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All Coats sold at \$10.00, \$12.50, and \$13.50, choice,.....\$ 8.89
All Coats sold at \$15.00 and \$20.00, choice,.....\$10.00
All Coats sold at \$25.00 and \$35.00, choice,.....\$15.00
All Suits sold at \$10.00 and \$12.50, choice,.....\$ 7.50
All Suits sold at \$15.00 to \$20.00, choice,.....\$10.00
All Suits sold at \$25.00 to \$35.00, choice,.....\$15.00
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Local and Personal.

Mouroe Judd was in town Wednesday.

Seeley Sly was in Pontiac Monday.

Rev. F. Bradley spent Tuesday in Detroit.

FOR SALE—A few fence posts.
F. C. VLIET.

Frank Yeager and family are in Pontiac today.

Durand Ogden is a guest of Sunfield friends.

Mrs. Wilson Vliet is visiting in New Baltimore.

Arthur Clark of Lapeer is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Frank Allen is visiting friends in Detroit.

Mrs. G. W. Addis is spending a few days in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Alger were Detroit visitors Monday.

Charles Holcomb was in Pontiac on business Monday.

Loren Chesnut of Springfield visited Glen Ellis this week.

Charles Bower came home from Albion to spend the holidays.

Elizabeth Bird returned from Detroit to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Emory Smith and daughter spent Wednesday in Pontiac.

Mrs. J. Goodenough and daughter Elinor are visiting in Detroit.

Lloyd Axford of Detroit spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Jessey Robertson.

Mrs. Sarah Jossman returned Tuesday from an extended visit in Philadelphia.

Miss Emma Kerton is spending the holidays at Holly, the guest of her brother.

Henry Richardson and family have returned from Melnette, N. D., to spend the winter.

Charlotte Dunston, John Morley, Ray Gibbs and Felix Garter are home from Big Rapids.

Mrs. Sarah Hart returned Monday evening from Eaton Rapids where she has been spending the past two weeks.

The Modern Woodman Society are arranging for a Ball to be given in the new opera house some time in February.

Mrs. Wrightman and daughter of Detroit are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McIlveen.

The races yesterday resulted in a victory for Willda Wilda, owned by Betts of Pontiac, over James Wooster's chestnut mare. After the race the owners traded horses. In the green race Harry P. of Pontiac was first, Little Ned second, and James VanEtta's mare third. Glen Ellis horse also won in a race with the last named animal.

Drayton Plains.

Mrs. Robert Boardman is seriously ill with typhoid fever. Her mother, Mrs. Heater is caring for her.

Mrs. W. B. Fair gave an article shower at her home on Friday for Miss Elodie Judd. A fine time was had and an elegant luncheon was served.

Mrs. Soper, Mrs. Fair and Mrs. O'Dea were Pontiac visitors on Monday.

Yo-Ho for Christmas!

Toys, games, books, fancy cases, novelties, nick-nacks, dolls, etc. A lot of things for big folks, little folks, and half-way folks.

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CLARKSTON, MICH.

Local and Personal.

Charles Sly was in Pontiac Tuesday.

Thomas Parker spent Sunday in Detroit.

Will Dunston was in Detroit Tuesday.

Leroy Brown was in Pontiac Tuesday.

Roy Addis spent Sunday in Pontiac.

Miss Carrie Jossman of Monroe is spending the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beardsley were in Pontiac on business Tuesday.

Miss Lottie Brownfield has returned from an extended visit in Detroit.

John Gates of Big Rapids is spending the holidays at home, in Sashabaw.

John Morley came home Wednesday to spend the vacation with his mother.

John and Oliver Demund will work in the ice house at Drum Lake after the holidays.

Miss B. Austin of Pontiac, who has been visiting at Henry Glick's, returned home Tuesday.

Howard Polhemus, a resident of this place 19 years ago, died recently at his home in West Branch.

George W. Addis spent Sunday in Detroit, going thence to Williamston and returning by way of Fenton.

Miss Anna Mary Van Woert of Afton, N. Y., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. T. Bird. She will remain about three weeks.

Roy Cool, son of David Cool, died at his home Tuesday morning, aged 18 years. The funeral was held at the home Thursday.

John Demund was a Holly visitor Saturday, going thence to Lausing, where he spent Sunday with his nephew, Harry Demund.

And now comes an expert from the agricultural college who says that the newly discovered white blackberries are yellow when they are green.

Myers and Kirchner have shipped thus far 18,000 pounds of poultry to eastern points, and have a fine supply left for the home trade. See them for your Christmas turkey.

Elmer Vliet's horse became frightened near the log cabin on the veterinary road last Monday, throwing Mr. Vliet out and wrecking the cutter. Fortunately Mr. Vliet was not injured.

John Keyser, a retired farmer of Birmingham has had three accidents that were peculiar for the reason that they happened at 20-year intervals. At the age of 20 he fell from a scaffold and broke three ribs. At the age of 40 he fell again and the same ribs were broken. He is now 60 years of age, and the same ribs were broken by his falling across a 2x4 scantling a short time ago. He says that if he lives to reach the age of 80 he will lie in bed a year to keep those pesky ribs whole but it is probable that he would fall out of the bed.

Orasmus Beardslee is one of the oldest pioneers of this county, coming here 72 years ago from New Jersey. Mr. Beardslee is now in his 79th year and he is in good health. His eyesight is very good for he has just finished reading his Oakland county history which he did in seventeen days. He can relate some of the hardships of pioneer life as easily as he could 50 years ago. He has not employed a doctor in over 70 years. He is still living on the old farm which he and his father took up from the government. — Press.

William Hagerman, of Oxford township, has begun an injunction proceeding in the circuit court, naming John Montgomery as defendant and asking that he be restrained from removing timber from Hagerman's lands. Hagerman sold an arcel of timber to the Buckeye Stave Co. three years ago and it was stipulated in the contract that the timber should be removed within specified time. The stave company assigned its interest to Montgomery and the latter is still cutting timber. Hagerman claims all that is left and asks an injunction to keep Montgomery off.

Secretary Thomas, of the Pontiac Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock club, has received 160 inquiries from stock raisers who desire to show at Pontiac the first week in February and who have never shown here before. The only other poultry show of equal importance in Michigan this season will be the Grand Rapids event the second week in January, and Pontiac is looking forward to a big event. Departments are planned for poultry and dogs, and an attempt is being made to add a cat apartment. The show will be held in the Howland block, where two floors will be devoted to its needs.

Coat is lower.*

*In the bin.

Ortonville.

Nate Aulen and wife visited relatives in Oxford Thursday.

Ed. Sloat visited his mother in Pontiac a few days last week.

George Withey has passed examination as motorman in Detroit.

James Lare was called to Richfield to attend the funeral of his sister, Friday.

Mrs. Cora Torrence of Davidson has been spending a few days at Mrs. Frank Frick's.

The Fortune Oil Co., of Birmingham has been formed with a capital of \$75,000. The company is chiefly composed of capitalists of Royal Oak and Birmingham. The company has 333 acres under lease about six miles east of Lima, Ohio, and already has two fine producing wells on the property. A third well is being bored.

Ray D. Bird was arraigned before Justice Snowdon Saturday afternoon. He waived examination and was held for trial in the circuit court. The charge is burglarizing Losee Bros. shoe store. Bird was put through the sweat box by the officers, and as a result of the admissions they claim he made, they say he will plead guilty in the circuit court to the charge of burglary. Sheriff Brewster, Deputies Richmond and Pullaw, and Assistant Prosecutor Safford were present when Bird was questioned. Losee Bros. store was burglarized a number of times, small amounts being secured each time and entrance being gained through a rear window. Officers believed at the time they had solved the matter but were unable to warrant an arrest.

John Bird and J. A. Mills spent an enjoyable day Saturday at Richfield in a sleigh.

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Local and Personal.

Lucy Vliet is home spending the holidays.

Harry Demund is to spend his Christmas at Holly.

Ethel McMahon is spending the holidays at her home.

Raymond Miller of Detroit spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Morley returned Monday from a visit to Detroit.

Mrs. Will McDermalt is visiting for a few days in Pontiac.

Mrs. Will McDermalt spent last week at Vernon and Owosso.

H. P. Kurtzrock of Detroit is in town overseeing the ice plants.

Beatrice Austin of Pontiac spent part of the week with friends in town.

Mrs. Ada Morehouse left Monday for Grand Rapids where she intends to remain during the winter.

Jennie Fair, Anna Smith, and Bertha O'Rourke were in Pontiac Wednesday buying Christmas presents.

Mr. Strasser, who has been here superintending the building of the Buckeye club returned to Columbus, O., Monday.

The Morse will case is still on. The contestant, Rollin J. Morse, has finished with about five of his witnesses and probably about 40 more will be sworn before the case is concluded. The testimony Tuesday was in reference to Edith Bell, who was house-keeper for the senior Morse. The contestant alleges Morse was unduly influenced by the woman in the making of the will.

