died in the hospital at Battle Creek.

George H. Jacks, ex-chief of Muskegon has been held to the criminal court at Chicago to answer the charge of murdering Andrew McGee, an old milkman who was found dead and robbed in a hallway two weeks ago.

The coroner's jury declared that Stephen Sprague came to his death near South Haven from the effects of two bullets fired by some party unknown. Jeff Davis is under arrest on suspicion. The evidence is purely circumstantial.

Gov. Pingree sent out blanks for signatures to a petition asking the legislature to pass his corporation tax bill, and within 4 hours replies began to pour in. He suggested that those to whom he sent the blanks should secure 20 names. Some secured as high as 80. His petition is likely to reach several hundred thousand.

An aged woman dropped dead on the corner of Duane and Clay streets. Deceased for four days the body was undiscovered until found by an Emment of Warren. Went to Detroit to trace his mother who had started from Warren to visit her children in Detroit and then it was found that the unknown was Mrs. Catherine Knight.

The special message which Gov. Pingree is preparing to send to the legislature will, among other things, contain a review of the entire history of corporation taxation from the earliest days in Michigan. The records state documents, laws and other sources of information have been delved into to the bottom, and the subject will be treated more exhaustively than ever before.

Joseph Benedict, a well known citizen of Saginaw, had an interesting tale to tell. A month ago he stubbed the toe and it was found necessary to take the foot off. Blood poisoning set in and the toe was amputated a few days later. Then there were signs of gangrene and the leg had to come off just below the knee but it healed nothing and he is satisfied.

The members of the common council of Muskegon and Bunker C. W. Case, who were elected at the instance of Timothy Nestor, president of the village, were discharged. The charge was no evidence to hold them. The charge was no evidence to hold them. The charge was no evidence to hold them.

Miss Emma Ady, created a sensation at Lansing by commencing a suit for \$5,000 damage against Albert Geo. R. Heck for breach of promise. She now says that it is all a joke and that she didn't know the papers were going to be filed. She admits that she had been trying to frighten Heck and that she had had talks with lawyers who had said to her that she had requests to settle.

An examination of the various railroad laws of the several states has been made with a view to determining how railroads are taxed. It shows that at 25 states and territories levy taxes on cash valuation exclusively, three including Michigan or gross earnings exclusively while seven treat railroad property just the same as other property. The remaining 12 have a combination of these and other methods.

Edgar Webb who left Bay City last September for the Klondike has returned and brings anything but a satisfactory description of what he saw and experienced. He says only a few make strikes. Others return penniless after long months of toil. People are returning to Dyea and Skagway and selling outfits which cost \$100 or \$150 for \$25 or even to take them back to Seattle.

Various lake ports will send delegations to Lansing to endeavor to secure action by the special session of legislature to amend the fish laws which are more stringent in Michigan than in other states bordering Lake Michigan and drive Michigan fishermen to other states. Michigan will lose \$200,000 in taxable property if the amendment is not made. All fishermen use four inch mesh nets but the law calls for 4 1/2 inch.

Commander Bliss and Assistant Adjutant-General Pond of the Michigan department, G. A. R. went to Washington to present Secretary of War Alger with a past department commanders badge. Gen. Alger was the first department commander under the old organization, but it was not until last records were recovered within the past year that this became known. He was also the first Michigan man to become a member of the G. A. R. going to Pittsburgh to take the obligation, there being no organization in Michigan at the time.

Knights of the Maccabees will build a temple at Battle Creek.

ARE READY TO FIGHT.

THE WAR DOGS MAY BE LET LOOSE AT ANY TIME.

Uncle Sam is ready, but continues to make extensive preparations on sea and land—Two New Warships Have Been Purchased from Brazil.

"Grim-visaged war" is apparently to make an entrance in the next act in the tragedy now being enacted by the United States, Spain and Cuba. Uncle Sam continues to make extensive preparations for the struggle, and, while it is impossible to secure any official intimation at Washington as to what steps are to be taken in dealing with Spain, yet enough is constantly leaking out to be made apparent by official orders and actions to give a fair idea of the trend of affairs.

The action of Secretary of War Alger in making such extensive changes in the divisions of the army is significant. Orders have been issued creating the departments of the Gulf and of the Lakes and abolishing the departments of the Missouri and of Texas. The department of the East will embrace the states on the Atlantic coast to and including North Carolina, the department of the Lakes will include Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee, with headquarters at Chicago, and the department of Gulf will comprise the states of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas with headquarters at Atlanta.