One of the things on the Christmas menu at the Eastern Michigan asylum was pop corn and the culinary department of the institution prepared a fine

Holly.

Wm. Chamberlain was a Pontiac visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Lucinda Hill, who has been very sick is no better.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hill have gone on a two weeks' visit.

Mrs. G. VanKleeck visited relatives and friends at Oxford last week.

The section men commenced to lay the Brown & Browe ice plant.

Mrs. J. W. Phipps and daughter Mable spent part of last week in Detroit.

John Hirst who is taking a pleasure trip through the west is now at Los Angeles.

The holiday vacation in Holly next Thursday and continues until January 4.

Ray Baldwin of Detroit has been spending a few days with old Holly friends.

G. J. Smith, who has been very sick, has so far recovered as to be able to go on down town.

Will Beardslee of Saginaw and F. J. Macomber of Flint spent a few days with old Holly friends last week.

Mrs. N. Grace Lawrence is still at Detroit where she was called on account of the death of her sister, Mrs. F. S. Osborne.

The Methodist and Baptist churches will hold their Christmas exercises on Thursday evening of this week. Each have arranged a program for the occasion.

A meeting of the creditors of the Holly Wagon company has been called for December 28 at which time they will be asked as to what disposition they wish made with the plant.

There will be an open grange meeting at Fred Stewart's on Tuesday evening, December 29th.

There was a misunderstanding of the date of the Ladies Aid society meeting at Rev. McKee's last week so there was not so large an attendance as usual.

Elmer Beardslee, who is working for the Michigan Premium stock Co. will be in Pontiac Tuesday and Wednesday attending their sale which is expected to be the largest sale of the season.

Rochester.

Mrs. Jessie Phillips is very sick from dropsy.

G. E. Nolan is assisting in Brock's Bazaar.

Miss Mattie Kidder is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. K. Griggs.

George Kressler left the employ of the M. C. railroad Saturday.

Jerry Bartholomew is assisting in Hadson's store during the holidays.

Joseph Cook is in a very critical condition and is confined to the house.

E. F. Metcalf, who bought the Severance furniture store, is moving into the rooms upstairs.

Alex Hamilton and wife will occupy the rooms above A. S. Barnes' jewelry store when finished.

The Flint bowling club will bowl a crowd of Rochester boys at Hayward's alleys, Tuesday evening, Dec. 22.

G. E. Dedrick received orders to remove to Millington and act as day operator on the M. C. railroad there. Duties began Wednesday.

The marriage of Blair D. Watson and Miss Nellie Reno of Owosso is announced here. Blair is working for the Owosso sugar company.

The Best Present Is a Useful One

We are displaying a fine line of beautiful and useful presents, which will make many hearts glad at Christmas time. Here is a partial list of the good things we have in stock:

HEATING STOVES,	STEEL RANGES,
SEWING MACHINES,	SILVER KNIVES,
TABLE SPOONS,	FORKS and SPOONS,
GRASS SPOONS,	CARVING SETS,
COLD MEAT FORKS,	CLOTHES WRINGERS,
CARPET SWEEPERS,	TOY WRINGERS,
HAND SLEDS,	AIR GUNS,
HANGING STAND and	SAD IRONS,
GASOLINE LAMPS,	NUT PICKS,
SILVER LINED TEA and COFFEE POTS,	ETC., ETC.

Don't neglect our display in selecting your presents.

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J. H. ALGER.

CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN.

flaky substance for every person in the building. Several bushels of corn were used and barrels of the popped article will be served. On Christmas Eve there will be a grand ball in the assembly hall.

There is prospect of a lively bit of competition among Michigan cities on Jan. 11, when the directors of the State Fair Association will hold their mid-winter meeting. Kalamazoo, Saginaw, and Pontiac are out, publicly, to secure the permanent location of the fair and each city will endeavor to make the best showing before the board of directors. Owing to the fact that the matter of a permanent location is to be discussed, it is expected that every one of the twenty-four active and three ex-officio directors will be present at the meeting.

Andersonville.

J. P. Swayze, wife and daughter spent Tuesday in Pontiac.

Edmund Kross took in the stock sale at Pontiac Wednesday.

Guy Musey of Davisburg is helping E. E. Cook get out timber for a barn.

Wm. Harpley is very sick.

Frank Harpley is doing some carpenter work for James Laurie.

J. Markell of this place is assisting at stock sale.

The students are beginning to arrive home from college to spend the holiday vacation. Misses Lora Wright and Ruth Mothersill came from Ypsilanti Friday evening and Sam Burrell from Big Rapids. Others will arrive today.

The Presbyterian Sabbath school held their Christmas exercises Saturday evening. They will have a Christmas tree but will reverse the usual order and instead of receiving presents from the tree they will put presents on it which will be forwarded to a colored Sunday school in South Carolina.

Sashadaw Plains.

Gedeon Gates spent Monday in Pontiac.

School is closed for two weeks vacation.

Will Beardslee spent Saturday in Pontiac.

Elmer Beardslee spent Monday in Clarkston.

Sam Beardslee and family spent Saturday at Pontiac.

John Windiate will entertain about 40 relatives Christmas.

Marten Fisher has a family from Pontiac in his tenant house.

Davisburg.

Mr. Jossman of Clarkston visited at the home of Harvey Davis Sunday.

Mrs. S. G. Garrison of Pontiac spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. W. P. Wright visited her mother and sister in Groveland Monday.

Will Davis of South Lyon spent Sunday at Harvey Davis' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Seeley drove to Pontiac Monday to remain a few days.

Mr. Buck and Mr. Kisenger will have their saw mill in operation Tuesday.

N. J. Ellis and wife visited Pontiac Tuesday.

Will Pixley is spending Christmas in Detroit.

Henry Voorhies was a Pontiac visitor Tuesday.

E. E. Metcalf was in town the fore part of the week.



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J. A. BEARDSLEY'S.

The heiress of the future will be known, perhaps, as a rare and radium maiden.

There's a whole bunch of us willing to be generous at the expense of somebody else.

A bill has been introduced at Washington providing for clean money. No more filthy lucre.

If it is true that crinoline is going to be revived, it must be that golf is going out of fashion.

At 40 one's wish to grow old gracefully is chiefly made up of an earnest desire not to grow fat.

One means of checking the spread of the divorce mania would be to put a curb on the hasty marriage craze.

Some men display a total lack of interest in a cat show who often have sat up all night feeding the kitty.

At least Japan must be credited with a resolute effort to keep looking at the silver lining of its war cloud.

It was not James Lane Allen, the novelist, who struck the \$1,750,000 fil well in Texas. Too good to be true.

J. D. Rockefeller Jr., says that if you live long enough you are bound to win, a remarkably profound statement.

The doings in Cripple Creek remind one of old times. But poor Bret Harte isn't here to write them up properly.

It is indignantly denied that Colombia is eager to possess the pen with which the Panama junta signed that canal treaty.

When Dr. Hillis predicts that in fifty years the women "will be" smarter than the men, doesn't he know that it is no compliment?

A Washington paper believes that Adam owned the first talking machine, but Adam never said a word until Eve arrived and began it.

Africa is being ravaged by the "sleeping sickness," the malady being even more acute there than it is in the United States senate.

Mrs. Langtry found herself fascinated by the "splendid vice" and "uncouth masculinity" of Chicago. Think of that for a Jersey Lily!

The author of the song, "The Last Farewell," says he can't understand how Patti came to accept and sing it. Perhaps the title pleased her.

A bald-headed man in Missouri is suing for a divorce because his wife compelled him to sit on the front stoop all summer to keep the flies out of the house.

As usual at this time of year, the more one looks at the literature in the Christmas magazines the more one is disposed to admire the truly beautiful pictures.

The whole number of pieces of stamped paper sold by the postoffice last year was 7,024,902,795. This country pays a big stamp tax now without complaint.

A New York preacher became the father of triplets a few days ago. If he can go on preaching peace on earth now it will have to be admitted that he's a wonder.

There is renewed talk of shortening the college course. But how can an expert football player succeed in doing in three years what he is expected to do in four years?

It is with a sense of regret we note that Lady Constance Mackenzie has come to hunt the Mexican wild hog instead of the American species, which we could spare so easily.

Mrs. Ogden Goellet says she is disgusted with America, and will in future make her home in Europe. She has not decided, however, to refuse to touch any more filthy American lucre.

Commander Robert E. Peary, who in June next begins his farewell tour to the north pole, says: "I shall not take my wife with me." Now, perhaps Mrs. Peary wouldn't put it in just that way.

The New York artist who left directions in his will that one of his friends should look over his paintings and destroy all the bad ones evidently picked out the right man. The friend says that all of them are good.

THE NEWS OF MICHIGAN.

The Grand Rapids Cases.

Monday was arraignment day in the Grand Rapids water cases in the Superior Court. Most of the respondents were present. Immediately after the roll call of jurors the assistant prosecutor entered with an armful of informations. The first case called was that of ex-Ald. Charles T. Johnson. He was not present, and the case against ex-Mayor George R. Perry was called, who appeared for himself and pleaded not guilty. The other respondents were all represented by attorneys, and all waived reading of the informations and pleaded not guilty. The pleas of not guilty were entered in the cases of Perry, Burch, Thompson, McCool, Depagter, Johnson, Lötzer and Albers. Those not present were Lamoreaux, Sproat, Kinney, Mol, Johnson and Conger. It was announced that Mr. Kinney was sick, and his case was put over. The court ordered all the cases set for trial January 11, with the understanding that the attorneys would be able to announce the order January 4.

The informations filed in the conspiracy cases show that the prosecution has indorsed the names of just thirteen witnesses upon them. These are in the following order.

Lant K. Salsbury, F. H. Garman, Marsh H. Sorrick, Clay H. Hollister, Corey P. Bissell, Clark E. Slocum, Abraham Ghysels, I. F. Lamoreaux, J. Russell Thomson, Adrian Schriver, Reyner Stonehouse, John T. Donovan and John McLachlin. In the Berry cases there are also the names of W. D. Pugh, Glenn J. Barrett, Frank Dorgan and N. F. Gray.

In the conspiracy cases against Burch, Conger, Sproat, Thomson and Lamoreaux, there are the names of 17 witnesses for the people, as follows:

Lant K. Salsbury, F. H. Garman, J. Russell Thomson, George E. Ellis, I. F. Lamoreaux, Mrs. Lant K. Salsbury, Clay H. Hollister, Marsh H. Sorrick, Clark E. Slocum, Adrian Schriver, Abraham Ghysels, John T. Donovan, Reyner Stonehouse, John McLachlin, David Forbes, Corey P. Bissell and D. W. Pugh.

Maybury's Mail Boxes.

In his full report to congress on the postoffice frauds, Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow takes occasion to go more deeply into the connection of Mayor Maybury, of Detroit, with the mail box business of August Machen and his indicted associate, Dr. Eugene Scheble, of Toledo.

After reviewing the history of the case as it has been heretofore published in Detroit, concerning the giving by Maybury & Ellis of an interest in their contract to Scheble, and the payment by the latter of money to Machen, Gen. Bristow passes to the award of the letter box contract in 1901. He says that Mayor Maybury's firm had hoped to get a renewal of their contract at this time, with the help of Scheble, but failed, the plum going to Scheble himself, who had the boxes made by an Adrian firm. The box itself was the patent of "Doc" Smith, of Adrian, Mayor Maybury was a partner in this contract also, evidently, adds Gen. Bristow, since there is evidence of his receiving large sums of money as his share of the profits accruing from the sale of the contract box to the government.

"For some reason," writes Gen. Bristow, "Scheble and Machen did not think it wise to exclude Maybury entirely, so they voluntarily gave him a one-sixth interest for himself and friends."

The Grand Rapids Scandal.

The prosecution in the Grand Rapids scandal will ask to have the most simple cases disposed of first; that is, those wherein the evidence will be most easily produced. For instance, in the case of Gerrit F. Albers, accused of perjury in his own trial a year ago on the charge of trying to bribe Ald. Rinehan, there will be testimony of Dr. Devries on one hand to show that Devries induced Albers to approach Rinehan, Rinehan will be placed on the stand to show that Albers really did make a proposition to bribe him, while Salsbury's story will take in the whole matter. All this testimony is right at hand, and the prosecutors figure that they will easily dispose of this case.

The State Treasury.

Indications point to a depleted state treasury before the December taxes begin to come in, about Jan. 15. Deputy Auditor-General Wilkinson reports a balance on hand of \$1,087,482.47. Of the cash on hand, \$7,421.17 belongs to the specific tax fund. The amount likely to be used for running expenses before Jan. 1 is \$173,335.55; in addition there are outstanding orders against the state amounting to \$36,853.03. The amounts appropriated by the legislature for buildings at state institutions is \$690,763.97, leaving a prospective balance in the treasury, Jan. 1, of \$59,286.75.

Burial of Mrs. McClue.

The body of the aged woman who committed suicide in the Hotel Albion a few days ago has been claimed by her son, Charles McClue, of Lacota, N. D., who writes asking the authorities of Albion to bury it. He requests that a bill covering all the expenses be sent to him, as sickness prevents him coming here to look after matters himself.

Shot His Father.

About 3 o'clock Thursday morning, Emil Wienke, a laborer, shot and killed his father at the family residence, 625 Maple street, Saginaw. Immediately after the murder Wienke left home and with gun in hand, started for the police station. En route he met Officer Reins, to whom he told the story of the murder, and surrendered. The elder Wienke returned home at an early hour from the annual meeting of the Arbeiter society. It is claimed that he was somewhat the worse for liquor, and commenced to abuse his wife. This awakened the son, who got up and intervened, the result being the murder of his father. A double-barreled shotgun was the weapon used.

Shot His Own Son.

According to meager information furnished John Lalry, a farmer living near La Salle, returned home from a hunting trip and started to clean up his gun. The work had been in progress for a few moments and Lalry's little three-year-old son stood near watching the operation. In some manner one of the loaded shells had become lodged, and in trying to get it out the gun was discharged, the whole load taking effect in the boy's head, literally blowing the top of it off and killing the child instantly.

As it was evidently an accident, purely, it is not probable that any action will be taken against the father, but in regard to this nothing definite could be learned tonight.

Were Burned to Death.

Martin Olson, John Rusk and Lars Anderson, Swedes, were burned to death in a fire which broke out in Peter Sundstrum's saloon in Sault Ste. Marie Thursday, and Mrs. Sundstrum suffered a broken leg by jumping from the second-story window. The three Swedes came into the saloon about 11 o'clock rather the worse for liquor and fell asleep, one on the floor with his back to the wall, one in a chair and one on a couch. In these positions they were all found after the fire had been extinguished.

Mrs. Angell Dead.

Mrs. James R. Angell, aged 70, wife of President Angell, of the U. of M., died early Wednesday morning after a brief illness with pneumonia. Her husband and all her relatives except her daughter, Mrs. A. C. McLaughlin, were at her bedside in the last moments. Mrs. McLaughlin, who resides at Washington, D. C., was unable to reach here before her mother's demise. Because of Mrs. Angell's death classes will be dismissed today until after the holidays. The city and university is in deep gloom.

Mrs. McKnight's Home.

Mrs. Mary McKnight, the Kalkaska murderess sentenced to life imprisonment in the Detroit house of correction for poisoning her brother, was brought there Wednesday morning, and the doors of that institution closed for life upon the woman who is considered by many people living in her locality to be a modern Borgia.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

St. Clair has a plethora of tramps.

Mrs. Malone, aged 104, of Casnovia, is dead.

Mason county is spending \$14,000 on roads.

Clear Lake has several cases of scarlet fever.

Charlesworth has several cases of typhoid fever.

The Wood camp school is closed by unruly boys.

Manistique is so healthy the physicians are idle.

A Quincy man caught 500 muskrats in three months.

More coal has been discovered southwest of Jackson.

Buchanan ministers are holding temperance meetings.

The County Line grange meets at Sand Lake Dec. 26.

There were 2,623 deaths during November in Michigan.

A Wisconsin company may open a sheep ranch in Iron county.

The smallpox cases in Turner are all in, and no more on hand.

They need more buildings in Needmore and are building them.

A woman of Lum sold thirty-seven turkeys that weighed 400 lbs.

A Chicago firm will build the Carnegie library at Three Rivers.

The Ironwood tax rate of \$1.25 per thousand, is higher than last year.

Will Brennan, of Morenci, got sixty days for carrying concealed weapons.

A Menominee farmer grew 22 tons of sugar beets on 1½ acres of ground.

In the two U. of M. hospitals, 4,401 patients were treated during the past year.

The Calumet & Hecla mines will use electric lights for underground workings.

The U. of M. pickling vat gets the body of Geo. Green, found dead at Vernon.

A Kalamazoo woman named her house "The Club" and now he stays home nights.

At Lexington there is a man so mean that he steals the chimneys off the street lamps.

An Adrian man found three calves in his lane. After swearing at the neighbors, he remembered buying the calves himself.

W. I. Brotherton & Co., of Bay City, one of the oldest wholesale grocery concerns in the Saginaw valley, is in financial straits.

Or Schwartz, superintendent of the Negaunee schools, slipped on an icy walk. His left leg was broken and he was seriously injured internally.

The Northville village council is considering the question of running the municipal lighting plant all night. Some taxpayers object to this expense.

Frank Yakie, 73 years old, was found drowned in the west side canal, Grand Rapids, Saturday. He left his home to go to the river to catch drift wood.

Rails on the new line from Saginaw to Flint city have been laid as far as Bridgeport, and workmen are now engaged in the overhead construction work.

M. A. Talbot & Co., the sewer contractors who put in a \$30,000 system in Charlotte have brought suit against the city in the United States court for \$20,000.

Members of the Sabbath Union went the rounds of the saloons in Muskegon Sunday and expect to make a large number of complaints for violation of the Sunday law.