The troops at army posts are now prepared to receive orders to move in any direction at three hours notice and the most ample transportation facilities for the purpose have been arranged. A general movement of troops from the interior posts, both cavalry and infantry to support the new artillery batteries on the coast is expected to be ordered shortly. Orders received at Fort Riley, Kas. directed the sending of three batteries of artillery to the south. Quartermaster General Lee of the department of Missouri is making arrangements to transport batteries of artillery now at forts in the west to the Atlantic seaboard and Gulf of Mexico.

The fortress at Sandy Hook, New York harbor is now on a war footing. Big guns and mortars have been placed in position and finally tested. Four artillery companies made up of 800 men arrived there composed of picked men, and among them are the most expert gunners in the world. Light Battery D, Fifth U. S. artillery stationed at Ft. Hamilton, New York harbor has been transferred to Charleston, S. C. This is the first step in the mobilization of the whole army force along the Atlantic seaboard. These men, being experienced in coast defense work are sent south where there are grave apprehensions of an attack from the Spanish fleet. Their places will be filled by men from the new artillery regiments.

The war department has received bids from the largest orders for shot and shell for heavy caliber guns ever given including armor piercing projectiles and deep piercing torpedos. These projectiles are for the heavy fortification guns now mounted along the coast. The entire amount is designed to give all the heavy guns now installed and those to be placed during the coming year a full quota of projectiles and powder.

While the navy department has been fully active contracts have just been signed for the purchase of the Brazilian warships Amazonas and Admiral Breen which are now receiving finishing touches in an English shipyard. Full crews are being organized to man the two vessels as soon as they are completed and the fact that Uncle Sam will thus have two fine war vessels so near Spain's coast has enabled the navy department to order three other vessels now at European stations to join the North Atlantic squadron at Key West as soon as possible.

There is intense activity at the Washington navy yard, three shifts of men working 24 hours continuously. The completion of the big guns there is being pushed ahead with all possible haste.

The big armored cruiser Brooklyn has arrived at Port Monroe direct from La Guayra, Venezuela. She has made a fast trip up and is expected to arrive at Hampton Roads the arrival of the vessels Minneapolis and Columbus which are just fitting out at Philadelphia. This force will form an excellent nucleus for the projected "flying squadron" which the department is contemplating. The big monitor Puritan is also read for service now. The monitor Marion which will be retained at the mouth of the Delaware to guard Philadelphia and the ram Katabidin, is expected to be ordered to New York to reinforce the Teror in protection of the port of New York.

Emergency orders had been issued that the Vesuvius at Jacksonville Fla. be placed in fighting trim at once. She has taken on 10 tons of ammunition her dynamite tubes are being placed in the best of condition and several six pounders are being added to her armament amidships.

The secretary of the navy has directed that a recruiting station be opened in Washington immediately, the special purpose being to secure ordinary seamen and machinists. A special board has been appointed to examine all merchant vessels which are intended to be transformed into auxiliary cruisers and they report that almost every available vessel in New York harbor has been tendered for that service it needed.

The Maine Engineers' Benevolent association has offered the services of its 34,000 members to President McKinley in case of war.

In addition to all of this unusual activity immense orders have been given for rifles, etc., which have caused the Springfield, Winchester and other small arms manufacturers to begin the operation of their works day and night; contracts have been made for powder and cartridges which are keeping the largest mills in the country running to their full capacity; sailors and machinists are being enlisted as rapidly as possible; and the National Guards of several states are being recruited up to the full quota for the first time in years, particularly in Florida and other coast and gulf states.

Spain, too is said to be making active preparations, but the lack of ready money is a great hindrance to her. She has all along looked upon European sympathy and aid, but it has all but officially been declared by Great Britain, Germany and France that if Spain gets into war with the United States she must fight it out alone, although it is rumored that Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria has promised Spain that he will interfere and will try to induce Germany and other powers to join in a protest against further intervention by the United States in Spanish affairs.

THE WAR SITUATION.

Rumors are afloat that Rear Admiral Sigsbee may be relieved from his command on account of his health.

The war department is arranging to secure a large supply of the most modern rifles, sufficient in time of emergency to arm a force of 500,000 men.

The government has made arrangements for special trains and clear tracks to carry 250,000 tons of coal from the Ohio fields to Key West at once.

The radical wing of the autonomist party favors allowing Gomez to buy the freedom of Cuba for \$150,000,000 and a favorable commercial treaty with Spain.

The yacht Anita has reached Havana carrying a party of Americans, including Senators Gallager and Thurston and Congressmen Smith, of Michigan and Cummings of New York.