Some new suspicions have arisen regarding the death of Fred Neill, the Benzonia farmer, and his remains have been taken from the grave for chemical examination.

A. H. Carr, the 73-year-old man who was exposed for several hours in the snow while suffering from an apoplectic stroke, died as a result. He had lived 30 years in Galesburg.

Frank C. Andrews has had enough of prison life, and in a talk with Deputy Attorney-General Chase said that he would not remain in prison a day for all the money he ever possessed.

The examination of ex-Senator Geo. E. Nichols for perjury will be held Dec. 26, the date of the McKnight examination, for the reason that the same testimony applies to both cases.

Gagetown's chicory factory has closed down, and the management considers the initial season a most successful one, considering that the cold weather played havoc with the crop this year.

Senator Alger brings home to Detroit the good news that Supreme Court Justice Henry B. Brown, who it was feared a few weeks ago would become totally blind, is in a fair way to recover.

The Kalamazoo board of education has decided that a school for the deaf should be established in that city, and the proposition has received the approval of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Delos Fall.

An Okemos man left a lighted lantern in his sleigh while he called on a friend, and it happened that the lantern was leaky. The horse got home all right, but the sleigh and harness are no longer serviceable.

A Stanton minister takes up "the postoffice habit," which he claims most schoolgirls have, and which he also says is very dangerous. He has started a crusade against the habit, which he places alongside of "the depot habit."

Land Commissioner Wildey has been after the railroads for inducements for settlers to locate in northern Michigan on state lands, and has met with great encouragement, the roads agreeing not only to carry the settlers at reduced rates, but their household goods also.

Edwin Hethorn was shot twice in a Lansing saloon by Fred Robinson, a son of the proprietor. One of the bullets entered the right side and came out under the left arm and the other lodged in the left lung. There is a chance of recovery. Robinson claims self-defense.

A Unionville man went to town the other day with his sugar beet check for something over \$100 and cashed it, besides drawing some other funds amounting in all to over \$200. He made the rounds of the third parlors and meandered home in the gray dawn dead broke.

Civil service examinations for the departmental service of the government will be held at the following places: Detroit on March 21 and 22 and April 19; Grand Rapids, March 22 and April 19; Manistee, April 6 and 19; Marquette, April 6 and 19; Saginaw, April 6 and 19; Sault Ste. Marie, April 19.

Miss Bessie Bridges, the young woman who disappeared from her home in Foster City some weeks ago, and was thought to have been murdered when a relative identified a woman's foot found in the snow in Spalding, as hers, has been found safe in the Y. M. C. A. building in Milwaukee. She has both feet.

On account of the sickness of Burton J. Every, of Summit, one of the jury that had sat for 14 days at the trial of Orson D. Chester will case in the Jackson circuit court through a change of venue from the Hillsdale court, Judge Peck discharged the jury and permitted the case to take the status of a mistrial. Another trial will be held, probably.

Erbe Granger, a farmer living near Charlotte, is in a critical condition, as a result of a fall while catching a sheep. He struck his head on the frozen ground with such force that he remained unconscious for several hours. When found, he was still clinging to the sheep like grim death. The animal had dragged him several yards. Concussion of the brain is feared.

COLORADO AGRICULTURE.

Enormous Profits Made by Farming Under Irrigation.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 15, 1903.—When the officials of the Denver & Rio Grande railway held their annual meeting a few weeks ago, and looked over the earnings of the year, they were surprised to find how great a proportion of the profits arose from an agricultural rather than a mining source. The showing was the more remarkable as this railroad does not penetrate the old farming regions along the South Platte and Arkansas rivers. It is a mountain road, reaching nearly all the best mining camps of the state, and traversing only the valleys and parks of the western portion. The showing thus emphasizes the tremendous advance which has been made in irrigation farming within the last few years.

The older farming sections of the state, especially the country around Fort Collins and Greeley, in the north, and adjacent to Rocky Ford in the south, probably contains the most prosperous and contented agricultural population in the United States. The crops reported this year from these sections almost stagger belief, yet are vouched for by unimpeachable witnesses. For instance, Mr. H. Livingstone, whose farm is located about nine miles from Greeley (postoffice, Eaton), makes the following statement: "I had this year eighty acres in potatoes, sixty-five acres in wheat, twenty-five acres in oats, and ten acres in onions. The sixty-five acres in wheat brought \$2,500; the twenty-five acres in oats, \$1,200; the eighty acres in potatoes, producing 11,000 sacks, at least \$10,000; and the ten acres in onions, yielding 400 sacks per acre, an aggregate of from \$10,000 to \$12,000; giving a total gross return for the 160 acres in cultivation of at least \$26,000 or a minimum of \$145 per acre. My total farm expenses for the year will not exceed \$5,000 and therefore my 160 acres of Colorado and Weld county land will net me this year at least \$21,000, or about \$117 per acre. This land's selling price, in general Weld county open market would not exceed \$110 per acre, with inclusive water rights and, therefore, the cash return of this season's harvest is more than equal to the full market value of the entire farm itself."

The potato crop of the Greeley district will be between 8,000 and 10,000 car loads. J. A. Hicks had the largest yield per acre, fifteen acres growing 300 sacks per acre. Many farmers have raised from 230 to 260 sacks per acre and the average crop per acre easily reaches 100 sacks. The potato harvest in this district will bring to the farmers \$2,000,000. Fifteen hundred to 2,000 car loads have already been shipped to Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Texas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and scattering markets.

In this same section there are now six enormous beet sugar factories, costing from \$600,000 to \$1,500,000 each, three of them having been built this year. Farmers are finding sugar beets almost as profitable to raise as potatoes. The increase in the price of land and the growth of the towns in this region has been remarkable in the past few years.

What has already been done in northern and eastern Colorado is now being done in the valleys and parks of the western half of the state. In some lines of agriculture—fruit growing, for instance—the western slope already beats all other portions of the state. It is safe to say that the three western slope counties of Mesa, Delta and Montrose will market this season an aggregate of \$2,000,000 worth of fruit, net money, and that next year this amount will reach \$3,000,000.

These sales can be bulkily summarized as follows:

Mesa county, through the Grand Junction Fruit Growers' Association, 600 car loads of summer fruits, inclusive of peaches, pears, plums and prunes, net cash value, \$390,000; other summer sales of lesser fruit bearing, counting apricots, nectarines, strawberries, raspberries, currants, etc., sixty car loads net returns, \$40,000; a grape growth aggregating \$100,000 and a conservatively estimated final apple shipment of 700 cars at \$450 per car, or \$315,000 of cash apple auditing, thus giving Mesa county through the Grand Junction Fruit Growers' Association alone a net fruit sale of \$845,000, to which is to be added the shipments of the Whitewater Fruit Growers' Association and a long list of individual and independent orchard marketing, with a grand total of Mesa county fruit money for 1903 reaching beyond \$1,000,000.

Delta county fruit shipments this year include the teeming orchards of the famous North Fork valley of the Gunnison and large marketing from Delta, the county seat—peaches, pears, prunes, plums, apples and berries being all represented with a total net fruit return this year for the county approximating \$600,000. Especially prosperous are the new towns of Hotchkiss and Paonia, and it is claimed there never has been a failure of crops there since the country was first settled.

From the town of Montrose \$75,000 worth of summer fruits have been shipped with about the same figures in final apple sale.

While lands are held at a very high figure in northern and eastern Colorado, they can still be bought at a low price and on very easy terms in the western portion. It is in the San Luis valley, and along the San Juan, Grand and Uncompahgre rivers where the greatest developments are now under way. Hundreds of families have gone into those districts this year and it is safe to say that thousands more will follow them in 1904. Full particulars of different localities, together with maps and other valuable information can be had by addressing S. K. Hooper, general passenger agent, D. & R. G., at Denver, Colo.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

The Canal Treaty.

It is now regarded as very uncertain whether the senate will ratify the treaty with the new born republic of Panama.

If the new Democratic caucus rule, which provides that the Democrats shall vote as a unite whenever the majority in caucus decide upon such a policy, is obeyed, there will be 33 votes against the treaty. That would defeat it, for it requires a two-thirds vote to ratify.

It is not certain that all the Republican senators will stand for the treaty. Some from the extreme western states are believed to be controlled by Pacific railroads, which do not want to compete with a water route. On the other hand, southern Democrats are on the verge of revolt against the anti-Panama campaign, as the canal would be a great thing for the south.

Senator Burrows says: "Under their new caucus rule, 11 Democrats have abdicated, so that 22 men can defeat the treaty. But they dare not defeat it. The American people will emphatically sustain the president in clearing the Panama route of highwaymen blocking the commercial developments of the world."

Heath and Smith Hit.