The recruiting officer at Chicago received orders from Washington to enlist all desirable applicants for artillery heavy and light. Within a few hours after the order had been posted over 500 men had applied.

Maj. Gen. Lee J. Kadeski, commander-in-chief of the uniform rank Catholic Knights of America says that of the 25,000 members of the organization all well drilled, 10,000 could be put in the field within 24 hours in case of war.

Col. M. W. Parker, who accompanied Senator Proctor in his tour through Cuba says "Every American in Cuba now is watched as though he were a criminal. The Spaniards hate us and do not hesitate to say so. Everyone in Havana now knows that the Maine was blown up from the outside. Spaniards no longer deny it. They do not seem to be very sad over it either. We are going to have war. Well if we don't I shall be surprised."

Congressman Wm. Alden Smith of Michigan who is one of a party of national legislators visiting Cuba had an adventure with Spanish soldiers at Havana. He was talking with some poor concentration campers on the outskirts of the city when the Spaniards came up and used insulting language towards him and finally began to jostle him. The congressmen stand out front and left with his umbrella and put the fellows to flight. Later the Spaniards learned that Smith was a congressman and they very humbly apologized for their conduct.

The New York Herald's Havana correspondent says "The naval court of inquiry is carefully preparing its report realizing the possibility that it may reach an international board of arbitration. The President has notified the court that he is ready to receive its report. It is asserted on high authority in Havana that the court has practically completed its work and this is borne out by the fact that the court's stenographer has returned to Key West. The New York Journal asserts that the court has notified President McKinley that its report will be substantially this: First—The Maine disaster was due to the explosion of a submarine mine. Second—This mine was planted by officials of the Spanish government and exploded by Spanish officials in Havana. Third—The Maine was purposely moored in the vicinity of this mine, and the explosion was evidently timed when the Maine should, through the influence of wind and tide lay directly over it. Fourth—Traces of a submarine mine were discovered Fifth—Lieut. Jenkins who was killed in the disaster, had discovered a shoal connection with the mines located in the harbor.

The war cloud in Spain has caused a heavy fall in stocks and bonds and a large increase of the premium on foreign exchange. All the newspapers call upon the government to stop the panic by a prompt and clear statement as to the real conditions existing in Cuba, and also defining the international relations. The newspapers re-echo the profound sensation and displeasure caused by the United States in sending the Montgomery to Havana, and by the appropriation of \$50,000,000 for the national defense.

Nervous has been received of the death of the wife of Senator Thurston on board the yacht Anita at Sagua la Grande, Cuba, where the party of U. S. senators and congressmen and their wives and friends had just arrived with the yacht. The cause of death, was apoplexy, which is believed to have been brought on by the terrible scenes of suffering and starvation witnessed by the party.

Senor Luis Polo de Bernabe, the new Spanish minister, has arrived at Washington and been formally presented to President McKinley.

A WORD OF ADVICE.

To Those Coming to Alaska or the Klondike Gold Fields.

One thing should be impressed upon every miner, prospector or trader coming to Alaska, to the Klondike, or the Yukon country, and that is the necessity for providing an adequate and proper food supply. Whether procured in the States, in the Dominion, or at the supply stores here or further on, this must be his primary concern. Upon the manner in which the miner has observed or neglected this precaution more than upon any other one thing will his success or failure depend.

These supplies must be healthful and should be concentrated, but the most careful attention in the selection of foods that will keep unimpaired indefinitely under all the conditions which they will have to encounter is imperative. For instance, as bread raised with baking powder must be relied upon for the chief part of every meal, imagine the helplessness of a miner with a can of spoiled baking powder. Buy only the very best flour; it is the cheapest in the end. Experience has shown the Royal Baking Powder to be the most reliable and the trading companies now uniformly supply this brand, as others will not keep in this climate. Be sure that the "Bacon" is sweet, sound and thoroughly cured. These are the absolute necessities upon which all must place a chief reliance, and can under no circumstances be neglected. They may, of course, be supplemented by as many comforts or delicacies as the prospector may be able to pack or desire to pay for. From the Alaska Mining Journal.

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MINSTRELS' HUMOR.