The report of Attorneys Conrad and Bonaparte on the charges made by S. W. Tulloch, formerly cashier of the Washington city postoffice, against the administration of that office says: "The reasonable inference to be drawn from Mr. Heath's complete failure to meet fully and explicitly accusations which, as Postmaster-General Payne very justly admonished him, 'charged him with many acts of doubtful propriety,' added to the facts appearing from the record evidence laid before us, oblige us to say that at least a strong prima facie case is presented of wilful and reckless disregard by the late first assistant postmaster-general of obligations imposed on him by the regulations of his own department, as well as by the statutes of the United States; we feel it our duty to add that suspicion of his personal integrity must be inevitably aroused in our judgment by an impartial consideration of the facts submitted to us and of his plainly inadequate explanations."

In regard to former Postmaster-General Smith, the report says: "Charles Emory Smith, late postmaster-general, appears to have shared in some measure the responsibilities of his subordinates for violations of department regulations for his seeming failure, notwithstanding repeated warnings, to appreciate the gravity of their misconduct and the consequent necessity for its prompt and adequate punishment."

Its Colombia's Move.

"Let Colombians take the initiative," is the restraining keynote of specific instructions which Secretary Moody has cabled to the American naval commanders in isthmian waters. The secretary has taken active hold in the shaping of the navy policy on the isthmus, and from now on the instructions, whether to naval or to marine officers, will as far as possible be prepared at his personal direction.

It was announced today that while the situation on the isthmus was in no way alarming to the Washington government, it was sufficiently delicate to necessitate the most careful and diplomatic handling, and for this reason secrecy has been enjoined upon officials of the department regarding the operations of the ships and marines. The only official information on the subject will be given out at the direction of the secretary.

Settled With the Friars.

An agreement has been reached by Gov. Taft and the Philippine friars providing for the settlement of the "friar land question." The pope has given his approval of the terms of the settlement and the approval of the war department is awaited. The settlement provides for the purchase of 403,000 acres, comprising all the agricultural lands and holdings of the friars, with the exception of 12,000 acres including a farm near Manila, which has been sold to a railroad company, and also one sugar plantation. The price agreed upon is \$7,250,000. The friars originally asked \$15,000,000. Gov. Taft offered them \$6,000,000.

Colombia Bristles Up.

The "United Colombia committee" in Paris gave out a statement Friday saying that Colombia would, first, seek through a commission to induce the United States to recognize Colombia's rights under the treaty of 1845; second, if the commission fails Colombia will ask for the submission of the questions to The Hague arbitration court; third, if its submission to The Hague court is refused, Colombia will go to war and rely on the Latin republics to come to her aid.

Seven Millions Wanted.

A new department building to accommodate the department of state, the department of justice and the department of commerce and labor is contemplated in a bill reported favorably to the senate. The limit of cost is set at \$7,000,000, and the site selected is the square directly opposite the present state, war and navy building, on Pennsylvania avenue, and facing Lafayette park, upon which the old Corcoran gallery of art now stands.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

Both houses of congress took a recess Saturday over the Christmas holidays, to meet again on January 4.

Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, introduced a joint resolution requesting the president to acquire by annexation the island of San Domingo, the dependencies of San Domingo and Haiti.

The Democratic senators for the first time in years have agreed to abide by a caucus decision of two-thirds upon a policy of party action on important issues. Senator Cockrell was the only Democrat to dissent.

Including the extra session, which began on November 9, congress has been assembled in Washington six weeks, or 36 working days. Speeches have been made covering 800 pages of the congressional record. In the house 8,426 bills have been introduced, while 2,824 have been presented in the senate.

Thousands of petitions have been received in both houses on all kinds of subjects, including prayers for the election of Senator Smoot from the senate, the adoption of service pension laws, endorsement of the Panama policy of the administration, and so on down to requests for more local improvements.

During all this time but one important piece of legislation affecting the entire country has been adopted by congress and sent to the president for his signature. That is the Cuban reciprocity bill. The senate has ratified the important Chinese commercial treaty, but that did not require action by the house.

Senator Morgan introduced a resolution declaring that the president has no right to wage war against any foreign power without the consent of congress, when such country is at peace with the United States; that the provision of the canal treaty between the United States and Panama, guaranteeing the independence of the republic of Panama, is, in effect, a declaration of war with Colombia; that the intervention of the United States in preventing Colombia to suppress the secession of Panama is contrary to the law of neutrality and the law of nations.

Cuban Reciprocity In Effect.

By the decisive vote of 57 to 18 the senate passed the bill carrying into effect the reciprocity treaty with Cuba. The bill passed carries into execution the treaty between the United States and Cuba which was ratified last March. The treaty provides for a reduction of 20 per cent from the rates of duty under the Dingley law on all Cuban articles imported into the United States, and a varying reduction of from 20 to 40 per cent from the established Cuban duty on articles imported into Cuba from the United States. After the passage of the Cuban bill the senate agreed to the house resolution providing for a holiday recess from Dec. 19 to Jan. 4.

Miners Terrible Death.

The three men who died in the Isle Royale mine from suffocation were Chas. Petersen, aged 42; Alex. Petersen, his son, 21, and John Gregorovich, 17. The bodies of the Petersens were close together. The unfortunate men had made their way from the eighth level of No. 1 shaft into the old workings of the Grand Portage as far as their strength would carry them. It will be necessary to build a road before the bodies can be brought to the surface, the new workings being too full of gas and the old workings of the mine being reached only by means of lowered ropes.

German Army Cruelty.

Isabella Brensatt von Schellendorff intends starting a campaign against the cruelty practiced by the German army against the natives of East Africa. It is said that she is loaded with information which will enable her to make a strong accusation against the administration of German East Africa, and is resolved to reveal the entire truth after her arrival in the United States. She has secured a divorce from her husband, a nobleman and an officer of the German troops in East Africa, on the ground of his unprintable excesses with native women.

The Mayor Was Fined.

Mayor John F. Bible, of Ionia, has run afoul of the law, pleading guilty to violation of the game laws. He was fined \$25 and costs, which bring the total up to \$78.67. Mayor Bible was hunting deer near St. Ignace, and was charged with buying one from a couple of young men. He pleaded guilty.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Herman Neuhaus and his wife were cremated in Toledo as a result of the latter using coal oil to light the kitchen fire.

A terrible death came to Wm. Becker, aged 80, an inmate of the Oddfellows' home at Unionport, N. Y. While on one of his customary rambles he got into a treacherous piece of mud. Like the dreaded quicksand, it sucked him down and he was unable to move. The tide was rising and, in a short time was up to his waist. He struggled vainly for release but the water rose slowly above his head and when the tide went out the old man was found dead.

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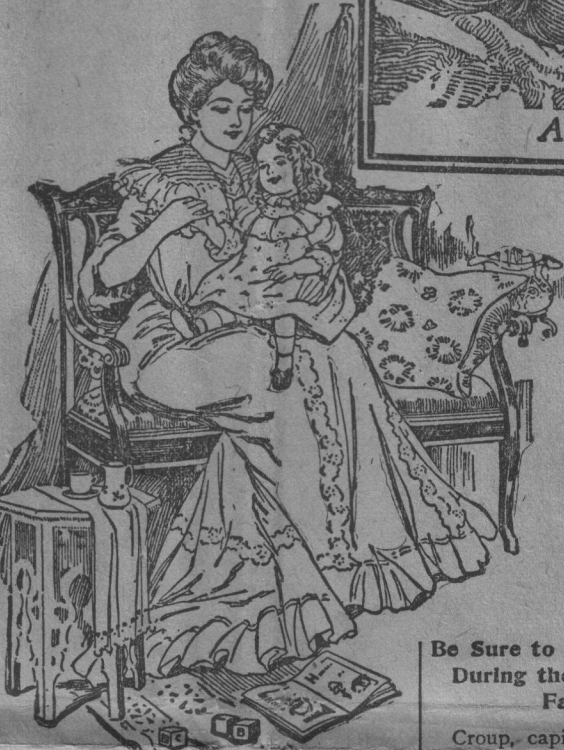
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Duke Is Injured in Fall.

New York dispatch: The Duke of Westminster met with an accident while hunting with the North Cheshire hounds, says a dispatch from London. His collar bone was fractured.

Little Elmer—"Pa, what is dyspepsia?" Prof. Broadhead—"Egotism of the indigestion, my son."—Judge.

A great man is made up of qualities that meet or make great occasions.—Lowell.

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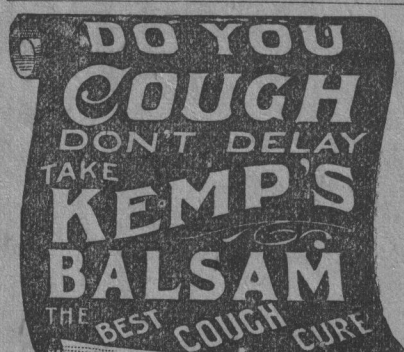
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CHAPTER VII.—Continued.

For some reason Ted Burritt remained behind. "I'll let them go first," he said to himself.

In the meantime, those who had been to view the body in the vestry returned. It was evident from their manner, and the short time they had been absent, that no identification had taken place.