Witty Answer of an Irishman Who "Never Argued with a Lady." The minstrels of Ireland are not all gone from the highways and byways of Erin, says an exchange. The mournful harp and plaintive pipe may have given way to the breezy harp and crooning violin, but the songs which these accompany are the songs of Ireland still. Down by the rottae Claddagh wharves of old Galway town I came upon a rapt audience, say, a well-known traveler enthralled by the dulcet notes of Tim Brennan the "wandering minstrel of Tipperary"—one of the sweetest singers I ever heard and one who would have been great were it not for his love of "the cinder in it" as they aptly term the west of Ireland mountain dew. I had seen Tim many times before in Ireland. Our trampings had brought us into the same relations of artist and responsive auditor so many times that as he tipped me a comforting wink of recognition I noticed that his violin had been replaced by the temporary though ample musical makeshift of a banjo wrought from the head of an ancient Irish churn. In the prattle following his ballad I felt emboldened to toss him back his wink, with the query, "And, Tim, why didn't you bring the churn with its head?" "Faith ver honor," he replied in a flash and with a winsome smile holding the churn-head banjo aloft so all could see, "faith I never argue wid a lady—an", ver honor, a bould Irish woman stung at the other end!"

N. W. Ayer & Son.

N. W. Ayer & Son, the successful newspaper and magazine advertising agency of Philadelphia, have issued an announcement stating that Albert G. Bradford and Jarvis A. Wood were admitted to partnership in the firm January 1. The new members are not beginners in the advertising business. They have been connected with N. W. Ayer & Son for years and have worked their way to the top by careful attention to business and painstaking work for the firm and its patrons. In connection with the new partnership announcement, N. W. Ayer & Son review the history of the firm. From an humble beginning in 1835, when the business of the first year amounted to but \$15,000, the concern has jumped slowly but safely until its annual business amounts to over \$1,500,000—a sum that represents a daily payment to newspapers and magazine publishers of \$5,000.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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gave out. The physicians told us it was paralysis, which sometimes follows an attack of diphtheria. We did everything for him, but he grew worse until he was in a pitiful condition. He suffered terribly at night and complained continually of his head, and in what little sleep he was able to get, moaned unceasingly. He lost all control of the muscles of his body and limbs. He had no appetite and complained of feeling sick at his stomach all the time. After we had tried many different remedies and had about given up all hope we commenced giving him Hood's Sarsaparilla. In a short time he ceased to complain his appetite improved and at the end of three months he was able to attend school a part of the time. Now he is well and quite a strong and rugged boy. You are at liberty to use this testimonial if you

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THE USURER'S DAUGHTER.

BY CHARLOTTE M. BRAEME.

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CHAPTER XIX.—(Continued).

He heard of it from one of his brother officers, who had hastened to welcome him to England, and was at first incredulous. He had always loved the handsome, willful boy, who looked up to him with such affection, and it had been a bitter source of trouble to him to find him inclined to go the wrong way in life. Raoul Laueston was many years older than the earl, but they had always been good friends. In his light, frank way he had scolded the handsome boy—now he scolded the man. He had done his best to exercise a wise control over the earl. There

It was with positive incredulity that he heard of the marriage. When Major Vandeleur told him the news, the brave soldier refused to believe it. "Caraven would never have married without telling me," he said. "He has not written to me for years, but he would have written if that had been the case."

"I assure you," declared Major Vandeleur, "that I was present at the ceremony. He was married at St. George's, Hanover Square."

"I must not dispute what you saw with your own eyes," said Sir Raoul. "That granted, then, whom has he married?"

"A Miss Ransome," was the brief reply. "Ransome? I do not remember the name." Major Vandeleur laughed.

"No, you have probably never heard it—though there are few young men in the army who could say as much. Ransome is a lawyer and a money-lender."

"The soldier's face fell. "A money-lender! You cannot be serious? Caraven marry a money-lender's daughter? I cannot believe it."

"It is true. I remember the lady's name—Hilfred Ransome. I did not see her, although I was in the church during the marriage, the crush was so great, I could not. The bridegroom's tall head towered above the crowd, I saw a vision of white and silver, but not the bride's face or figure."

Their conversation was interrupted by the arrival of a note for Sir Raoul. "It is from Caraven," he said, as he hastily broke the seal.

As he read it, his whole face brightened, a light came into his eyes. "I knew the boy's heart was in the right place," he remarked. "There could not be a kinder letter than that. He will not hear of my remaining here or going elsewhere. I am to go to Halby House at once, where everything is at my service, and his wife joins in begging me to go. The boy is not changed, you see. His heart is good."

And the major having some little respect for Sir Raoul, forbore to tell him what rumor said about the handsome earl and his heart.

"I shall go," said Sir Raoul—this has quite decided me. You think I am right—do you not?" he added, seeing a strange smile on the major's face.

"Certainly. I was thinking of the earl, not of you," and long after the two friends had parted Major Vandeleur looked very grave.