Ted Burritt, with his heart beating wildly now, turned in the same direction. On the extemporized bier a body lay, the lower limbs of which were covered with a cloth, leaving the face and the upper part of the body exposed to view. Ted Burritt saw that it was the face of a man of about fifty years of age, with features that must have been handsome in their day but which in death wore an expression of agonized expectancy—the expression of one who recognized the full horror of the fate that awaited him.

It was the face of his own father!

CHAPTER VIII.

Dr. Jeremiah Cartwright.

A few moments elapsed, at the end of which time the door of the vestry opened again. This time to admit a small, middle-aged gentleman, whose somewhat imposing Roman nose was surmounted by a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles, and whose civil garb had an almost military cut and preciseness about it.

He cleared his throat and gave a sharp little cough like a double knock.

"I beg your pardon, my dear sir, I hope I'm not disturbing you, but—"

Ted Burritt rose to his feet and seemed, all at once, to wake from the apathy of grief which had overcome him when he realized that his worst fears had been surpassed, and that his beloved parent had met with a horrible death, such as the most abandoned criminal might have shuddered at. His eyes were bloodshot;

yes, sir, children—and in some instances, as you may have seen for yourself, not even that!"

Ted Burritt uttered a groan, as the doctor wound up in a breathless condition.

"Terrible, wasn't it?" said the latter, recovering himself in no time. "But you"—laying his hand on the young man's shoulder—"you mustn't give way, you know. Just consider these other poor folks—the church is full of them. They, many of them, have nothing left of their dead, but a few ashes—a handful of black dust. What is more, in most cases, they do not even know which particular handful of dust, or how many of the ashes they may claim as their own. Compare your case with theirs, and I think you will agree with me, that you have a great deal to be thankful for. You can have your dead decently interred, with his name upon his headstone."

Ted Burritt raised his head, which was sunken between his shoulders. "You are right," he said firmly, "I have a great deal to be thankful for, even yet."

"That's right," said the doctor, resuming his brisk, every-day tone, "that's the way to look at the matter. By-the-by"—lowering his voice again—"I may as well tell you that I was one of the party who helped to find the poor gentleman," and he motioned with his head toward the corpse. "Yes"—as the other made a sudden step toward him—"he was in the fourth carriage from the engine, a first class carriage it was, and he was the only occupant. This carriage was thought to be empty, as no cries were heard, and it was generally believed that whatever passengers it might have contained had made their escape before the flames reached it. Of course, the supposition is that he was disabled, perhaps killed outright, by the effects of the collision; for the carriage was much damaged, and we had

busily engaged in searching among the heaps of debris.

As Ted Burritt stood and watched them at their work, suddenly the thought flashed across his mind again—his father's friend! What had become of him?

CHAPTER IX.

A Startling Discovery.

The telegram which Ted Burritt sent to his sister was as follows:

"Have found my father. Am remaining until after the inquest. Break the news gently."

Having disposed of this duty, it occurred to him that he would be better for a wash and a meal. There was an unassuming little inn not far from where he stood. It looked clean and inviting to the weary young fellow, and thither he bent his steps—only to find that the modest little hostelry was already besieged by those whose errand had been the same as his own. He was told by the landlord himself, almost before he had time to frame the inquiry, that they were full up to the hay-loft; but it was just possible that he might find someone in the village who might be able to take him in. Mine host strongly recommended the gentleman to go and secure the Mother Jimman's room.

A small urchin who was hanging about the door, was induced, by the prospect of twopenny, to show the way to the old dame's cottage.

Having seen the room, a funny little place up under the roof, in which he could barely stand upright, but which spotlessly clean as it was, seemed a very haven of rest to the worn out young man, and having expressed himself as satisfied, and paid five shillings in advance, as a token of good faith, the old dame departed in search of new laid eggs, from her own hens, to serve up for her new lodger's breakfast.

In the meantime the young man threw himself into a chair with a heavy sigh, which the good old soul heard as she shut the door upon him.

She returned to the room, in about half an hour's time with a tray, which contained the homely but excellent country fare she had prepared, and, finding no notice taken of the knock, with which she announced the arrival of breakfast, pushed open the door and entered.

She found the new lodger fast asleep on his chair, with his head resting on the table, and, depositing her tray thereon also, stood regarding him with motherly solicitude.

"Poor, dear, young gentleman," she murmured to herself, "if 'e don't look dead beat! I'll jest put the breakfast by 'im, so as 'e can see it when 'e wakes."

She left the room, closing the door behind her, and still the young man slept on, in spite of his constrained attitude and the hardness of his pillow.

Another half hour passed, at the end of which time another step was heard ascending the crazy little wooden staircase—a firmer step, but at the same time lighter than the other; and another voice—this time a masculine one—might have been heard to say, "All right, Mrs. Jinman—don't you trouble—will announce myself!"

Which the speaker proceeded to do—first of all by the application of his knuckles, which, proving ineffectual, was followed by the lifting of the latch, and the appearance of the figure of Dr. Jeremiah Cartwright upon the threshold.

He, too, contemplated the sleeping figure dubitantly. "Humph!" he remarked, half aloud. "Asleep, eh? Good thing, too; gone through a lot; worn himself out. Hullo! What's this? Breakfast, eh? All got cold, too! Better wake him up after all!"

This he did very gently; and Ted Burritt started up, rubbing his eyes. Then, recognizing the situation as well as the personality of the individual who confronted him.

"Oh, Lord!" he cried, with a groan, "I'd forgotten all about it. But tell me what the exam—"

The doctor interrupted him with a gesture. "What's that I see?" looking at the viands through his gold-rimmed spectacles. "Tea? eggs? butter? cream? brown bread? My news will keep; your breakfast won't, or, rather has been kept too long already. Sit down at once and dispose of the contents of that tray, or you don't get another word out of me."

Ted was astonished to find how hungry he was, and had soon cleared the board; though, at the same time, he found it rather embarrassing to feel that he was an object of interest to an individual in gold-rimmed spectacles, who stared at him persistently through them, and kept up a running commentary under his breath all the time. Some of the ejaculations, too, which caught his ear were decidedly of a nature to arouse curiosity on the part of the hearer, who now and then could not avoid overhearing such fragments as these—"Mysterious affair—should like to get at the bottom of it. Talk about sensational incidents! Wonder how he'll take it!" etc.

"And now," said the young man, turning round upon him, "tell me what is the result you have arrived at?"

(To be continued.)



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It was the face of his own father!

his hair tossed and tumbled, as though it had been clutched at and disheveled by muscular fingers. His dress was dusty and disordered, and he bore a haggard unwashed appearance.

But, in spite of these drawbacks, the other ejaculated under his breath: "Humph! A fine fellow. Seems uncommonly cut up, too—rather unusual thing in these days. Seems to be something like genuine feeling here. And I like to see it! I like to see it!"

Having arrived at the conclusion of these remarks, some of which might have been distinctly audible, had the listener chosen to lend an ear in their direction, he continued out loud:

"By-the-by, let me introduce myself. My name's Cartwright—Jeremiah Cartwright, surgeon, etc., late of the 47th."

Ted Burritt turned toward him with something like an appearance of interest, and the doctor, seeing this, went on:

"Yes, I've been on the spot ever since the accident took place. You've heard how it was, of course? It was an awful sight, and what made it more so was the fact that little or nothing could be done to help. The groans and shrieks were something awful, and what was more, the front of the train was completely enveloped in a black pitch-like smoke from the burning oil—which, as you know, had exploded from the concussion—through which the flames leaped and hissed. It was quite an hour before they had burnt themselves out, and, even then, the heat was so intense that there was no opportunity of approaching the carriages for some hours after that. And when we did—"

he paused impressively and threw out his hands—"when we did, there was nothing left but smoking skeletons of men, women and children—"

some considerable difficulty in extricating him."

The young man nodded his head and an expression of relief spread itself over his countenance.

"I should like to think that," he said, "it would be a great alleviation if I could believe he perished like that, instead of enduring the agony of that other hideous death," and, as he spoke he shuddered and set his teeth together.

"Depend upon it, that was the truth of the matter," rejoined the little doctor. "He might have been struck senseless by a blow upon the head. At any rate I shall find out that when I make my examination of the remains. I don't know whether you care to stop while I—? No?" in answer to a violent shake of the head. "Well, perhaps it's better not."

"And you think," Ted Burritt inquired, "that the examination will show you how my father died?"

The doctor nodded his head. "You remain for the inquest, I suppose?"

"When—?" began the young man.

But the garrulous little gentleman did not allow him to finish. "Monday morning—twelve o'clock," he jerked out. "You'll find the place very full, but very likely you'll be able to get a bed somewhere. If not—come to me and I'll put you up."

Ted Burritt, moved by this generous offer on the part of a stranger, thanked him in a few broken, but heartfelt words.

He made his way back to the station, and found that another train had just arrived bearing a still further load of anxious, grief-stricken inquirers.

He wrote out a telegraphic message and consigned it to one of the clerks; not one of whom had had his hand off the instrument all night.

On the line groups of men, under proper superintendence, were still

Incidents of the Nativity

Feast of Nativitas and Epiphania; Epoch of the Christian Era; Probable Error of 4 Years in Dionysius Exiguus; Feast of the Nativity on December 25; Traced from Blessed Virgin Through St. John, Polycarp, Ireneus, and St. Patrick to Present Time; Climatic Conditions in Palestine; Who the Shepherds Were

By REV. F. P. DUFFY, M. D., Secretary of the American Church Bible Institute

Through this Christmastide will be glad to read something about Him so humble as to be born of a lowly maiden, and yet so mighty as to be the pivot on whom the universe resolves, and the Lord of All. Cradled in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes, He was yet worshiped by sages and adored by angels. Sleeping in the crevice of the limestone rock. He was yet bathed with the light of heaven through the cleft in the midnight sky. Emptying Himself of ineffable glory. He veiled His Deity in flesh that He might make poor humanity to be partaker of His Divine Image. In His Name I send cordial Christmas greetings to all my readers, and invite their attention to the wondrous story of the incarnation and its accompanying events.

Not until the sixth century did the church undertake to set forth authoritatively the year in which "Jesus was born in Bethlehem." Then the work was undertaken by Dionysius Exiguus. Exiguus means "little," but Dionysius was little only in stature. In mentality he was a giant. He was a Scythian by birth, one of a race classed by itself in St. Paul's terminology: Greek, Jew, Barbarian, Scythian, bond, free (Col. III:11). It may be interesting to note that the old name for the Irish, Scuit, Scotis, Scot, is derived from Scythia, between which and Ireland there was regular communication early in A. D. No doubt the Irish would be quite willing to claim such a noted scholar a kinsman. He would be a fit compatriot with the celebrated Duns Scotis (from whom, by the way, "Dunce" is derived on the law of contraries), the most learned man of his day, and a true born Irishman. Dionysius who was a monk, was an expert mathematician, and versed in astronomical knowledge. The data on which he based his calculations led him to fix on the year of Rome 754 as that in which Christ was born. This year, 754, he counted as A. D. 1, the first year of the Christian era. This reckoning came gradually to be accepted and is still retained in use.

"The Star in the East," or, as it is popularly called, the Star of Bethlehem, that guided the Wise Men, or Magi, to Jerusalem, afforded another basis for calculation. The celebrated astronomer, Kepler, who flourished in the end of the sixteenth and beginning of the seventeenth century, found there was a conjunction of the three planets, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, in the sign Pisces, which is the sign of Judea, in A. U. C. 748. This conjunction he assumed to be the Star of Bethlehem, and accordingly fixed the year of Christ's birth at the date of the conjunction. Other calculations on the same basis followed by such astronomers as Ideler, Wieselner, Pritchard, etc. Wieselner arrived at the date 750 A. U. C., or B. C. 4.

But if there are slight differences and consequent doubt in the exact year in which the Savior of mankind was born, there appears to be no doubt as to the day of the month on which the miraculous event occurred, viz., Dec. 25.

That the day was observed from the very first is beyond question—not universally observed, however. But the exceptions do not in the least invalidate the date of Dec. 25. It is true that the local churches of Palestine, Egypt, Cyprus, Antioch, etc., observed on Jan. 6 a festival called Theophania (God Manifest), a name equally applicable to the Nativity and Epiphany, as Gregory Nazianzen pointed out. This custom prevailed only for a comparatively short time, even

in the countries mentioned. But these exceptional celebrations in reality strengthen the observance of the Nativity on Dec. 25.

The Eastern church celebrated for a time their Epiphania on Jan. 6. But the Epiphania was not the Nativitas. The festival is still held on Jan. 6 as the Epiphany, or Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in the person of the Magi, or Wise Men, through the interposition of a star. The fact that there was a hesitancy on the part of some in accepting Dec. 25, and a controversy among others, and then the final adherence of the whole Eastern church, show conclusively that the date was not blindly accepted. The intelligent adherence of the whole church proves that the observance was based upon reliable data, sufficient to satisfy the inquiry of independent minds. To sum up: The reception of Dec. 25 from the very first by the Western church, the early subsequent adherence of the Eastern church, and the unanimous acceptance

received from St. John's disciple. He was martyred 202. Belonging to the same local church, the Gallican, was St. Martin, born 316, and made bishop of Tours in 371. He of course received the customs as Ireneus delivered them. His sister was the mother of St. Patrick, apostle of Ireland. The Irish church converted northwestern Europe. The day observed by all these as the natal day of Christ is Dec. 25.

Another reason may be given why there should be no uncertainty about the day. The primitive church was made up chiefly of what Abraham Lincoln aptly called "the plain people." These as a class are very observant about days—and as accurate as they are observant—but indifferent about years. Where is the American that does not know that Feb. 22 is Washington's birthday? But ask these same individuals, as I have done, the year in which he was born, and how few of them can give the correct answer. Even so it is with the great festivals of the church. There may be an uncertainty about the year, but none about the day.

But is not Dec. 25 about midwinter, and therefore too cold for shepherds to abide in the fields at night? Many are under such mistaken notion. But it is a mistake begotten of ignorance of climatic conditions in Palestine. A sufficient answer would be that the early Christians never advanced that objection against the observance of Dec. 25. But the testimony of travelers is altogether against such objections. I may mention such names as Tohlen, Barclay, Schwartz, Ranwolf, Schubert, etc., who witness to the mildness of the season, and testify that from the middle of December to the middle of February the weather is, in fact, beautiful: "The flocks were led into the fields again, and plowing and sowing were carried on, the earth was clothed with rich verdure and the ground was carpeted with flowers." Such was the season when Christ was born in Bethlehem.

Who were the shepherds to whom the angel of the Lord appeared? They were not ordinary shepherds. You remember two lambs were offered

daily in the continual burnt offering on the altar in the temple. In addition there were special offerings. These sacrifices required large flocks. Shepherds were needed to tend these lambs, types of "the Lamb of God," now born. The pasturage where these lambs were fed was the field of Bethlehem. The shepherds were a quasi sacred order inferior to the Levites. Their occupation was similar to Abel's. It was to these shepherds, lowly but God-fearing men, that the angel appeared, and the glory of the Lord shone round about. They were engaged in discharging their duty, and to all doing their duty to God and man will come the glory of the Lord and the message of peace, good will to men.

The events of Christ's sinless life have not been recorded in the annals of earthly history, nor emblazoned on the rolls of earthly fame, nor heralded in pomp and state by earthly trumpets: for He loved to manifest His spotless life among the nameless ones of the toiling and busy throng; yet there is a record kept of that stainless life in the pages of the Book of Space, with a precision passing earthly effort and an exactitude which the spheres alone could give.

"And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.



1. To Judah's maid an angel came
Prepare, dear heart, prepare.
When the angel came to the little maid,
And she heard his voice, she was sore afraid
At the sorrowful, beautiful words that he said—
"O Mary, maid, prepare."

2. A mother-maid lies white within.
God's circle round her hair.
Dumb kneeling brutes the wonder see;
A star attests the mystery:
While sage and shepherd reverently
Bring praise and incense rare.

3. Maid Mary waits at the stable door.
Prepare, dear Lord, prepare
A little bed for Thy maid to rest,
For she stands without by Thy strange behest—
Begs but a place to lay Thy guest—
For Mary, Lord, prepare.

4. A virgin-mother-queen's in state,
Her ermine robe her hair.
The stable dim a palace is;
Its moss-rimmed troughs are chalices;
There lips whereon no malice is
Drink to the royal heir.

—Ruth McEnery Stuart, in Harper's Magazine.

of the whole and undivided church make us as certain as anything can, short of mathematical demonstration, of the correctness of Dec. 25 as the true date of the Nativity.

But I presume the most convincing of all arguments will be allowed to be this: On the Cross Our Lord committed the care of His blessed Mother to His beloved disciple, St. John. She spent the closing years of her life at St. John's home. The Nativity was celebrated many times during her lifetime. It is absolutely inconceivable that the birth of her son could be celebrated with her knowledge and consent on a wrong date. If never before, she must have spoken to St. John after the ascension of the night and incidents of the birth of Him they both loved so well. It is inconceivable that St. John could have celebrated the Nativity on any other than the correct date. Now, Polycarp had a disciple named Ireneus, and Ireneus claims that he delivered the doctrines and customs as he received them from St. Polycarp and others. This Ireneus was made bishop of Lyons, and delivered to the Christians there the customs he had re-

CONDENSED NEWS.

John D. Rockefeller has taken to skating and says it is great.

Andrew Carnegie says stock speculation is gambling and advises Pittsburghers to shun it.

Christmas gifts of American money totaling \$1,408,960 were carried to Europe on the steamers St. Louis and Oceanic from New York.

Admiral Schley said to an interviewer in Cincinnati: "If I were nominated for the presidency I would not accept. If elected I'll be d—d if I would serve."

Four thousand men employed by the Illinois Steel Co. in South Chicago will be laid off for an indefinite period on Thursday, the day before Christmas.