"It is like going into a wasp's nest," he said. "Raoul is a noble, simple-hearted soldier. He will have little patience with the earl—perhaps even less with his wife."

No such thought troubled Sir Raoul, to him it seemed quite right and just that his kinsman should extend the hand of welcome, that his wife and himself should beg him to visit them, that their home should be his.

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So he was full of hope as he drove to Halby House.

I did hesitate for some time whether I should purchase a revolver or marry Miss Ransome."

"My dear boy, why did you not send to me?"

"There are things that a gentleman can not do," said the earl, proudly. "I could not borrow from my friends."

"People have different ideas of honor—some of them are very strange ones. For my part, I should think it a thousand times more honorable to borrow from an old friend than to marry a girl for her money, knowing that I disliked her."

"The alternative was forced upon me. Besides, Raoul, all that you had in the world would not have been sufficient."

"Was it so bad as that?" he asked. "Yes, it could not have been worse. Do not let me be a hypocrite, Raoul. That lesson would have lasted some men their lives—but it has not been sufficient for me. I do not think, honestly speaking, that I am one whit wiser man than I was. The only thing is that fortune has been with me instead of against me."

"Poor boy," said Sir Raoul, pityingly; "we must hope for better things. Shall I see your wife tonight?"

"No, I think not. Lady Caraven has gone to Covent Garden—a favorite opera of hers is being played. She will not be home until late. You look very tired, Raoul—I should advise you to go to bed. We shall not remain many weeks in London. You will, of course, go to Ravensmere with us?"

"If you desire it, if you are kind enough to invite me, I shall be very pleased. I might have twenty places of my own, but none of them would seem as much like home as Ravensmere."

And Sir Raoul laughed. Fatigued as he was, he seemed to him not to hurry to leave his kinsman.

"I am rather disappointed," he said at last. "I had hoped that I should see my new kinswoman tonight."

"I can hardly believe that you are serious," he exclaimed. "Do you really desire so much to see my wife?"

"I do, indeed," replied Sir Raoul, earnestly. "I do not understand it," said the earl, with an amused smile. "You are slightly curious about her personal appearance? Well, I am not a judge, as I like fair people, and she is tall and dark. These are the only two points in her which have struck me. Yes, there is one thing more—she sings with ravishing sweetness. I have never heard a finer voice. I think, too, that she has a will and spirit of her own. But I repeat—though I do not intend to repeat it—that I do not like her."

"Tall and dark," Sir Raoul immediately pictured to himself a somewhat forbidding masculine looking girl, with a hard face and a hard manner.

He retired to his room, slightly disappointed and disenchanted. He could not sleep. Bygone scenes in his own life rose up before him. It was long

WALKED IT AND DOWN after midnight when he heard the roll of a carriage, and then the soft rustle of a silken dress as light footsteps passed his door.

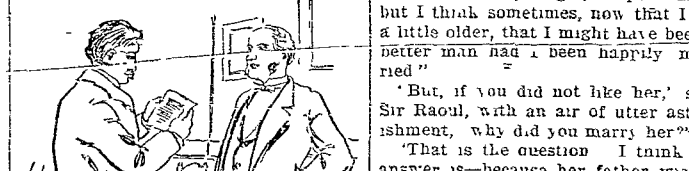
"That is the young countess," he said to himself—my new cousin—tall and dark."

(To be continued)

See Shells That Explode. A contributor to the National Druggist describes the curious phenomena of explosive sea shells. He says walking along the beach on Mobile Bay, a young woman, a relative of the writer, picked up a handful of little shells, left by the tide, and among them several shells of a small marine "snail," the largest of which was probably a half-inch in diameter and the smallest some three-eighths of an inch. She dropped them into her pocket and forgot all about them until several days afterward, when an unpleasant odor in her wardrobe attracted her attention to them. On taking them out of her pocket some fell on the floor, and in recovering them she placed her foot on one. The act was followed by an explosion, quite sharp, and loud enough to be heard all over the floor on which her room is. Astonished, she concluded to try another, and the same result followed. The shells were then brought to the writer, who on examination found the mouth of each firmly closed by a membrane of greater or less thickness, formed by the drying of the animal slime. This had probably occurred soon after removal from the moisture of the beach, and the little inhabitant of the shell dying, the gases of decomposition had quite filled its internal space.

On exerting a little pressure by squeezing the shell between two blocks of wood quite a loud explosion was produced, the fragments of the shell being thrown several feet. Subsequently, on trying the experiment, out of a dozen snails only two failed to explode.

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