An epidemic of cholera is raging at Kerbela, south of Bagdad. From December 9 to December 12, 176 deaths from the disease were recorded.

The new typhus serum which has been successful in 30 cases in Beth Israel hospital, New York, is prepared by immunizing horses, just as that for diphtheria is manufactured. It was discovered by Dr. Jez, of Berne, Switzerland.

Undertakers' wagons and street cars were used to convey the dead in Chicago to the cemeteries Saturday. In nearly every instance the funerals were watched by union pickets, who were there to see that no livery carriages formed part of the funeral procession.

Antonio Leita and Mary Matza, his mother-in-law, were shot dead at Philadelphia, as the result of a dispute over six cents. The row began in a poolroom kept by the woman. The attendant, Nicholas Miyo, shot Leita, Mrs. Matza called Miyo a "beast," and was killed for the insult.

Cardinal Gotti has turned over to Pope Pius \$9,000,000, explaining that the money had been turned over to him by Pope Leo to be used as he saw fit providing he succeeded Leo, otherwise it was to be turned over to the one who did take his place, at the end of four months.

W. Bourke Cockran will be repaid for the yeoman service he did for Tammany in its recent "red light" campaign, by being made successor to Geo. B. McClellan's seat in congress. This was decided on at a meeting in Cockran's office at which Charles Murphy, the Tammany leader, was present.

Six women sat on a jury in Chicago to determine the disposition of an 8-year-old child, Mary McGann, who had been declared a delinquent. The mother declared she would die if the child were taken from her, and the jury sent mother and daughter to the institution at Dunming. A jury of six men concurred in the verdict to make it legal.

Miss Unice Stella Hamilton, a beautiful young Toledo girl, was married to her convict lover at the Tombs, with the prison bars between them and the keepers for witnesses. She signed the contract and it was then passed through the bars for him to sign. He had saved her life in Toledo when she was drowning and she wanted to marry him then, but he refused, telling her of his past life.

On a salary of \$9 a week, Gus A. Grigsby, a clerk, robbed his employers at a rate of \$200 per day, according to M. L. Barrett & Co., importing chemists of Chicago. When arrested \$250 worth of costly vanilla beans were found concealed in Grigsby's clothes. In his few months with the firm it is believed that he has stolen between \$12,000 and \$15,000 worth of stock. "I needed a little ready money," was the only explanation he vouchsafed.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending December 19.
DETROIT—Saturday Matinee at 2; Evenings at 8—
"The Silver Slipper."

LYCEUM—Matinee, Wed. and Sat. 2:30. Evenings 7:30, 9:30, 11:30—
"The Girl and the Judge."

WHITNEY—Matinee 10, 15, and 2:30. Evenings 7:30, 9:30, 11:30—
"Happy Holiday."

TEMPLE THEATRE AND WONDERLAND—Afternoons 2:15, 10:30 to 2:30; Evenings 7:30, 9:30, 11:30—
"The Girl and the Judge."

AVENUE THEATRE—Vaudeville—afternoons 10:15 and 2:30; Evenings 7:30, 9:30, 11:30.

LIVE STOCK.

Detroit—Choice steers, \$4 25@5; good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., \$3 90@4; light to good butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 lbs., \$3 25@3 80; mixed, 500 to 700 lbs., \$2 50@3; canners, \$1@2; common bulls, \$2@2 50; good shipper's bulls, \$3@3 25; common feeders, \$2 50@3; good well-bred feeders, \$3@3 75; light stockers, \$2 75@3; Milch cows and springers—Not many on sale. Market trifle better at \$2@2 50. Calves dull at \$3@3 75.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, \$4 30@4 40; pigs, \$4 15@4 25; light Yorkers, \$4 20@4 30; Roughs, \$3 50@3 75; stags, one-third off.

Sheep—Best lambs, \$5 90@6; fair to good lambs, \$5 50@5 75; light to common lambs, \$5 25@5 50; fair to good butcher sheep, \$3 50@4 25; culls and common, \$2@3.

Chicago—Good to prime steers, \$4 90@5 75; poor to medium, \$3@4 50; stockers and feeders, \$1 75@3 30; cows, \$1 25@3 50; heifers, \$1 75@4 75; canners, \$1 25@2 30; bulls, \$1 75@4 15; calves, \$2@5 75.

Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$4 40@4 65; good to choice heavy, \$4 50@4 60; rough heavy, \$4 25@4 50; light, \$4 20@4 35; bulk of sales, \$4 45@4 35.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$3 50@4; fair to choice, \$2 75@3 50; native lambs, \$4@6.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Wheat—No 1 white, 90c; No 2 white, 1 car at 87½c; No 2 red, 90c bid; December, 90c bid; May, 5,000 bu at 87½c, 10,000 bu at 87½c, 15,000 bu at 87½c, 5,000 bu at 87½c, closing nominal at 87½c; No 3 red, 87c per bu.

Corn—No 3 mixed, 43½c; No 4 do, 1 car at 41½c; No 3 yellow, 45½c; No 4 do, 1 car at 43½c per bu.

Oats—No 3 white, spot, 1 car at 38c, 1 car at 37½c per bu.

Rye—No 2 spot, 1 car at 60c per bu.

Beans—Spot and December, \$1 85 bid; January and February, \$1 80 per bu asked.

Chicago—Wheat—No 2 spring, 82c; No 3, 77@80c; No 3 red, 81½@83½c. Corn—No 2, 42c; No 2 yellow, 45c. Oats—No 2, 37c; No 3 white, 36@38c. Rye—No 2, 52c. Barley—Good feeding, 35@35½c; fair to choice malting, 43@53c.

IS A GAME FIGHTER.

Peccary Seems to Have No Fear in His Makeup.

The common peccary of Brazil is by no means a large animal. It seldom weighs more than from thirty-five to forty pounds, although there is another species occasionally met with which reaches twice that size. Peccaries lack, too, the sharp outgrowing tusks which make the old-world boars such formidable opponents. Yet the peccary is one of the gamest creatures imaginable. Given a fair chance, he will make a hard fight for his life against any number of odds. Both the panther and the jaguar are very fond of peccary meat. They will follow a herd for weeks and months together on the chance of picking up a straggler now and then. But the peccaries are such fierce fighters that the big cats are afraid to attack them in the open or when two or more are together. The jaguar keeps watch among the branches of a tree until a careless peccary strays from the drove. Then with a sudden spring the jaguar leaps out upon its prey, kills it with one blow from its powerful paw and is off before the rest of the drove knows what has happened.

A Western Woolgrower.

Newcastle, Wyo., Dec. 21.—There is a man in this place who claims that no one need suffer with backache, as he has proven in his own case that it can be completely and permanently cured.

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Mrs. M. S. Goite spent Friday
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Mrs. J. H. Ried is the guest of
friends in Detroit.

Frank Johnson of Drayton
Plains was in town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Maxam
spent Thursday in Detroit.

William Norton and Mrs. Green
were Pontiac visitors Saturday.

Mrs. J. K. Judd of Pontiac spent
Saturday with her son's, J. M. Judd.

J. R. Jones of Holly was here on
Thursday looking after his wife's
property.

Mrs. Julia VanSyckle and son
have gone to Oxford to visit the
former's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and son of
South Lyon were guests of the
former's here Friday.

Mrs. Emma Hanggee has gone
to Elizabeth Lake to spend the
holidays with her children.

The Christmas exercises of the
First Sunday School were held
at the church Wednesday evening.
In the front of the church were
artistic decorations, among which
two heavily laden trees
were prominent. The program
of the evening which was as follows,
was enjoyed by everyone present:

Opening Song.
Responsive Reading, Pastor.
Prayer
Recitation Fay Lownds
" Gertie Green
" Violet Hugal
Song "Peace on Earth" Chorus
Recitation Alton Cole
Dialogue 6 of the infant class
Recitation Maybelle Green
" Hattie Green
" Rosa Hall
Song, "Silent Night" by the school
Recitation Marjorie Crane
" Anna Hubbard
" Jessie McIntyre

Temperance Hayden

Clark Green
Dialogue Gifts to Mrs. Santa Claus
Recitation Thirza Hayden
Callie Lawrence
Song by primary class.

After a short delay, probably on
account of his unusually large
pack, Santa Claus arrived and the
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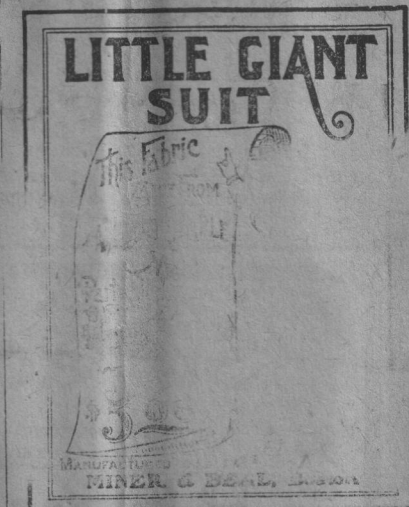
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